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Editorial

Many congratulations to Jenny Brand, this year's winner of the Gay Bulleid Award. Jenny was very much a prime mover in May's Village Feast, which raised an unprecedented £1,500, as well as other village events, including the ever-popular Quiz Nights—heartily deserved!

Alas, we couldn't make the Annual Village Assembly on 31st May, but it seems to have had an excellent attendance with a great many groups reporting. What a thriving village we are! We've printed Jude's report in full (see pages 10-13) — but we do wish we had been there not the least because the Editors' bugbear — the proposed new whizzy bus service to Cambridge North — was discussed. As we've said before, this is all very well, but, unlike some (mentioning no names!) we don't live at the Windmill and no way would we ask our guests to first speed march their suitcases up Cage Hill...

Anyone who read Russell Arnott's article in last month's Crier might have got a misleading impression of the countryside around here. Read George Hurrell's letter in reply and note he's offering a Farm Walk so we can all see the extent to which bio-diversity is encouraged in the frequently substantial margins (an astounding 50 acres) of the cropped land. We are always particularly impressed by Black Drove with it's stunning display of poppies.

My goodness, what a Bobby Dazzler is the newly surfaced and painted road through Lower End to Reach! What did they do to merit this treatment (See Letters). It's particularly irritating since the white line down the middle of the road has often been cited as encouraging speeding—is it really necessary?.

And it's Open Studios again! This year, there are just three locations: the Village Hall, Foster's Lane and the Cage (bottom of Cage Hill) — see page 5 and hope to see you there!

PS. Reminder — next month's will be the combined August-September issue, so if you have events for September, get them in for next month.

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Cover Picture: *Swaffham Prior surfeit of Towers: 'Far' from Bulbeck*, oil painting



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors

A Response to The Wally and the Ivy

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Arnott and his family to the lovely village of Swaffham Prior. I do however take slight exception to his comment of *'our village is surrounded by monoculture farmland, acre-upon-acre comprised single plant species to the horizon'*. As one of the local farmers I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the great work us local farmers do to encourage the environment and biodiversity upon our farms.

Newton Farms have been involved in agri-environmental schemes since their conception some 25 years ago. We are currently in the highest level of environmental scheme available. We have approximately 50 acres of floristically enhanced grass margins next to water courses and the edges of fields, these promote wildlife along the natural veins of life along the dykes and ditches on the fens. We have 70 acres in about 40 parcels of multi species wild bird mixes providing habitat and a vital feed stock to native birds during the winter months. We grow another 50 acres of multi species pollen and nectar mixes to promote insect life.

In the last 18 months we have planted over 600m of new hedging, seen along the Caddenham footpath and routinely grow multi species, field scale cover crops to cover our soil over the winter months, promote wildlife and sequence carbon ahead of spring cropping land. Like many other farmers we have a real focus on regenerative farming and sustainability.

I would be more than happy to host a farm walk and show residents the work that us and many other farmers are undertaking and extend the invitation to all villagers.

Please do contact me on george@newtonfarms.co.uk and we can get a date in the diary.

George Hurrell

Estate Manager, Newton Farms

Dear Editors

Lower End

Can anyone say why Lower End has been resurfaced when other parts of the village are in more need. What a waste of scarce public money. Who made the decision?

John Blackmore

This Month's Cover

This recent painting by Mike Barker is a view of the village skyline from our neighbouring village Swaffham Bulbeck. If you look carefully (*very carefully — you may have to go and see the original! Eds*) you'll see that both windmills are once again in full sail and the flag is flying from St Cyriac's tower.

Could this be in celebration of the Coronation in May or perhaps to mark the re-fitting of the sails on The Smock Mill last month? Maybe with artistic licence it's a bit of both!

Mike is taking part in July's Open Studios event in Swaffham Prior over two weekends - 15th/16th & 22nd/23rd July. You can see the original of this painting alongside more of Mike's work at his exhibition in The Cage & Pound, on Cage Hill, open from 10am-5pm each day. It's also a rare opportunity to see inside this intriguing historic building that gives Cage Hill its name. Everyone is welcome to drop in. Please note that the surface is gravel and uneven and that there are no toilets at The Cage (All facilities and refreshments are available at the Village Hall both weekends).

Celia Tyler



**Members of the
WI enjoying their
Annual Summer
Garden Party. See
page 20**

From our Reporter

The Swaffham Prior Parish Council is so very very modest. They decided not to keep a record of their debate on Equality and Diversity, interesting though it would have been. At the same time they quietly added Ruth Lambert to the council to replace Andrew Camps. This was not given the fanfare it deserved.

In one fell swoop they had doubled the number of ladies on the PC. Obviously the Equality and Diversity discussion had worked. There is still one more vacancy on the PC. Come on Ladies. Let's have another volunteer. Create History. Never ever before has the PC had three women.



“June is Bustin’ Out all over”. But so was the month of May as illustrated by the colourful and celebratory May *Crier*. And on the very last day of May was announced the winner of the Gay Bulleid Award. This is Jenny Brand, and what a happy and worthy choice this is.

June itself has had its own bombshells with Boris Johnson and Donald Trump both complaining that they are the victims of a “Witch-Hunt”. Donald has yet to come but Boris had his final (or is it?) comeuppance with the Partygate Report Commons vote. What an interesting debate, and an even more interesting vote. While there were only 7 Noes, there were also 225 abstainers, mainly Tories, as well as, interestingly, people like Jeremy Corbyn and Wes Streeting.

Of great concern for a few of us is that Lucy Frazer also abstained. It would be interesting to know why, because she surely must have had an opinion. The Editors should write on behalf of the village a formal letter of enquiry. Lucy is an honourable person and her answer may help to explain why so many of her fellow MPs also abstained. This is not a political question. It is a moral one. Do they really think it right that under Boris Johnson No 10 flouted the strict lockdown rules with such loose and irresponsible behaviour?

I realise that I do need to be careful what I say about Boris as I have been told that “about half the village think Boris is wonderful”. How he must envy Trump who is able to stand and become President even while in jail.

In his interesting piece continuing the Ivy debate Russell Arnott enthused about rewilding, including parts of gardens. If I remember correctly about two years or so ago the Garden Club asked the PC to support its rewilding ideas. The PC approached this cautiously. They were like an old dog sniffing around a rotting muddy old boot. They agreed to part of the proposal. But, where is it? Has anyone noticed any rewilding? Would the Garden Club bring us up to date. Recently rewilding has also hit the national news again and the latest suggestion is the rewilding of churchyards and cemeteries. This would be something to consider. Possibly it's easier and cheaper to just mow them.

