



The Swaffham Crier

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Editorial

WE'RE ALL GOING ON OUR SUMMER HOLIDAY...no more working for a month or two— phew! And meanwhile, here is our combined July/August Summer Edition to fill the gap.

The organ concert in St Mary's to showcase the newly refurbished organ was a brilliant success (see *Letters* and Andrew Grant's review, p12) and although the new organ may have been reasonably well-behaved under the auspices of our own composer Tristan Latchford and the organ "Sorcerer" Christian Cang cuesta, I didn't think so much to it when I had a go (see *Letters*): it played all the wrong notes and not even in the right order...!

The Little Library in the VH Garden is also doing very well (read Charlotte's letter) and many apologies to her for the missing O last month. And the Harvest Show is upon us. Yes, the entry stuff is in this month's edition and we hope the potatoes have survived the hot spells but haven't heard about Dog-show rules yet so no sneaky advance practising. And the Village Hall has acquired a new toy — a talking, singing cat! Well, not quite — read about it on p 6.

Meanwhile, with all this banning of Social Media for under 16s, should it not be banned for under 65s too? For some of us, quite possibly, with a recent ghastly Village Facebook booboo in mind. There are such things as courtesy and consideration not to mention common sense, without which gentle blameless people can be really hurt. Yes, it IS perfectly legal to take photos of anybody and everything in a public space and if we're wondering why, then why not just ask? We don't have to let our fingers do the talking quite all the time...

STOP PRESS: We have just sadly heard about the death of Malcolm Hall who played a pivotal role in the establishment of many good things here and round-about. Read Ruth Stinton's Letter on p. 5.

HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE, see you in September!

Caroline Matheson

Cover Picture: *Joy Unbounded* by **Thomas Newbolt**

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Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

St Mary's Organ Concert

I was fortunate to attend an hour long organ recital in St. Mary's Church on Friday, June 5th organised by Swaffham Prior's Tristan Latchford.

It was an heartwarming event showcasing the newly refurbished organ being played by American Christian Cang Cuesta who collaborates on concerts, recordings and new music with Tristan and others for Harmonicham Productions LLP.

A virtuoso performance ensued including pieces by Bach, Gentner and our very own Tristan Latchford, and the organ sounded amazing.

At a time when church organs fall into disrepair and disappear, all credit and gratitude must go to those involved in ensuring ours is now better than ever. Swaffham Prior at its finest!

Tristan Latchford is to be congratulated on his commitment to organ music. His Perpetual Fugue was masterful, and had the audience wondering if it would ever resolve itself.....and it did!

Last Sunday St. Mary's Crier editor played the organ, and it was a joy to be accompanied in the hymns by the smooth and mellow tones.

With many thanks to everyone involved, and for Christian Cang Cuesta giving of his time in such an inspiring fashion.

Jan Pattinson

Dear Editors,

Editorial Spanner in the Works!



Thank you for including the information in the June 2026 Crier re the spanner in the Church Wall to add a little update to our villages history for future generations.

But I am very disappointed that your Editorial stated 'We also hear from Graham Jackson, whose magnificent repairs to the Church Wall we are all admiring etc '

This is totally incorrect.

May I make it clear I had nothing to do with repairing the wall and that I clearly stated the skill of the craftsmen who have carried out the excellent work.

I also had absolutely no input into the project repairs and clearly the praise should go to the person who has planned, organised and funded the work.

I only encouraged the spanners return into its previous resting place and had no intention that my name be identified to receiving any praise to such repairs.

Graham Jackson

So sorry for our misunderstanding, Graham, and thank you for telling us. We have since discovered (thank-you Annette |Goodfellow)! that the magnificent repair man in question was actually Ben Stronach of Stronach Construction who carried out the work for ECDC who manage the church yard. Eds

Dear Editors,

Swaffham Prior's Library has turned one year old!

The village feast marked the first anniversary of the Little Library's opening and to celebrate, 21 hand painted pebbles were hidden around the feast for villagers to keep or re-hide.

Feedback about the Little Library has been great so far, lots of local children are visiting it on their way home from school or at weekends and many adults have been enjoying the varied selection on offer.

Thank you to everyone for keeping it tidy and well looked after!

The Little Library has been involved in various calendar events, with World Book Day and Easter activities being available. It was also decorated during the village advent window trail, with wrapped mystery books and sweet treats for villagers who visited over the festive period so it has become a small hub of activity in it's first year. There is now a travelling journal in the library that anyone can borrow, participate with and return to help villagers combat any feelings of isolation as well as being an informal record of village moments. Please feel free to borrow it if you see it in there!

A new layer of bark chips has been added earlier in the year to ensure the weed matting underneath continues to be safe and a scrubbing brush has been purchased to deal with the spring time nesting season for the gate (which is less of an issue at time of submission!)

You can find our Little Library behind the noticeboard at the village hall and there is more information displayed on the board.

If you have any suggestions or notice any problems then please email littlelibrarysp@yahoo.com

Happy reading everyone!

Charlotte Greeno

CORRECTIONS

Thank you for highlighting the Gay Bulleid award, it was a lovely surprise. However there is a misspelling of my surname- Greeno, not Green.

East Anglia Swing Troupe were very pleased to be able to help at the feast and the class had a great turn out of villagers, the class we held was a Charleston dance and we danced *Lindy Hop* in our demo (as opposed to *jive* named in the Crier) .

Charlotte Greeno

Many apologies Charlotte, it's usually the Bulleid bit that gets auto-'corrected', but we corrected yours back Charlotte. Now, but (according to AI):

"Jive started as a derogatory term for bad Lindy Hoppers but came to the UK during WWII and became an umbrella term for various swing dances." We didn't think the Swing Troupe's performance was bad! Eds

Dear Editors,

Malcolm Hall

Many of us of an older generation have been saddened to hear of the death of Malcolm Hall on the 21st June. Malcolm and Joan together with their children, Amanda, Janine and Michael lived firstly at Cambridge Lodge in the Swaffham Prior House grounds and then on Cage Hill.

Together with John Plant, they organised the first Fenland Country Fair in the grounds of Swaffham Prior House to raise funds to move and install the now Scout Hut from Vicarage Farm to Town Close for the Village Youth Club. Local volunteers helped with the move including the village policeman Jeff Herring who ran the Youth Club. In the following years most of the local organisations benefitted from the proceeds until it moved to Quay. We have some newspaper cuttings of the presentations.

Malcolm started a Sports and Social Club with some of the proceeds to help with any village organisation which was a large amount. It consisted of a committee of local people and is still in existence.

The village sign was funded by the fair, organised by Malcolm and John, made by Ron Morrison of Reach and unveiled by Cyril Rowlinson (past shopkeeper and Crier Editor).

