

## The Swaffham Crier

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## **Editorial**

Well, that was the month that was, with two big Village Events (see our centre pages) to celebrate in May, both of which miraculously captured the sunshine when all around the was doom and gloom. The coronation came first, and was a lovely do, with many congratulations due to the organisers, chief among whom—Dee Noyes. We sat outside and missed a lot of the fun and games going on inside the Hall, but we had a great time!

Next, a Village Feast to beat all previous surely? With vintage cars, Morris and Maypole Dancers, Tai Chi and so much more. Hot off the press - we hear it took £1,700 and again big congratulations to the organisers, and this time it's Jenny Brand who must take the very big bow! Was the last one back in 2019? None of us can remember.

We got a very interesting letter from a NASA Scientist at the beginning of the month (See Letters). Apparently, he used to live in Baldwin Manor and his wife painted a beautiful picture of it which he wants to return — see his letter!

And finally! We're connected to the Heating



Scheme and so far it's brilliant (actually, better than the oilboiler)—you can read about this and related

matters in our Heating Scheme section. See you at the Strawberry Teas!

At the Coronation Tea Party



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Caroline Matheson



#### Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors.

#### **Baldwin Manor**

As a previous resident of Baldwin Manor, I have some interesting material I wish to pass on. My main question is who is the current owner and their address?

Let me explain, my family lived there for a year or two in 1958 or 1959 when I attended the Perse School in Cambridge. My dear mother, Sheila Timmins, painted in oils a beautiful picture of the manor with the American redwood in front. It is a



fabulous rendition which will have no value to my younger brothers (who were born later in Jamaica and Canada) when I pass on. I found your fascinating article about Marcia Miller and would probably like to write to her also. But the most important thing is to pass on this picture so it can hang where it belongs. Tears in my eyes as my Mother (and also my artist sister Ann Timmins (no "e") - you can google her) are both no longer alive.

I live in the US now after leaving Canada where my father, Capt Oliver Timmins took us after he was let go in 1960. Perhaps if the North Sea oil had been found sooner, I would be in England! I have never been back since we left to go to Jamaica, although my father and his brother returned to visit their grammar school.

Your Crier seems very well written - congratulations on your article which has led me to write.

I do remember that the previous owner in the 50's had lost his son in the first World War was devastated and lived with a housekeeper in the other mansion. But writing to Marcia would fill in some of the gaps.

Sidey Timmins (age 75),

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**Dear Editors** 

#### White Audi Man

If anyone knows the angry man in the big white Audi who came speeding past the Village Feast on May 20th a few minutes after it had started, on past the line of parked cars reducing the road to a single lane and what is effectively a blind bend in the road there, and who then braked hard to stop after passing me in order to shout profanities at me for cycling at walking pace by the kerb alongside two others I was in conversation with as they were walking on the pavement, also going to the Feast,

perhaps you could suggest to him that when he wants to get to where he's going in that much of a hurry, the bypass is probably a better route than through the village. And if he's reading this, he may recall that my three answers to him were merely that this is a village; there was a Village Feast happening; and I wished him a lovely day.

It does occur to me also that if consulted, Mr Angry might reply that some road-side boards on the approach from each direction might be useful when the Feast or other event is on saying there is a major village event happening and suggesting they drive with extra care, and that he could say he had no reason otherwise to think it wasn't just another quiet Saturday when he could zip down the High Street uninterrupted. By my approximation he had passed the Feast just under one second before the small curve in the road gave him sight of me. He might have been dazzled by the sight of all that bunting and activity and then been distracted by the sight of the two ladies I was chatting to as they were carrying a chestnut tree sapling in a pot between them on the pavement next to me, before he noticed there was a cyclist in the road. A second is a longer time than most people think. Say 'A thousand and one', and that probably took you a second.

So, next time there is an event in the middle of the village, if there are boards that could be put out warning drivers on the approach, I'll volunteer now to put them out if I'm available.

Well done to the Feast organisers, stallholders and participants, sorry I couldn't stay longer. I had business back in town. (I would like to offer a small prize to the first person who can identify to me the song that gave rise to the last sentence there, and who could recall from memory not by searching online. But how in this day and age could you prove it?)

Mark Lewinski

# This Month's Cover Artist My Watercolour Journey

If someone had said to me, prior to Summer 2019 when I started painting, 'Sarah you'll be an artist', I would have laughed! I went from no interest in art to suddenly being very interested in fluid art. I did ok at it and last summer made, what seemed a natural progression to watercolour, both of which involve a lot of water thus creating the movement and flow on the paper. At one point I got frustrated and stopped trying but I really wanted to grasp the technique. I persevered and finally had my breakthrough. In short, If you're trying watercolour but are struggling with it or if you've been thinking about trying it, go for it! It's so satisfying and a great distraction from everyday life. I, for one, am very grateful for it and I thank God for it every day. I hope this inspires someone.

Sarah Northrop

#### The Wally and the Ivy...

So one thing's for sure; the issue of ivy is certainly a contentious one! Since writing my slightly pompous pro-ivy letter to the Swaffham Crier, it seems like most people in the village have a view on the plant, and having had my ear chewed numerous times at the Coronation Picnic, I'm afraid to report that most people still view ivy negatively despite its ecological importance.

Having been a city-dweller my whole life, my move to Swaffham Prior marks the first time I've lived in a rural community. Away from the hustle and bustle of city life, I was looking forward to being closer nature and assumed that those who had grown up surrounded by, or actively relocated to, the lush Cambridgeshire countryside would be active proponents of the natural world.

This assumption was quashed on my first day in the village, where upon taking a leisurely stroll along Mill Hill, I witnessed a gentleman dutifully strimming his way through a clump of beautiful wildflowers that had sprung up alongside his fence. I was surprised at my own shocked reaction to this; this was an action I expected by those city folk, detached from nature, but surely not someone living in the middle of the Cambridgeshire wilds?!