“Gas Guzzlers” are getting it in the neck in Chesterton and other parts of Cambs. The International Energy Agency report in 2019 found that SUVs are the second largest cause of the global rise in carbon dioxide emissions over the last

decade. Environmental Activists are beginning to let down tyres as a learning lesson, with an educational explanatory note left on the windscreens. They say that if any one really really cares about the Climate Crisis they should get rid of their SUVs, 4x4s and Chelsea Tractors. Every little bit helps.

Universities keep coming up with new, or not so new, health data and statistics. I love it. Researchers at the Massachusetts General Hospital have now found that moderate drinkers have lower rates of heart attacks and strokes than teetotallers. Good. Whereas the American College of Cardiology shows that any amount of alcohol increases the risk of cancer, and that more than 14 drinks a week cause the risk of a heart attack. Not so good. Such continuing variable advice could almost drive you to drink.

There is however one very worrying fact. We as a country consume more bags of crisps than the rest of Europe combined. We are also the most obese in Europe. Connection?

Alastair Everitt

Cambridge Open Studios 2023

Four Weekends 1st – 23rd July

During the first four weekends of July hundreds of artists throughout Cambridgeshire will be opening their studios to visitors as part of the annual Open Studios event. This is a great opportunity to meet the artist, see their work and perhaps buy or commission an artwork directly. All studios are open from 10am – 5pm and entry is free. Keeping with tradition, studios will be displaying cheerful yellow flags outside during opening hours. Details of all participating artists and venues can be found at <https://camopenstudios.org/>

What's on in Swaffham Prior?

This year six artists will be exhibiting their work in Swaffham Prior from 10am – 5pm during weekends 3 and 4 (15/16 and 22/23 July), at the Village Hall, at 6 Foster Lane & at The Cage on Cage Hill. Art on display is all original work and will include oil paintings, watercolours, drawings, textiles and photography. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be for sale at the village hall on both weekends. Everyone welcome at all venues. No entry charge. No need to book, just call in!

Why not make a day of it and discover some of our wonderful local artists!

Celia Tyler

Julie's Summer Berries Recipes

Raspberry ricotta cake

Spray oil for greasing	3 large eggs
220g plain flour	½ tsp vanilla extract
1 tbsp baking powder	1 lemon or orange, zest only
1 tsp salt	115g unsalted butter, melted
365g ricotta, plus 400g to serve	450g fresh raspberries
275g caster sugar	

Preheat the oven to 200c. Spray a 23cm round cake tin with the oil and line with baking paper.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt.

In another bowl, whisk 365g of ricotta, 220g of the sugar, the eggs, vanilla and citrus zest until smooth. Then gently fold in the flour mixture until just blended.

Fold the melted butter, followed by half of the raspberries, crushing them slightly as you fold, distribute evenly to give a streaky effect.

Transfer mixture to the tin and scatter the remaining raspberries and sugar over the top. It might look like a lot of sugar, but it is necessary!

Bake for 55-65 minutes, until cake is golden and a skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool for at least 20 mins and then remove from tin.

Slice and serve with extra ricotta on the side. Delicious!

Strawberry Mousse

3 leaves gelatine	5 tbsp caster sugar
500g strawberries, halved and extra to serve	2 free range eggs, whites only
	200ml double cream
1 tbsp lemon juice	1 tsp vanilla extract

Soak the gelatine in a bowl of cold water for 10 mins until soft.

Meanwhile, blend the strawberries, lemon juice and 1 tbsp of sugar in a food processor until smooth, remove 100g of this mix and store in a fridge, this will be for the top of the mousse.

Drain the gelatine and add to a bowl with 2 tablespoons of the puree. Melt in a microwave, but do not boil.

Whisk the egg whites until they hold firm peaks, add the remaining 4 tbsp's of sugar and whisk again until smooth and glossy.

Whip the cream with the vanilla until it is firm. Using a spoon fold the remaining strawberry puree, followed by the gelatine mixture into the cream until well combined. Gently fold in the egg whites. Spoon the mousse into glasses, cover and chill for 2 hours in the fridge until set.

To serve, spoon over the reserved strawberry puree over the top of each mousse and top each one with a halved strawberry.



We're Back!!
Strawberry Teas
Sunday 9th July
3.00pm – 5.00 pm

Goodwin Manor
Station Road
Opposite the School Entrance
By kind invitation of Kate & Philip

Tickets £5.00/£3.00
Must be booked in advance please
(home delivery bags available on request)

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All welcome 😊
Will go ahead whatever the
weather! If pouring with rain
will be held in St. Mary's

In aid of
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Swaffham Prior

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"Too bad all the people
who know how to run the country
are busy driving taxi cabs and cutting hair."
George Burns (1896 – 1996)

IMPRESSIVE WOMEN

**ART HISTORY SUMMER SCHOOL
at Swaffham Prior V. H.**

**WEDNESDAY August 2nd
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Impressionism, traditionally seen as the heroic breakaway achievement of men like Monet, Renoir and Pissarro, was also the creation of women. Berthe Morisot, Mary Cassatt, Marie Bracquemond and Eva Gonzales were central to its development, and their sensibility valued and adopted by *fellow* artists.

Today, paintings by Women Impressionists are being rediscovered worldwide for the quality and vitality of their contribution to this ground breaking movement.

This one day course marks the first solo exhibition of Impressionist artist, **Berthe Morisot** in England for 70 years - *Shaping Impressionism* at the Dulwich Picture Gallery and is a phenomenal event in the art history calendar- not to be missed !



**For more information/to enrol, please send a message on the website
contact page @ arthistoryincambs.com**

Message from the Heating Swaffham Prior Team – June 2023

Progress on connections

As of 23 June, we now have 63 properties external connections completed and 32 customers fully connected to the heat network and receiving heat.

The contractor is currently working on the external connections to Sanctuary properties and has just completed The Beeches and has moved onto Fairview Grove.

We also have a schedule from our contractor to connect the remaining customers that have signed up and will be making contact with an estimated timescale to connect to them heat network in the coming weeks. Please remember that these are estimated timescales, some connections can take longer than anticipated.

The closer we get to your date for connection, the more specific we can be on when the contractor will be available to lay the pipework required and will need access to install the Heat Interface Unit and make the internal connections within your home.

Billing update

Our billing will continue to be quarterly for this year. We are looking at the possibility of working with an external billing provider to offer more flexibility on billing dates for our customers in the future.

