



The Swaffham Crier

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Editorial

WELL! The strangest thing — this month we received a very nice letter from a concerned resident who said how much he appreciated the Crier (no—that's not the strange thing! Certainly not..) and he had found out about something rather disturbing that he really thought we ought to know about. You can read his article *Broadband from God* on page 8 — as did we, and my goodness, what is happening? Given recent events on the world stage, I said to spouse "Well, but at least it's all software — we don't have any of their hardware in the house...???" Wrong! What is this all about — we will endeavour to find out...

Sad goodbyes to John and Lana from the Red Lion this month who finally, finally got away, and we do hope they are doing well in their new pub — see them on Facebook. The Red Lion is under new management — a big welcome to Simon who we've already met a couple of times during the hand-over period!

Meanwhile, the July Village Gardeners' trip to Snakehall Farm went with rather more of a swing than anticipated when our tour guide did not materialise and we were *forced* to take shelter from the pouring rain in the aforementioned Red Lion.

We do hope everyone enjoyed July Open Studios — what a brilliant do, and it's so lovely we have so many really good artists in the village.

And finally, our Summer break. Yippee! See you in October! But in the meantime, don't forget — Spuds in Buckets/Harvest Show/DOG SHOW and much else.

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Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: *Maytime Magic*, watercolour & mixed media collage by **Leonie Smith**



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 26th September, 10.30 am-12noon

Once again we are getting to the time of year when we have our Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Sadly we all have some connection with the charity and their work with people who are undergoing some treatment for cancer. Consequently, you will all know how invaluable their help can be **but** it inevitably costs money. I do hope that you will, as usual, dig deep into your pockets in order to raise as much money as we can. There will be a **home made cake stall** and a **raffle** so plenty of ways to spend your money! There will also be coffee and biscuits and the chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. All are welcome, young and old!

I look forward to seeing so many of you on **Friday 26th September, 10.30am-12noon** at **The Oaks, Manor Farm Court, Lower End, Swaffham Prior**

Ruth Scovil



Spuds in Buckets

Grand Weigh In

Saturday 6th September, 2025, 2.30pm

**In front of the Village Hall, to precede the
Autumn Show**

**Winner to be announced at the
Produce Auction following the Dog Show**

Further information: Mandy 07796 091855





COMPETITIONS

PRODUCE ~ BAKING ~ PHOTOGRAPHY

CHILDRENS CREATIVE ~ DOG SHOW ~ CREAM TEAS

Entries to be exhibited 10:00 – 11:50

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

2:00 pm Start 3:00 Produce Auction

SWAFFHAM PRIOR VILLAGE HALL

FREE ENTRY

This Month's Cover Picture

This illustration is a watercolour and mixed media collage on cartridge paper. It is inspired by Swaffham Prior and celebrates its beautiful buildings and the wildlife and plants of the village. The two churches are a particular feature of Swaffham Prior and the village buzzard is a familiar sight to the artist, often sitting on the telegraph poles on Station Road.

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Celia Tyler

PRIOR FEN CHAPEL

"The Little Chapel in the Fen"

All welcome to our

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 5th October

3pm

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Traditional harvest service and hymns
Produce welcome

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Find us at CB7 5YJ, between Upware and Swaffham Prior.
Be early to guarantee a seat.

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For more information contact Nicola: 07968 658319

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

At last time's meeting three councillors sent their apologies but a completely different three and this time including the Chair so David Greenfield, as Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting. For the first time for a very long time, there were Councillors from both the District and County Councils present to give reports: the District Councillor was our MP, Charlotte Cane, in her continuing secondary role as a District Councillor and, for the County, Yannifer Malinowski was presenting her first report to the PC.



The rather esoteric (to me at least) topic of local government reorganisation put in its first appearance of the evening with encouragement to the PC to contribute with feedback. It was noted that the public could also contribute but not, as it says on the County Council web site, that the opportunity to do so closed on 20 July. Why is it so often the case that the timescale for these consultations is so short? Do responses from the public really make any difference anyhow? Let's hope that PCs have longer and/or that our PC has already contributed. The national government's motivation for these changes is that there should be unitary authorities, rather than the existing two tier structure of district and county councils, to provide greater efficiency – shades of NHS reorganisations past (and doubtless future!). But maybe the councils' communications, a recurring theme in this report, might be improved?

Similarly buses got a first mention of the evening with concerns being expressed that the interchanges between buses weren't working as well as they might with one bus sometimes waiting up to 9 minutes for the other, their engines running causing noise outside people's homes. It probably doesn't help that there are two different bus companies involved. There is also a possible need, picked up on later in the meeting, for a bus shelter on the Town Close side of the High Street for people to use when waiting. The PC's views were split on this and there was a 3-3 vote on whether even to proceed with a feasibility study, cost and appearance in the conservation area being major concerns (noting that the shelter on the other side of the road is uniquely well hidden). The Chair's casting vote approved proceeding with a study reporting back to a future PC meeting.

The Chair took the opportunity to note the difficulty of arranging meetings with John Trapp and the District Council. He has been trying for 3 months to organise one to discuss the horse field and affordable housing but so far without success. He had also asked for another meeting that he'd been unable to attend to be recorded but suspects that it won't have been, though it was thought that John Trapp was present and he may be able to report back.

CCC are also consulting on their Draft Public Right of Way Hierarchy which appears to be about identifying those which are most vital to the public and ensuring that these are given priority for maintenance, etc. Apparently all ours are at the

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lowest level and concern was also expressed that some may not even all be on the list. There was also concern that the criteria for high priority appear only to consider use by the young and active. Again the deadline for responses was unhelpfully short – the end of July! Maybe this initiative could trigger a longer term review of footpaths in the village? We're not well provided for circular walks or getting to Bulbeck without having to use footpaths alongside busy roads.

And so finally to the major item identified last time: the proposal for a solar farm at the end of the Heath Road alongside the A14. A large number of concerns were expressed by the members of the PC and a certain amount of pessimism that anything that we say will be listened to by central government. The areas of concern include: the Heath Road's capability to cope with the construction traffic (heavy agricultural vehicles are already causing problems there and into the village); general noise issues especially including early and late working; disturbance to archaeological remains near the Devils Dyke identified when the A14 was built; disturbance to the natural environment; the risk of the size of the installation growing as it has with the development at West Wrating (1500 acres there becoming over 3000); the cable route from the solar farm to the national grid at Burwell; etc. The Clerk was asked to put together a response on the village's behalf along these lines.

James Matheson



**St Mary's Church
Swaffham Prior**

is looking for more volunteers
male or female

to join the
Weekly Church Cleaning Rota

If you have an hour to spare
once every couple of months
you are just who we are looking for 😊

No heavy lifting involved,
all materials provided

To sign up, or for more information,
contact Janet Willmott 07833 960678

Your help would be
very much appreciated



Is the Swaffham Prior Heating Scheme Cheaper than Oil?