We might think that we're living in a thriving, biodiverse countryside teeming with different plants and animals, but the reality is that our village is surrounded by monocultured farmland; acre-upon-acre comprised of a single plant species to the horizon. Given this, your gardens, our hedgerows and the verges alongside the roads around our village offer the last refuges for countless plant and animal species. Road verges are home to almost half of the UK's native wildflowers (that's 720 different flowers alone!) [11], while hedgerows provide habitats for 130 of the priority UK species including the harvest mouse and hedgehogs [2]. And as development and climate change continues to cause countryside habitats to shrink and fragment, our gardens offer a safe haven to hundreds of native species.

So why should we care about biodiversity and wildlife? Firstly, biodiversity underpins many of our societal needs, including food security, energy, medicines and water, all of which contribute to good health and wellbeing as well as a prosperous economy. Secondly, there is very real risk that many British species that are weaved into our culture (think *Beatrix Potter* or *Wind In The Willows*) could go extinct; the latest UK State of Nature report has shown that in the last 70 years, hedgehog numbers have declined by 95% while turtle doves have crashed by 98% and common toads fallen by 68%.

So as crucial rural custodians, what can we do to help?

Relax that lawn – Keeping your lawn in a pristine golf-course-like fashion is not only time-consuming and expensive but it's also bad for wildlife; it is essentially a green desert. Try 'rewilding' a patch of your garden and see what happens. Or try mowing once every four weeks to stimulate short grass species. Maybe mow closer to the patio but less frequently further away. I get not everyone wants a lawn full of wildflowers but why not set aside a small patch to nature? Friends of mine, not having mowed their lawn in 6 years, have opted to mow paths and secluded nooks

through their new wildflower meadow. They have counted almost 50 different butterfly species in a single day.

Ditch the chemicals – in order to keep weeds in check, it is all too easy to reach for those herbicides. As well as being bad for human health, these can spell disaster for biodiversity as they often work their way up the food chain or get washed into waterways. Rethink your views on what constitutes a 'weed'; even the humble dandelion plays a crucial role in helping our dwindling bee numbers [4].

Put in a pond - ponds provide drinking and bathing water for birds and hedgehogs, and a habitat for threatened species such as newts, frogs and toads. Ponds also absorb more carbon than woodland – great for reducing climate change <sup>[5]</sup>.

As humans, we often view ourselves as separate to the natural world but we are an intrinsic part of it. This Victorian-esque idea that nature somehow needs improving is obsolete; if given space to do their thing, natural systems can be remarkably robust. It is not our place to tame nature and shape it to our whims but rather co-exist with it for mutual benefit and help counteract our damaging effects elsewhere.

Let's get gardening for a prosperous future!

Russell Arnot



## From our Reporter

I am rather a sucker for processions. It first started in June 1946 when I was at the front of a corner barrier at Marble Arch watching the London Victory

Parade go by. Unforgettable. The next time I had such a thrill was on a massed service parade in Aden to celebrate the Queen's Birthday in June 1955. This was not so successful for me. Through a minor physical deformity I was unable to slop arms correctly. I was escorted off the huge parade ground. However all was retrieved when I made my first Remembrance Day march past the Cenotaph. I was overwhelmed, almost to tears, when the cheers erupted as we marched. They were cheering as a nation with such huge gratitude



and enthusiasm, or, as a lovely lady said, with her arms around my neck, in a pub afterwards – "thank you for all you had done."

The same celebratory roar of joy erupted from the crowds as the Royals left Buckingham Palace for the Coronation.

The CCC has sent in its Annual Report to our PC. It is quite interesting and mentions a "Fenpowder Plot". This was an attempt to dis-robe the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It failed, but no body was sent to the Tower. We could have asked Josh Schumann for more details if he ever turned up at a PC meeting. There has been a recent change for Josh, because, standing as an Independent at the recent local elections he lost his Soham ECDC seat.

Charlotte Cane and John Trapp have also submitted their own ECDC Annual Report. There is some emphasis on financial matters. The East Cambs Trading Company (ECTC) is still a worry for some. It is claimed that "there is money coming into one ECDC pot and going out from another ECDC pot" for loans. Where there is money coming from ECTC which is genuinely additional it is often money which would come from any developer. "It is therefore really difficult to see what, if any, financial benefit is coming to ECDC from ECTC".

Wow! That is quite a challenge. Strangely the Audit Committee has very limited powers it seems, or as the headline says, "the watchdog with neither bark nor bite." No doubt all will be revealed in the end. Or will it? We need to know because from some accounts ECDC appears to be doing a very good job.

Our very own Lucy Frazer is now very much in the news. As Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport she is putting forward a white paper providing new rules on betting in a digital age. To quote Lucy, "Policymakers responsible for our gambling regulations in the Gambling Act of 2005 could never have foreseen how gambling would evolve with the proliferation of the smartphone." Let us hope she and Parliament succeed, though there is some concern that "many of these proposals are subject to further consultation." The companies are very smart and rich, but Lucy is determined "to match our words with deeds." Let's hope she succeeds on this one.

Another national concern was raised in the May 15th Panorama programme on the treatment supplied by private ADHD clinics. It seems after a 30 to 40 minute

online tick box interview, costing about £900, that over at least 90% of people are conformed as suffering from ADHD, and prescribed really heavy drugs for life. Some private clinics are even paid for by the NHS. The alternative is to a wait for about 3 years to get an appointment with NHS which would be a face to face careful interview with a psychiatrist lasting up to 4 hours. And then to find most probably that you do not have ADHD. I was shocked. It was one of the most disturbing programmes I have ever seen. It is criminal that dangerous drugs should be handed out this way leaving so many young possibly damaged for life just on a short tick box interview. And yet it is legal. Lasting just 30 minutes the Panorama programme covered so much, including defending comments from the lawyers of the private clinics. All MPs ought to watch it. And everyone else for that matter.

Returning to Lucy, it is interesting when briefly (September to October 2022) she was Minister of State for Transport, she announced that over the next eight years the government would spend £9.9 billion on "cycling and walking objectives". This brings us right back to Sustrans, Greenways, and the proposal that Swaffham Prior should not be on a bus route. It was Lucy's birthday on May 17. Maybe our PC sent her a birthday card.

