



# The Swaffham Crier

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## Editorial

Finally, election day, and by the time you get this it should all be over — phew! I shall be telling again and I'm telling you now, no funny business this time! The last election, almost everyone was lovely but one fellow villager with a very cross face stomped past me and then accused me of demanding to know which way she would vote (this is not what tellers do! Not to mention, I could probably tell anyway...), However, things improved — on Facebook another fellow villager wanted to know what SHE was doing there and shouldn't she be at work like the rest of us? Flattery will get you everywhere (I am long since retired).

With D-Day last month, we have a beautiful poem by one of the WWII poets - (yes, we didn't know about them either) *Vergissemennicht* (forget-me-not) by Keith Douglas and we hope you will enjoy it. I have never come across his work before, but I shall certainly buy his book.

And are your birds being mobbed by Jackdaws this year? Mark Lewinski wants to know (p 12) — they are such gorgeous cheeky birds, but we have hardly seen any this year — they must have all migrated to Fairview Grove.

And don't forget, next edition is the COMBINED AUGUST SEPTEMBER—so you need to get your September copy in for then!

**Caroline Matheson**

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**Cover Picture:** *Sails At Sunset*, watercolour by **Sarah Northrop**



## Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

### **Those Poppies!**

There can't be many folk in the village, who've passed the wonderful poppies and wild flowers on the verges in Quy and not felt impressed and a little envious!

Surely we could do that here. Cage Hill is crying out for a face lift- the letters are peeling off the sign at the top and the hedge on the opposite corner, has been savaged by goodness knows who. It was done whilst the birds were still nesting, which made it even worse.

The verges full of poppies, to continue the wilding scheme, would look splendid. I am of course aware, that I do have a vested interest in this.

***Margaret Joyce.***

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Dear Editors,

### **Google the Go-To**

I couldn't remember what time Burwell WI started so I googled the question "What time does the Burwell WI start tonight?" and up came the answer!

Magic!

***Brenda Wilson***

*Eds' note: works for Swaffham Prior too!*

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June 24<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Editors,

### **Burning Rubber?**

For the past two nights we have had smoke coming into our house. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> it was an obnoxious smelling astringent similar to burning rubber and on June 3<sup>rd</sup> it was an intense wood burning smell.

I don't know where this is coming from but I do make a request now that this be ceased please. I do appreciate that it is the easiest to burn waste but it is unhealthy and unpleasant. If you feel that I am making an unnecessary fuss about this please google bonfire and you will find out that it is very unhealthy.

***Peter Whiteley***

*Eds' note: We googled! "There is no by-law in this district which states when you can have a bonfire and we have no smoke control areas. Although bonfires are not banned they should be avoided as the ash, smoke and odour they produce are common causes of complaints." East Cambs District Council*

*Spot on....*



**WI enjoying their annual garden party in Margaret Joyce's gorgeous June garden — see page 17.**

### **This Month's Cover Picture**

A few lines from Sarah on painting Sails At Sunset:

*I enjoyed this. I used a tutorial for the sky and was pleased with the way the bright colours diffused to create a soft dreamy sunset. I added the sea then some time later, the boats to pull it all together. Prints are available and cards too. I'll hopefully be having exhibitions in my back garden on Mill Hill, weather permitting, in July look out for my signs! Some of my paintings and cards are for sale at Burwell Post Office too.*

**Sarah Northrop**

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## From our Reporter

How fortunate last month that I had submitted my Crier copy before Sunak announced his surprise election date. Since then all has become chaotic with daily episodes of what appeared to be a very poor carnival show. Only the end of Brighton Pier slide show would match it.

Just two or three items illustrate. Rishi Sunak's D-Day bloomer must go down as one the most serious election boo-boos ever. Another was Nick Robinson's interview with Keir Starmer who had proudly announced his proposed increased funding of the NHS by 2%. With a slow flourish Nick dramatically produced from under his chair a jar filled with one hundred old pennies. He extracted 2 single pennies and, with another flamboyant flourish, laid them on the table to show how little this adds to the current NHS budget of £168 billion. Starmer's face was a picture of puzzled dismay.



Nothing improved as the month proceeded. How could Sunak have tried to persuade Boris Johnson to join him in the hustings. The only reason why Johnson had achieved such an overwhelming victory in 2019 was because he was against Corbyn who had eroded all faith in moderate Labour, and almost destroyed the Labour Party. Yet Starmer supported Corbyn and thought he would be a "great Prime Minister".

Fortunately for Sunak, Johnson, after thinking about it, decided it wouldn't help his image or political future. So he has concentrated on finishing his memoir *Unleashed*, which will be published in October. It is a book which will match Prince Harry's *Spare*, and sell like hot cakes.

**For the very first time East Cambridgeshire has an Official Monster Raving Loony Party Candidate. This is a rare opportunity and a real privilege. He is Hoo-Ray Henry.**

Johnson will also be completing his *Life of Shakespeare* on which he has been diligently working. This is the far more important publication. Johnson has all the attributes necessary to write Shakespeare's life. It will finally resolve the Authorship Question which has simmered and boiled ever since the sixteenth century. The academic world will be delighted, and relieved. No longer will they be thought of as flat earthers.

Returning to the election coverage I just wonder how many of us believe any of the promises being made by all parties. It is quite extraordinary just how many of the manifestos have been "fully costed." We all know that there are really serious problems in Britain that require a massive amount of funding, and extra workers. These will be recruited and trained - "just like that", as Tommy Copper would say.

Bin Collections. Are there dangers threatening what appears to be our very good service? These were listed in Charlotte Cane's ECDC report at the PC meeting, and expanded in the ECDC report at the Annual Village Assembly. The first major

change is that we are to "have black bins to replace black sacks, and a food waste caddy which will be collected each week - hopefully putting an end to the horribly sticky mush at the bottom of green bins and the fly problem in the summer." How many in this village have a "sticky mush" at the bottom of their green bin? If they do it is because they do not take a daily newspaper and therefore have nothing in which to wrap their food waste. And the insect population is declining so rapidly that we must all do our best to keep flies alive and continue procreating. Is our ECDC not "green".

Also there have been complaints about people "parking on the day and blocking bin collections". To counter this ECDC says that "computerising the scheduling and improving publicity" would help. What complaints? From which village/villages? What are their PCs for? We need to be told. How much will the computerisation cost? How will it improve the present scheduling which is given far in advance, and excellent? An ECDC "working party" is currently working on the detail. The Crier offers a bottle of wine to the person who writes to the Editors with the most effective may of "improving publicity" to prevent bin collections being blocked by cars.