If have been connected and would like to pay your bill by direct debit please get in touch with us on heatingswaffhamprior@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Tank and boiler collections

We have now collected 20 tanks from those customers who wanted to have them removed. The contractor worked very efficiently, and we had some great photos shared with us by people pleased to wave goodbye to their tanks and free up space in their gardens.

To make the collections as efficiently as possible, we need to collect the tanks in batches of 10. We will commission the next collection when we have more properties connected and residents have indicated that they are ready to have their tanks removed.



The Annual Village Assembly 31st May 2023

Swaffham Prior Village Hall

Present: Cllr John Covill (chair), Jude Griffiths (Clerk) and 24 members of the public.

Welcome by the Chair.

Cllr John Covill took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of minutes of 18th May 2022.

There were approved by the meeting/

We heard from speakers for:

A-B1102 group. Jon Cook (Chair of A-B1102)

Jon outlined the origins of the A-B1102 group and their aim to aid communication between all interested parties in the uses and developments of the B1102 and to improve travel along it, particularly in light of the many recent consultations, some of which had barely any local responses or input.

A-B1102 have developed the concept of a fast bus route between Fordham and Cambridge, to run alongside the current bus routes and using small travel hubs to enable users to change between services, gaining access to e.g. Newmarket, Cambridge North Station etc. This is available to view on the A-B1102 website. They are now looking into a Feasibility Study. The aim is to produce schemes that are integrated e.g. between bus travel and the greenways, making a usable and attractive whole.

Further information on all of this is available on the A-B1102 website <https://atob1102.org/>

Questions:

Who are GCP?

A funded group consisting of representatives of South Cambs District Council, Cambridge City Council, Cambridge University, an employers' group, the Combined Authorities and Cambridgeshire County Council, set up in 2017 with £25 million funding to deliver (for example) changes to the travel infrastructure. ECDC is not part of the group and so although this parish is affected by the decisions, there is no direct representation for us. GCP cannot implement decisions, this has to be done by Cambridgeshire County Council and/or the Combined Authorities.

Are the consultations tick box exercises?

This remains to be seen.

Swaffham Prior windmills. Jon Cook (owner of Fosters' Mill).

After much work over the past 2 years, the Smock Tower Mill will have new sails on Tuesday 6th June, making Swaffham Prior the only place in the country with two working mills.

Fosters' Mill has been enjoying good trade with mail order and mass orders across the country. The development of a new shop means that the mill can process more and sell more.

Swaffham Prior and Reach Scouts. Tim Doe and Neil Winkcup

During COVID, the Beaver and Cub meetings were held on Zoom, but the Scout meetings stopped. Instead, having just taken on tenancy on the old Scout Hut, Covid and the group savings went on doing the hut up. It is now a shell of a building with running water, which was used over the winter, although it was cold.

The group is lacking adult leaders, having 4 for the Scouts, 2 for Beavers and none for Cubs – this is part of both an nationwide and local shortage. There

is also a need for general adult support especially with running the hut and the field. This could include anything from applying for grants, mowing the field, helping maintain and improve the hut or youth-facing roles. The group is made up of a full Beaver colony of approximately 16 children, 12 Cubs and 7 Scouts, including 5 Young Leaders, having taken on members from groups that closed due to COVID.

The group has the cheapest cubs in the area of £10 per month of which almost half goes to the Scouting Group to cover costs. A recent idea to find 5 business to sponsor them £500 per year has already produced 2 companies willing to do so. This takes the pressure of the Scouts to fund the hut etc.

Questions:

Were they applying for grants? Yes but it's complicated and involved, for example, is the hut in a the conservation area? What permissions are needed to replace the cladding (making the hut look better and raising the Scouts' profile locally).

One member of the public volunteered to become a leader for the Cubs.

Proud of Prior litter picking group. Janet Wilmott

PoP had not been active for the last couple of years but are back in business now. The Scouts made use of the litter-picking equipment before the coronation and now, PoP are launching Tidy Friday, a once-a-month litter pick starting in June and which will be advertised locally. PoP are also taking part in an ECDC competition over June July and August to see which village can collect the most bags of litter, the winner getting either a bench or a tree. This should have a big impact on the appearance of the village even if Swaffham Prior don't win.

Car lift scheme. Janet Wilmott

This scheme gives lifts to medical appointments or to day care centres. It is a very small, dedicated group of volunteers that is rarely called upon as members of the community are doing this independently. It is only for medical purposes. There is a voluntary contribution of 45p per mile. The scheme will be asking for volunteers in the future but only wants drivers who live in the village.

Question:

Would the scheme take someone to the Park and Ride for blood test? Yes. NB you have to be in a car to use the P&R system.

Swaffham Prior Primary. Kirsty Anderton (Acting Deputy Head)

The School was extremely pleased with the recent Ofsted report, which upgraded the rating to 'Good' from 'Inadequate'. There are currently 103 pupils, with spaces in Nursery and Years 1, 2 and 3.

Whole school trips to Hunstanton and the Ely pantomime have taken place this year, as well as trips to London to the Houses of Parliament and the National Gallery (yrs 5 and 6) and Cambridge (yrs 3 and 4). The youngest children have taken public transport to Anglesey Abbey and at present, public transport is the cheapest mode of transport versus hiring a coach (although Stevensons have gone out of their way to help with trips). Further trips are planned.

The whole school took part in a sponsored run through the village, raising £4000.00 for Chromebooks from parents and the community. As school budgets are tight, fund-raising is necessary and the school is also looking for grants to apply for. Links to Swaffham Bulbeck School mean that workloads are now shared between the two schools. Plans

are being made to resurface the playground and to install an open-link fence above the height of the wall.

Science week this term is on mini-beasts – if anyone has a contact with expertise in this area who would like to speak to the school please get in touch.

The school is recruiting governors – these need to be local representatives and the work and time involved is not onerous. If interested, please contact the school. Visitors are welcome to see what goes on within the school.

The Village Gardeners. David Whitehead (Chair)

The Village Gardeners has been running for 25 years, and hold 7 meetings a year involving a talk, questions, then tea and cake. Speakers talk on all aspects of plants and horticulture.

In the summer, there are 2 evening visits and a coach trip organised. Previous trips include Barcham Trees and Barnsdale.

The Village Gardeners also planted wildflower seedlings in the banks of the village.

Membership is £25 a year of £4 per meeting. New volunteers are needed to replace the current secretary.