Malcolm was very active with the running of the Village Hall and came back from Norfolk for its 150th celebration a few years ago. *Ruth Stinton*

Dear Editors,

In the April Crier Keith Carter, who has never met me, wrote a long mocking letter about the kind of person I am in response to mine in March in support of those who suffer from obesity, that he had made a joke about.

Since then I have been asking the editors of the Crier, that I wish to assert that none of the things he wrote about me is true. And end the matter there.

Mark Lewinski-Grende

Readers may remember that Keith (a paraplegic, you'll have seen him whizzing around the village on his hand-propelled bike) had been joking about undisabled Slimmers' Club members who had requisitioned both disabled places in the Village Hall car park on the night of Storm Goretti, when biking was out. Eds

THIS MONTH'S COVER PICTURE

Thomas Newbolt is a highly-regarded artist and teacher of national and international repute who has kindly contributed covers for the *Crier* for many years. He works in a lovely weather-boarded studio just down from the High Street and draws from life and works from his imagination. *Joy Unbounded* speaks for itself!



Welcome to Swaffham Prior, Mani!

A big welcome to Manimegalai Ekambaram, known to everyone as Mani. She comes from a small rural village called Perambattu in Tamil Nadu, India.

Mani spent 35 wonderful years as a kindergarten teacher, dedicating her career to nurturing young children before retiring in 2015. Outside of her teaching, she has always loved sewing, and swimming has also been a close hobby.

This is her very first trip outside of India, and she has made the journey to spend precious time with her son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren at their home in Swaffham Prior.

She loves Swaffham Prior, and many of us will have noticed her strolling around in her gorgeous attire or chatting with newly-acquired friends in the Red Lion so we hear!

2026 FEAST GURNING—THE RESULTS



2nd



1st



3rd

And by popular vote, here are the results of the 2026 Gurning Contest. So funny are their faces, who can they be? But we will seek them out and hand them their prizes.....

Lying Cats and A New Facility at Swaffham Prior Village Hall

Your Village Hall management committee recently went on an all-expenses-paid field trip. In the interests of full disclosure, here's what happened:

A slightly dishevelled little cat was standing on the right - and she meowed. The synchronous subtitles showed 'I say meow'. That was not what she said. She said 'meow'.

I'm not suggesting the little cat was lying; not unless she also typed the subtitles. But that would be even more exceptional than a little cat singing 'I say meow', and if it actually happened they would be better served to film and show that instead of a little cat saying 'meow' meowing and claiming she had sung 'I say meow'. I put it to you, y'r Honour, that little cat can neither speak (still less sing) English nor type subtitles or indeed play any other role in the video post-production process.

Jolly sweet though; nevertheless, I fear for her future in the brave new world of AI video generation. Presumably someone could now, in seconds, conjure up a whole choir of cats lip-syncing the Hallelujah Chorus.

The field trip having come to its end, the committee agreed that the **NEW PROJECTOR FACILITY** in the vast airy expanses of the main hall was working well and meets the expectations we had when we decided to invest in it. Reluctantly, we traipsed back to the stuffy meeting room to get back to our discussion of the trust's policies on bullying, fraud and embezzlement. We're against, I gather. We're not the SNP after all.

... then we got back to our discussion of the trust's policies on bullying, fraud and embezzlement. We're against, I gather.

So let the word go forth to all the readership of the *Crier*: within your village hall there is now a projector suspended from the ceiling and a screen that unfurls, at the touch of a button, James Bond style. For a supplementary £10 you can now hire the hall, link up your laptop and invite your friends to watch the FIFA final. Or have a film night devoted to the works of the talented Mr Bogart. Or enhance your wedding reception with embarrassing photos of the happy couple at earlier, more awkward times of their lives. Or leverage your next-generation PowerPoint-enhanced multimedia ecosystem (oh yeah, there's full sound too!) to deliver a compelling, value-added stakeholder engagement journey, strategically aligned to your organisational transformation and resource optimisation roadmap.

I just hope it's not the latter. Better would be a soirée of singing kittens; Emily, known to many of you, mainstay of the Village Hall Committee secretariat - and also a top vet - can make some excellent recommendations.



Keith Carter



Join POP
(Proud of Prior)



COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS
FRIDAY TIDY

**Meet at the sheds by the play park
on the High Street**

**Friday 31st July &
28th August - 10.00am**

Adult Hi Vis Jackets provided
You participate at your own risk
Your Safety is YOUR responsibility

Please bring your own gloves
All other equipment provided

**Come and join friends and
neighbours on this tidy up**

**Look forward to seeing
the results!**



Flag Flying Days
for July & August 2026
from the Tower of
St Cyriac
15th July - St. Cyriac &
St. Julitta
17th July - Queen Camilla's
Birthday
15th August – Feast Day of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



Strawberry Teas
Sunday 9th August
3.00pm – 5.00 pm

This year to be held at the
Scout Hut on the High Street
Behind the Play Park

Tickets £6.00/£3.50
Must be booked in advance please
(home delivery bags available on request)

Janet Willmott 07833 960678
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All welcome 😊
Will go ahead
whatever the weather!

In aid of
St. Mary's Church
Swaffham Prior

Newmarket Cinema

Here are our film shows for June – September 2026 at The Stable, High Street, Newmarket.

July 20th - Song Sung Blue (12)

August 17th - Shirley Valentine (15)

September 21st - From Time To Time (PG)

Doors open at 6.45pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Admission is £7 which includes free refreshments. If you would like to reserve seats either send an email to richardjbowler@outlook.com or call 07582 560566

Doors open at 6.45pm with the film starting at 7.30pm.

Summer Super Draw for Arthur Rank Hospice

Make this summer even brighter by taking part in the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's Summer Super Draw. With fantastic cash prizes up for grabs, it's a fun and easy way to support the compassionate care they provide every day at the Charity. Each ticket costs just £2 and every one you buy helps them support patients and their families with comfort, dignity and specialist care when it matters most. Join in (before Friday 28 August). **You can play online by visiting arhc.org.uk/raffle or call 01223 675888 for paper tickets.**

Have your say on proposed changes to local bus services

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is inviting residents to share their views on proposed changes to local bus services across the region.

The proposals aim to make bus services more reliable, better connected and better value for money. Depending on where you live, this could include changes to routes, new connections and improvements to existing services.

The proposals cover the following services in your area:

T2: Madingley Road Park & Ride to Newmarket Road Park & Ride

T3: Grantchester to Fulbourn

T4: Addenbrookes Hospital to Newmarket

T5: Cambridge to Soham

17: Cambridge to Guilden Morden

26: Cambridge to Royston

75: Cambridge to Wrestlingworth

114: Chesterton to Addenbrookes Hospital



No decisions have been made, and your feedback will help inform any future changes.

Residents can review the proposals for their area and complete a short survey online.