People may become even more disenchanted with the latest news of Tories betting on the date of the election. It is just not on. And Starmer will also disappoint many with his statement on transgender rules, and his now fairly constant revisions of what he has previously said "because circumstances have changed, and do change." He quotes examples like Covid, Ukraine and Truss. The result is that even more are now undecided how to vote.

Swaffham Prior residents by good chance are offered an answer. For the very first time East Cambridgeshire has an Official Monster Raving Loony Party Candidate. There are only 22 candidates in the whole country. This is a rare opportunity and a real privilege. He is Hoo-Ray Henry. If you are not committed either ideologically or idealistically then give Hoo-Ray Henry a shot. This could be the chance of a lifetime. You will feel good about it. Have some fun. Go to the polls with a purpose.

*Alastair Everitt*

## **The Paul Cave Prize**

Entries for The Paul Cave Prize for Teenage Fiction 2024 close on July 30.

First prize is £100. The winner receive a copy of the book featuring their work and receive feedback from the judges Tim Saunders and his daughter Harriett (13).

More information here: <https://tsaunderspubs.weebly.com/the-paul-cave-prize-for-teenage-fiction.html>

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**  
**3.00pm – 5.00 pm**

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By kind invitation of Kate & Philip

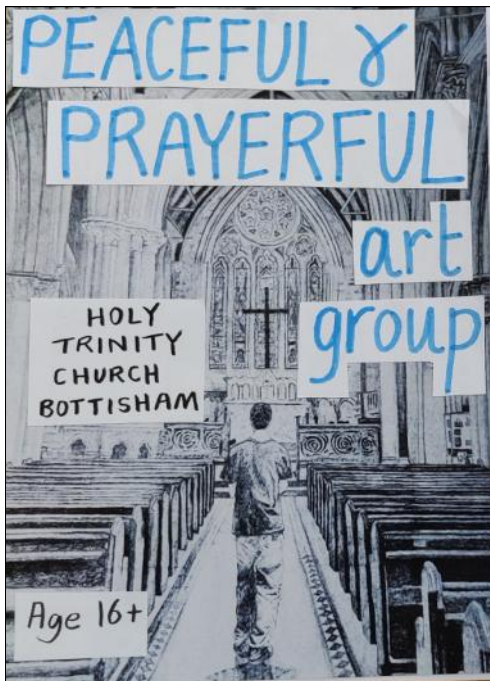
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**Pyramidal and Bee orchid on White Fen — the grass next to the path has not been mowed this year, and the orchids are doing very well.**



## **Celebrating 50 years of access to the arts with Cambridge Open Studios**

More than 150 people joined Cambridge Open Studios at Graduate Hotel Cambridge to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the iconic July Open Studios art festival.

Guests attending the anniversary celebrations - including Deputy Lieutenant, Mr Daniel Schunmann, the Mayor of Cambridge, Councillor Baiju Thittala, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Dinah Pounds - enjoyed an exclusive exhibition of Cambridge Open Studios member artwork. In addition to the exhibition, guests learned more about painting through a live demonstration from artist, Sarah Allbrook.

Speaking at the event, Gabriella del Valle, Chair of Cambridge Open Studios, said: "This year is a milestone year for Cambridge Open Studios and I am thrilled that so many people from across the county joined us to celebrate 50 years of July Open Studios. The exhibition showcased the breadth and depth of art and creativity that people can enjoy for free this July, from paintings to ceramics and textile art, and I hope that the event encourages even more people to support their local artists and visit their nearest art studio this July."

For five decades, Cambridge Open Studios' artists have opened their studios to the public for free over four weekends in July to remove potential barriers that might prevent people from accessing art and creativity. This July, the public can gain behind-the-scenes access to hundreds of working studios, browse unique artworks, enjoy live demonstrations, tutorials and workshops, and buy art directly from more than 350 artists across Cambridge, Ely, Saffron Walden and the surrounding villages.

The 50th anniversary year is supported by four lead sponsors: Aston Shaw, Babouris, Flawless UK Group, and Mills & Reeves.

Find out more about Cambridge Open Studios, visit: <https://camopenstudios.org/> or download the app by searching for 'Cambridge Open Studio guide' in the app store.





## Cambridge Open Studios 2024

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/>

### Open Studios in Swaffham Prior

**Jane Goodall**, textile and prints at 6 Foster Lane, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0FA. Weekends 13-14\* and 20-21 July (\*please note a change from dates published in the June Crier).

**Mike Barker**, painter at Pound and Keep, Cage Hill, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0JS. Weekends 20 – 21 and 27 – 28 July.

**Deborah Cutting**, textile artist at Swaffham Prior Village Hall, High Street, CB25 0LD. Weekends 06 – 07 and 20 – 21 July.

**David George**, oils and watercolours at Swaffham Prior Village Hall, High Street, CB25 0LD. Weekends 06–07 and 20–21 July.

**Karen Fisher**, oil painter at Swaffham Prior Village Hall, High Street, CB25 0LD. Weekends 06 – 07 and 20 – 21 July.

*Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be for sale at the village hall on both weekends of 6/7 and 20/21 July.*

### Open Studios in Reach

**Ruth Martindale**, hand carved lettering in stone and wood, Dykes End pub, 8 Fair Green, Reach, CB25 0JD. Weekends 06-07, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28 July.

*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*

## JULIE'S SENSATIONAL SALADS

### Mixed bean, pea, feta and mint salad

200g fresh peas  
200g fresh broad beans  
150g soya beans  
100g fine asparagus  
15g fresh mint leaves, chopped  
200g pack of feta cheese, crumbled  
½ lemon, juice and zest  
2 tbsp virgin olive oil  
A pinch of sugar

1. Blanch veg in boiling water until tender but still with a bit of a bite. Drain and cool quickly in cold water, when cold drain and place in a bowl.
2. Mix veg with mint and feta. Whisk together lemon juice and oil, season with salt and pepper and sugar, dress the salad and scatter with lemon zest and serve.

### Roasted beet salad with walnuts, goats cheese and honey balsamic dressing

8 ready cooked beets  
3 tbsp olive oil  
½ small red onion, sliced thinly  
Pack of baby spinach leaves  
½ cup of chopped walnuts  
Pack of hard goats cheese, crumbled  
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar  
2 tbsp honey  
1 tbsp Dijon mustard  
1 garlic clove, minced  
Salt and pepper to taste

1. Place spinach leaves, red onion and sliced beets on to a plate. Whisk olive oil, balsamic, Dijon mustard, garlic and honey together, the honey may need melting slightly to make it runnier.
2. Add mixture to the salad then top with walnuts and crumbled goats cheese, season to taste. Toss well and its ready to serve.