The WI. Margaret Joyce (President)

The WI has around 25 members, meet 12 a year and do not sing Jerusalem or make jam. They do have a Summer Party, Christmas Party, a Summer Outing and various speakers on many subjects.

It costs £46 a year to join and they welcome everyone to the meetings at the village hall (with cake).

East Cambs District Council. Cllr Charlotte Cane.

Cllr Cane expressed delight at both herself and John Trapp being re-elected.

The ECDC now has 15 Conservative and 13 Lib Dem councillors.

Stevensons' bus company have been getting good reports from customers and are a helpful and pleasant company to deal with. Bus fares are capped at £2 until the end of June. Cllr Cane is pushing to get the Bottisham stop for the number 11 bus re-instated.

They are talking to the GCP and working with A-B1102. The vast majority of respondents to consultations want better buses, but not paid for through a congestion charge. Charlotte wants the Combined Authorities to franchise the bus routes so that less profitable routes can be cross-subsidised.

Issues with the rubbish collection are largely resolved but at the price of street cleaning and fly-tipping clear up; however these should improve. Underfunding has resulted in old trucks which break down. The system is antiquated, for example for mapping routes or missed collections.

Questions.

Are the GCP taking notice? They are being made to because for example, only the CCC could introduce the congestion charge. While the need for change is understood, there are flaws in the current plan such as Cambridge North Station and Addenbrookes being inside the congestion zone, and the lack of consideration for those with no option but to drive.

Will black sacks continue to be used? These would go under the new system, replaced with bins, but ECDC have to wait for government specifications as to the type to be used. It's an odd system because ECDC collect waste, but CCC dispose of it.

Swaffham Prior Bellringers. John Chalmers (Steeple-keeper and Keeper of the Clock).

The bells are now being rung every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9pm. Recruitment has produced a band of bell-ringers from the village, for the first time in 30-40 years.

The church has an excellent set of bells, cast in the 18th century. The clock is the second oldest working clock, made in the 17th century, and will be striking the daylight hours.

Swaffham Prior Village Hall. Alan Durrant (Chair of the Village Hall Committee).

The Village Hall management committee has recruited 5 more trustees. There have been a few teething problems and they appreciate the amount done by the previous booking and accounts volunteers.

The Village Feast raised £1500.00. There will be an Autumn Show.

The Hall will be closed for 2 weeks in the summer for re-decoration and the committee hope to replace some of the windows with double glazing. Alan asked if the Village Gardeners would like to take over the hall garden.

Swaffham Prior Parish Council.
John Covill (Chair).

New play equipment has been ordered for the playground, partly paid for by a £10,000.00 grant.

The Heating Scheme is making progress.

There have been several royal events – thanks to all those who organised them.

The bus service has been kept going and has even improved in time-keeping.

Andrew Camps resigned from the PC after many years; Ruth Lambert joined the PC in May and there is one more vacancy.

The death of Geoffrey Woollard was announced in February.

The Red Lion remains close, but hopefully will re-open after a refit in August/September.

The precept remains at the same level thanks to careful budgeting.

The PC are trying to guide the cycle routes in the right directions. There should be repairs made to some Fen roads this summer.

Questions:

Was the PC planning to apply for 20mph zones in the village? Not at present, as there is not a registerable speeding problem and there nowhere that would meet the criteria to qualify. The PC is approaching Highways again in view of changes to the speed limit on other parts of the B1102 locally, looking to get the speed limit on Mill Hill reduced, but it can be a very long, drawn out and expensive process.

Who is responsible for clearing vegetation overgrowing footpaths? Sometimes the County Council, but mainly the householders of properties next to the footpaths. It is allowable to cut back vegetation obstructing you as you walk, as long as you do not take away the cuttings without permission from the owner!

For all the groups, the Chair expressed thanks and appreciation of all they do.

Open debate/questions.

The Gay Bulleid Award for being a good neighbour was awarded to Jenny Brand, for involvement in organising many events to bring the village together.

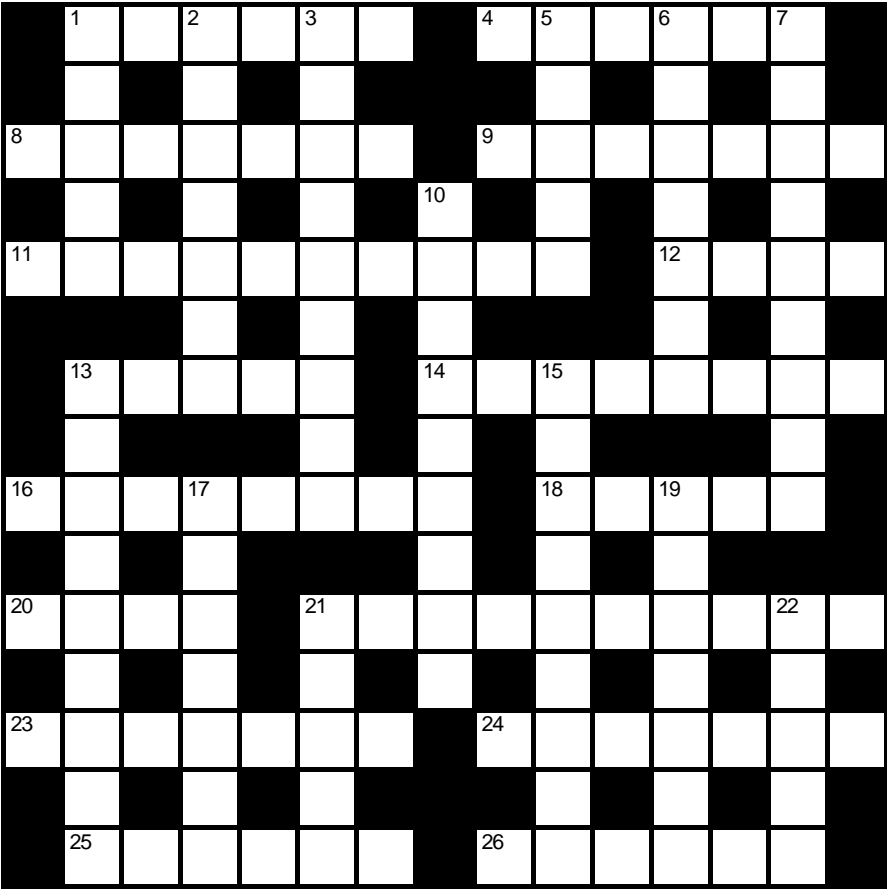
The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9:12pm

Jude Griffiths
Clerk to the Parish Council

Crossword Number 207

Compiled by CALVIN

This month’s puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18th July 2023. 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:.....