The engagement is open until **5pm on Tuesday 28 July**.

Find out more and take part:

<https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-network-review-engagement/>

BON MOT NUMBER 171

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken." *James Dent*

Swaffham Prior Bell Ringers – June 2026

The Ely District Bell Ringing Association recently held the annual striking competition at Landbeach. Bands from numerous towers in the District ring a short burst of rounds and call changes and each round is marked for its accuracy and timing. It is a nerve-wracking experience to ring on unfamiliar bells knowing that every stroke is being judged. This year Swaffham Prior's band was very pleased to come second in the call changes competition, an improvement on last year's joint third. Notable mention must go to the Swaffham Bulbeck band who won the methods' competition and are proudly displaying the winner's shield in their bell tower.



Gareth, Kate, Mandy, Jim, Phil and Lesley at the competition.

We were also delighted to ring a round of call changes at the beginning of the month in St Cyriac's to celebrate the birth of baby Lyra, Kate's first grandchild. We absolutely love being able to do this and are very open to enquiries to mark celebrations for you and your families too.

We are looking forward to our annual summer lunch with partners and an outing in the Autumn (which seems like ages away) to Norfolk, where we will meet up with Rhona (an accomplished ringer) who was until recently the Benefice Curate here.

Last but not least, we are delighted to welcome 12 year old William as our latest recruit who is working really hard. If you are interested in knowing more about the bells or wanting to learn how to ring, please do not hesitate to get in touch on swaffhampriorbells@gmail.com or 07886 323686.

Janet Willmott



Celebrating?
Let the bells ring out!

Get in touch with us:
swaffhampriorbells@gmail.com

- Landmark anniversary?
- Significant birthday?
- Special occasion?

Let the bells in
St Cyriac
help make it one
to remember

PRIOR FEN CHAPEL

“The Little Chapel in the Fen”

All welcome to our

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 4th October

3pm

**Traditional harvest service and hymns
Produce welcome**

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

For more information contact Nicola: 07968 658319

Organ recital by Christian Cang cuesta

St Mary's Church, June 5th

In the scale of church and cathedral organs, that of St Mary's might be called petite. With a single manual and handful of stops, if it were a dog, its Bach would be that of a Jack Russell terrier beside Ely Cathedral's English Mastiff of a four-manual, 80-stop Harrison and Harrison. That being the case, when a couple of keys start sticking and a stop or two stop working, you lose a high percentage of its voice and it has consequently undergone major surgery over the past twelve months.

As part of its post-operative rehab, Dr Latchford, eminent consultant of this parish, prescribed an intensive aerobic workout, fortuitously being able to call on the services of visiting virtuoso Christian Cang Cuesta, his fellow alumnus of the Peabody Conservatory at John Hopkins University, Baltimore, and now his musical collaborator.

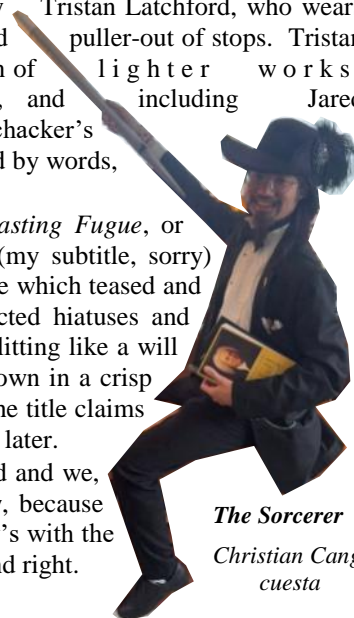
An engaging, elfin figure whose beard and wild hair tamed into a long plait clearly bespoke virtuosity and musical genius, his appearance also suggested something of the sorcerer.

Sorcery was what was needed for the opening item and what we got, as Christian coaxed out of our little instrument a towering performance of Bach's *Fantasia in G minor*, originally written for the four-manual, 60-stop behemoth of St Jacobi in Hamburg. If you've ever been in a position to watch an organist's feet at work, you may have assumed that the pedal board is chiefly for bass notes and chords. As far as my inexpert eye could tell, Christian often appeared to be playing the melody with his feet, presumably making up, thereby, for a lack of manuals. It was astonishing.

Throughout the recital, which, excluding the encore (of which more later) was bookended by Bach, he was aided and abetted by Tristan Latchford, who wears his own musical genius lightly, as page-turner and puller-out of stops. Tristan was also a featured composer in the middle section of lighter works, introduced with twinkling elan by Christian, and including Jared Gentner's *The Depths* and Joachim Fleischacker's *Variations*, which demonstrated that music, unaided by words, could be laugh-out-loud funny.

Tristan's piece, *Fuguum Perpetuum*, or *Everlasting Fugue*, or *Variations on an Infuriatingly Catchy Earworm* (my subtitle, sorry) opened with a playful and deceptively simple theme which teased and hid, reappeared with a flourish, came to unexpected hiatuses and equally unexpected new beginnings, dancing and flitting like a will o the wisp until the fugitive was finally tracked down in a crisp resolution. I can testify to its doing exactly what the title claims as the theme was being hummed in our house a day later.

Bach's own mighty *Fugue in G minor* followed and we, the audience, were probably getting blasé by now, because again, somehow, Christian managed to fill St Mary's with the sound Bach intended and it all seemed inevitable and right.



The Sorcerer
Christian Cang
cuesta

There was absolutely no chance Christian or Tristan would escape without an encore and to close the recital, we were treated to Tristan's beautiful *You Danced Closer*. I thought I detected influences of English folk music and even of the fairground, in the warm texture of this superb piece, which closed in a tremendous, church-filling climax.

It is a piece I would love to hear played on Ely Cathedral's instrument, and played by Christian Cang cuestra; I can pay both no greater compliment.

Semi-impromptu though this recital was, it was well-attended and the audience were privileged to hear world-class music in world-class performance. We owe Tristan Latchford our thanks for making it happen and hope it won't be too long before he can make it happen again.



Andrew Grant

*...And the Composer
Tristan Latchford*

**SONGS OF
INNOCENCE &
EXPERIENCE**

Caille Peri, Soprano
Andrew Taylor, Piano

Saturday 18th July, 2.30pm
St Nicholas', Great Wilbraham
In aid of Arthur Rank Hospice
Suggested donation £10 per person

POEM OF THE MONTH

The Moon and The Zoo

Simon Armitage

It slides in under the turnstile after dark,
moves in a silent arc at an ancient pace,
dabs its ointment on the gibbon's paw,
nitpicks its way through the troop of gorillas,
smooths the silverback's fur. The moon
puts a crystalline glint in the tiger's eye,
makes a zebra flicker like old film,
shushes the two-toed sloth when it stirs.
On it goes, incognito keeper and carer
wheeling through tunnels, passing through fences,
casting the black kite in a platinum glow,
mending cracked hide with its soft flux
and welding the armadillo's chainmail coat.
A restless otter slips out of its holt
and rolls the ball of the moon in its feet;
the full moon smears its milky smile
on the lips of pups and kittens and cubs.
It crowns the giraffe in its standing sleep,
draws out the aye aye's ET fingers
for a midnight manicure, blesses a tortoise,
lifts up its lamp to check on the lions,
sharpens the warthog's tusks, brushes the strings
of the cupboard spider's jittery web
without sounding a note, then makes
a final sweep of the nests and dens.
But there's still work to do before dawn,
spreading out through the city, leafleting streets,
leaving animal dreams under pillows
and conjuring tundra, rain forest, swamp
or savannah from gardens and parks,
lighting up waking minds with wild thoughts.
Then morning breaks; the moon hands over
the keys of the world and trusts them to us.