Ever since the Heating Scheme was first installed, this has been one of the two big questions, the other being: does it provide enough heat to heat your house? The latter at least seems to be reasonably easy to answer: everyone we've talked to says that their house is at least as warm as when they used oil.

Now that we have two years of figures from being on the Heating Scheme, it seems to be as good a moment as any to try to answer the question of cost. The figures I have used are based on running the two systems system for 2 years (Feb 21 to Jan 23 for oil, and July 23 to June 25 for the Heating Scheme) with costs adjusted for inflation (CPI) to give today's equivalent price.

On one measure, the amount we paid for heating over each two year period, the answer came as a surprise: there is no measurable difference, effectively a dead heat. And that's using the total cost, if you accept that the Heating Scheme's standing charge covers what would have been the cost of replacing the boiler every few years, then the Heating scheme is about 20% cheaper.

How much are we paying for heat over a two year period? The answer came as a surprise: there is no measurable difference

If, on the other hand, you simply compare today's unit prices, the headline figures paint a very different picture: the Heating Scheme's is 8.12p/kWh whereas oil is currently around 54p/litre or 5.2p/kWh. However oil prices vary (a factor of about 2 between the start and end of the two years) and generally tend to be at their lowest at this time of year. There may also be expected to be at least some difference as the Heating Scheme set their initial unit price higher than that for oil on the basis that it would be more efficient at using the delivered energy. There may be some support for this in that our

equal two-year costs reported above hide the also somewhat surprising fact that Heating Scheme used only a bit over 70% of the energy input compared to oil; though there may of course also have been differences in our use of energy between the two periods. If you adjust the unit price for oil to account for this possible efficiency difference, it becomes 7.43p/kWh at today's price and 8.87p/kWh at last winter's peak.

So what's the answer to the question in the title of this article? I don't know! It looks too close to call at the moment, but at least it doesn't make us regret signing up for the Heating Scheme. As for the future, who knows, but much depends on government policy on energy prices and taxation and that's probably more likely to favour the Heating Scheme than oil.

James Matheson

Swaffham Prior Bell Ringers

August 2025

Congratulations to Lynne and Jim who received their Level 1 certificates July, they have both made excellent progress – four more levels to go!

The tower has been extraordinarily warm during the hot weather. Not only the bells become more difficult to ring but some ringers (actually mostly the learners) leave the tower looking rather hot and dishevelled. As an alternative, one Tuesday practice session was replaced by a very enjoyable garden hand-bell session.

On Saturday 30th August the bells will be ringing for 1 hour from 10:45. This is a fundraising event organised the Stretham Tower Enhancement Project (STEP). 25 towers in the Ely District will be opening during the day; teams of ringers will be competing (and paying) to see who can ring in the most towers. Stretham has become a local centre for training bell ringers and the fundraising is for two new training bells (easy to ring bells that only sound through a computer) and also a large glass screen to separate the ringing chamber from the main body of the church. This will keep the ringing chamber warmer in the winter and provide a meeting room within the church.

Practice nights continue throughout the summer on a Tuesday evening (19:30);

contact swaffhamprior-bells@gmail.com if you are interested.

Mandy Kingsmill



During the recent heatwave, it was too hot in the Tower, so members practiced the hand-bells instead.

Broadband from God

Broadband from God, at least that is how I used to refer to it when asked which internet or broadband provider I used. As some will know, Broadband started in Swaffham Prior as a small volunteer-run venture called RaSP, Reach and Swaffham Prior community broadband, which was bought out by AirBroadband, a Cambridge company, and subsequently by a nationwide company called Voneus.

Recently Voneus, which does not have a very good record of reliability or customer service, informed me that they would raise my subscription for broadband alone by 58%. I decided to look on Google to find out who owns Voneus. I am glad I did. The result is that a large multi national Australian company called Macquarie has a majority, and a mysterious company referred to as a major share holder called IIF, which stands for 'Israel Infrastructure Fund'.

I immediately cancelled my dealings with Voneus and stopped my direct debit. QuestionWhy should some shady company calling itself IIF be interested in being a major shareholder in a small to medium size internet and broadband provider? We all know that Israel has one of the most sophisticated surveillance network in the world, along with the CIA, and they can, for instance intercept any phone calls etc. with software, called 'Pegasus', amongst a whole range of other spyware. Personally I do not want to share my data with such people, if possible. Broadband from God ? Unfortunately, not anymore.

I am not, and never have been a social media user. If you feel strongly , as I do , that other people should be aware of what's happening behind their backs, then do spread this on social media. People should be allowed to make up their own minds as to how their conscience alters their behaviour .

Jeremy Mitchel

Eds note: Well said! The more I think about this, the more uncomfortable I feel that we may be unwittingly helping to fund Israel's destruction of the Gaza Strip. And, as regular readers will be aware, this isn't by any means the first time Voneus have appeared in an unfavourable light in the *Crier*.

Like others, we have suffered from their poor service including when they stopped hosting the Crier's email without notification forcing us to change email supplier urgently when we worked out why we weren't getting any email. Our connection itself has stopped working three times since they took over, twice because they reconfigured their end without telling us, and most recently because their equipment here dating back to the RaSP era had finally expired (it took them from mid-August to early December last year to fix this despite us suggesting this might be the cause of the problem!). To cap it all, we're now also victims of their recent price rise - an even larger percentage increase in our case. Whilst at the old price, the poor service and lack of proper compensation for that 3.5 month outage (initially nothing, now little more than not charging for the time we had no service) was perhaps well-what-can-you-expect-at-that-price, it now looks like very poor value. Here's hoping that fibre broadband will be with us soon enough that we can move straight to that. *JM*

Julie's Holiday Picnic Recipes

Scotch eggs

500g good quality sausage meat
1 tbsp chopped fresh sage
1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
1tbsp chopped fresh parsley

7 large eggs
50g plain flour for dusting
150g fresh breadcrumbs
Vegetable oil for frying

Hard boil 6 of the eggs for 6 minutes, remove and plunge into a bowl of iced water for a minute, then peel the shells off and set aside.

Mix the sausage meat with the herbs, season well, then divide into 6 equal portions. Flatten each one out into a 13cm circle. Place an egg in the middle of each one and mould the sausage meat around until evenly covered.

Whisk up an egg and place breadcrumbs in a separate bowl. Dip the eggs into egg mixture and then dip into the breadcrumbs so they are fully coated.

When all coated, deep fry the eggs until brown and crispy.

