



Christchurch Village Newsletter

August 2012

Welcome to the August edition of the heron. It's been a quiet month waiting for the arrivals of the Olympics and the break in the weather.

Late July saw a brief but welcome sunny week leading up to the start of what has been promised the event of the century, and now the whole country is absorbed with team GB, and the sporting events taking place across the country.

Locally the Olympic torch passed through Kings Lynn, where local pensioner Norman South from Littleport was one of the proud torch bearers, an avid carpet bowls organiser and cricket and football local manager. Truly an inspiration for all of us older residents.

This month has also sadly seen our matriarch, Pat Mills, taken ill once again. Since a spell in hospital at Christmas she has been battling a resilient chest infection, which has caught her at a low point once again and so she has been unable to over see this month publication. As a result we would like to take this opportunity to apologise to anyone if we have over looked anything that we should have been included in this month edition.

We would also like to reiterate once again, that because of circumstances such as this we urge everyone to send all correspondence to our editorial E-mail address (editor@theheron.info) to ensure it is picked up when Pat is unable to pass on her E-mails, and also any paper copies of stories or adverts be dropped into the The Hollies, March Road Tipps end, directly in the future please.

We, as I am sure all of you, wish Pat a speedy recovery and hope she is back on top form organising us all next month.

Now then, we have been sent an article this month, of which we are unable to publish, concerning a personal neighbourly dispute. We at The Heron obviously are here to serve the local community, but can not be involved in these types of issues or mediate between the relevant parties. Nor can The Heron be used as a soap box to express individual grievances.

We have on this occasion, as an exception, provided a means of contact as the recipient was contacted anonymously, and apart from us publishing a response had no other option as how to reply.

But we urge anyone with this type of issue to attend local council meetings or approach the relevant department in local council i.e. environmental health, or correct mediation services etc.

Finally, we hope you are enjoying the Olympics and join us in wishing Team GB the best of success.

Volunteering which fits around your life!

Care Networks' Help at Home service provides practical help for people who are recovering after a hospital stay, unwell at home, or who need a bit of practical assistance to help them remain independent at home. Help at Home volunteers visit people in their homes and provide practical help with tasks like checking someone is ok, shopping and collecting prescriptions. Visits can be one-off or several over 3 weeks, so volunteers are not overcommitted but will know they have been of help to someone in need. Visits can be undertaken in the spare time volunteers have available during the day, evenings or weekends, they just tell Help at Home when they are free.

Hilary Johnys, Senior Direct Services Coordinator at Care Network said: "Volunteering is good for you - it's a fact! Statistics show you may live longer and you will certainly benefit from knowing you have helped others and made a difference to their lives. Our volunteers may be people who work full or part time, are retired or unemployed. Age is certainly no barrier, one of our oldest volunteers is 90, and really enjoys visiting people and providing the help they need. Care Network provides volunteers with training, support and pays any out of pocket expenses (usually mileage and telephone).

Gill has been a volunteer for over 16 years. She said, 'Yes I have been doing it for a long time, and have so enjoyed it. Mainly one's clients are older people, often rather apprehensive, especially if they have been in hospital for a few weeks. To be able to visit them, perhaps do shopping, collect prescriptions, but mostly just talk to them and impart confidence in their own ability, is very rewarding.'

Volunteers are needed in your area. Please contact us if you can spare some time to help others in the community.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering for Help at Home please contact us on 01223 714433

Care Network Cambridgeshire is a registered charity – Charity Number 1120693.

Music, Dogs & Anonymous letters

The Heron has been passed a response in reply to an anonymous letter posted through a residents door regarding complaints of loud music and barking dogs.

The recipients, not knowing to whom they should reply to, have asked that we publish the reply.

The Team have decided not to publish the reply, but to make it known that a reply is available and should the involved parties wish to obtain a copy they can do so by emailing the following address where an auto reply will send you the letter.

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SUMMER HOLIDAY SAFETY

The school summer holidays are here, so to help reduce the risk of accidents over the coming months here are some guidance points below;

FIRES

Keep matches and lighters away from children. As the weather improves and the things start dry out children setting fire to rubbish and grass can result in fire crews attending minor incidents that not only damage the natural and local environment, but potentially delay fire crews in attending more serious life threatening fires.