Moving from the Fens across the water to Paris, this city has had its own traffic problems. To solve part of this Paris will be banning electric scooters from September. This was by popular vote when the ban was voted in by 89% of the voters. The turnout in the referendum was 7.4%! The power of democracy.

Alastair Everitt



# Preparing for the Feast

The Parish Council is looking for descendants of William and Mahala Benstead, in connection with the maintenance of their gravestone. Would anyone with any information please contact the Clerk.

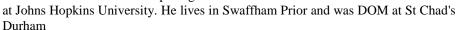
Clerk to the Swaffham Prior Parish Council
swaffhampriorclerk.gmail.com
01638 745 106

# Tristan Latchford's World Premiere

I hope you will be able to join us at Tristan Latchford's world premiere on Wed 14 June 6.30pm at St Stephen's Walbrook.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/world-premiere-celebrating-women-in-the-bible-by-tristan-latchford-tickets-603811094237?

Tristan is 26 and has just submitted his PhD thesis in composing



He founded Harmonicham recording company and his seven anthems on seven poems on Silvia Dimitrova's seven paintings of women in the Bible may be heard at <a href="http://www.harmonicham.com/">http://www.harmonicham.com/</a>.

Tristan 's seven anthems are also going to figure in a film — and here's how it happened. Phone conversation between Graham Kings and Will Fraser, March 9:

"Hi Will, your film on Bach's Art of Fugue, with Christoph Wolff and George Ritchie, was extraordinary."

"Thanks."

"How about making a short film linking Christopher Wren, who died 300 years ago, with seven new anthems, on seven poems, on seven paintings, on seven texts of the Bible?"

"Sounds interesting. When, where, and who?"

"Wednesday June 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m., at St. Stephen Walbrook.

"Wren's church, next to Mansion House?

"Yep. Built using his rejected plans for St. Paul's Cathedral. Andrew Earis will be conducting St. Stephen Walbrook's Choral Scholars."

"And the seven anthems?"

"By Tristan Latchford, a 26-year-old Cambridge composer. A world-premiere."

"And the paintings?

"Silvia Dimitrova, a Bulgarian artist based in Bath, painted seven over 17 years."

"And the poems?"

"My poems, expounding the paintings and the biblical texts, on which they are based."

"Can I hear the anthems online?"

"Yep, at Harmonicham.com."

"Thanks. I'll get back to you."

Pause. A bit later: "OK. Let's raise some money to do it."



# 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)

Janet Willmott 07833 960678
Dee Noyes admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

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

In aid of St. Mary's Church Swaffham Prior





# Message from the Heating Swaffham Prior Team - May 2023

Hot off the press - Lower Variable Charge Price Cap

The Swaffham Prior Heat Network is committed to provide good value to our customers and ensure our prices remain competitive with oil. As you are aware, there has been a lot of fluctuation in oil prices in the past year and a half and we have seen these prices reduce over the last few months.

We applied the Government Price Cap from January to March this year at 10.3p/kWh. The Variable Charge was due to rise to 12.3 p/kWh from 1 April 2023 but we have been monitoring recent oil prices and have decided to <u>reduce</u> our Variable Charge to 9.3p/kWh from 1 April to 31 December 2023 so that we can continue to provide a competitive price to our customers.

#### What Heat Trust accreditation means

We updated customers recently that we have joined the Heat Trust and we would like to let you know what this means for our customers.

Being part of the Heat Trust means we have committed to:

Guaranteed service standards
Support for vulnerable customers
Transparent bills and clear information on future charges
Customer support



To gain Heat Trust accreditation, we had to fulfil a huge range of obligations and provide assurances that we will meet sector-wide service standards that are comparable to those provided in the rest of the energy market. Membership also offers access to an independent dispute resolution process.

#### Progress on connections

We have now completed 54 external pipework connection installations and 20 internal connections. Property surveys also remain underway.

We continue to work with Bouygues to accelerate the programme. There are now 22 properties fully connected and receiving heat. Currently, the contractor is completing external pipework connections to The Beeches and will then move to Fairview Grove.

If you would like to join the heating scheme, or have questions about the works, please get in touch via heatingswaffhamprior@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

#### THE HEATING SCHEME

There were some interesting contributions from "Cambs CC" in the May *Crier* – whoever "Cambs CC" is. Has Maggie Pratt gone? And what happened to that bright young man who was taking over the project schedule with all his experience gained from his work with HS2? Where have they all gone.

Anyway the very first statement is not quite true. The project was not initiated "to address fuel poverty and local environmental issues caused by the village's reliance on oil."

Of course CCC are so delighted and proud that the February *Sunday Times* article has generated so much national interest. Advertising companies would love to have on board that team, especially Emma. But they omit the one big selling point which attracted many in the village. This that IT IS ABSOLUTELY FREE. YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY A PENNY. Why overlook such a strong selling line in the publicity?

More puzzling is why Charlotte Cane needed to be asked for information when she is not on CCC or connected with the scheme in any way. She has however provided information which has not previously been forthcoming. We now know that the £10 million is being borrowed from the Public Works Loan Board



(PWLB). All local authorities all have access to a loan, no questions asked, and the loan is secured on the revenues of that authority, CCC. Hurrah, we now know. The next question is what is the interest being paid? Charlotte also provides information about the repayments which will partly come from the Renewable Heat Incentive ((RAI) residents' bills. The RAI is more complicated to understand. And as far as I can see the interest rate could be hovering on either side of 5%. No doubt David should be able to correct this if necessary, and fill out more details.

Alastair Everitt

#### The Heating Scheme continued..

## Some Answers to Alastair, and Other Clarifications

Alastair asks why I asked Charlotte Cane for information about the Heating Scheme and then pretty much answers the question for me – she can be relied on to provide good reliable answers quickly, even when it's not her direct area of responsibility and she doesn't necessarily have the information already at her fingertips. She has been helpful like this all the time she has been a District Councillor with an article for the Crier every month, now in concert with John Trapp. By contrast we have heard almost nothing from her County Council counterpart, Josh Schumann, and nothing at all about the Heating Project for which he is the responsible Councillor as it is in his ward. It's interesting to wonder, if Charlotte had had this role, whether the flow of accurate information about the project might have made the village feel more confident and more involved with the project all along.