Serves 6

The Best Picnic Sandwich

1 large French stick
Shop brought pesto
½ lb burrata cheese
10 good sized basil leaves

10 roasted tomato halves
¼ lb thinly sliced salami or Parma
ham or both
8 oz drained roasted peppers

To make the sandwich, cut the bread in desired lengths and slice across the middle. Start by spreading the pesto on the bottom half of the loaf and then spread the burrata on top. Continue by layering the rest of the ingredients.

When layered fold together and use a cocktail stick to secure if needed.

Beetroot Hummus

1 tsp cumin seeds
250g cooked beetroot
400g tin chickpeas, drained and
rinsed
1 garlic clove, peeled

1 tsp ground coriander
½ tsp salt
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
Ground black pepper

1.Toast the cumin seeds gently for 2 minutes, the remove from heat.

2.Put the beetroot, chickpeas, garlic, coriander, salt and olive oil in a food processor. Add the cumin seeds and lemon juice, season well. Blitz until smooth, check the seasoning to taste, add a bit more of something if needed and blitz again.

Use the hummus as a dip with vegetable crudites or spread on sour dough bread or rye bread topped with watercress and pine nuts or toasted sunflower seeds



Swaffham Prior Heat Network – August 2025 Update

Progress Update

We're delighted to announce that we now have 99 properties connected to the Swaffham Prior Heat Network! A warm welcome to our newest customers and a heartfelt thanks to everyone for your ongoing support and patience.

Take a look at the image below to see a Heat Interface Unit (HIU) recently installed in one of our connected properties. Customers who recently joined the network have expressed their satisfaction with the quality and professionalism of our installation team. Would you like to experience the heating system in person? Join our Open House events, where you can see both internal and external installations and chat directly with homeowners about their experiences. If interested, please email us, and our team will be in touch.

Currently, our installation team is busy connecting properties along the High Street. If you're interested in joining the next batch of connections, we encourage you to fill out our Expression of Interest form ([link provided below](#)). Please note, connections are managed in groups for efficiency, and planning for the next batch installation is already underway.

Should you experience any issues during installation, please contact our CCC team directly. To ensure quick and effective resolution, it's important you speak with

us first rather than contacting sub-contractors directly. CCC cannot assume responsibility or offer compensation if issues arise from direct arrangements made without our involvement.

Energy Centre Update

Our Energy Centre continues to operate smoothly, monitored continuously by our main contractors, with regular maintenance checks being performed. We would like to inform you that on Thursday, 24th July, an ammonia leak alarm was triggered at the centre. Following safety protocols, the Fire Brigade attended and, after investigation, confirmed no ammonia leak had occurred. The alert was due to a faulty sensor, which has now been rectified.



Billing Information

Invoices for the quarter April – June'25 have now been issued. If you encounter any difficulties making payments, please contact us promptly for assistance. Non-payment within the agreed timeframe may result in referral to our debt recovery team.

Our heating tariffs are reviewed annually each October, based on changes in oil prices and the consumer price index. This ensures our pricing remains fair and reflective of the market. If oil prices fall compared to last year, you will see corresponding adjustments in our tariffs next year from January.

Remember, proper insulation can significantly reduce your heating bills by maintaining a comfortable indoor temperature and minimising heat loss. Additionally, make sure your thermostat is installed in a frequently used room, not in a cold area, to prevent unnecessary heating cycles. You can also conveniently manage your HIU through our mobile app. If you need help with temperature settings or app use, please contact our team.

New Connection Clarification

We understand some homeowners have questions about delays in their property connections. In certain cases, properties are located far from existing network infrastructure, making individual connections financially impractical. Typically, we wait until multiple properties in the same area or driveway express interest to enable efficient, cost-effective connections.

Occasionally, delays occur because not all homeowners sharing a driveway agree to connect. In these scenarios, formal easement agreements between CCC and non-participating homeowners are required, leading to additional time needed for completion. In these scenarios, formal easement agreements between CCC and non-participating homeowners are required, leading to additional time needed for completion of the easement process.

Interested in seeing our heating system and talk to our customers?

Join our Open House events to visit a connected home, learn about the installation setup, and also have your questions answered by our team and residents. To sign up, simply email us your interest.

Meet the Team

Want to discuss the benefits of connecting your home to the heat network? Our team is available for meetings at the Village Hall, your home, or via video call. To arrange a conversation with our business or technical specialists, please do get in touch on the below contact details.

Get in Touch or Register Your Interest

To register for future connections, please complete the **Expression of Interest form** here: <https://forms.office.com/e/8mg3xtEpnY>

Contact Details:

Email: heatingswaffhamprior@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Customer Service: 0345 0455210

24/7 Helpline: 01782 390777

Thank you again for your continued support!

The View from Lower End

Excitement, Joy, Pleasure. Shock, Exposure, Indignation, Blame, and a bit of Moral Lecturing – Come on it!!!

What a stir The Salt Path caused at the beginning of July when the Observer revealed that this best selling book was a fraud. Two million copies sold – not bad for a book published in 2018. Author and publisher to be congratulated? Not a bit of it. All's well until the grumps come onto the scene. The news sparked articles all over the place. I saw just a few.

Some 'Publishings Insiders' were given a huge amount of space to explode, and to express amazement at the slackness of Penguin Random House who were quite happy to mis-sell a book. . "How did this happen". "Did no one check out the story?" They put it down to publishing being "an overwhelmingly middle-class industry". They claimed "It highlights the perils of the lack of diversity in publishing – not simply of ethnicity, sexuality or age but of class and lived experience too."

Katie Glass was also given a whole page to moan and lament. "I recommended the book again and again to friends who told me again and again how uplifting they found it." Jolly good. Instead it was as if a heinous crime had been committed. And yet it was just another piece of successful publishing. Did Katie read Robinson Crusoe when she was young. Does she now rail on and on about having been deceived, even though the book is estimated to have sold many hundreds of millions of copies. Like all industries publishing does need to be successful - which is not always easy for the author or for the publisher. The author has to have the idea, and then write and often most probably rewrite many times. Any hopeful author will tell you of the all demands and difficulties. Harry Potter had to be touted all over the place until Bloomsbury took a chance on it. George Orwell, in spite of being a successful author took years before he found a publisher for his 1984.

We must remember that The Salt Path sold two million copies. It was also selected by many Book Clubs (*including our own, Eds*) As far as I can tell its reception was mixed as with many Book Club selections. How boring if we all had the same opinion. It would be interesting if members of the Swaffham Prior Book Club would write in with their thoughts on The Salt Path, including whether they had actually read the book. One rough conclusion could be that one million readers really liked it and another million were not so enthused. So What???