## Roast onions, figs, watercress and blue cheese salad

2 red onions, peeled and cut into eighths  
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar  
4-5 tbsp olive oil  
2 tsp soft brown sugar  
6 ripe figs, sliced into quarters  
75g walnuts  
Juice of half a lemon  
1 head of radicchio, finely shredded  
100g watercress  
120g blue cheese, crumbled

1. Roast onions with a tbsp of balsamic vinegar and enough olive oil to coat, mix well and scatter with half the brown sugar. Roast for 10 mins until soft and slightly brown.
2. On a separate tray place the figs cut side down, season well and scatter remaining brown sugar over and balsamic vinegar and enough oil to coat, roast for 10 mins
3. Mix both together and cook for a further 5-10 minutes until figs and onion are crisp around the edges and juices have mingled.
4. Place salad leaves on to platter, top with roasted onions and figs. Add juice of lemon to the remaining juices, season well.
5. Top with crumbled blue cheese and walnuts and dress with the delicious juices and serve.

### **NEWMARKET CINEMA**

Below are details of our film shows for July - September 2024 at The Stable, High Street, Newmarket. Please note we are still only having a showing on Monday,

July 15th - The Boat That Rocked (2008) (15)

August 19th - Yesterday (2019) (12A)

September 16th - The Miracle Club (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 either send an email to [richardjbowler@outlook.com](mailto:richardjbowler@outlook.com) or call 01638 666810.

# Jackdaws!

Just an idle enquiry, this one. I don't know if anyone else has knowledge on the very large numbers of jackdaws around the village at the moment. I am told it has been mentioned in the pub, so it has been publicly acknowledged, then.

They make themselves both seen and heard - apparently the collective noun for jackdaws is a clattering.

I recall as a small child, an older boy in my village in Bedfordshire had a pet jackdaw, Jacky, which had to be collected from our house one night when it was clattering, literally, outside against a bedroom window, seemingly wanting to come in. We had to fetch its owner. I don't recall how he caught it but I remember him walking off with it sitting on his shoulder.

## **I know where they live....**

I have nothing against jackdaws as such, and as corvids they are clever birds. I had forty or fifty pass over my garden together just now; with so many appearing suddenly this year, and being far from shy as they are, I do wonder how they might be impacting on the general food balance for birds locally. They do seem to feed in gangs. When they come by and find my bird feeder has been filled up they will clean it out in a few minutes, although much more often I see crowds of them, clatterings even, in the front garden of

the house a couple of doors up from us where the bird feeders get filled up more often and perhaps with tastier bird food.

At this time of year the smaller birds tend to be less visible anyway, but I'm wondering if the general disappearance of a lot of birdlife lately has been displacement by jackdaws.

I know where they live, or at least some of them. Standing on the church steps in late afternoons in recent years, I've seen jackdaws pop in and out of the chimneys of thatched houses over the other side of the road, where they are secure, I suppose, from risk as people in such homes tend not to have open fires nowadays.

The other thing I wonder, is do others find as we do, the occasional tiny luminous green cricket come out of the greenery close to the house? The largest I've seen is about

half an inch (1.5cm) although the antennae may be double that. I've never heard any cricket sounds. These must be the polite neighbourly kind.

**Mark Lewinski**



# Heating Scheme July 2024

## Celebrating Summer with Sustainable Heat

As we enter the heart of summer, the Swaffham Prior Heat Network continues to make strides in providing our village with sustainable heating solutions. Here are the latest updates.



### Installation Update

We are pleased to say that we have received signed heat supply agreements from another round of customers and will soon be planning an installation program for this summer. If your home is part of this phase, we'll contact you directly to arrange the installation and connect your home to the heat network.

Please remember, for those few remaining where surveys have been completed for your home, the earlier you complete and return your heat supply agreement, the sooner we can book your installation slot. Do let us know if you anticipate being away from home for long periods of time or if you anticipate having constructions works taking place which could affect access to your home so we can take account of this in our installation schedule.

### In home displays

Our deployment of in-home displays is going well. These smart devices enable you to monitor your heating consumption and costs in real-time, simplifying the management of your energy usage. If you haven't received your display yet, our team will contact you soon to schedule your installation. If you have already installed your in-home display and are experiencing any issues, please email us at [heatingswaffhamprior@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:heatingswaffhamprior@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and our team will get in touch with you.

### Customer Testimonial

We continue to receive positive feedback from our connected households.

*"It's a great system. Very happy to not be using heating oil anymore" – Mill Road resident*

### Free Connection Offer

We are pleased to confirm that we are currently waiving the £1,000 home connection cost of joining the heat network.

Joining couldn't be easier. Below we've explained the 3 easy steps to join:

- 1) Contact us to arrange a call or visit to answer any questions you may have
- 2) We will arrange a visit from our surveyors to assess your suitability
- 3) If you're happy with this, you sign up and we book you in for the next available installation date

### Join the Sustainable Heating Revolution!

If you haven't yet connected to the Swaffham Prior Heat Network, now is the perfect time to explore this innovative and sustainable heating solution.

Simply register interest through our online form <https://forms.office.com/e/8mg3xtEpnY>

Email us at [heatingswaffhamprior@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:heatingswaffhamprior@cambridgeshire.gov.uk),

Call our customer service line at 0345 0455210

**Siddhant Malhotra**



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★ *A Commanding Officer writes:—*

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# POEM OF THE MONTH

## Vergissmeinnicht\*

Keith Douglas

Three weeks gone and the combatants gone  
returning over the nightmare ground  
we found the place again, and found  
the soldier sprawling in the sun.

The frowning barrel of his gun  
overshadowing. As we came on  
that day, he hit my tank with one  
like the entry of a demon.

Look. Here in the gunpit spoil  
the dishonoured picture of his girl  
who has put: Steffi. Vergissmeinnicht.  
in a copybook gothic script.

We see him almost with content,  
abased, and seeming to have paid  
and mocked at by his own equipment  
that's hard and good when he's decayed.

But she would weep to see today  
how on his skin the swart flies move;  
the dust upon the paper eye  
and the burst stomach like a cave.

For here the lover and killer are mingled  
who had one body and one heart.  
And death who had the soldier singled  
has done the lover mortal hurt.