Simon Armitage is the present Poet Laureate, an office which, to my mind, he is filling with real distinction. My original choice for this month was *Drey* from his new collection *Dwell* conjuring up animal habitats in unexpected but gloriously apt metaphors. Then I realised it was copyright, and I would be exposing our esteemed editors to legal peril should they be so rash as to print it. This poem, however, gives a risk-free flavour. The thing about poets laureate, is that the Faustian bargain they make in exchange for their traditional butt of sack is an undertaking to write public poems. This one was commissioned by the Zoological Society of London to mark its 200th anniversary in 2026, so Caroline and James are safe.

Andrew Grant



OPEN YOUR GARDEN & BE PART OF HISTORY

Join the Swaffham Prior group garden opening in 2027
and be part of the

National Garden Scheme's centenary celebrations

You'll be part of a really special event helping to raise funds for some of the UK's best-loved nursing and health charities and help bring our community together.

If you have a garden that you're proud of and would like to share:

We're looking for

Cottage gardens - Wildlife-friendly spaces - Vegetable plots or Allotments
Large or small gardens - all welcome!

You'll join the wonderfully friendly National Garden Scheme family, meet friendly visitors, share your passion for gardening, inspire others with your ideas and be part of a fun, community-wide event while raising vital funds for charity.

Interested?

Simply get in touch with Pam Bullivant to start the conversation.

Tel: 01353 667355 Email: pam.bullivant@ngs.org.uk



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For more details visit www.ngs.org.uk

Julies Summer Desserts

Boozy Berry Eton Mess

500g mixed summer berries, hulled and chopped
2tsp caster sugar
150ml gin
500ml double cream
4 meringue nests, homemade or shop bought
Fresh mint leaves to decorate
Icing sugar to decorate

1. Place the berries in a bowl. Pour the gin over and sprinkle with the caster sugar. Leave for 10 minutes or so. In the meantime, whip the cream, crush 3 of the meringues and then fold them into the whipped cream. Drain the berries and set a few aside for decorating.
2. In serving glasses or bowls, alternate a spoonful of the meringue cream mix with spoonfuls of the boozy berries, to create layers. Crumble the remaining meringue on the top, decorate with berries and a few mint leaves and dust with the icing sugar.

Serves 4-6

Strawberry Mascarpone Tart

75g butter
250g almond biscuits
1 large egg, separated
1 tablespoon caster sugar
250g mascarpone
2 drops of vanilla extract
250g strawberries, hulled and thinly sliced

1. To make the crumb case, melt the butter, place the biscuits in a food processor and whizz into fine crumbs.
2. Mix the crumbs into the melted butter. Spoon the mix into a 10 inch loose bottomed flan tin and press the crumb mix over the bottom and up the sides. Transfer to fridge to chill until firm.
3. To make the filling, put the egg yolk in a bowl with sugar and beat for a few seconds until thoroughly mixed. Add the mascarpone and vanilla extract and beat together.
4. In another bowl beat the egg whites to stiff peaks and then gently fold into the mascarpone mixture.
5. Remove the crumb case from the fridge, spoon the mascarpone mixture into the case, smooth top and arrange the sliced strawberries on the top. Transfer to the fridge to chill for a further 20 minutes before serving.

Serves 6-8



Spuds in Buckets 2026

Hopefully all of the potatoes are growing well in their buckets and have survived the hot weather!

Just a reminder that the grand weigh-in will take place at Swaffham Prior Village Hall on:

Saturday 5th September 14:00

after the Village Dog Show and coinciding with the Harvest Show.

If there are any questions please contact Mandy Kingsmill on 07796 091855 or mandy@kingsmills.uk



News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group

Triage:

As many of you will be aware we have been operating a triage system since 1st October 2026. Every patient who contacts us must have a triage logged for a Doctor to review. Triage forms can be completed online via our website, if you are unable to get online you can telephone the Practice or attend in person. Every contact made, no matter the method, with a health concern or requesting an appointment must have a triage form completed for the Doctor to assess.

I am raising this as unfortunately we have had several incidents recently where patients have attended site and been rude to the reception staff member when objected at having to complete a triage form for an appointment request. I ask you to be kind to our team as they are unable to change this process and remind everyone that we have a zero tolerance to any form of abuse to any staff members within the Practice

Bottisham Medical Practice Patients Participation Group


Swaffham Prior **Autumn Show**
5th September 2026

NAME:

Vegetables (one entry per class per person)

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

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

Fruit (one entry per class per person)

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

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

Flowers (one entry per class per person)

Class	Entry	Tick
W	3 roses	
X	3 Other flowers (same variety)	
Y	4 Mixed flowers	
Z	Tallest sunflower	
ZI	Largest sunflower head	

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

Additional classes (one entry per class per person)

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

Class	Entry	Tick
AK	Victoria sponge (W.I. See rule 4)	
AL	Fruit cake	
AM	Decorated and/or filled cake	
AN	Any other cake	
AN1	Shortbread	
AO	Hand-made bread	
AP	Bread-machine bread	

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

Class	Entry	Tick
AQ	Miniature garden (See rule 5)	
AR	Vegetable or fruit animal	
ARI	4 decorated Rich Tea biscuits	

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

Photography (up to three entries per person)

Class	Entry	Tick
AU	"Creepy Crawlies" (aged up to 16 years)	

Class	Entry	Tick
AV	"In flight"	

Please see all detailed rules overleaf

🌻🌻 Swaffham Prior Autumn Show 🌻🌻

🌻🌻 Rules 🌻🌻

General Information and Rules

Please read this information carefully to prevent disappointment

There is no entry fee.