Is Penguin Random House equally guilty over Spare? Did they thoroughly check Prince Harry's story before handing over that huge advance. Having sold over six million world wide since publication on 10 January 2023 this is just another equally astute bit of publishing. No doubt the "Publishers Insiders" will have comments about the unusual publishing date which misses the lucrative Christmas market. For anyone interested this is just another interesting way that publishers remain in business so that they can publish more struggling or esoteric writers as well as the



successful ones. Returning to The Salt Path has the book done any harm, apart from boring some and pleasing many others. Will seeing the film actually do any harm? A lot of people appear to have read the book and it is possible you may know someone. But does anyone know anyone who has bought or read Spare?

Enough of this. Let's raise a glass to Tom Lehrer who died on 26 July. I have been a fan of Lehrer since my late teens and have always enjoyed the opportunity to quote him. So I feel it a almost a privilege that he died so very closely to my birthday. It is indeed such an honour and I may just take a wander down the road to join the celebrations of my friends, the Pigeons in the Park.

Alastair Everitt



SWAFFHAM PRIOR

Saturday 6th September 2025

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

**Six Classes: Agility, Waggiest Tail,
Most Obedient (sit, down, stand, heel),
“Treat Run”, Best Doggy Trick,
Fancy Dress – “*Out of This World*”, let your
imagination run away with you (dog and owner)**

Classes £1 each or £5 for all six classes

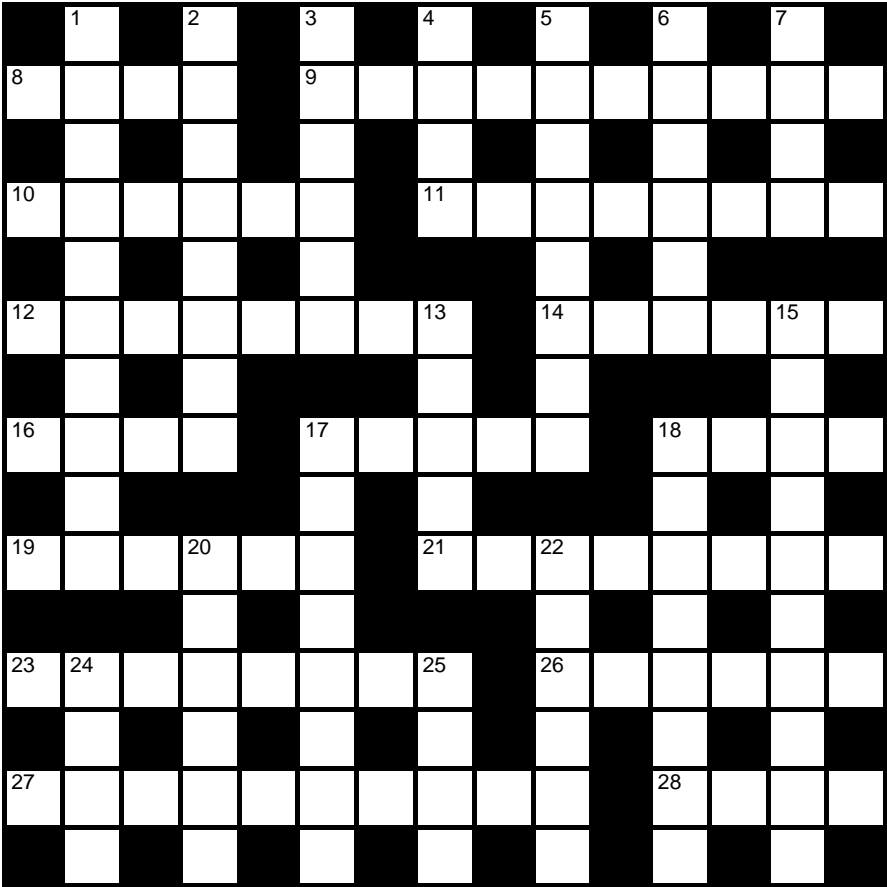
**Entries on the day, enquiries in advance to
Janet on 07833 960678**

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

Crossword Number 230

Compiled by NIBOR

This month’s puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18th September 2025. 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

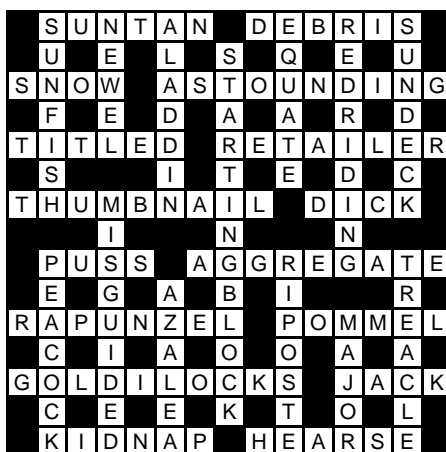
- 8 Airline takes nurse to see grain store (4)
- 9 One of many shops selling bonds? (5,5)
- 10 Choose not to take pot (3,3)
- 11 Honour to the Spanish and French; note what's on the menu (8)
- 12 I ran a CID organisation to find air pollution (4,4)
- 14 Holy man in auction gets a place to sit (6)
- 16 Benevolent sort (4)
- 17 Initially older people expected real ale and musicals (5)
- 18 It is in the outskirts of Calgary, a large town (4)
- 19 Make witty remark then set out from crumbling tombstone (3,3)
- 21 The old chap on the railway was from a peasant farming background (8)
- 23 Small 17A (8)
- 26 Abnormally fit? yes, and plucky (6)
- 27 Nanny damaged my bread bin (4,6)
- 28 Fat used in popular diets (4)

Down

- 1 Put hat on, back up copy then I get no coffee (10)
- 2 Spread out when international organisation collapsed (8)
- 3 We hear iit is a cold drink (3,3)
- 4 Found in such a long corona (4)
- 5 Silly Aberdeen Angus began to leave submarine (8)

- 6 Be here for a sober conclusion (6)
- 7 Run back first to our race track (4)
- 13 Poor people lack youth leader (5)
- 15 Turtle ear I destroyed with books (10)
- 17 Surpass exposed football kit (8)
- 18 Collarbone broken - vanilla ice cream needed? Not in Armenia (8)
- 20 Originally Mark and Ruby took young Robert to see Stephen as an example (6)
- 22 Car follows bull to see English city (6)
- 24 Scheme to put pound in pot (4)
- 25 Strange idea for an assistant (4)

Solution to crossword no. 229



We congratulate Robert Nunn, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive a prize certificate from the editors.