*The Second World War is generally felt to have produced less memorable poetry than the First, and no poets of the stature of Owen, Sassoon and their peers. Perhaps mechanised war had lost some of its power to shock or perhaps its greater mobility precluded the introspection bred in the trenches. Keith Douglas is the rule-proving exception. Fresh from Merton College, Oxford, by 1942 he was a captain commanding a tank at the battle of El Alamein. His squadron was recalled in 1943 in preparation for the D-Day landings and on June 6, 1944, they were part of the first wave to land. Three days later he was dead.*

*Once regarded unfavourably for his unsentimental, dispassionate style, compared to the pity and terror of Owen and Sassoon, his poetic greatness has belatedly been recognised and the bleak empathy of this poem, which might have been his own epitaph, is inescapable.*

**Andrew Grant**

\*Forget-me-not

# News from Bottisham Medical Practice

## Patients' Participation Group

### Practice Update

**Appointment Data:** Unfortunately we had 28 appointments in May where patients did not attend, this equated to 6.75 hours. We appreciate that there will always be some circumstances which prevent patients from attending appointments but we request that if you are unable to attend, please let us know so that we can reallocate the appointment to another patient.

**Dispensary:** May has been a challenging month for the team, which unfortunately continues. For a period in the month we had one full time and one part time vacancy, as well as some sickness, in an already small team. Whilst we continue trying to recruit to the part time position, we were successful in appointing Matteo and would like you to join us in welcoming him to the team. As we work through these issues, your continued patience is requested and as always, is appreciated.

**Our Multidisciplinary Team:** Did you know that you do not always need to see a GP, we have team members that can diagnose, prescribe and if necessary make hospital referrals for some illnesses / conditions

First Contact Physiotherapists provide patients with expert diagnosis and treatment for musculoskeletal conditions and can prevent the need for referral to hospital.

Paramedics can provide advice, help assess and triage calls from patients, make home visits for urgent assessment and manage minor illness.

Advanced Nurse Practitioners can diagnose and treat certain health conditions, order tests and interpret results, prescribe some medications and make hospital referrals.

Practice Nurses can assess minor injuries, provide support with long term conditions and family planning / sexual health advice.

**COVID 19:** we request that if you have, or suspect you may have Covid 19, please wear a mask and let the team know. Whilst we will always care for our patients we also have a duty to protect our teams, which intern will allow us to maintain services. Please see attached link with advice from the NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>.

**Patient Participation Group Meeting:** Dr Thomas Shackleton will give a presentation at the meeting scheduled for September, subject yet to be determined. The meeting will start at 6:30pm and will be held in the waiting room, all patients of the practice are welcome.

**Memorial Tree:** You may have noticed that unfortunately we have lost one of our memorial trees. We have been advised that this was likely due to the stress of the recent cold winters and will this removed as soon as possible. We will look at the area as a whole and if possible we will replace the tree.

*Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Participation Group*

## The Swaffhams' WI

This month I feel that the best way to report on the June meeting of The Swaffhams' WI is through photographs. We were all crossing fingers and holding our breath that the rain would stop and the sun would come out on the evening of our annual summer garden party and it worked! We had the most beautiful evening in the most perfect of settings to celebrate our wonderful WI group. Huge thanks go to Margaret for opening her stunning garden to us and to everyone who brought the most delicious salads, savouries and desserts. A special



thanks to Gill too for organising the quiz. It really was a fun evening and it was lovely to welcome so many guests to join us. We would love to open our meetings to more people and do please drop in at any of our monthly meetings and see what you think. Our next meeting is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in Swaffham Prior Village Hall at 7:30pm where Liz Coppolaro, who is the Voluntary Unpaid Supervisor with the Community Payback Team, will be talking about Probation and Rehabilitation. You may have seen her team working in the Swaffham Prior churchyard. Come along and find out more!

*Kate Muscroft*





# **The Reading Group Reads...**

## **The Giver of Stars**

**by Jojo Moyes**

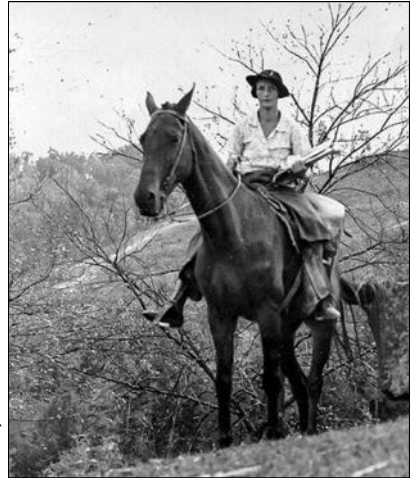
"What a great book" "fabulous" "The best book of the year."

In the American Great Depression the Works Progress Administration (WPA) was set up to avoid a total social and economic collapse. One of Eleanor Roosevelt's projects was to attract teams of women to deliver books to backward and difficult to access areas. This book is set in the very backward eastern part of Kentucky in the Appalachian Mountains and ran from 1935 to 1943. It is the story of several

women from Baileyville who became known as the Packhorse Librarians. It is the story of these incredibly resilient women of which many of the local establishment disapproved. They have been described as all "feisty" women but the book is richer than that. They are so varied in temperament, background, skills that it is, to me, a tribute to the versatility, variety and greatness of women.

There are so many dimensions to this book that it is difficult to describe its full richness in a short review. The isolated town of Brownsville, though with a bank, school, theatre, sheriff, social hierarchy, an arrogant wealthy mine owner being the major employer etc, is still backward in what is a such huge country. Though the 1930s it feels like the 1880s, and has the wide human range of a very good western. It is a page turner and a drama of love, friendship, loyalty, revenge, cruelty, good men and bad men - delivered in a wonderful style.

The book focuses on the six women all very different - known as the "Packhorse Librarians" Books could only be delivered on horseback - in all seasons,





whether sweltering heat, driving rain, freezing cold. Jojo travelled from England to the area in all four seasons so that she could experience and describe the treacherous paths through the wild and inhospitable landscape. Her descriptions are so real, the horses, the impoverished children, poor parents, the mixed reception they received, the public meetings, the suspicions of the local establishment. In fact all you would have in any town or community.

And the books had such a wide range, picture books and early readers for the children recipe books for some, pattern book for others, and fiction. Robinson Crusoe was the most favourite book. There was also the "little blue book" which informed about the facts of life, and which many of the women appreciated and used. This had a very limited circulation and attempts to keep it a secret were not successful.