Only one entry per person per class is allowed, so choose your entries carefully. Extra entry and quiz forms can be downloaded at www.SwaffhamPriorVillagehall.co.uk

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

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

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

Produce Competition

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

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

Baking Competitions

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

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

Children's Competitions

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

Photography Competition

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

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

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

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

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

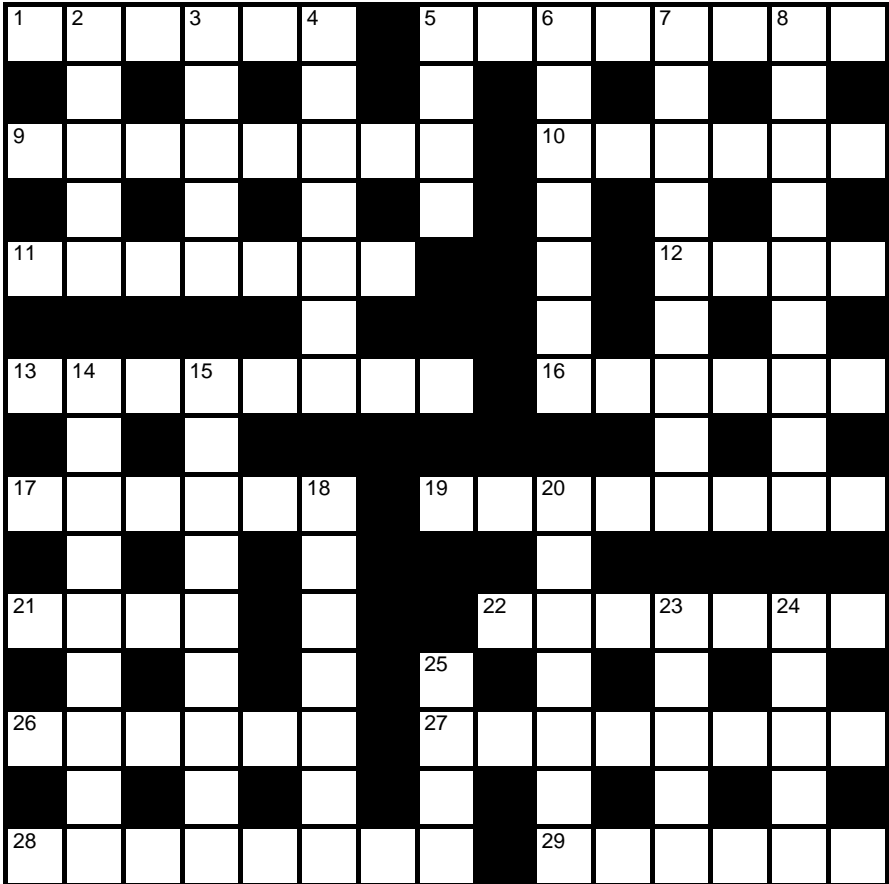
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Please see overleaf for list of classes.

Crossword Number 240

Compiled by **OUNCE**

Answers to clues marked * are surnames. Clues are anagrams of respective first name and that of an associated character [number of letters in each indicated]. Send your answers to the editors by 18th July 2026. 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

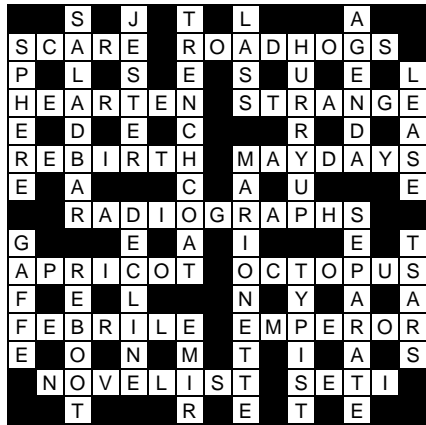
- 1 * Drag at free form [eight, six] (6)
- 5 Ex-president captures Democrat after international organisation uninvited (8)
- 9 Crashed Mini and a sailing ship (8)
- 10 * Zen beat Elijah [four, nine] (6)
- 11 * Carrotly vim [four, six] (7)
- 12 Grade while in for a test (4)
- 13 * Han ate a Jag [six, four] (8)
- 16 * Ego Reigned [four, six] (6)
- 17 Grasp pedal or eggs? (6)
- 19 Declared true that company was held by unusually hard of hearing (8)
- 21 Primary security codes and measures to prevent this (4)
- 22 * A rare Johnny [six, five] (7)
- 26 * Bar Exeter pit [seven, five] (6)
- 27 Rats scud helter-skelter from sauces (8)
- 28 Naughtily disobedient, bit left biased (3-5)
- 29 * Harshly omit A [six, six] (6)

Down

- 2 Fish in forgotten channel (5)
- 3 Loonier? No, no! Broken window (5)
- 4 Wettest infernal nuisance we hear (7)
- 5 Bone found in armful? Naturally! (4)
- 6 Baby animal stupidly barbecuing without gin (4,3)
- 7 Warship found in broken reeds surrounding ancient city (9)
- 8 Conductor removes it from faulty lie detector (9)

- 14 Old coin changed for large franc! How? (4,5)
- 15 Implies short measure before paper envelopes astatine (9)
- 18 Hung in midair after sin erased from Devonshire mess (7)
- 20 Fifty fluorine atoms wrecked marine debris (7)
- 23 Gain knowledge as the French key joins Senior Service (5)
- 24 Gentle reminder of German leader in birthday suit? (5)
- 25 Sour from Armagnac I don't like (4)

Solution to crossword no. 239



We congratulate Dainin O'Dowd, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive a prize certificate from the editors. An honourable mention goes to Colin Dailly,.



VILLAGE GARDENERS

On a warm evening in June, the Village Gardeners visited the beautifully restored gardens of Histon Manor. We were warmly welcomed by the owner Katherine Mann and our visit brought to life her talk about the manor garden restoration which she gave to us earlier this year. We were able to explore the romantic walled garden which still contained some of the old zoo buildings, the formal garden with the wobbly yew hedge where we were treated to cold drinks and cake, and also the wider grounds where we discovered moated woodlands, a secret garden and the mysterious stones of 'Histon Henge'. At Katherine's request, the proceeds of our visit were kindly donated to the Histon Manor 2026 charity; The Cambridge Acorn Project.

Our next summer evening visit will be to Selwyn College, Cambridge on Tuesday 18th August where the Head Gardener will guide us around the college gardens and tell us all about their history and planting. Our next indoor meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th September in Swaffham Prior Village Hall (8pm, doors 7.45pm) when Gwenda Kydd will give a talk titled 'Chemical Warfare and Cooperation in your Garden'. We hope to see you there.

Fiona Geraghty



The Swaffhams' Women's Independent Group

SWIG

Be inspired, hear interesting
speakers, widen your circle of
friends...
and there's cake and coffee!

We are a brand new group. Come and join us.
We are looking forward to meeting you.