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Across

- 1 The moon is constructed from five points and one line (6)
- 4 Curse loss - missing phone software from Sun (6)
- 8 Fate - cutting thread leads to a total recall of pieces of silk (7)
- 9 Theatre area - or perhaps theatre's lead? (4,3)
- 11 Part in 9 demonstrates that these are worth looking up to (4,6)
- 12 Letter from Greek, followed by short drink in silence (4)
- 13 Maze right place to hold central Asian people (5)
- 14 Ancient measures reversed spicity picture (8)
- 16 Hinder the growth of bishops, perhaps, to create body doubles (5,3)
- 18 In favour of handwritten composition for concerts (5)
- 20 Document elegance of mould (4)
- 21 Charge for idea from the beginning? Yes (10)
- 23 Ares' domain is popular with Bismarck, for example (7)
- 24 Support angry soothsayer (7)
- 25 Sample mashed taters (6)
- 26 Hold, admiral! (6)

Down

- 1 Television box, eradicating quiet, causes a fight (3-2)
- 2 1A replaced with nothing relating to Spanish city (7)
- 3 Vigorous gnome oils literary invention (9)

- 5 After rearrangement, 7 is not a member of these (5)
- 6 This befuddled emu is headless, leaving only neck (7)
- 7 Punishes deeds, when leader framed by polar opposites (9)
- 10 Springing, or falling, perhaps, for flavouring (9)
- 13 Roast tuna, pureed for spaceman (9)
- 15 Peter pale after pummelling pie filling provider (5,4)
- 17 Archenemy one's misseen, hazily (7)
- 19 Chief technology officer consumed by work for cephalopod (7)
- 21 Ascend, we heard, to a warmer region, perhaps? (5)
- 22 19's home, reached by paddling canoe (5)

Solution to crossword no. 206

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We congratulate Robert Nunn, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive a prize certificate from the editors. Honourable mentions go to Dainin O'Dowd and Trish Whitehead.

Grants of up to £15,000 available to help rejuvenate local communities

Bulb planting, bat boxes, pond creation and bramble clearing are just some of the projects that could receive funding as part of a new Pride of Place initiative.

East Cambridgeshire District Council is making up to £15,000 available for environmentally friendly projects that create, tidy up or enhance somewhere special in local communities.

Applicants must either be a parish council, or a non-profit group or organisation which is either based in East Cambridgeshire or benefits East Cambridgeshire residents. The activity must also meet an identified local need or opportunity, leave a legacy for the community and, where relevant, include native planting.

Example projects include:

Clearing unkempt areas of bramble, litter or rubble and converting them to grass, orchards or informal natural play areas so they can be brought back into use for the benefit of the public and the environment

Tree or orchard planting

Bulb planting (appropriate to England)

Creating wildflower areas with appropriate management plan of how it will be maintained

Hedgerow planting

Safety/security measures (eg boundary fencing), where this would help improve use and value of land

Pond creation or improving an old pond

Other habitat creation

Bird/bat boxes located in suitable and public viewable areas, but can be located on private buildings

‘Edible’ planting, such as fruit bushes or trees or rainbow chard in local parks

Information / interpretation boards, but only if associated with one of the above measures

Cllr Anna Bailey, leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: “We are delighted to be able to launch this fantastic initiative which will really help to rejuvenate the communities in which we all live, not just for residents but for the natural environment too. “

East Cambridgeshire District Council has set aside £100,000 for the project using money given to the Council by the Government under its UK Shared Prosperity Fund which is designed to help level up local communities. The remaining funds are being spent on other projects throughout the district.

Groups can apply for up to £15,000 for each project, however, £20,000 has been ringfenced for projects up to £1000 each.

The grant cannot be used for sports projects, buildings, formal play equipment or hard landscaping. For full terms and conditions visit the [Pride of Place page on our website](#).

News from Bottisham Medical Practice

Patients' Participation Group

Online Access:

Patients can now contact the surgery for non-urgent queries during our opening hours using the 'Contact Us' link on our website. The practice team will respond within 2 working days. This can be used for: -

- Admin Queries eg fit 'sick' notes, ask about recent tests, order a repeat prescription
- Medical issues eg let us know about a new or ongoing symptom (non-urgent only)
- Online advice eg advice and guidance on conditions, symptoms and treatments

For more urgent help telephone the practice. If the practice is closed call 111 or in **an emergency call 999.**

Holidays and Medication: With summer holidays coming up, please remember to order your repeat prescriptions in good time if you are going away.

"NAAFI Break"

The next meetings are on 5th July and 2nd August at Anglesey Abbey café at 10am.

So, what is NAAFI Break, where does it come from and what does it stand for? Well, firstly NAAFI break is basically a coffee morning for local veterans to meet up on the first Wednesday of every month where we meet in a safe place, "Anglesey Abbey Restaurant" and have a great giggle about nothing. We are joined by our Social Prescriber who is able to provide non-medical support to the veteran and their family members.

NAAFI was established in 1920 by the British Government, combining the Expeditionary Force canteens and the Army and Navy canteen board to run the recreational establishments needed by the Armed Forces and to sell goods to service personnel and their families. We know it as Navy, Army Air Force Institute. When serving abroad the NAAFI can be a lifeline to families for both purchasing goods and having a safe environment for entertainment.

So, if you're a veteran please come along to our NAAFI Break and enjoy our family spirit.

The Patient Participation Group: We are happy to have 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 July 26th 2023 at 1.30pm. If you wish to join our Zoom meeting, please email our chairman s.j.gilson@btinternet.com who will send you a meeting invite.

Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Participation Group



Mothers' Union

Fellow members from Three Rivers and Burwell branches joined us in May for Sue Claydon's presentation on her visits to Rwanda, and education for women initiatives in Africa. Rwanda is known as land of a thousand hills. Its stunning scenery and warm, friendly people offer unique experiences in one of the most remarkable countries in the world. It is blessed with extraordinary biodiversity, with incredible wildlife living throughout its volcanoes, montane rainforest and sweeping plains. Kigali, city and capital of Rwanda is located in the centre of the country. Kigali was a trade centre (after 1895) during the German colonial administration and became a regional centre during the Belgian colonial period (1919–62). It became the capital upon Rwanda's independence in 1962. During the 1994 genocide, thousands of Tutsi in Kigali were killed by Hutu gangs and the Rwandan army. Sue worked in Rwanda during the 1970's in an educational role, and met her husband there. Sue's most recent visits took place in 2017 and 2019.