WATER AWARENESS

Make sure your children are aware of the dangers of swimming in ponds and rivers. The temperature of inland water does not vary much throughout the year. The water in Britain is still very cold in the spring and summer people can quickly become affected by the cold putting themselves into difficulties, tragically too many children drown every year. Swimming should always be confined to a supervised pool with life guards.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

Children climbing onto factory roofs and other buildings put themselves in great danger; all too often this results in the fire service attending a fatal incident to assist paramedics in gaining access to buildings where children have fallen through the roof.

MALICIOUS CALLS

Know where your children are this Summer - Hoax calls tend to increase during the summer months, remember hoax calls cost lives! A fire engine cannot be in two places at one time. If we are responding to a hoax call it means we may be delayed in responding to a life threatening emergency.

BARBEQUE and PATIO HEATER SAFETY

Keep children well away from barbeques and patio heaters, there have been instances when children, whilst playing, have run into barbeques and heaters and suffered burns. NEVER use petrol to help light a barbecue.

ROAD SAFETY

The age group most at 'Risk' of being involved in an accident are children aged between 5 –14 years of age, with the highest casualty rates occurring with children aged 12. As a minimum please ensure your children know how to cross the road safely, have taken a cycling proficiency course and always wear a seat belt when travelling in a car. ALL cyclists should wear a properly fitted cycle helmet.

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CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB

Our glass painting session on 3rd July was a success with everyone taking their work home. An amazing variety of designs was produced on a number of different glass objects.

The flowers for our Pressed Flower session on 4th September **must be picked six weeks in advance at midday and must be dry when picked.** If you do not have a flower press you will need to use plain white kitchen roll (must not be patterned) or blotting paper to put the flowers between and then they may be placed under heavy books in order to press them flat. Please remember to bring to our September meeting a suitable frame in which to display your flowers.

As you already know there is no meeting of the Craft Club in August so I wish you all happy holidays and look forward to seeing you in September.

Why not come along and join us - everyone is welcome, no matter where your interest in craft lies. We try our hands at a variety of crafts and also hold 'bring and make' sessions whereby members bring their own projects in to share with us. Entrance is £1.00 plus 50p for raffle and 20p for refreshments. Please come and join us - you don't have to come to every meeting! Meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month, starting at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. For more information ring Wendy on 01354 638448.

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CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS



Minutes of the meeting held on Members' Night on 10th July 2012

Members' Night this year was held at Margaret and John Sparrow's where members enjoyed a ham salad meal prepared by Margaret and a selection of desserts made by members.

Apologies were received from Susan Norman, Sandra Lloyd.

A list of coming events was given out by Peggy, our President, and this was followed by a lovely surprise when we all enjoyed a flower demonstration by Christine Austin, (Margaret's sister). Three beautiful arrangements emerged, 2 white and 1 orange and yellow. Three lucky members won these in the raffle.

Peggy thanked Margaret and John for hosting the evening and presented them with a small gift of appreciation.

Next month will be an open evening so do come and join us. The speaker is Fran Saltmarsh on Corsets, Crinolines and Camisoles.. Cost to non-members £3.00.

Competition: A Crinoline Lady.

Raffle prizes for August to be provided by Sandra Kay, Val Parker, Florrie Piper and Doris T. Rolfe.

Peggy Warby
President

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who sent sympathy cards
and any phone calls on the loss of Mum,
Mona Chamberlain

I will never be able to thank the many friends
who helped at the wake

Peggy, Graham and Family.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of
you who sponsored me in the
'Race for Life' on July 1st 2012.

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Helping our communities celebrate together

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Olympic celebrations have inspired a new website to make it easier to bring communities across Cambridgeshire together for events.

The new website – www.startnow.org.uk – provides information ranging from how to get started with organising an event, including budgeting and grants, to publicity and helpful tips on whether a license and insurance may be needed.

Cambridgeshire Councils and their partners have teamed up to develop the new easy-to-navigate pages which aims to help increase the number of community events taking place by providing a step-by-step guide to turning an idea into a reality.