Alastair's question about who "Cambs CC" was, is however less easy to answer. My article was put together at some haste and it showed! I'd expected to be able to respond to the County Council's piece as already published elsewhere in the Crier because I thought that it was their usual monthly message, i.e. last month's version of what appears a couple of pages back. In fact it was something slightly different from Cambridgeshire.gov.uk> which wouldn't fit in the space by then available in the Crier so I had to extract the relevant bits and then add on the information from Charlotte to fit everything in. There was no indication who had written the Council's piece and replies were to go to the usual heatingswaffhamprior@cambridgeshire.gov.uk address.



On a practical front, we're at last up and running and getting heat from the system though maybe too recently to be one of the "20 internal connections" or "22 properties fully connected" mentioned in this month's message. It's been a long wait with several promises of earlier dates since our boiler started to fail before Christmas and failed completely ten days before Easter. Better late than never, the installation went well and the work has been to a high standard and unobtrusive. It's of course now too warm outside to be sure how effective it will be when it really is needed but so far so good and, as others have mentioned, the smell of oil has gone

from the house which is a nice side-effect. I'm also optimistic that it may work better with our central heating controls, which tend to come on for very short short periods at this time of year, than the old oil boiler which was often barely fired up before it turned off again.

James Matheson

# **CHAT GPT on the Heating Scheme**

(Lastly, we asked the AI programme CHAT GPT to write a short article on our Heating Scheme in the style of Private Eye, and this is what it came up with. Beware — if it doesn't know, it just makes it up!)

Swaffham Prior's heating scheme has become something of a hot topic in the local community. The initiative, which is aimed at bringing reliable and affordable heating to residents across the village, has been met with both praise and criticism.

The scheme, which involves the installation of a central heating system across the village, has been championed by some as a necessary step in ensuring the comfort and well-being of residents. However, others have voiced concerns over the cost and environmental impact of the initiative.

Despite these concerns, the Swaffham Prior Parish Council remains confident that the scheme will provide a range of benefits to the local community. The council has stated that the new system will be significantly more efficient than the current patchwork of individual heating systems, leading to both lower costs and reduced carbon emissions.

However, critics of the initiative have pointed out that the installation costs alone are likely to run into the millions of pounds, with ongoing maintenance costs also a major concern. There are also fears that the centralised heating system could lead to a loss of control for individual residents, who may find themselves subject to strict regulations and limitations.

Only time will tell whether Swaffham Prior's heating scheme will prove to be a success or a costly mistake. In the meantime, residents are advised to keep their thermals handy – just in case the new system falls short of expectations.

Chat GPT



Last Vintage vehicle leaves the Feast

# Julie's Barbecue recipes Sticky chicken and bacon kebabs

8-10 slices of streaky bacon, cut into thirds
500g skinless chicken breasts, cut into chunks
1 red pepper, 1 yellow pepper, deseeded and cut into chunks
1 red onion, cut into wedges
2 tbsp clear honey
2 tsp grainy mustard
2 tbsp olive oil

- 1. Soak the wooden skewers in water for 20 mins to prevent them from burning.
- 2. Wrap a piece of bacon around each of the chicken chunks and thread onto skewers as you go, alternating with peppers and onion.
- 3. Heat the barbecue ready, Meantime whisk the honey, mustard and oil together. Brush a little over each kebab and cook for 15-20mins, turning occasionally and brushing more of the marinade on them as they are cooking.
  - 4. When chicken is cooked through, serve with lime wedges.

Serves 4

## Chorizo and halloumi pitas

100g halloumi, 4 thick slices
200g chorizo sausage, halved and sliced long ways
4 small pitta breads, round ones
Rosemary, 2 sprigs, halved
100g roasted red peppers, Jar

Prepare the barbecue ready. Then cook the halloumi slices and chorizo slices.

Heat the pitta breads on the barbecue until warmed through and then fill with the cheese, chorizo, a few rosemary leaves and the roasted red peppers.

Serves 4

#### Lemon-rubbed salmon

Zest and juice of 1 lemon
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
10g finely chopped tarragon
2 tbsp olive oil
4 salmon fillets

Simply mix the lemon juice, zest, garlic, tarragon and oil together, then marinade the salmon fillets for 10 mins.

Remove the salmon from the marinade and wrap each piece in tin foil.

When the barbecue is ready, cook the salmon for 5-8 mins until cooked through. Serve with a fresh watercress or rocket salad, Simply delicious. Serves 4



# A word from Musical Director, Matthew Rudd, on our forthcoming concert:

"Join Ely Consort for a choral

Celebration of Summer' in **Burwell St Mary's Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm**. King Charles's coronation will be fading in the memory by the end of June but we will begin our concert with one of the four anthems **Handel** wrote for the coronation of King George II in 1727, *The King shall rejoice*. Although less well-known than its companion piece *Zadok the Priest*, this is an equally fine and joyous work. We will also celebrate all things pastoral: **Ernest Farrar**'s *To Daffodils* and **John Ireland**'s *The Hills* are paired with **Paul Reade**'s music for *The Victorian Kitchen Garden*, which won the 1991 Ivor Novello Award for Best TV Theme. It is played by our **guest clarinet soloist Claire Stevenson**, who will play a number of solos during the concert. **Alan Bullard** has set a number of poems on summer themes in his recent extended work *A Summer Garland*; in addition the concert includes some choral classics: **Gerald Finzi**'s part songs, including *My Spirit Sang All Day*, and **Ralph Vaughan Williams**' masterpiece *Toward the Unknown Region*. Do come and hear this most diverse and entertaining programme in the idyllic surroundings of Burwell St Mary's Church."

Tickets: £13 prior / £15 on door with u18s free - available online <a href="https://ticketsource.co.uk/elyconsort">https://ticketsource.co.uk/elyconsort</a> (+ booking fee) or in-person in Burwell from CentrePeace, PO & Tina's.