POEM OF THE MONTH(S)

At Grass

The eye can hardly pick them out
From the cold shade they shelter in,
Till wind distresses tail and mane;
Then one crops grass, and moves about
- The other seeming to look on -
And stands anonymous again

Yet fifteen years ago, perhaps
Two dozen distances sufficed
To fable them : faint afternoons
Of Cups and Stakes and Handicaps,
Whereby their names were artifice
To inlay faded, classic Junes -

Silks at the start : against the sky
Numbers and parasols : outside,
Squadrons of empty cars, and heat,
And littered grass : then the long cry
Hanging unhushed till it subside
To stop-press columns on the street.

Do memories plague their ears like
flies?
They shake their heads. Dusk brims the
shadows.

Summer by summer all stole away,
The starting-gates, the crowd and cries -
All but the unmolesting meadows.
Almanacked, their names live; they

Have slipped their names, and stand at
ease,
Or gallop for what must be joy,
And not a fieldglass sees them home,
Or curious stop-watch prophesies :
Only the groom, and the groom's boy,
With bridles in the evening come.

Philip Larkin

Yes, Larkin again – and horses again, too, albeit throughbreds this time. Passing the bronze statue of Hyperion in Newmarket High Street never fails to bring this poem to mind and this poem never fails to move me in its elegiac tenderness for the faded heroes of past glories they probably never understood were glories, let alone theirs. The contrast between the third stanza's astonishingly economical evocation of a race day and the bittersweet tranquility of the last two says it all.

One to remember when you're caught in the traffic jam on Barbara Stradbroke Avenue behind the car park queue for the Rowley Mile.

Summer days at Anglesey Abbey

Summer of Play

From now until 31 August, come and have a play in the giant sand pit, take part in some seaside arts & crafts and challenge your friends to a game of badminton or volleyball. This year, we're having a seaside-themed Summer of Play at Anglesey Abbey, sponsored by Starling Bank.

In addition to five creative and interactive seaside play zones, **crazy golf** continues from now until 10 August, and you can enjoy weekly art & craft workshops too.

There will be a **live sand carving** of the house at Anglesey Abbey taking place on 13 August as well as workshops run by the master sculptors, Sand In Your Eye. The sand carving is free* and you can book onto the workshops via our website.

Every Friday from 25 July to 29 August, we will have **Fish & chip Fridays** at Anglesey Abbey, with tasty food available to buy from the popular local food van, Pimp my Fish.

Outdoor theatre: Twelfth Night

Pack a picnic and come and watch The Lord Chamberlain's Men perform Shakespeare's greatest romantic comedy, Twelfth Night, in the gardens on Saturday 16 and 23 August. Sit back and enjoy one of Shakespeare's masterpieces performed in the open air next to Anglesey Abbey's Jacobean-style country house and stunning Rose Garden.

August bank holiday: vintage cars and pirate show!



On Monday 25 August, come and see a range of vintage and modern MG cars exhibited in the stunning gardens at Anglesey Abbey. The cars will be displayed in an iconic location within the gardens between 10am and 5pm, free* for visitors to enjoy for just one day.

For children and families, we will have an immersive pirate show on 25 August put on by The Walking Theatre Company in the Orchard – book now to avoid disappointment.

**Free for National Trust members, otherwise normal admission charges apply.*

Plan your day: nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey



BOTTISHAM & BURWELL PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Our club meetings have ceased for the summer break, but quite a number of our members enjoyed a Club Outing to Felixstowe on Sunday 8th June. The weather was very kind to us with plenty of sunshine, although very windy and a little chilly near the Container Port. Images captured not only at the Port but at Landguard Fort, Dovercourt and Pin Mill will be entered in our projected digital competition for The Metcalfe Trophy to be held on 30 September 2025.

We now look forward to our new season which commences on the 9th September. This will be a social celebration of last season when we welcome new and returning members and Cups and Trophies will be presented to the award winners of our annual Print & PDI competitions. Members' prints and projected digital images from last season will be on display during the evening.

We have lots to look forward to in our new programme which runs from September to May and some of the highlights are shown below:

16 September

An Introduction to Deep Sky Astrophotography by Max Dobres, which will be held on Zoom.

23 September

An Evening of Panels by Chrissie Hart of Ipswich & Colchester Photographic Societies. Chrissie loves producing printed bodies of work and has produced numerous panels which have won awards at her local club which have also gone on to win the Chelmsford 4 C's Annual Panel Competition.

21 October

Passion for Scapes by Kevin Pigney, Burwell. A digital presentation on Zoom by this local professional photographer.

28 October

Dalmatian Pelikans of Lake Kerkini by Alison Jenkins of Ware & District PS.

We meet Tuesday evening from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm at Swaffham Prior Village Hall (except the third Tuesday in the month when the meeting is on Zoom) and new members are always welcome. Visitors can attend a lecture for a small entrance fee of £4.00, which includes refreshments. Our annual subscription is £55.00 per Adult, £30.00 per Student, plus a weekly attendance fee of £1, which includes refreshments. For further information please contact our Secretary, Debra Bennett by Email at secretary.bandbpc@gmail.com or Tele: 07722 388770.

Daphne Hanson DPAGB HonPAGB
Chairman/Programme Secretary

The Reading Group Reads....Wish You Were Here

By Jodi Picoult

I was idly making my way through this book noting the ideal-couple happy-chappy start and wondering what was going to go wrong, when SUDDENLY...!

It would be true to say that no-one who attended July's Bookclub meeting expected THAT, me included, but it turned out something like this had actually happened in real life and quite recently to a member of our very own group — so, perhaps not too far-fetched!

The heroine of the book is an art-dealer, and works for a prestigious auction house. She is in negotiations with a character who is clearly a thinly-disguised model for Yoko Ono (although insufficiently thinly for one member, who kicked herself when she twigged) and who has a very special picture that her late husband has given her. The lead auction house negotiator has her ideas about a massive John Lennon memorial sell-off, but our heroine correctly divines that Yoko does not want this—and consequently gets the contract, and a heavy promotion at the auction house. But then Covid intervenes, as does her long-planned holiday in the Galapagos with her handsome surgeon boyfriend — and the rest is the book with the mega-shock in the middle that I am not telling you about!

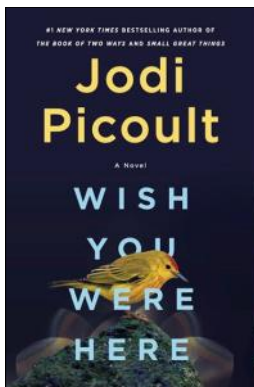
I personally found a certain amount of US style whingeing in this book, mainly in that our heroine's mother turns out to have been a very famous war/catastrophe photographer needing to travel a great deal and consequently 'never being there for her' (weep, snuffle) even though the remaining parent always is, and this continues relentlessly and rather irritatingly until the very last page — a rather clumsy device to 'match' the title and the rest of the book, one feels.