Central to the book is the friendship, love companionship, resilience of all the Packhorse Librarians. It is a great feminist statement and loved for this by some reviewers. There are also good guys. But the book does not moralise - it is a description of how it was, how life was. Jojo was also so fortunate in finding one of the Packhorse Librarians still alive and well. From her Jojo gathered so much information about what really happened. And she takes the reader along with her. The constant dramatic turn of events all appear naturally and totally convincing rather than being an author contrivance. You are on those horses with those librarians. The book has one of the most powerful descriptions of rainfall and flooding that I have read. While the long pregnancy and birth in a filthy prison cell is equally powerful and unforgettable.

There was a lively discussion on the repression of women, the knowledge and enjoyment of sex, the need of friendship and many other subjects. This review does not do the book, or the discussion, justice. Is truly a "must read."

*Alastair Everitt*

## **BON MOT NUMBER 151**

***"The two crucial components to success  
at the bridge table are skill - and luck.***

***In life, as at the bridge table,  
one without the other will only take you  
so far."***

***Andrew Robson (1964 - )***



## Mothers' Union

At our May meeting, members were delighted to once again welcome Wendy Lovell as our guest speaker. Wendy has been a regular visitor and guest speaker for a number of years and again she gave us a very light hearted and entertaining talk on preparing for the Flower Festival in her local church, Duston United Reformed Church. The church is well positioned (in what the locals still call 'the village', but is now part of Northampton) opposite the pub and bakers. The church building celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> year in 1977 and the first Flower Festival with the theme '150 year long, 150 years strong' was organised as part of the celebrations. Every year since then up until the Covid outbreak a Flower Festival has been held on the first weekend in March. With the pandemic lockdown not happening until mid-2020, the festival was able to go ahead as planned. The first post pandemic festival was held last year.

Plans begin to be drawn up in the autumn and before Christmas arrangers are given the title of their display. Luckily, there is a very helpful florist next to the church which gives a 15 -20 percent discount. A much-welcomed gesture as approximately £1,700 worth of flowers are used for the festival. Preparations begin on the Wednesday, with Boys Brigade moving tables and chairs to their designated places and general setting up. Flowers arrive on the Wednesday evening and flower arranging beings in earnest on the Thursday for the all-day Saturday and Sunday afternoon event. There is no entry charge, but opportunity given for donations. Main income is from refreshments served: coffee and scone 10 -11.30am, lunches of salads and jacket potatoes from 12 noon, afternoon teas 2-4pm. On average 600 people visit each year, and on the Saturday £6,000 to £7,000 is raised.;

There have been numerous festival themes over the years, and some more than once. These include: Wedding Anniversaries; Men of the Bible; Animals of the Bible; London Shows; Music to name but a few. Last year the theme was Coronation and Commonwealth Realms to celebrate the coronation of HM King Charles III.

Wendy explained that the main altar platform in the church is always dedicated to a church related topic whatever the festival theme is. One of the difficulties is coming up with the theme, and some themes are very difficult to depict, one of them being hymns. As the years have gone by the organising gets easier, but it gets more difficult to meet expectations of surpassing previous festivals.

As always Wendy had some humorous tales to tell one being the tacking up of drapes, which at the very first festival organisers where weary as to whether tacks should be put into the church woodwork. Wendy had said "It will be alright". It is now a standing joke, whenever tacks are being put in someone always says "Wendy says it will be alright"!

Last year the Boys Brigade celebrated their centenary by setting themselves 100 challenges, one of which was to do a display for the festival, which they accomplished magnificently. Wendy concluded by expressing how important it is to have a good team of workers and knowing they will complete the task(s) they are given. This makes for a most enjoyable and successful event. During tea members

enjoyed browsing through Wendy's collection of festival photographs.

Our summer meetings will be Afternoon Tea on 18<sup>th</sup> July, and outing to Ely Cathedral on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August for Mary Sumner Day Service and Mothers' Union Banner Exhibition.

*Ann Langran*



## VILLAGE GARDENERS

For our June gathering of the Village Gardeners, we ventured out to Santon Downham to visit Barry Gayton at his Desert World garden. Barry lives in one of the original cottages that were built by the newly formed Forestry Commission to house Thetford Forest workers after the First World War. When he bought the cottage in 1980, the 1¼ acre garden was quite barren, but 45 years later it's a true plantsman's garden with hardly a patch that isn't used to grow plants or locate greenhouses. Everything in the garden has been grown by Barry from seeds or cuttings, and all using his homemade compost.

Succulents and cacti are his speciality; some of us took small specimens home to start our own collections. The Monkey Puzzle tree and bamboo were also quite spectacular and a real contrast to the neighbouring fir trees.

In July we have two garden visits lined up. On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July we will be



taking our summer coach trip to Bedfordshire to visit Wrest Park, a magnificent 18th-century mansion standing in 90 acres of gardens which show-case three centuries of English garden design. Then, in the evening of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, we will be visiting Netherhall Manor on Tanners Lane in Soham for a private garden tour with the owner.

The property comprises a one acre walled garden around a restored manor house. This garden has appeared on Gardeners World three times and contains a wide selection of rare and historical plants, organic vegetables and antique poultry houses. If anyone would like to join us for this visit, we will meet at Netherhall Manor at 7pm, and a donation of £5 per person is requested (proceeds to Fordham Church). We hope to see you there.

*Fiona Geraghty*

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

### Village Hall Management Committee Quantity Quiz

There was a draw to determine the winner of the First Prize of £20 and Robert & Julie Nunn of The Nook, High Street were the lucky ones "first out of the hat". The second prize of £5. went to Rob Hollingsworth Jnr of Lower End. If you would like to know the answers, you can see a copy by popping in here any time. Hope you found it fun.

*Pat Cunningham*

### The School Launches a Time Capsule

The Village Hall Extension and Refurbishment Project is privileged to have been offered a Time Capsule from the School. Class 4 sends a personal message to all those living at the millennium after next:-

*We are writing this letter to those who are not yet born. We are writing to our future children and their children....Today around the world there are lots of people fighting. Many are getting killed or seriously wounded. We feel it is important that we prevent serious arguments by talking and listening to each other. We don't want to destroy the world by fighting, but we hope that we can leave you a world that is at peace."*

Accompanying this are examples of work from all the school, photographs of their activities, and the school prospectus. It would have been a very shy school indeed which did not include the 17 August 1997 *Sunday Times* article on 'Benchmarks of all-round excellence.' This selected the 112 primary schools in the United Kingdom which were "*beacons of excellence.*" The Swaffham Prior School was one of five selected from the whole of East Anglia.