# SWAFFHAM PRIOR CELEBRATES:



Programme of Events

Sunday 7 May - Community Gathering

12 noon Scouts and organisers on site to set up

From 1pm Guests arrive to set up
1.30pm Bellringing for the King

2pm Event opens

2.15pm Loyal Toast, followed by Afternoon Tea

Games, Competitions, Quizzes - prizes for winners! -

including judging of the Best Crown competition for adults and children.

Photo booth - have your photos taken with the King and Queen

4.15pm National Anthem 4.30pm Village Photo

5pm Event closes — please take all your belongings and rubbish home

and, if possible, pack away your tables and chairs; thank you!

Monday 8 May — The Big Help Out

2pm Scout Litter Pick - meet at Scout Hut

Thank you to all attending this lovely event on 7 May – we were so lucky with the weather! I forgot to do any proper thank yous then so, at the risk of missing people out – for which I apologise – hearty appreciation for the wonderful people who put themselves out to make everything possible:

Setting up – Jenny, Andrew, Kate, Phil, Fleur, Phil, Mandy, Amanda and some very helpful cubs, beavers and their families. Tidying away – all of those, and all of you attending! The Village Hall was spotless; thank you. Thank you also to those who took down external bunting before the (forecast) rain...

Quizzes and entertainment – Steve, Jenny, Mandy, Heidi, Lynn – thank goodness you had the tiebreak questions, Jenny! Thank you, Kate, for the King and Queen. Wonderful to have the coronation chair, Roz! Brilliant song leading, Rod – we need a village choir, I think! Thank you, Andrew for photography.

And congratulations to the trainee bellringers who got their badges and certificates in ringing for the King – Kate, Mandy, Phil and Janet. Gareth tells me they are looking for another six ringers from the village to make a whole team – anyone over 12 can be trained up.

It was lovely to meet so many from the village, and so wonderful that after the Covid years we can gather together again.

Look forward to seeing you at village events coming up (posters with full details elsewhere in the Crier)

**Sundae Funday** in church on the afternoon of Sunday 11 June – tea and cakes for grown-ups; make your own ice cream sundae for children (or adults!)

Strawberry Teas at Goodwin Manor, Sunday 9 July – booking essential

Best wishes and thanks — Dee, on behalf of the team



## 2023 May Feast

The weather was kind to us and the sun shone, we do hope that everyone enjoyed the day. The Village Hall committee would like to thank all those that contributed to the success of the day. So many we cannot name, everyone that helped before the event, planning, setting up, running stalls and of course clearing up. Thanks for all the donations received for stalls and for all who came along to make it a lovely community event.

Well done to Wilf for winning the football challenge and the colouring competition.

Egg Throwing champions this year Christian and John Brand.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again next year.

The Village Hall Committee

Photos by Andrew Noyes and Steven Harbert









The Coronation was celebrated in fine style...



# News from Wicken Fen Nature Reserve

#### Summer news

The Summer Nature Trail is the longest route around the Sedge Fen. It has been given time to rest to allow the delicate peat soils to recover and will open on 1<sup>st</sup> June. It's a special part of the reserve, full of lush green foliage



and fen plants and flowers. This circular route is approximately 2½ miles long and is a beautiful place to look out for marsh orchids, dragonflies and butterflies.

Boat trips and cycle hire are in full swing and are great ways to explore the reserve with friends and family. If you'd like more information about what we offer, our Visitor Centre team can always help; we're available from 10am to 5pm daily on 01353 720274.

#### Footprints project community engagement: Fairs, feasts and festivals

Our programme of local fairs for June and July includes Waterbeach Feast on 10 June, Gs Open Farm on 11 June, and Burwell Carnival on 1<sup>st</sup> July! We look forward to meeting our local communities at these celebrations. Come and find us to say hello – we'd love to see you.

#### **BioBlitz Saturday 8 July**

We're excited to hold our first BioBlitz at White Fen and the Norman Moore Pond in the wider reserve. If you haven't been to a BioBlitz before, the idea is to find as many different species in a specific location on a specific date. This gives us a snapshot of the nature there that can be used by the team at Wicken Fen, and local and national databases that monitor wildlife. You don't need to be an expert to come along and help us, we'll have spotter sheets and and guided walks with experts to help you identify what you find. Save the date and keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more information. Local groups and organisations wanting along and get involved can contact Julia julia.hammond@nationaltrust.org.uk

#### Summer programme of pop-up nature engagement activities

Keep an eye on our social media for opportunities to get closer to nature and find out more about the wildlife at the Fen. Local partners including the British Dragonfly Society and local moth recorders will be offering pop-up activities throughout the summer.

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

## The Reading Group Reads....

# Strange Weather in Tokyo By Hiromi Kawasaki

One night when she is drinking alone in a local bar, Tsukiko finds herself sitting next to her former high school teacher, Sensui, now retired. Over the coming months they share food and drink sake, and as the seasons pass – from spring cherry blossom to autumnal mushrooms – Tsukiko and her teacher develop a hesitant intimacy that tilts awkwardly and poignantly towards love.

To give the evening a flourish a small glass of sake was given all round. This tasting was not very successful, and to some extent neither was the book. Two loved it, and four were irritated including one who thought it was all about food.

One reason why some found it irritating is that there was no physical description of the characters. You just have their outline. She is 37, single, avoids her conventional family, appears to have a responsible job, and nothing else. All we know about his physical appearance if that he always carries a briefcase, Nothing else. And yet we know them.



A comparison was made with Thomas Newbolt's exquisite drawings which sometimes appear on the Crier cover. Thomas just gives, say, an outline of "girls" or "kitchen staff", or "two oldies drinking." That is sufficient for many who fill in the features, expressions, dress, and background themselves. Or not, depending whether you need to. This is simply a matter of personal involvement and involvement. And so it is with the characters in this book.

The emphasis on food is certainly true. The Japanese are very serious about their food and their health which is why obesity is not a problem in Japan. For example schools are only allowed one specified healthy meal, which all children must eat. Just have a meal in a Sushi Bar and then go and compare it with a high value Big Mac. They also seem to consume an enormous amount of beer and sake. Tsukiko needed to drink three bottles of sake before she could declare her love for Sensui.