Caroline Matheson

Forthcoming:

September 3rd:	The Various Haunts of Men by Susan Hill
October 1st:	James by Percival Everett
November 5th:	Long Island by Colm Tobin

Bookclub normally takes place at 6pm on the first Wednesday of the month at 5, Lower End, All welcome.



The Swaffhams' WI

How quickly can you name 10 famous scientists? Now how quickly can you name 10 famous female scientists? Did you automatically think of men? Or did you think of both the men and women who for centuries have worked in the scientific field?

Our talk this month at the Swaffhams' WI was by Alison Giles on Scientific Women at the Whipple Museum, Cambridge. Alison started by pointing out that over the centuries there have been thousands of women in science but most people only think of men. Note that I wrote 'women in science' rather than female scientists. Alison talked, for example, about Caroline Herschel, 1750-1848, (the Whipple Museum has the Herschel telescope) and Ida Freund, 1863-1914, who studied at Cambridge and received the equivalent of a First-Class degree but could not actually be awarded her degree (being a woman) and therefore remained at Cambridge working as the first female lecturer in Chemistry. The list of the women in science which Alison talked about dated from Hypatia of Alexandria 350ish – 415 right up to Maggie Aderin-Pocock 1968 – present day.

So why are so many women in science not as prominent as their male equivalents? The most obvious reason is the discouragement of girls and women in education over the centuries. However, there are still so many women who managed to succeed in one way or another in this field. There are many female astronomers (it is difficult to ban women from looking at the night sky) and many female botanists (drawing was a skill encouraged but to draw the inner workings of plants took more than just looking at them growing in the garden).

Ada Lovelace was taught maths, encouraged by her mother who wanted to discourage her from following the route of a romantic poet like her father, Lord Byron. Ada, with her exceptional mathematical ability and partly using her knowledge of lace making machines, was the first to recognise that Babbage's Analytical Engine had applications beyond pure calculation leading to current day computer programming. Ida Freund inspired her students by creating a large periodic table with each element represented by a cupcake decorated with its



name and atomic number in icing to use as a teaching aid in her lectures (do read 'Lessons in Chemistry' if you have not yet done so!). Portraits of prominent women in science over the years usually show them in domestic scenes rather than in the laboratory. And more often than not a brother, husband or a male co-worker is credited before the woman is mentioned.

Alison is continuing her research into women in science and more women are being discovered all the time, usually through a brief reference in a letter written by a man to his male colleagues. So, if you ever get a chance to hear Alison speak on this subject (or any other topic), do please go along. You will find yourself hanging on her every word! And next time we are asked to name some famous scientists, let's hope we all include the women.



Our next meeting is on Monday 18 August at 7:30pm in Swaffham Prior Village Hall. Our speaker will be Kevin Boardman who is speaking on The Oregon Trail. Kevin has spoken at one of our meetings in the past and he is a highly entertaining speaker. Do please come along and join our thriving and friendly group. We have members from Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior. We hope to see you in August!

Kate Muscroft



VILLAGE GARDENERS

Due to unforeseen circumstances which led to an unplanned but sociable drink in the Red Lion, the Village Gardeners visit to The Prospects Trust at Snakehall Farm on Reach Road has been rescheduled to Tuesday 19th August at 6.15pm. We'll meet at the gate near the farm shop a few minutes earlier, ready for a site tour and a presentation about the history of the organic farm and the work that goes on there. We like to give a donation to the charitable trust (suggest £5 adults/ £2 children). The next indoor meeting of the Village Gardeners will take place on Tuesday 16th September at 8pm (doors 7.45pm) in Swaffham Prior Village Hall, when Linda Gascoigne will be coming to give a talk on 'Going Wild in the Garden'. Linda will give some advice on how to transform your garden into a wildlife haven. Everyone is welcome; attendance is free for annual members or £4 per talk for visitors. For anyone that would like to stay and chat, tea and homemade cakes will be on-sale afterwards. We hope to see you there.

Fiona Geraghty



Mothers' Union

At our June meeting Julie Sale kindly spoke to us about life of Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers Union in 1876. Mary dedicated herself to raising her three children and helping her husband Revd George Sumner's ministry by providing music and Bible Classes. When Mary became a grandmother, she was keen to support young mothers. She believed that motherhood should be seen as a profession and viewed the role of women in bringing up a better society to be extremely important. She encouraged mothers from all social classes to support one-another, remembering how isolating motherhood could be.

The Mother's Union grew from 60,000 members in 1892 to over 170,000 members in 1900, with branches world-wide. Today there are 4 million members across 83 countries, with Mary Sumner's work continuing at local, national and international levels, engaging in prayer, social outreach, and campaigning to promote stable family life and address issues such as poverty and violence.

We were joined at our July meeting by Alison Johnson who spoke about Literacy in Prisons- 'An outsiders guide to life inside'. Alison had spent 16 years teaching English in prisons, starting at a time when statistics showed that 60% of adults in prison had a lower literacy rate than an 11-year-old. She described to us the processes of in-depth training, staff members entering, being searched (on the way in and out), unlocking and locking gates whilst being on the alert all the time, and tutors being on their own with a group of up to 12 adults in a classroom for 3½ hour sessions. Within the group there would be students at various stages of their sentences (so could have been any of the categories at the beginning of their sentence, and women's prisons have all categories), and always one or more on suicide watch. Activities had to be varied to keep attention, but all without the use of computers! The main aim was always to gain qualifications to meet the funding requirements.

Alison concluded that it was a rewarding job – but it was not possible to ever know if you made a difference or not, as students would not always attend sessions and tutors were not able to know what they moved on to do once they left the class.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 18th September at 2.30pm at the Passage Hall, Lode. We will be joined by Chris Wiseman from Save the Children.

All are welcome to join us.

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Alison Martin

A very busy month for committees

Licensing Committee 18 June

The draft revised version of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (which must be reviewed every five years) was approved, and is now going out to consultation. The major change was the Promotion of Equality, in a paragraph introduced to set out the Council's commitment to equality matters.

Operational Services Committee 23 June

Proposed changes to planning committees by central government were considered to be not helpful, and the Council has formed a small group that will respond to the consultation and potential changes.

It was resolved to note the content of the report, and the progress made towards the implementation of the new waste and recycling collection service.

The Citizens Advice West Suffolk (CAWS) report was noted, and it showed that many residents of the Bottisham Ward were using this service.

Finance and Assets Committee 26 June

The Climate and Nature Monitoring Report mentioned that progress was being made in some of the items in the Action Plan, but that many had not been started. The Council was encouraging households to improve energy efficiency through ECO 4 and a more flexible arrangement agreed with contractors. Mention was made of working with residents to create an accessible one-acre woodland in Bottisham.