Also included are a pen, pencil, rubber and a rubber band - just in case the world ever moves into a sphere with no knowledge of these creative objects.

Apart from comments on the need for environmental care Class 4 ends its letter to all those not yet born:- "*We would wish all future children of the world a wicked, decent, funky cool time and that the world is still a groovy place to be in.*"

*Alastair Everitt*

**From the Swaffham Crier January 1998, and not a lot has changed, it would seem! Even *more* wars, but on a lighter note, Bob and Julie still the Puzzle Maestros...**



From our District Councillors  
Charlotte Cane &  
John Trapp

The Council is running a campaign to support people suffering from domestic abuse. Their staff and Councillors have been trained so that they can help anyone who ‘asks for Ani’ find the help and support which they need. Unfortunately, there tends to be an up-lift in domestic violence during major football tournaments. If you are aware of anyone who might need help, please direct them to the Police and the Council – there is help available for them.



The Operational Services Committee agreed the Council’s Vulnerable community strategy. Charlotte asked why no formal assessment had been carried out of disabled parking spaces across the district, why restrictions on disabled spaces ceased in the evenings, and how disabled parking spaces were enforced—answers were unavailable at the meeting. After the meeting the Council simply confirmed that it had not carried out a survey and that it accepted no responsibility for on-street parking.

The budget for the Health & Wellbeing strategy was confirmed to be just £5,000, and questions were asked whether this was sufficient for the actions in the strategy, and what the service could do with more money.

The ECTC business plan for 2024/5 was approved by a majority. Charlotte, John and colleagues voted against the plan but were defeated. The company is not delivering more than thirty per cent affordable housing, which is what is required of any commercial developer, and it is not delivering a surplus for the council.

Hedgehogs were chosen by public vote to have their own Supplementary Planning Document. This proposed policy contains a number of measures such as creating ‘hedgehog highways’ via gardens through simple measures such as small holes created at the bottom of fences. For larger developments, the policy seeks wider habitat creation suitable for hedgehogs.

The Council unanimously agreed a motion, proposed by Cllr Chika Akinwale, recognising the essential role of play in child development. The motion also highlighted the importance of creating opportunities for outdoor play that can be accessed by all children, including those with mobility disabili-



ties, such as wheelchair users.

The council will now carry out an independent audit of all 27 playgrounds it maintains, which provide a range of facilities for toddlers, juniors and youths. It will also offer Parish Councils the chance to have their playgrounds audited.

Once complete, the council will develop an inclusive Playground Strategy which looks at what can be achieved in the short, medium and long term, explore possible funding opportunities and create a toolkit to help deliver improvements which will be made when the existing equipment needs replacing.

The council has also agreed to work closely with its planning department to encourage Inclusive Playgrounds into the planning and approval processes for new developments. It will also explore the feasibility of developing a planning policy, through the new Local Plan, to include a requirement to deliver Inclusive Playgrounds.

Our next Councillors' Surgery will be on Tuesday 23 July at 6.30pm in Swaffham Bulbeck Pavilion. We will not be holding a surgery in August, but you can always contact us directly [charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk) 07976 607512, [john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk) 07942 685599

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## **FREecycle**

Everything is free and nothing is expected in return.

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

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

### **Offers**

Free various children dressing up plus props. Luisa, [luisa1935@btinternet.com](mailto:luisa1935@btinternet.com)  
Singer Melodie 20 sewing machine with the cover, original box of spares & instruction manual. Sue 07813 351943

Size 3 roller blades; rock hopper bouncy toy. Jun 07980 423210



## Anglesey Abbey News

The Rose Garden at Anglesey Abbey is in bloom and boasting 60 beautiful beds of roses now. Thanks to a generous donation from David Austin Roses, we have another 19 cultivars in the garden and some 180 new roses this year. We'd also like to say thank you to a group of students from Emmanuel College, Cambridge, who dedicated a day to volunteering, hoeing, and weeding in the Rose Garden last month, post exams.



Do come and make the most of the **summer evenings** at Anglesey Abbey this month and explore the Herbaceous Border, Wildflower Meadows and Formal Garden. Every Wednesday in July, the gardens will be open until 7:30pm. Why not bring a picnic dinner or go for a walk to unwind after work? The shop will be open until 7pm, and Redwoods Restaurant will serve food until 7.15pm.

On Saturday 13 July, you're invited to join us for an event called '**Whispers of Wonder**' – a one-off evening of magic and history, with performances from world-class magicians inside the house. Guests will enjoy exclusive access to the gardens, and food and drink will be available to purchase between performances. The Rose Quartet, Cambridge, will also be playing on the front lawn. Tickets are limited, so do book early to avoid disappointment.

The Lord Chamberlain's Men are also coming to Anglesey Abbey this summer. Experience the drama of outdoor theatre and enjoy a picnic while watching **Shakespeare's Hamlet** performed in the gardens on Saturday 17 August. Please see our website for more details and to book your tickets.

Looking ahead to the summer holidays, we have an activity-packed **Summer of Play** lined up for the whole family from 20 July to 1 September, sponsored by Starling Bank. With five creative play zones across the gardens as well as story times, craft activities, bubble shows, lunchtime discos and even some crazy golf, there's plenty to keep you busy and coming back for more throughout the summer.