Sue's PowerPoint presentation began with the vast differences in the lives of women in Africa to those here in the UK. The long distances to obtain safe clean water, collection of fuel, and working hard to



Rwanda — Land of a thousand hills

provide shelter for children as refugees. Sue visited St. Gabriel's Mothers' Union Branch the first formed in Shyogwe Diocese (a 150-minute drive from Kigali). Their members wear beautiful uniforms of long blue skirts with piece of pure white cloth wrapped across and along the back. They meet in the Primary School, and here one of the members told her life story. She had no family, as all her relatives were lost in the genocide. MU had transformed her life, by providing her with support and care. When she suffered a broken arm, MU members tended her and gathered the harvest whilst she was recovering. Another lady was given the opportunity to attend a training course so that she can teach ladies to make beaded craft to sell. Sue was also taken to the Genocide Memorial on the outskirts of Shyogwe, an experience she found very emotional!

Sue also travelled up to the highest parts of the Diocese, in a car that had no rear seat safety belts, and wheels that frequently spun on the road. Here young people are trained in tailoring and carpentry. There is a full ministry for unmarried mothers, preventing expulsion from their family, baby care training, and birth control. A

savings and credit scheme has been set up, including one for children so they have money for text books and school uniforms. Prior to Sue's visit to Rwanda she was given two MU badges by the families of dearly departed members. Sue had the privilege of presented these to the groups' two youngest MU members.

Before closing in prayer, Sue briefly gave us information on how Kenyan volunteers support 1700 families affected by HIV/AIDS. In the recent Sudan hostilities, how women had managed to escape from Khartoum, and the Bishop and children escaped to a safer place from the Cathedral.

*We bring before you Lord the cries for help,
the tears and vulnerability of your people.
We bring before you the feeling of powerlessness,
the deep fears and suffering of your people.
Bless our brothers and sisters in Sudan.
You know our needs and feel our pain:
hear our cries and heal our wounds,
in Jesus name. Amen* Rwandan Peace Basket

Sue brought along with her an amazing collection of African items, and wore a wonderful two-piece outfit that was especially made for her in beautiful African cotton fabrics.

Our meetings usually take place on the third Thursday of the month, at 2.30pm in Passage Hall, Lode. On 20th July Revd. Valerie Kilner will be speaking to us about the MU theme for this year 'Transformation Now', and in August we will be holding our Summer Afternoon Tea.

Copies of our programme for July – December are now available in all five Anglesey Group Churches. You are most welcome to join us.

Ann Langran

Newmarket Community Cinema

Please find below details of our film shows for July - September 2023 at The Stable, High Street, Newmarket. Please note we are still only having a showing on Monday,

July 17th - Keeping Mum (15)
August 21st - Educating Rita (15)
September 18th - Allelujah (12A)

Doors open at 6.30pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Admission is £6 which includes free refreshments. If you would like to reserve seats, please ring 07756 853714.

The Reading Group Reads...

Light Perpetual

by Francis Spufford

The author said that the idea for this book, landed on the keyboard of his laptop, after he'd been walking for 12 years to Goldsmiths college, past the plaque, commemorating, the 1944 V-2 attack on the New Cross branch of Woolworths. Of the 168 people killed, 15 were under the age of 11. He wrote it partly in memory of those children and their lost chance of experiencing the rest of the 20th century.

So he invented school class mates- Val and Jo- twins, smart Alec, anxious Ben and the bully Vernon. They are followed from their school days, through the next 65 years, their lives occasionally intertwined, almost exclusively in their home SE London borough. Only Jo goes abroad to the States, but returns home. Working class lives, living through the momentous changes of the last half century.

One of the group in fact said that it could have been written as a series of short stories, such is the depth and insight into each of the lives.

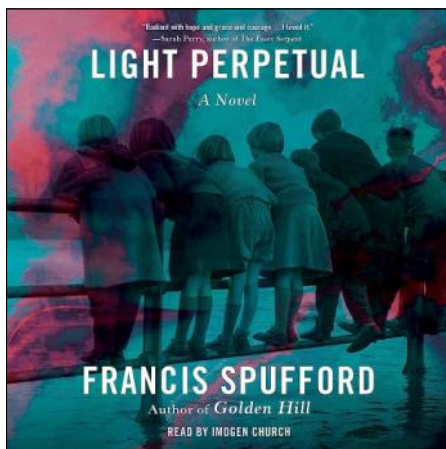
Val gets involved with Mods, Rockers and the British National party. She is really a victim, but loves and lives with an especially violent man, who ends up in prison for murder and dies there. She herself serves a sentence for being an accessory, to the murder.

Jo, who as a child is very musical, sees words as colours, is very sensitive and sings beautifully. She gets involved in the music scene, writes songs and goes to the States with her famous rock star boyfriend, who unsurprisingly takes credit for many of her creations. She finally leaves him for good and returns home.

Vern is big and strong- ultimately obscenely obese and comes from a family who've been involved in the black market. Ambitious, happy to defraud anyone, in an attempt to make money and become big in the property boom. Relentless in his goal for wealth, with contempt for those he successfully cons. He acquires property empires, loses them and gets more. He never gives up.

Clever, smart Alec, becomes a printer like his father, but the strike at the Times, where he works, the ultimate move of the Fleet St press to Wapping and the change and updating of the whole printing process, means his days of fulfilment, as a family man with a good salary, are blighted.

Ben is the saddest, most fearful and haunted one of them all, but possibly ends up the happiest. We meet him in a psychiatric hospital, completely doped up with sedative of choice in the 60's- Largactil. He's schizophrenic and somehow for a time survives as a bus conductor, despite terrifying auditory hallucinations. He loses that job when buses no longer require conductors. But then into his life comes



Marsha, who he meets in her cafe, having been sent there by the job centre. The wonderful loving Marsha, who saves him with her love, African Christianity, her cafe and extended family. He's the happiest he's ever been and remains so.. This extended family is truly special.

Alec and Jo finally become teachers, Val a Samaritan, Ben happy in his cafe and Vern - well Vern probably gets what he deserves, ending up in a care home- much to his displeasure, put there by a daughter, who unbelievably has stuck by him, but can no longer stand his cheating and conniving.

Great lives.

Next month the group is reading, Trial and Retribution, by Lynda La Plante.