A sum of £102,245 has been set aside towards Inclusive Play and Open Spaces improvements and creation following the Inclusive Play Audit.

The Council was given grants from UK Shared Prosperity and Rural England Prosperity Business Grant Funds to help small businesses expand and train new staff. It was agreed that the Business Growth Fund will open on the 7 July 2025 and close no later than 23:59 on 5 September 2025, with all projects to be completed by 31 March 2026, and that the Rural England Prosperity Business grant fund will open early autumn 2025 and be completed by 31st March 2026. Further details from the Economic Development Manager at ECDC. Parish Councils will be notified as they may be aware of small businesses in their patch that would qualify for these grants.

Surgery

There will be no surgery this month, and we shall resume holding surgeries in September.



August Update from Charlotte Cane MP

It's been a year since I was elected to represent Ely and East Cambridgeshire, and I'm proud of what we've achieved together so far. From tackling local issues to standing up for our community in Westminster, I've been working hard to deliver real change.

Key priorities this year have included:

Supporting residents through the cost-of-living crisis

Campaigning for better access to NHS dentists

Demanding action on sewage pollution in our rivers

Pushing for more resources to tackle rural crime

I'm also continuing to fight for fairer funding for Cambridgeshire councils, especially for SEND services and road maintenance. And I remain committed to securing investment in the Ely Junction rail upgrade — a vital project for our region's growth.

Standing Up for Fairness:

I voted against the Government's Welfare Bill, which would have cut vital support for carers and vulnerable people. I'll keep campaigning for a fair, compassionate welfare system that protects dignity and independence.

Backing Local Pharmacies:

Rural and community pharmacies are under pressure. I've urged the Health Minister to ensure they receive the funding and staffing they need to continue delivering essential services.

Listening to Farmers:

After meeting local farmers at an NFU event, I raised their concerns — including hare coursing and machinery theft — with the Policing Minister, and discussed how the rural crime strategy can better support our communities.

SEND Reform:

Many parents have shared their concerns about the Government's proposed Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) reforms. I'm backing the Liberal Democrats' five principles for reform, which focus on putting children and families first, boosting capacity, and ensuring fair funding.

At home in the Constituency:

With Parliament in recess, I'm enjoying attending events across our beautiful area — like Burwell Carnival, where I got to sit in Burwell Print's "Formula 1" car! Community events are a lovely way for me to meet residents and hear your concerns.

As always, I'm here to support you:

If there is a private matter you need help with, please do book an appointment at one of my MP advice surgeries which are held across the constituency and also online. Book here: bit.ly/bookasurgery

Alternatively, phone my office on 02073 621601

or email me at charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk

Warm wishes, Charlotte, MP for Ely and East Cambridgeshire



Charlotte asking a question in Parliament on the Welfare Bill



**With Councillor
Yannifer
Malinowski at
Burwell
Carnival, in
Burwell Print's
parade-winning
car**

Notes from the Swaffham Prior

July Parish Council meeting

The June meeting of the Parish Council took place on the 10th July, starting at 7.30pm. It was chaired by Cllr David Greenfield and was attended by 6 parish councillors and five members of the public.

Reports

Cambridge County Council. Cllr Yannifer Malinowski attended and reported:

dealing with many road issues, including the trench and re-instatement of yellow lines on Swaffham Prior High Street. DG noted that Equans have committed to these works.

appointed Vice -chair of scrutiny for the Fire Authority and is looking at concerns regarding the fire risks of battery storage at solar farms and the plans of the Fire Authority regarding tackling such fires.

reporting back to A-B1102 regarding the Tiger buses

CCC will also run a survey regarding the Local Government reforms.

East Cambridgeshire District Council. A report was circulated by email and Cllr Charlotte Cane attended. Cllr Cane noted that use of the Citizens' Advice West Suffolk (CAWS) by many residents of the Bottisham ward makes the continued funding of this service more secure. Also, the importance of PC engagement with the ECDC Public and Stakeholder survey regarding the Local Government Reorganisation. Cllr Cane mentioned that the government wanted councils (ECDC and CCC) to adopt a cabinet system instead of a committee system.

Cllr Greenfield asked for Cllr Canes assistance in organising a meeting with the head of planning at ECDC regarding the Horse field potential development. Cllr Cane agreed to look into it.

Cllr Latchford noted that some buses are running 4-9 minutes early on the new routes, making them difficult to catch. Cllr Gynn noted a bus waiting not at the bus stop, but with the engine running early one morning – this had been passed on to Jon Cook of A-B1102. Cllr Cane stated the companies need to communicate effectively to maintain minimum changeover times. Cllr Greenfield will take these issues to the A-B1102 meeting next Wednesday.

Matters arising from previous minutes (for information only)

Concern that GigaClear did not plan to cover the High Street. Cllr Greenfield had spoken to Connect Cambridgeshire to check if funding was available – they will update when they can. Fibre is being laid through the village and there are paint markers on the High Street.

Planning applications.

25/00684/FUL Bricking up of an airey house, replacement porch and single storey rear extension. 25 Fairview Grove, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0LB.

The PC actively support this application.

25/00671/TRE T1 Sycamore adjacent to house - Reduce height by 5m, reduce spread on all sides by 2.5m and shape round. T2 Cypress adjacent to house - Reduce height by 4-5m down to ridge of roof trim back on garden side by 1.5m. T3 Yew - Trim to clear phone lines by 1-1.5m, remove dead branches in inner canopy. Stocks Farm House 1 Lower End Swaffham Prior Cambridgeshire CB25 0HT.

The PC support this application.

Approved:

25/00442/FUL Ground floor and rear extension. 15 Fairview Grove, Swaffham
Prior CB25 0HX.

Feedback to CCC regarding the draft Public Right of Way Hierarchy

Cllr Kent-Phillips noted that becoming overgrown was an issue for all Swaffham Prior's footpaths.

The Clerk, and Cllrs Lambert and Greenfield will co-ordinate a response.

Long Barrow Solar Farm project

The PC agreed the following points of concern:

The proposed site is on top of a scheduled ancient monument and an unscheduled bronze age circular ditch. This would require extensive archaeological investigation of both the monuments and the area they are set in.

The proposed site is under the flight path to Newmarket racecourse and there is concern that light reflected from the solar panels could dazzle pilots overhead.

The ecological impact of the proposed development on the area, particularly with a view to biodiversity.

The condition of Heath Road – which is already in need of substantial repair and is not fit for use by the necessary additional heavy construction vehicles that would need access. Are the developers proposing to contribute by funding necessary road repairs and improvements?