Alastair Everitt

# The Swaffhams' WI

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed Fiona Rose to our May meeting of the Swaffhams' WI plus several members from the

Burwell branch. The theme this month was entitled An Overview of the Life and Work of William Morris. Fiona has many strings to her bow and has been lecturing for twelve years on William Morris and the Arts & Crafts Movement. She is a member of the Museum Collection and Display committee and if you visit the David Parr House in Cambridge, you might be lucky enough to have Fiona as your tour guide.



Like Fiona, William Morris also had a wide portfolio of skills. He was not only a painter and designer, but also an author, poet, weaver, socialist and environmentalist. Morris' life motto was 'Si je puis' (If I can) and he certainly made the most of his relatively short life. During the talk we learnt about Morris' ambitions, friendships, love of his family (and food) and his belief that industrialisation was destroying creativity and skills. One of the most striking moments was when Fiona talked about his environmental campaigning. Morris believed that trees should be protected and that new houses should be built around existing trees. In 2006 the Environment Agency invited experts to name the people who have done the most to save the planet and in the list of the top 100 green campaigners of all time, William Morris was listed in eighth place. Morris is remembered for his pioneering predictions of the problems caused by unsustainable industrialisation. It is now 127 years since Morris died and so much time has passed but have we yet to create his vision of a society in harmony with nature?

In June we will be having our annual Garden Party and our next meeting, to which everyone is invited, will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July when Barbara Redman will be talking about Button Craft.

Kate Muscroft



# **Anglesey Group Mothers' Union**

With the Coronation of HRH King Charles III quickly approaching, the topic for our April meeting was the Coronation and special occasion memorabilia in general. Julie Sale began with special prayers for King Charles III and the Royal Family.

Members were given printout copies of the King Charles III Coronation 2023 emblem, Coronation Spoon, Invitation to the Coronation on 6<sup>th</sup> May and Invitation given to Charles on the Coronation of his mother Queen Elizabeth II. Julie shared information she had researched on these items. The emblem is created with the flora of the four nations of the United Kingdom: the rose for England, the thistle for Scotland, the daffodil for Wales and the shamrock for Northern Ireland. These

natural forms combine to describe St Edward's Crown, used for the Coronation of British monarchs. This was designed by Sir Jony Ive KBE and his creative collective, LoveFrom. The Coronation Spoon dates back to 1349. It is used for anointing the sovereign with holy oil, the most sacred part of the coronation ceremony. The



Coronation Spoon survived Parliament's destruction of the Crown Jewels in 1649 because it was bought by a man called Clement Kynnersley.

The invitation to the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla was designed by Andrew Jamieson, a heraldic artist and manuscript illuminator, and features the couple's coats of arms and a motif of the Green Man against a background of the emblematic flowers of the UK and a British wildflower meadow and wildlife. We then compared the similarities between this and the invitation Charles received for the Coronation of his mother Queen Elizabeth II. They are very similar in that they both feature greenery, flowers, lion and unicorn, while cartoon like guard bandsmen were featured on the latter for young Prince Charles.

Members had been asked to bring along any commemorative items they owned from past events, and we all enjoyed viewing and sharing the history of these. They included spoons, medal, book, photograph, thimble, and miniature model of golden coach and horses all commemorating Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, Spoons, pastry forks, biscuit tins commemorating the Coronation of King George VI in 1937. Other memorabilia commemorated Queen Victoria, Winston Churchill and Lord Nelson.

Instead of our usual meeting, on 15<sup>th</sup> June we will be having an outing to Ely Cathedral to view the 'Threads Through Creation' Exhibition. The exhibition is on until 26th July. For more information visit <a href="https://www.elycathedral.org/events/threads-through-creation-exhibition">https://www.elycathedral.org/events/threads-through-creation-exhibition</a>

Ann Langran

# **BON MOT NUMBER 139**

"To the scientist, the universality of physical laws makes the cosmos a marvellously simple place.

By comparison, human nature...
is infinitely more daunting."

Neil deGrasse Tyson (1958 – )

# News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

To all Veterans "NAAFI Break"

If you suffer a physical injury or have a hidden wound or you just feel isolated and/or disconnected within your local community, then please come along to Anglesey Abbey on the first Wednesday of every month for our NAAFI Break get together. It's better than a prescription and there is plenty of cheap banter, but we never discuss trauma. No one is judged and everyone is made to feel welcome, so, put a note in your diary, first Wednesday of every month at 10am

The reception staff know who we are and will take you to the NAAFI Break table. My name is Gary and I look forward to meeting you.

**Volunteer Car Service:** We are still looking for drivers for this Service. We have had little response to our previous advertisements.

**Outpatient Appointments**: Unfortunately there is a delay in hospital outpatient appointments with long waiting lists.

**Paramedic:** The Practice paramedic is seeing housebound patients early in the day to try and avoid long ambulance waits and delays at A & E, when this is necessary, as the GPs are busy in clinic in the mornings.

**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 at <u>s.j.gilson@btinternet.com</u> who will send you a meeting invite.

Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Participation Group





# From our District Councillors

Thank you to everyone who voted and especially to those who voted for us to continue as your Councillors. We are looking forward to continuing to represent Bottisham ward residents at the District Council.

District Council.

Across the District the Lib Dems won the most votes - 18,831, the Conservatives came second with 18,226 votes and Labour won 8,489 votes. But the Conservatives won the most seats and the Council is made up of 15 Conservatives and 13 Lib Dems.



The Council's AGM will be on 25 May, where Committee membership, Chair of Council etc will be decided. This report is a brief review of the 2022/23 year.

#### Refuse Collection and Street Sweeping

The service has now improved, but there are still issues. For example, there were some missed/late bin collections in January, because of problems with vehicles. And the delivery of the black bin bags was significantly delayed and was very patchy – we were still getting residents with no black bags in May. Despite these many shortcomings with the service, the Conservatives agreed an additional £500,000 fee to ECSS for the 2022/23 financial year and budgeted for a similar extra sum in the current financial year.