Margaret Joyce



The Swaffhams' WI

June has brought hot, sunny weather, stunning summer blossoms and of course the WI Summer Garden Party. Hilary and Andrew Grant kindly hosted the event in their beautiful garden on

Monday

evening and the weather was perfect. The buffet was provided by the members of the WI and amongst the delicious salads and pastries, the coronation theme continued with the famous coronation chicken dish. And what is a Summer Garden Party without a spectacular array of desserts including summer berry swiss roll, trifles, eclairs and strawberries?



During the evening we were put to the test about our knowledge of English counties and the winning team were able to name an impressive 35 out of the 39 counties. I think I need to do more exploring of the southern counties! Thank you so much to Hilary and Andrew for being excellent hosts. I must add in this article that this month also saw the Group meeting taking place in Burwell. As part of the Group meeting each WI was invited to create a tableau scene based on a musical. We stole the show with our tableau from Les Miserables and huge thanks must go to Kaye for choreographing the tableau group so spectacularly. A very high standard has been set!

Our next meeting of the Swaffhams' WI will be on Monday 17th July at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. July's talk is on Button Craft and everyone is welcome to join us.

Kate Muscroft

News from Wicken Fen

Summer nature at Wicken Fen

The Summer Nature Trail is looking stunning and is a 'must see' for any visit to the Fen over the next few months. The reeds and fen foliage are above head height, cocooning visitors in the peace and tranquillity of this part of the ancient Sedge Fen.



Damselflies, dragonflies, and butterflies dart amongst the foliage, and we're looking forward to seeing the purple globes of devil's-bit scabious any day.

In the wider reserve, we're enjoying the graceful flight of hobbies, catching damselflies and dragonflies on the wing. The song of warblers and other summer migrants can still be heard on your walks across the routes around the Fen.

Summer holiday news

Our programme of summer family fun kicks off on Saturday 20 July when our 'Feel the Noise' trail opens with lots of natural sensory activities to hear and touch – drop in during opening hours to experience the trail. You can also book throughout the summer holidays for activities such as: Muddy Play, Dragonfly Collage and Pond Dipping. Full details of all our events are available on our website (see links below).

Footprints project community engagement:

BioBlitz - Saturday 8 July

Further to our mention of BioBlitz in last month's article; here's some more information about how you can get involved. We have activities that you can join at 8am when moth and small mammal traps will be opened, 10am for a bird/birdsong walk, 11:30am for a dragonfly walk and 2pm for a plants/wildflower walk. You can also drop in anytime between 8am and 3:30pm to help us find and record species. Join us at our Welcome Gazebo at the Lode village end of White Fen. See our website for further information including directions.

Arty Fen workshops for age 12 to 16 years – Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 August

We're excited to be offering free workshops for young people living in the fen edge villages aged 12 to 16 years at Wicken Fen as part of our National Lottery Heritage Fund project: Footprints. We want to connect local young people with nature through creative activities. You can choose from: photography, videography, drama, and dance. It would be great to see some young people from Bottisham enjoying these activities. For more information including details on how to sign up, please go to the 'What's On' section of our website (link below).

For the latest reserve information, please visit our website 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>

At the Council's Annual meeting Cllr Mark Goldsack was elected as the Council's Chair. John is on the Finance & Assets, Planning, and Licensing Committees and the Licensing Sub-Committee (non-statutory). Charlotte is on the Licensing and Audit Committees and the Licensing Sub-Committee (statutory). John is the Lib Dem's lead member on Licensing and Charlotte is the lead member on Audit.

All the Chairs and Vice-Chairs are Conservatives, which is not surprising as they have 15 Councillors to the Lib Dems 13. What is surprising, is how little they have shared these roles around their Group. Cllr Julia Huffer Chairs the Operational Services and Licensing Committees; Cllr Alan Sharp is Chair of Finance & Assets and Vice-Chair of the Operational Services Committee; while Cllr David Brown will be particularly busy as Vice-Chair of Council, Vice-Chair of Planning and Chair of Audit.



The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has published the responses to its consultation on better public transport and congestion charging. Whilst more than 70% of people were in favour of the future transport network 58% of people were opposed to paying for it through the Congestion Charge. The full report can be seen at [MC22-consultation-report \(greatercambridge.org.uk\)](http://MC22-consultation-report.greatercambridge.org.uk). Just 1,061 of the respondents were from East Cambridgeshire. Franchising of bus services would help by bringing routes, timetables and fares under public control—but would need a reliable source of income to fund it. The Greater Cambridge Partnership must think again and find an acceptable way to fund the public transport improvements local people want and need.

We have been working with the GCP and Parish Councils to ensure that local needs are fully considered in the planned Greenways – cycle ways into Cambridge. They were consulted on before the Covid lockdowns and there has been little local engagement since, although they are due to be installed by 2024. Most residents will welcome improved cycle routes, but they need to be the right routes and their design needs to reflect the character and current use of our villages.

Because of the Bank Holiday on 28 August, the waste collections in that week will be one day later than normal. We hope you all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and the Summer holidays.

Our July meet your Councillors will be on Wednesday 19 July from 6.30-7.30 at the Committee Room of the Bottisham Sports & Social Club. We will not be holding a meeting in August, due to summer holidays.

Notes from the June Parish Council Meeting

Cllr David Greenfield chaired a meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 8th June at which 5 councillors and 3 members of the public were present.

Report from East Cambridgeshire District Council.

A report was circulated by email before the meeting. Cllr Charlotte Cane attended. Cllr Cane noted that major roadworks are scheduled on the A14 for junctions 38-46. These will take place between 19th June to December, 9pm to 6am.

The Chair thanked Cllr Cane for an informative report to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Correspondence.

An email response from Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership regarding PC concerns raised in a letter had been received. Cllr Greenfield noted that the GCP had responded positively on all three points raised by the PC, stating that red asphalt need not be used, the design is open to review so that the proposed build-out and the slip road design can be changed and that the elderly and disabled were being considered at all times. A Teams meeting between the GCP and the PC had been offered for 2-245pm on Tuesday 13th June.

A letter received from Lucy Frazer MP, drew attention to the final round of the Community Ownership Fund opening on 31st May 2023, until March 2025.

The budget for 2024-25.

Cllr Kent-Phillips had produced a document comparing the 2022-23 budget to the actual spending. After some adjustment, the budget for 2024-25 was agreed at £16,925.00, with the Precept of £14,500.00. The PC reserves are still more than twice the Precept, and the cost of the new play equipment can be covered by the deposit account.

Letter to the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership regarding the proposed Greenways.