Provision at the junction of Heath Road and the B1102 for increased traffic – at present the PC's Speed Indicator Device has recorded 1000 cars per hour in each direction between 8-10am and 4-6pm. This is not easily combined with heavy vehicles leaving and rejoining the B1102.

The potential for noise pollution for residents from increased traffic noise, potentially outside of normal hours.

Access to the site for fire engines – as noted Heath Road is already in poor condition. Also, the robustness of risk assessments for fire at a solar farm, particularly in reference to the battery storage.

The PC refute the description of Heath Road as particularly quiet. There are currently 4 agricultural contractors based along that roadway in addition to a sizable construction company with a fleet of lorries. This has already increased the volume of heavy machinery using the road at all hours.

Parishioners have raised concerns about a devaluing of house prices overlooking the proposed farm.

Concern has been raised around 'scope creep'; that the solar farm, once agreed, could expand considerably in size, as observed at West Wrating, another site in the area.

The Clerk will feed these back to Long Barrow Solar Farm and request Mike Barker undertake a biodiversity assessment of the proposed site.

Cllr Greenfield noted the importance of raising parish awareness of this development.

Survey of the cemetery trees

The PC agreed to the ETS quote for the survey.

Request for a bus shelter at the stop by the playground

The Clerk and Cllr Greenfield will explore options for the installation of a bus shelter.

Village hall driveway trees

As the advice received from the ECDC Tree officer was that permission would be needed to do more than the minimum in tree reduction, the PC agreed to get quotes for the work.

ECDCs survey on local council reorganisation

Cllr Kent-Phillips volunteered to respond to the survey on the PC's behalf.

The Clerk to forward the link to the survey to the Crier.

Nurture Landscaping contract (grass-cutting).

Cllr Greenfield reported that an 8% increase will come into force on 1st August, as the contract allows for 1 month's notice. The PC agreed to accept the increase.

Clerk's Report

The Scouts are very pleased to receive their grant.

A bus single fare is rising from £2 to £2.50 from 1st July.

Bin bags will be delivered between now and 31st August and the collection timetables in the first 2 weeks of September.

The keys for the shed have been copied and handed over to Janet Wilmott.

The Annual Village Assembly 2026 has been booked for 20th May.

Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Greenfield reported that the invoices for Nurture Landscaping are still being corrected.

Cllr Gynn noted concerns regarding the speed of tractors through the village by 2 parishioners and that the Stocks Farm hedge was still overhanging the pavement.

The Clerk will write to Hurrells, Greens, Chambers and AG Wright asking the drivers to take extra care through the village and to Stocks Farm to ask for news of progress on trimming the hedge.

Produced from unapproved minutes and may contain errors; approved minutes can be found at <http://www.swaffhamprior-pc.gov.uk/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, 14th August 2025 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

The Knitted Bible Exhibition comes to St James Church Lode August 2025



**Events and parables from the bible are
depicted in knitted figures.**

**Come and view them during regular church
opening times 9.00 am – 5.00pm**

For more info. Please contact the churchwarden
lode@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

PEACEFUL AND PRAYERFUL ART GROUP FOR ADULTS

Thursdays

SEPTEMBER 4th, 11th, 18th

10:30am - 12:30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham

Those of all faiths or none
are WELCOME

NO GROUP DURING AUGUST

No art experience necessary.
Support given to get started if required

A wide range of art materials supplied:
Charcoal / felt tips / pencils / crayons /
watercolour pencils / paints / pastels

Newmarket Cinema

Film shows for July - September 2025 at The Stable, High Street, Newmarket.

July 21st - A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood (PG)

August 18th - Paddington in Peru (PG)

September 15th - A Private Function (1984) (15)

Doors open at 6.45pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Admission is £6 which includes free refreshments. If you would like to reserve seats either send an email to richardjbowler@outlook.com or call 01638 666810.

Richard Penney

FREecycle

As a reminder, everything is offered for free and nothing is expected in return. If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the 14th of each month by phone/text (07980 423210) or e-mail (junthompson44@gmail.com) or drop a note through the letter box (23 Longmeadow).

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

Wanted: Wooden frames about A3 size (no glass wanted). Tessa 01223 812035



KEEP THE DATE!!
VILLAGE HARVEST SUPPER
SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER

6.30pm, Swaffham Prior Village Hall
In aid of St Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior
and Projects in Mara, Tanzania



Substantial salad supper
with scrumptious puddings
Bar serving wine and soft drinks
Entertainment
Raffle draw for our famous Fair Trade hampers!

We would love to encourage everyone who would
like to attend to come along, so this year ask that you

“pay what you can afford”

Suggestions: Adult £9; over 65/under 16 - £8; under 11 - £6

Meal order forms available from late August
admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk;
or from St Mary's Church

- ❖ Advance ordering essential
- ❖ Please advise of allergies when booking;
we hope to be able to accommodate special diets
- ❖ Newcomers to the village/benefice especially welcome!

Services in August & September 2025

Sunday 3 August – seventh after Trinity

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

Wednesday 6 August

8pm CbyC on Zoom

Sunday 10 August – eighth after Trinity

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

Sunday 17 August – ninth after Trinity

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

Sunday 24 August – tenth after Trinity

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

Sunday 31 August – eleventh after Trinity

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

Wednesday 3 September

8pm CbyC on Zoom

Sunday 7 Sept – twelfth after Trinity

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

Sunday 14 Sept – thirteenth after Trinity

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

Sunday 21 Sept – fourteenth after Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom
 10.30am Holy Communion, S Bulbeck
 Harvest Festival, Bottisham

Sunday 28 Sept – fifteenth after Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom
 Holy Communion (BCP), S Bulbeck
 10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Prior
 3pm Harvest Festival, Quy

Each Thursday

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

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Dates for Your Diary Aug/Sept 2025

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Sat	30	Bell Ringing for STEP, St Cyriacs, 10:45-11:45am [7]
	September	
Wed	3	Book Club, 5 Lower End, 6:00pm [19]
Sat	6	Autumn Show, Village Hall, 2:00pm [3] Fun Dog Show. Village Hall, 1:45pm [13] Spuds in Buckets Weigh-in, Village Hall, 2:30pm [2]
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Tue	23	An Evening of Panels, B&B Photo Club, Village Hall 7:30 [18]
Fri	26	Macmillan Coffee Morning, The Oaks, Lower End, 10:30am [2]
	October (early)	
Wed	1	Book Club, 5 Lower End, 6:00pm [19]
Sat	4	Village Harvest Supper, Village Hall, 6:30pm [30]
Sun	5	Harvest Festival, Prior Fen Chapel, 3pm [3]

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Because of lack of space, we have been unable to include the customary list of clubs and their meeting schedule in this edition. Please see last month's magazine (print or online) for a copy.