**Every third Monday of the
month in Swaffham Prior
Village Hall at 7:30pm**

Our next talk is Alastair Cairns telling us about his Traveller's Tales
on 20th July followed by Susan Grossey's talk on Policing & Crime in
Regency London and Cambridge on 17th August

Visitors £5.00. Membership is £30.
Coffee and cake 50p each.
For more information please contact:
kayejanelew@gmail.com or
Kate on 07752 011308



The Pilots of Penzance!



This is the first time we have seen the Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre in its new reincarnation as the Cambridge Light Opera Group and what a transformation. Where were the traditional backdrops, costumes and above all the traditional female dominated cast of G&S? In their place were positive hordes of young men, some jauntily turned out as pilots (Ryanair?), some as oil rig workers (possibly?) and one as lead character Ruth, brilliantly played by a *male* (Steven Aronson) is this production. It was riveting from the off, and the final policeman's chorus lead by Sergeant of Police John Yates is never to be forgotten. Super music (although we missed Bulbeck's drummer-boy!) and the only suggestion we would have for future

productions is that if the backdrop is to include video, how about a running transcript for some songs? Gilbert's timeless brilliant lyrics can be so hard to catch!

Caroline Matheson



**VCAEC**

Voluntary Community Action East Cambs (VCAEC) Social Car Scheme



Who are we? - VCAEC have volunteer drivers offering door to door transport to people who are unable to use public transport. Our drivers have an Enhanced DBS Check & use their own cars.

Who can use the service?

- you live in **EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE**
- find it difficult to use conventional public transport
- can get in and out of a car unaided.

Where can I go? - It's not just the Hospital we can provide an opportunity for you to go shopping, visiting relatives etc.

How much does it cost? - Passengers make a contribution towards the drivers costs using the current HMRC rates. These are paid direct to the driver at the time of travel.

PLEASE NOTE there is a minimum contribution of £7 plus a £1 booking fee. To book ring 01353 666553 or email carscheme@vcaec.org.uk

Drivers WANTED - to help us provide transport for people who are unable to use conventional public transport.

Do you:

- ✓ have access to a roadworthy car?
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- ✓ have a few hours to spare on a regular basis?
- ✓ hold a full driving licence?
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What we can offer you:

- ✓ a mileage allowance of 55p per mile plus 5p per passenger.
- ✓ That good feeling you get from helping others.



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Or download an application form from

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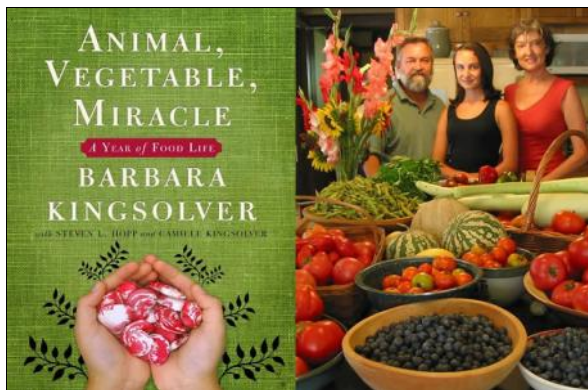
Website: www.vcaec.org.uk

The Reading Group Reads...

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life

by Barbara Kingsolver

In 2007, Barbara Kingsolver and her family moved from Texas to some land in Virginia and tried to eat as locally as possible. Much of it, they grew themselves or bought from local farmers and suppliers. The book is a joint endeavour with her family, part memoir and part journalistic investigation. Her husband contributed the information panels which address the ecological costs of growing food in factory farms, transporting it thousands of miles, and adding chemical preservatives and the science behind supposed improvements; her elder daughter provided comments and recipes for each season.



Barbara takes us through the year season by season, looking at the highs and lows of each month. There are stories of buying chicks and baby turkeys, of planting seeds, of hunting for morels, of visiting other farmers and what she learned from them. There are some hilarious stories; funniest of all is the description of trying to teach turkeys how to mate to build a sustainable flock, underpinned by the horrible realisation that there is no information on turkey mating behaviour because farmed turkeys just don't

Never preachy, the writing is beautifully descriptive (as one would expect from this author).

We all enjoyed this book – and we enjoyed the feast prepared for us by Anita, using locally sourced ingredients and some of the recipes. We were alarmed to realise that this book is almost 20 years old - nothing seems to have changed - but we also took away the clear message that there is a better / another way to manage feed the world. Whilst the supermarket still provides easy access to cheap food, I am much more careful to look at the labels to see where my food comes from and I have certainly increased my visits to Snakehall Farm!

Following this evening's meeting we chose

for July- *The Eights* by Joanna Miller

for August- *The Pretender* by Jo Harkin.

Our meeting takes place the first Wednesday of the month and all are welcome to attend.

Roz Chalmers

From our MP Charlotte Cane Fighting for better NHS Dentistry in Ely and East Cambridgeshire



Access to NHS dentistry has become one of the biggest issues raised with me by local residents. Too many people are unable to find an NHS dentist, parents are struggling to get appointments for their children, and many are being left with no option but to wait until problems become urgent.

The figures locally are deeply worrying. In Cambridgeshire, only 40% of adults have seen an NHS dentist in the past two years, down from 45% in 2019. For children, the situation is just as concerning: only 54% have seen an NHS dentist in the last year, down from 60% in 2019 and now below the national average.

The consequences are already visible. In East Cambridgeshire, one in eight children have tooth decay by the age of five. This is a completely preventable condition, and it should be unacceptable to us all.

That is why I have continued to raise this issue directly in Parliament, including in my recent speech on 15 June. I told the Government that Ely and East Cambridgeshire has become an NHS dental desert, with too few appointments, too many vacancies, and patients unable to get the care they need. In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, almost one in four NHS general dentist posts are vacant.

I also raised the case of local dentists who have told me they are willing and able to take on more NHS patients, but cannot get the funding needed to do so. That makes no sense when so many residents are desperate for an appointment.

This speech in Parliament is one of a number of actions I have taken to press the Government to deal with the crisis. I have been calling for urgent action to fix the broken NHS dental contract, which is driving dentists away from NHS work, and for a proper workforce plan so we can train, recruit and retain the dentists our communities need. Prevention must also be at the heart of reform, especially for children, with better access to check-ups and early support before dental problems become serious.

I will continue to press Ministers for a clear timetable for reform, proper funding for local NHS dental appointments, and a serious plan to end the dental desert facing our area. If you have struggled to access NHS dentistry, please do get in touch. The more real experiences I can share, the stronger the case I can make to Ministers on behalf of local residents.

If there's ever anything I can help you with, please do get in touch via charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk or +44 20 7362 1601. I am always happy to assist wherever I can. You can also keep up to date with my work through my fortnightly newsletter - sign up here: www.bit.ly/newsfromcharlotte

News from St Mary's

As part of our vestry clear out recently, we discovered a book listing donations of items - kneelers, hymnbooks, repairs to the pulpit etc - to St Mary's church over the years. Unfortunately, the last entry was in 2003! It would be wonderful to update this, so we would be delighted to hear from anyone who has given, or who knows family members who have given, items or substantial funding to the church in the last 23 years; thank you.