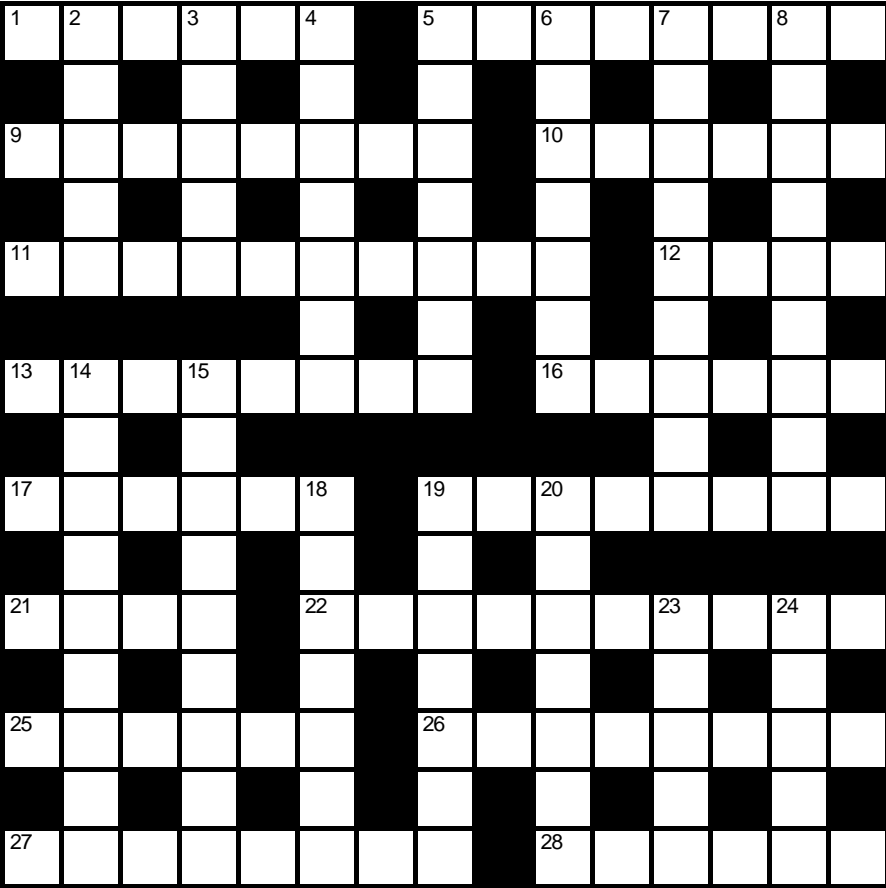
**Above, Anglesey House in the summer, and left, students from Emmanuel College volunteering in the Rose Gardens**

*Issy Vetoshkina*

Crossword Number 218

Compiled by NIBOR

This month’s puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18th July 2024. The sender of the first correct solution out of the hat will win a free Sunday Lunch at *The Red Lion*—See the pub manager for full details. Emailed solutions are acceptable but please include “CROSSWORD” and the crossword number in the header.



Name:.....

Address:.....

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

## Across

- 1 Infuse in silence it's said (6)
- 5 e.g. Devonshire and Cornwall where priest is surrounded by peers (8)
- 9 Bet mob I'm moving an explosive device (4,4)
- 10 Conceive in chimney (6)
- 11 Terrible shock treatment, neck removed, but it keeps temperature constant (10)
- 12 The French hide if given this sentence (4)
- 13 Unravelled a sweater found beyond the shoreline (8)
- 16 Get rid of despots! even people of South Eastern origins (6)
- 17 Shoot athlete? (6)
- 19 Space for the heart maybe in spa dispensary (4,4)
- 21 No quick start to bar-b-q when arrowhead is found (4)
- 22 Pressing devices don't detract from chaotic demonstrations (5,5)
- 25 Type of film is back... and fast (6)
- 26 A ruler but, at first, a Roman Catholic healer does usually know everyone (8)
- 27 Aloe skin mangled to make quack remedy (5,3)
- 28 Returns and surrenders (6)

## Down

- 2 Bray? say no (5)
- 3 His and her Middle Eastern beneficiary (5)
- 4 Beware the sentinel (7)

- 5 He might argue that stag ate flyer (7)
- 6 Returned ink to abstemious journalist and joined up (7)
- 7 Photographic reagent for speculative builder (9)
- 8 Chap I see with iron pole gets to give declaration of intentions (9)
- 14 Cautioned about teaching (9)
- 15 Perhaps hedge may control airflow (9)
- 18 Strange shooting star hangs out for Italian dish (7)
- 19 Triumph of vicar carrying bucket around (7)
- 20 Weep after operatic heroine? it's just an imitation (7)
- 23 Long strip included in lurid gentleman's schedule (5)
- 24 H-bombed northern Britain; note bad end (5)

## Solution to crossword no. 217

I	C	C		B	B	S	V	O
B	L	Y	T	H	U	N	L	U
I	B	E	R		A	O	T	W
S	C	O	T	T	I	E		N
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We congratulate Richard Wilkins, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive a prize certificate from the editors.

# Notes from the Swaffham Prior Parish Council meeting

Cllr Covill chaired a meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 13th June, attended by 5 parish councillors and 2 members of the public.

## **Reports.**

East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Cllr John Trapp noted that ECDC are carrying out a playground audit to look at how accessible playgrounds are and that the Lib Dems are not taking part in the Audit Committee as it has no real power.

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

Cllr Durrant suggested that a second bus stop could be built next to the power station once the tree there had been removed; Cllr Kent-Phillips noted it may be too close to the school, Cllr Latchford that it could give potential access to the power station.

## **Planning applications.**

a) 24/00363/FUM To deliver peatland restoration at Wicken Fen NNR by March 2025 – Burwell Fen. Burwell Fen, Newnham Drive, Burwell. No comments or objections.

b) 24/00364/FUL To deliver peatland restoration at Wicken Fen NNR by March 2025, Tubney Fen. Tubney Fen, Little Fen Drove, Reach, Cambridgeshire. No comments or objections.

## **Parish Council Accounts for 2023-24.**

Cllr Kent-Phillips summarised the accounts. The PC approved them, the Annual Governance Statemen and the Annual Accounting Statement.

Cllr Kent-Phillips noted that reserves are down by £15,000, (due to buying the new play equipment) which brings them to an acceptable level.

## **Weed-killing in the cemetery**

Cllr Durrant suggested that twice yearly weed-killing of the footpath in the cemetery could be added to the maintenance contract the PC has with Nurture Landscaping. The PC agreed and accepted the quote obtained for the work involved.

## **Policies.**

The PC adopted a revised Financial Regulations.

## **Heating Scheme**

Report from Cllr Greenfield.

- The project is currently supplying heat to 64 customers.
- The electricity supply to the Energy Centre is currently sourced from the grid until the private wire is in place. The current grid connection has a maximum capacity of 500kVA, so the existing supply load only enables the energy centre to generate sufficient heat to connect approximately 80 homes to the network.
- The external installation for the Housing Associations (50 properties) has been completed. 4 out of the 50 properties have now been fully installed and connected to the heat network. The remaining 46 properties will be connected in the future phases of connections, if agreed by the residents. Currently we have 5 new signed agreements from sanctuary properties.
- The contractor has now undertaken the internal and external surveys of 15 private properties that will be connected as part of the Tranche 2 installation works in



the coming months subject to then signing Heat Supply Agreements.

- The contractor is in the process of undertaking a noise modelling layout as part of the noise mitigation in the Energy Centre to reduce the impact of noise levels generated around the surrounding area.