Cllr Greenfield explained that he had attended a meeting had been requested between all the PCs along the B1102 from Stow-cum-Quy to Swaffham Prior to discuss various concerns regarding the greenway proposals. Attendees from CCC and ECDC had also been present. As a result, a letter was being written to be from the combined PCs describing the concerns and disappointment with the process, but was not yet completed. To be continued at the July 2023 meeting.

Letter to Highways.

Cllr Greenfield circulated a draft of a letter requesting the PC meet with Highways to discuss changes to the B1102 through the village (particularly the speed limit) in the light of recent changes to stretches of the road in other villages. After one change (swapping the word ‘member’ for ‘officer’), the PC agreed to send the letter to Highways and copies to councillors for the area on CCC and ECDC.

Heating Scheme.

Cllr Greenfield reporting.

The rate paid for heating between April 2023 and December 2023 was set at 9.3p per kilowatt hour, down from 10.3p per kilowatt hour.

60 external pipe had been fitted, 24 internal connections made and the 24 customers appeared content.

Efforts were being made to accelerate the rate of connection.

The Beeches connections have been completed; Fairview Grove is next.

The Heating Scheme has joined the Heat Trust, so is now an accredited system.

Cllr Greenfield also confirmed that the Heat Plant has been completed and that re-instatement of the field will have to wait a while, as the window for planting the right vegetation had been missed.

Clerk's Report

Andrew Firebrace (structural engineers) do not have the capacity to deal with the Benstead gravestone. The Clerk has contacted all local newsletters, PC website etc asking them to request relatives of William and Mahala Benstead get in touch.

Annual Parish meeting – there were 26 attendees and reports from most of local groups. The Clerk suggested the PC think about supplying refreshments next year.

A parishioner had expressed an interest in co-option to the PC. On consulting there seemed some doubt over whether this is a casual vacancy which needs two weeks advertising or a persistent vacancy which doesn't. To be on the safe side, the Clerk intends to advertise a vacancy on the noticeboard and co-opt be on the agenda for the next (July) meeting.

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, 13th July 2023 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***

FREECYCLE

Everything is free and nothing is expected in return.

If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month by phone (01223 813362/07980 423210), e-mail (junthompson44@gmail.com) or drop a note through the letter box (23 Longmeadow).

Please let me know if you would like anything repeating in subsequent issues.

Offers

42" flat screen TV. Works fine through aerial, but HDMI ports etc do not work. Steve 07917 697259

Plain, cream-fabric 3-piece suite (with 3-seater settee). Maggie 01223 811764

Solid wooden work table, L 160 X W 68 X H 77 cm, polished hardwood top over sturdy black frame, integral 3-shelf cupboard under. David 01223 811105



Swaffham Prior Village Hall

July

For a full listing of events or to make a booking check out our online calendar in the village hall website at www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>AM</p> <p><u>Tai Chi & Tea for All</u> 10:30 -12:00 - Contact Fara on 07919857617</p>	<p>AM</p>	<p>AM</p> <p><u>PhysiOptima Pilates</u> 09:00 - 09:50 Contact Kristin on 07799323867</p>	<p>AM</p>	<p>AM</p> <p><u>Eastern Counties Tai Chi for All</u> 10:00 - 12:00 Contact Sharyn on 0774017917</p>
<p>PM</p> <p><u>Tai Chi for Beginners</u> 17:30 - 19:00 Contact Fara on 07919857617</p> <p><u>WI Meeting</u> 18:30 - 21:30 Contact Margaret on 01638 744390 (3rd Monday of month)</p>	<p>PM</p> <p><u>SF-Fit Pilates</u> 17:00 - 20:00 Contact Sarah on 075999072008</p> <p><u>Village Gardeners</u> 19:45 - 21:45 Contact Margaret on 01638 744390 (3rd Tuesday of month)</p>	<p>PM</p>	<p>PM</p> <p><u>Slimming World</u> two groups. @ 17:30 & 19:00 Contact Sharon on 07760192638</p>	<p>PM</p> <p><u>Keep - Fit (to music)</u> 17:00 - 18:00 Contact Sarah on 075999072008</p>

August

Please note the Hall will be closed for redecoration from Monday 14th August until Sunday 27th August.

Please contact your event organiser for details.

For availability, prices or to make a booking go to www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk.

For everything else call Philip Blackburn on 07501230256

Services in the Anglesey Group of Churches:

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

July 2023

Sunday 2 July

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

Wednesday 5 July

8pm Compline by Candlelight, on Zoom – a contemplative service

Sunday 9 July

9am Online service, on Zoom
Holy Communion, Quay
10.30am Family Worship with Baptism, Swaffham Prior

Sunday 16 July

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

Sunday 23 July

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

Sunday 30 July

9am Online service, on Zoom
10.30am Holy Communion, Lode
6pm Evensong, Swaffham Prior

Every Thursday

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

We are currently without a vicar. Please contact Brenda Wilson,
Churchwarden, on prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01638 743937

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> for current information;
or email admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk, also the address to request the Zoom link.

Dates for Your Diary July 2023

Wed	5	Bookclub, 6pm, tbd [20]
Sat	8	Bioblitz, Wicken Fen, 8am to 3.30pm [22]
Sun	9	Strawberry Teas, 3-5pm, Goodwin Manor [7]
Thu	13	PC Meeting, 7.30pm, VH [25]
Sat	15	Open Studios, 10am-5pm, VH, The Cage, 6 Foster Lane [5]
Sun	16	Open Studios, 10am-5pm, VH, The Cage, 6 Foster Lane [5]
Mon	17	WI, 7.30pm, V H [31] Newmarket Cinema, 6.30pm, The Stable, Newmarket High St [19]
Wed	19	Meet your Councillors, 6.30-7.30pm, Bott Sports & Social Club [23]
Thu	20	Mothers' Union, 2.30pm Fassage Hall, Lode [18]
Sat	22	Crier Copy Deadline Open Studios, 10am-5pm, VH, The Cage, 6 Foster Lane [5]
Sun	23	Open Studios, 10am-5pm, VH, The Cage, 6 Foster Lane [5]
Wed	26	Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group [17]
August		
Wed	2	Art History Summer School, 11am-3pm, VH [8]

Numbers in square brackets indicate page number of an accompanying article

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS			2 nd Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Tim Doe	01223 861083	Variable		
Reading Group	Brenda Wilson	743937	1 st Weds of month	8:00pm	Kent House
Village Gardeners	Ruth Scovil	743720	3 rd Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Margaret Joyce	744390	3 rd Mon of month	7.30 pm	Village Hall