If you would like to make a larger donation to St Mary's please be in touch to discuss ... and we will certainly put your name in the book! (Unless you wish to remain anonymous, of course.) We are also very happy to discuss legacies in wills.

For example, the smart WC we share with St Cyriac's was made possible by a generous legacy from a former village resident.

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We have a Fabric Fund and are very grateful to those people who contribute monthly to maintain the fabric of our beautiful church. As parts of it date back to soon after the Norman Conquest, it needs a lot of maintaining! If you are in a position to make a regular donation we would love to hear from you. Many of those donating are not churchgoers but value the church for its history as a key village feature, and one of the few remaining "two churches in one churchyard" churches. Churches get no funding, so it is down to local parishes to do what they can to preserve historic structures... and big projects are never very far away!

It is 125 years next October since St Mary's was refurbished and once again became the parish church. From the 1660s this had alternated between St Cyriac's and St Mary's as fashions changed and one or the other church was in a better state of repair. We will celebrate the anniversary with a Song of Praise service on Sunday 24 October 2027 at 10.30am, and we hope this will be a village celebration. We would like to collect together photos or other materials of happenings in St Mary's over the years. If you have photos of weddings, christenings, Family Services or fundraising events, or orders of service etc please be in touch. The plan is to scan them and have a rolling slideshow for people to watch at some point during the anniversary period, perhaps with some films from the millennium etc.

Please do remember that the church is open during the day and especially in this hot weather you are very welcome to seek refuge – it is always a little cooler insider.

Information on services in St Mary's and the other churches in our group are on a separate page in The Crier. You are welcome to services in any of our churches.

Dee Noyes, admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk

Wicken Fen (National Trust): July-August 2026

Summer is here and the fen flowers are in bloom at Wicken. The Summer Nature Trail is open until 30th September and gives views of orchids and other colourful wildflowers. If you want to learn more about the flowers of the fen, we have guided walks on 29th July and 20th August (book via our website).

One Sunday 9th August, between 9.30 and 10.30am, our moth experts will be sharing finds from their overnight session, with a chance to drop by the visitor centre and/or Adventurers' Fen car park to 'meet the moths' (no booking needed).

Boat trips are running most days, depending on weather conditions. Cycle Hire is open from Thursday to Sunday (closed Monday to Wednesday) and every day during the school holidays. For more information, including prices, please visit our website.

For families, we have a brand-new Mega Bugs trail on Sedge Fen throughout school holidays, plus lots of events and workshops, including:

[Bug Hunters](#) (23 Jul and 21 Aug) Age: 3+

[Pond Dipping](#) (24, 28, 30 Jul; 4, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 25, 27 Aug) Age: 5+

[Young Ranger Days](#) (31 Jul and 28 Aug) Age: 7-12

[Family Printing Workshop](#) (5, 14, 26 Aug) Age: 5+

Head to our website for more information and to book: nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen

Our daily opening hours are:

The Docky Hut Café: 10.00am-5.00pm

Visitor centre and shop: 9.30am-5.00pm

Nature reserve: Dawn - Dusk

Tegala Adjay



Summer Nature Trail at Wicken Fen

Notes from the Parish Council June Meeting

The June Parish Council meeting took place on the 11th June 2026; John Covill chaired, and 6 other parish Councillor attended, with 2 members of the public present.

Reports

East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Cllr John Trapp attended. A written report was circulated by email prior to the meeting, the main points of which were the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Full Council, the creation of the Conservative and Independent majority group, motions on dualling the A14, High Street bank closures and fair access to employment for care-experienced and disabled applicants and delivery of the new bins.

Cllr Kent-Phillips asked for details of the proposed 'Forest City'. Cllr Trapp explained that it was imagined as being between Haverhill and Newmarket, but that idea hasn't progressed beyond imagination.

Cllr Covill asked how the new bin system is working. Cllr Trapp said it is working well with the inevitable teething problems such as confusion over what goes in which bin and the food caddies being too small and light to withstand strong winds. The changes were produced in consultation with the collection crews, which has helped and Cllr Trapp asked that any issues continue to be reported.

A member of the public commented that ECDC will provide advice if contacted regarding what items go in which bin.

Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Greenfield - Kingsway Parish Council Alliance. 24th May Kingsway submitted an development consent order, without an environmental statement. This is important as potential pollution of the aquafer is a serious issue. DG will sign in as an Interested Party on behalf of the PC and would encourage individuals to do so as well. Applications to connect to the grid are dealt with on a first come, first served basis and there are completed projects still waiting. Kingsway have not applied yet and the intended substation of Burwell South hasn't been built yet – the current Burwell substation does not have capacity for the proposed increase in power. Additionally, the current pylons could accommodate the additional cabling needed so there is no immediate need for new pylons.

Cllr Greenfield -Heating Scheme. There was a false alarm on Monday for an ammonia leak. The sign with the emergency contact number needs to be put back onto the new fencing – this is in hand.

Cllr Covill – Fen driveways. Logs have been placed at the ends of Black Fen to prevent vehicular access.

Clerk's Report

East Cambs District Council are checking if the cemetery is eligible for a black bin.

The roadside gate into the allotments and the steps leading to it are in need of some maintenance – to be raised at the July meeting.

Annual Village Assembly – 23 people attended and the Clerk thanked to the PC for providing refreshments. The idea was discussed of potentially calling the next Annual Village Assembly in the 3rd week of April 2027, so that it was spaced out from the Village Feast and the Annual PC meeting – the Clerk will look into availability of the village hall.

Matters arising from previous minutes (for information only)

Cllr Kent-Phillips noted that a change was being made to the recording of accounts in the ledger, with the VAT on a purchase being recorded in a separate column from ‘price’. Additionally, VAT would now be reclaimed at 6 monthly intervals instead of quarterly.

Cllr Greenfield noted that the borehole field for the Heating Scheme has been returned to agricultural use and is currently being used to graze sheep.

Correspondence.

An email from Charlotte Cane MP had been received regarding the ‘Forest City’ proposal - a very large, privately led, new-city proposal on rural land east of Cambridge, between Newmarket and Haverhill . It described objections to the scheme raised and noted that as no planning application had been made and there was no government support for the idea, it is unlikely to take place any time soon.

Planning applications.

Approved:

26/00433/LBC Insertion of inspection hatch in first floor ceiling (retrospective). Lavender Cottage 62 High Street Swaffham Prior Cambridge CB25 0LD. Noted.

26/00379/FUL Solar PV system to be installed to the south east roof pitch of detached garage. Goodwin Manor Farm, 1 Station Road, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0LG. Noted.