- Construction of CPEN is currently progressing according to plan, targeting completion for July. (subject to an EDF issue being resolved –and a Relaxation process being acquired and granted by EDF). However, there is still a risk that if the CPEN programme is significantly delayed, the energy centre will not have the electrical capacity to connect further customers over and above the connections mentioned before.

- The CPEN transformer has now been installed at the Energy Centre and tested and partly commissioned waiting for the CPEN completion.

- We have highlighted to the Contractor an incident about safety concerns at B1102 footway/cycleway. The contractor is still investigating this issue.

### **Clerk's Report**

The Annual Parish meeting took place on 29th May, with 24 people attending. The Litter pickers have requested more equipment from the PC. Overgrown footpaths were mentioned, in particular with reference to a child in a wheelchair who was having difficulty moving about the village safely; Cllr Cane (ECDC) offered to inspect the paths with the family in question to see if any curbs needed dropping etc. A shortage of volunteers generally was noted, but especially for the Scouts.

The Clerk is attending Planning training.

Allotments – the Clerk had looked into the cost of ground cover to suppress weed growth on the unrented allotment - to be decided at the July meeting.

The Clerk noted the need to set a new allotment inspection date as the last one was November 2022.

### **Parish Councillors' Reports**

Footpaths. Cllr Hart noted that the path from Pulpit Corner to Devils Dyke is impassable in some places, obscured by crops in others.

Rewilding in the churchyard. Cllr Latchford noted the need for a benchmark of biodiversity before the rewilding to provide evidence of an biodiversity increase through rewilding. To be discussed further at the July meeting.

Fibre broadband. Cllr Greenfield emailed to say that with the help of 'Connecting Cambridgeshire' he'd had some success in making contact with the County Broadband, the second company providing 'Fibre to the Premises' in the village and will hopefully have something solid to report at our next meeting in July.

### **Open Question Time**

There was further discussion of the rewilding of the churchyard and the overgrown footpaths. A member of the public noted the need to establish the legal basis of making the footpaths accessible and what is legally required.

Produced from unapproved minutes and may contain errors; approved minutes can be found at <http://www.swaffham-prior.co.uk/pc/minutes.html> If anyone would like any further information on any of the above items, please contact the Clerk.

**The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 11th July 2024 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.**

## Swaffham Prior Village Hall

July 2024

As always, there are some good things happening in the hall this month. As well as your regular meetings and classes throughout the week we have the popular Prior Arts Exhibition on 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July.

If you would like to join in or perhaps start something new head to our website at [www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk) for a full list.

Don't forget to check with your event organiser for timings during the summer period.

WI Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month 19:30 – 21:30	Contact Kate at <a href="mailto:katemuscroft@gmail.com">katemuscroft@gmail.com</a>
SF-Fit Pilates	Each Tuesday 17:00 – 20:00	Contact Sarah on 075999072008
SF-Fit Pilates	Each Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30	Contact Sarah on 075999072008
PhysiOptima Pilates	Each Wednesday 09:00 – 09:50	Contact Kristin on 07799323867
Slimming World	Each Thursday 17:30 – 19:00 & 19:00 – 20:00	Contact Sharon on 077601925638
Tai Chi Life Academy	Each Friday 10:00 – 12:00	Contact Sharyn on 0774017917
Lok Hup	Each Friday 12:00- 13:00	Contact Sharyn on 0774017917
SF-Fit Yoga	Each Friday 17:00 – 18:00	Contact Sarah on 075999072008

If you're looking to hire the village hall, for a wedding, party or other family gathering go to our website for availability, bookings & prices at;- [www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk)

For anything else contact Philip Blackburn on 07501230256

# Services in July 2024

## Wednesday 3 July

8pm CbyC, a contemplative service, online on Zoom

## Sunday 7 July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

## Sunday 14 July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom  
Holy Communion, Quy  
10.30am Family Worship, Swaffham Prior

## Sunday 21 July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

## Sunday 28 July – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

## Each Thursday

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

Revd Max Osborne will move into the new vicarage in Bottisham at the end of July.

In the meantime please contact your churchwarden as follows:

Bottisham: [bottisham@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:bottisham@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk); 01223 604019

Lode: [lode@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:lode@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk); 01223 811222

Quy: [quy@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:quy@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk); 01223 812652

Swaffham Bulbeck: [bulbeck@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:bulbeck@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk); 01223 812525; 01223 811501

Swaffham Prior: [prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk); 01638 743937

For general enquiries: [admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk); [churchwardens@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk](mailto:churchwardens@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/angleseychurches](https://www.facebook.com/angleseychurches);

A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7380/benefice>

# Dates for Your Diary

## July 2024

Thu	4	Peaceful and Prayerful Art Group, Holy Trinity Bottisham, 10.30-12pm (And every Thursday in July) [7]
Sat	6	Cambridge Open Studios , 10am-5pm, (see p 9 for locations), and every weekend throughout July Tea and Cakes at the Village Hall, 10am-5pm [9]
Sun	7	Tea and Cakes at the Village Hall, 10am-5pm [9]
Thu	11	PC Meeting, 7.30pm, VH
Mon	15	WI, VH, 7.30pm [17] Newmarket Cinema, The Stable, Newmarket, 7.30pm [11]
Tue	16	Village Gardeners, Netherhall Manor, Soham, 7pm [21]
Thu	18	Mothers' Union Afternoon Tea [21]
Sat	20	Tea and Cakes at the Village Hall, 10am-5pm [9]
Sun	21	Tea and Cakes at the Village Hall, 10am-5pm [9]
Mon	22	<b>Crier Copy Deadline</b>
Tue	23	Councillors' Surgery, Bulbeck Pavilion, 6.30pm [24]
Sun	28	Strawberry Teas, Goodwin Manor, Station Road, 3-5pm, [6]

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

Club	Contact	Tel.	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS	Becky Wilkes	07827 318351	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Tim Doe	01223 861083	Wed (Term) Mon (Term) Wed	5:15-6:30pm 6:30-8.00pm 7.00-8.30pm	Scout Hut
Reading Group	Brenda Wilson	743937	1 <sup>st</sup> Weds of month	6:00pm	Variable
Village Gardeners	Fiona Geraghty	741712	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Kate Muscroft Kaye Lewsinski	07752011308 <a href="mailto:Kayejanelew@gmail.com">Kayejanelew@gmail.com</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon of month	7.30 pm	Village Hall