#### **East Cambs Trading Company**

In April the Conservatives agreed a £7.5M loan to the Council's Trading Company. ECTC has drawn down £6m of this loan, leaving £1.5m to cover their cash flow going forward. The loan is due to be repaid in full by 31 March 2026

#### Buses

In October, we nearly lost the number 11 and 12 buses. After a strong local campaign the Combined Authority funded the number 11 run by Stephensons, who also continued the number 12 route as a commercial route. We now have these routes for at least another year, but continue to press for improvements, not least to get the number 11 stopping at Bottisham.

#### **Meet your Councillors**

We enjoyed our conversations with residents during the past few months, and listening to your views, your misgivings and your suggestions. We hold meetings most months, which are open to any resident without booking. People come to discuss ideas for making our villages even better to live in, concerns about Council services, or raise their own problems. Our next District Councillors' meeting is on Tuesday 20 June at 6.30pm at Swaffham Prior Village Hall. We have enjoyed going to social events in the ward, such as coffee mornings, and would be delighted to join in social events if invited. We are always happy to be contacted directly:

Charlotte Cane - <u>charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk</u> - 07976 607512 John Trapp - john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk - 01223 812120

## **Crossword Number 206**

## Compiled by NIBOR

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

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#### Across

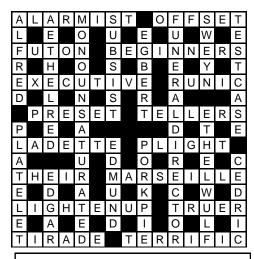
- 1 Music inside prison at a party (6)
- 5 A supporter is back on 8th May but surly (8)
- 9 Stay behind mother to skive (8)
- 10 Initially very early natives inhabited central Europe and one Italian city (6)
- 11 Minstrel rewrote "rub our toad" (10)
- 12 It's said cutting device may be painful (4)
- 13 GI tariff modified by writing on the wall (8)
- 16 No huge change but sufficient (6)
- 17 An old car for a companion (6)
- 19 Slip out of strange spiritualism for Italian dessert (8)
- 21 Barker sees smutty content (4)
- 22 Female demon hugs redhead and becomes a partner (10)
- 25 Newt goes around for hard work (6)
- 26 Clumsy, crazy, ugly Nina (8)
- 27 Tighten ones belt and dig another ditch (8)
- 28 Points about trap machinery (6)

#### Down

- 2 Happily broadcasting (2,3)
- 3 Wrongly authorised; short removal; goodbye! (5)
- 4 Revolution if Ghana adopts Asian currency (7)
- 5 A religious chap I support in theory (1,6)
- 6 Dream of short vicar going to Great Lake (7)

- 7 Unruly demonstrators tore out to disturbance in the desert (9)
- 8 Six cars parked outside period houses (9)
- 14 Change order as the PM might do (9)
- 15 Main entrance; to the seaside? (5,4)
- 18 Secure giant, we say (7)
- 19 It's over in the rough but there's no point (7)
- 20 Kind of mail to shelter exile (7)
- 23 It's heard that I'm in the choir; that's topping (5)
- 24 New York, London, Ottawa, Nairobi all start making plastic (5)

#### Solution to crossword no. 205



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

# Notes from the Annual Assembly and the Swaffham Prior Parish Council meeting

Cllr John Covill chaired a meeting of 8 councillors (including new Parish Councillor, Ruth Lambert) and 1 member of the public.

Cllr John Covill was elected chair of the PC for 2023-24 Cllr David Greenfield was elected vice-chair of the PC for 2023-24.

#### Parish Council Representatives and/or wardens:

Village Hall Management Committee Cllr Durrant Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities Cllr Covill **Swaffham Prior Sports & Recreation Committee** Cllr Kent-Phillips Social Media Cllr Kent-Phillips **Community Land Trust** Cllr Greenfield Local Plan Cllr Greenfield Village Verges Cllr Greenfield Churches Cllr Latchford School Foundation Trust Defunct **School governors** – changed to School Liaison Cllr Gvnn

CemeteryCllr DurrantFootpathsCllr LambertLamp postsCllr LatchfordAllotmentsCllr Latchford

The clerk was confirmed as the Responsible Financial Officer and Cllr Kent-Phillips as Parish Councillor Responsible for Finance.

Revised and/or reviewed standing orders, complaints procedure, financial regulations, assets register and 3 subscriptions were agreed/adopted.

The times, dates and place of the years ordinary meetings were agreed as 7.30pm, on the second Thursday of each month at the village hall, and the annual meeting of the parish council was set as starting at 7pm on the second Thursday of May, also in the village hall.

#### May ordinary Parish Council meeting.

Present – as before.

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

An email had been received from Cllr Charlotte Cane (ECDC) stating that the full costs of the Heating Scheme were not available yet and that she would chase them in June.

Cllr Latchford noted that the map of the proposed B1102 allotments had been circulated – for discussion in June.

Cllr Latchford noted that a letter regarding the proposed greenway to Swaffham Prior had been written and circulated to the PC for suggestions.

#### Planning applications received:

23/00262/FUL Change of use from music room to office space. Byes Farm Cottage 6 Heath Road Swaffham Prior Cambridge CB25 0LA No comments or objections made.

#### Regulations and policies for the cemetery and memorials.

These were reviewed by the PC and the updated versions will be available on the website or via the Clerk.

#### The PC's position on unclaimed fallen or failed memorials.

After discussion, the PC agreed that 12 months should be spent attempting to contact the families of unclaimed fallen or failed memorials, but if after this, no-one had claimed it, the stone should be laid face up within the confines of the grave plot, where possible.

The PC also agreed that for owned stones where the owners were unwilling/unable to repair or move fallen or failed gravestone, after 12 months, the PC would place the stones face up within the confines of the grave plot, where possible.