Accounts

Cllr Kent-Phillips noted that late payments from 2025-26 for use of the cemetery water tap were being pursued. Also, the funds from the Manchester Building Society account have been transferred to the Barclays business account and the MBS account has been closed. Paperwork to open an account for reserves with the Cambridge Building Society has been completed and is ready to post. Once opened, £22,000.00 of ring-fenced reserves and £3000.00 of general reserves will be deposited in it.

Asset Register.

A quote from a chartered surveyor to provide an insurance value for the Pound and Keep was accepted and this information will be added to the Asset Register once received.

Cllr Muscroft provided the insurance value for the village hall used by the Village Hall committee of £956,000.00 and this figure was updated on the Asset Register.

Options for inclusive play equipment at the playground.

The issue of a lack of inclusive play equipment in the playground had been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and a parishioner had offered to look into options including grants available. The PC would want to see options and costings for consideration at future meetings.

Cllr Trapp mentioned funding is available for playgrounds that underwent an ECDC playground audit.

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 meetings will be on Thursday, 9th July and 13 August 2026 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.



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 date of your magazine submission date 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.

Offers

Contact Charlie Rickard 07707 635565

Complete set of 1950s Encyclopaedia Britannica in good condition, plus yearbooks from 1956 to 1969. Although well out of date, these books give a comprehensive picture of the world in the 1950s. They would grace anyone's bookcase/library (if you have the space), provide additional insulation and sound-deadening, and give a fascinating insight into everything from an era when the electronic world had barely started (the first transistor radio arrived in 1954!)

Contact Lindsey 07773 027155/lindseysm8@gmail.com

SMALL SOFA BED, makes into a small double bed, in excellent condition. Off-

white fabric, no arms, 2 cushions in gold velvet. Flameproof labels. From Glasswells, very handy for accommodating guests comfortably in a small space

Sofa: 120cm wide x 83cm deep x 80cm high.

Bed: 120cm wide x 190cm long x 36cm high

Comes with an optional mattress topper, memory foam, fits exactly and adds 10cm to height of bed. Viewers welcome with no obligation.

For the film camera enthusiast: I have two Pentax Spotmatic cameras, one original, the other a Spotmatic 2. The original is damaged, but the lens is still excellent (the Spotmatic was known for its optics). The Spotmatic 2 is still in good shape and has a wide-angle lens. So two cameras, two different lenses.

Contact Jun 07980 423210

Samsung computer monitor Model S24D330H, version no. ME06, manufactured 2017; with HDMI, VGA, DC14V ports. Plus BENFEI VGA-VGA cable.

Sony digital photo frame, model DPF-C1000

USB-C chargeable clip on LED light (Hepside Model LD09) – cable has gone astray, sorry.

USB Sunset desktop lamp (Google lens tells me)

Soap Dish for Shower Shelf - Stainless Steel Shower Shampoo Holder without Drilling for 20-32mm Rod.

Contact Lorely, 01223 812975

One exercise bike, in good working order

14 sheets of greenhouse glass each measuring 24inches x 24 inches, new.

Want

Contact Lindsey on lindseysm8@gmail.com or 07773 027155

If anyone has an old sink, bath, water trough, or any kind of water-holding vessel, stone, metal or ceramic that might adapt to life as a pond,

Contact Robert on 07785 110434

Digital projector (with HDMI port) & large portable tripod projector screen (ideally 2.4m wide) needed for a course presentation by BALA at Bottisham Sports & Social Club. We would also consider a loan - the projector and screen are needed on Thursday mornings for September to December 2026 (actual dates to be confirmed).

Contact Jane 07800 934585

Lift wanted/offered from Swaffham Bulbeck to Addenbrookes for work (usually Tues, Weds, Fri, to arrive at Addenbrookes 7am and leaving 8pm).

THE VIEW FROM LOWER END

Alas, Alastair was taken poorly in all this heat and is currently recovering in Addenbrookes. We wish him a speedy recovery.



The Anglesey Group of Churches
Services in July 2026

Sunday 5 July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom
10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham – welcoming our new
curate, Sian Binley
Lunch after in Bottisham Sports and Social Club

Sunday 12 July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 19 July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 26 July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Each Thursday

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

Revd Canon Max Osborne max9@btinternet.com; 01223 481187 (Rest day: Tuesday)
Churchwardens: Bottisham: bottisham@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 604019
Lode: lode@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 811222
Quy: quy@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 812652
Swaffham Bulbeck: bulbeck@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 812525; 01223 811501
Swaffham Prior: prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01638 743937
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/angleseychurches;
A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7380/benefice>

The Anglesey Group of Churches
Services in August 2026

Sunday 2 August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 5 August

8pm CbyC, a contemplative service, online
on Zoom

Sunday 9 August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 16 August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 23 August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

**Sunday 30 August – Thirteenth Sunday after
Trinity**

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

Each Thursday

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

Dates for Your Diary July/August 2026

July		
Wed	1	Bookclub, 6pm, Kent House [26]
Thu	9	PC Meeting, 7.30pm VH
Sun	12	Crier Copy Deadline
Wed	15	The Choral, Newmarket Cinema 7.30pm [5] Village Gardeners, 8pm, VH [22]
Sat	18	Songs of Innocence, 2.30pm, Great Wilbraham [13]
Mon	20	SWIG, VH, 7.30pm [23]
Tues	28	Bus Consultation deadline [6]
Fri	31	POP Litter Pick, 10.00am, playpark [7]
August		
Sun	9	Strawberry Teas, Scout Hut, 3-5pm [8]
Thu	13	PC Meeting, 7.30pm VH
Mon	17	SWIG, VH, 7.30pm [23]
September		
Sat	5	VILLAGE HARVEST SHOW (AND DOG SHOW) [17-19]

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Club	Contact	Tel/Email	Date	Time	Place
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Tim Doe	gsl@1st swaffhamprior scouts.org.uk	Wed (Term) Mon	5:15-6:30pm 6:30-8.00pm 7.00-8.30pm	Scout Hut
Bell Ringers*	Gareth Davies	07886 323686 swaffhamprior bells@gmail.com	Every Tuesday	7.30-9.00pm	St Cyriac's
FOSPS	Becky Wilkes	07827 318351	2 nd Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Reading Group	Brenda Wilson	743937	1 st Wed of month	6:00pm	Variable
SWIG	Kate Muscroft Kaye Lewsinski	07752011308 kayejanelew@ gmail.com	3 rd Mon of month	7.30 pm	Village Hall
Village Gardeners	Fiona Geraghty	07785 971853	3 rd Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall



Strawberry Teas
Sunday 9th August
3.00pm – 5.00 pm

This year to be held at the
Scout Hut on the High Street
Behind the Play Park

Tickets £6.00/£3.50

Must be booked in advance please
(home delivery bags available on request)

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