# Arranging a meeting to look at issues and options regarding the speed limit on Mill Hill.

Cllr Greenfield suggested that a meeting between the PC, A-B1102 group and Highways regarding a 30mph limit along Mill Hill would be worthwhile in light of the changes to the speed limit in Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck and further proposed changes (e.g. the Greenway and Burwell's proposed 20mph zone). It was agreed that Cllr Greenfield should draft a letter of invitation to A-B1102 and Highways, to be sent by the clerk.

#### **The Heating Scheme**

Cllr Greenfield reported that 54 properties now had completed external pipework and 17 households were now fully installed. The next houses to be connected will be in The Beeches.

Cllr Latchford asked if any problems were expected connecting the solar farm to the grid? Cllr Greenfield said that no problem had been flagged and that the solar farm would connect directly to the Heating Scheme.

Cllr Covill asked what was the source of the heating supplied to the 17 connected houses? Cllr Greenfield replied that it was both ground and air source, as the most efficient source would be used.

#### Clerk's Report

The fence across the path between the churchyard and the cemetery has been damaged – Cllr Kent-Phillips is getting a quote for repairs.

The Facilities Improvement Grant for the playground equipment has been awarded. The clerk to order the new equipment!

The tall unstable grave for Mahala and William Benstead in the cemetery has been

cordoned off by Cllr Durrant and the Clerk has been looking for family members to consult about repairs.

#### **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Gynn noted that she had received 2 nominations for the Gay Bulleid Award so far.

Cllr Kent-Phillips noted that the budget decisions will be made at the June meeting. Cllr Greenfield noted that he had received an email regarding access to the Smock Mill, looking for PC support. Cllr Greenfield established that it is not a public right of way, therefore the PC is not in a position to act.

Cllr Latchford had drafted a letter responding to the Greenway proposal and circulated it for comment.

Cllr Latchford noted that the B1102 allotment site is much overgrown in places at present and suggested that 3 new plots be marked out as a starting point. To be discussed in June.

#### **Open Question Time**

A member of the public asked for clarification as to who runs the cemetery. Cllr Kent-Phillips explained that the Clerk runs the cemetery on behalf of the PC.

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, 8th June 2023 starting at 7.15pm 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 14<sup>th</sup> of each month by phone (01223 813362/07980 423210), e-mail (<u>junthompson44@gmail.com</u>) 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

Cold frame - 4 foot by 2.5 foot; 12 ft trampoline: frame, springs, pads and bed (currently disassembled). Jane 01223 811592

Bosch Rotak 34R electric lawnmower. Tim 07543 252594



**Dear Friends** 

#### Saturday 10th June: Cars, Cake and Company at Lode Chapel.

Lode Chapel will be open from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 10th June. We will have a large Scalextric track set up - why not challenge your family, friends and neighbours to a race!? We will also have lots of cake, tea, coffee, juice for you to enjoy, and a table-top sale with some things that may be of interest to you.

You will find us just set back from Lode High Street, opposite the Post Office. We would love to see you!

Alan Brand



# Swaffham Prior Village Hall

# June

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
AM <u>T'ai Chi &amp; Tea for</u> <u>All</u> 10:30 -12:00 - Contact Fara on 07919857617	АМ	AM  PhysiOptima Pilates 09:00 - 09:50 Contact Kristin on 07799323867	АМ	AM Eastern Counties T'ai Chi for All 10:00 - 12:00 Contact Sharyn on 0774017917
PM Tai Chi for Beginners 17:30 - 19:00 Contact Fara on 07919857617  WI Meeting 18:30 - 21:30 Contact Margaret on 01638 744390 (3rd Monday of month)	PM  Art History Class 14:00 - 16:00 Contact deborah.monteiro @btinternet.com  SF-Fit Pilates 17:00 - 19:00 Contact Sarah on 075999072008  Village Gardeners 19:45 - 21:45 Contact Margaret on 01638 744390 (3rd Tuesday of month)	PM	PM Slimming World two groups. © 17:30 & 19:00 Contact Sharon on 07760192638	PM Keep - Fit (to music) 17:00 - 18:00 Contact Sarah on 075999072008

If you're looking to celebrate a special occasion with a party; start a new group or just need more space for your existing one. 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, Quy; St James', Lode; St Mary's, Swaffham Bulbeck; St Mary's, Swaffham Prior

#### **June 2023**

#### Sunday 4 June

9am Online service, on Zoom 10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham

Morning Worship, Swaffham Bulbeck

4pm Village Worship, Quy Village Hall

#### Wednesday 7 June

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

#### Sunday 11 June

9am Online service, on Zoom

Holy Communion, Quy

10.30am Family Worship, Swaffham Prior

#### Sunday 18 June

9am Online service, on Zoom

Morning Prayer, Quy

10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck

Morning Prayer, Bottisham

#### Sunday 25 June

9am Online service, on Zoom

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP), Swaffham Prior

#### **Every Thursday**

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

We are currently without a vicar.

Please contact Brenda Wilson, churchwarden on <a href="mailto:prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk">prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk</a>; 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 <a href="http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7378/benefice">http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7378/benefice</a> for current information; or email <a href="mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk">admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk</a>, also the address to request the Zoom link.

# **Dates for Your Diary June 2023**

Thu	8	PC Meeting, VH, 7.15pm [32]
Fri	9	Strawberry Teas, 3-5pm, Goodwin Manor [9]
Sat	10	Cars, Cake & Company at Lode Chapel, 10am-1pm [33]
Sun	11	Sundae Funday, village church, PM [16]
Wed	14	Tristan Latchford Premiere, 6.30pm, St Stephen Walbrook [8]
Wed- Sat	14- 17	Bulbeck Summer Theatre https://www.sbsummertheatre.com/
Thu	15	Mothers Union, trip to Ely [25]
Wed	21	Oaklands Community Café, 2-3:30pm [11]
Thu	22	Crier Copy Date
Fri	23	Litter Pick, 10.30pm (Meet at the shed by play park) [13]
Sat	24	Ely Consort, Burwell St Mary's, 7.30pm [15]
Tues	27	Community Café, Oaklands Care Home, 2-3.20pm [5]

Numbers in square brackets indicate page number of an accompanying article

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place	
FOSPS			2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of	8pm	Village	
			Term		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	