The information on the new online guide builds upon a booklet launched by South Cambridgeshire District Council and start, a partnership with the village colleges in the district.

Cllr Mac McGuire, Deputy Leader at Cambridgeshire County Council, said: "This summer we are seeing two great events that bring communities across Cambridgeshire together, from the street parties to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee to the excitement of the Olympic Games in London and the Olympic Torch Relay coming to our county. In each case, local residents have come together for the benefit of the place they live - this is a fantastic thing and we hope this new website will be a focal point of advice, help and information."

The website also includes case studies from across the county to demonstrate the type of events volunteers have made a success in their areas. This includes the challenges they faced, and the benefits they brought to the whole community.

Visit www.startnow.org.uk to find out more.

Author: Tony Taylorson

July 2012



We really enjoyed our monthly club meeting with our favourite speaker Geoff Stebbings, talking us through the do's and don'ts when deciding to grow fruit in your garden. Be it on a bush/tree/vine, you name it, and he is there with an answer and proper advice whatever the situation. It is a very diverse subject as we soon found out, it was a really interesting subject.

Geoff will answer any garden /allotment problem, if it's horticultural in any form he is there, like a huge encyclopedia.

We welcomed 5 new members to the club, who joined us officially and were soon chatting with the others as you do. Members were still talking about our last trip, which was exceptional. We have a local evening visit to a garden in Upwell, Tuesday August 7th, all enquiries to **01354 638024** for address/lift/times etc.

Our other important trip is on November 29th, it is an evening trip by coach, very enjoyable and relaxing.

Please ring the number above for more information. N.B The coach fare is the only cost for this evening out, and refreshments will be available at additional cost according to personal choice. We hope you can join us for another memorable evening. Put the date in your diary November 29th, and give us a call to book your seat on the coach.

Next month our club meeting is our usual 'Members Evening', for our Summer Buffet in August, and we all know what's in store, our usual refreshment table heaving with a sumptuous tempting array of food from Club Funds, and most important, members, who provide all kinds of goodies. 'Yippee'

Don't forget, our first local evening trip Tuesday 7th August, it really is an interesting and beautiful garden.

Bubbles.



Parish Church Services

5th August	11.00 am	S.E. Tooke All Age Worship
12th August	9.30 am	Rev'd K Fitzgibbon Holy Communion
19th August	6.30 pm	Rev'd K Fitzgibbon Evening Prayer
26th August	11.00 am	S.E. Tooke Morning Prayer

To the young lady who likes cooking and spent two days baking cakes, sold them in the village hall & raised grand total of £72.50. She then generously donated the proceeds to the parish funds... Well done Elle and thank you.

Also thank you to Helen, Ruth & Karen for raising £65 for the church funds at the sausage & mash supper

The final total raised at the Flower Festival weekend amounted to £1819.52

Any matters concerning the Parish Church please contact
Rev'd Kevin Fitzgibbon on 01354 680969.

200 Club Draw

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4th August

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Food being served :

Monday

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7pm to 9pm

Wednesday/Thursday

Closed

Friday curry night

7pm to 9pm

Saturday

12.30 pm to 8 pm

Sunday

12.30 pm to 3 pm
booking advisable

Thanks to all to all of you that have supported us, it is very much appreciated .

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Goodbye Year 6



We had lots of activities for our Year 6 leavers this week, starting with a leavers lunch on Wednesday—they chose Pizza, chips and sweet corn- they then had a surprise trip to Bowl-2-day and at last the leavers assembly on Thursday where they all received a dictionary. We wish them all the best in their new school.

Year 6 at the Oscars



Year 6's entry to The Cambridge Film Festival received a nomination for their film, "The Trojan Horse". Unfortunately they didn't win a prize but did enjoy attending the Oscar style ceremony at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. Thank you to all who voted for their film, which can still be found on our website.

Forthcoming Events

3rd September - inset day

4th September - Start of the New School Year.

Le Professeur dit



Class 2 practice their French with Mr Murray by playing Le Professeur dit . They also explored the Arabic language.

More events and photos can be found on our website.

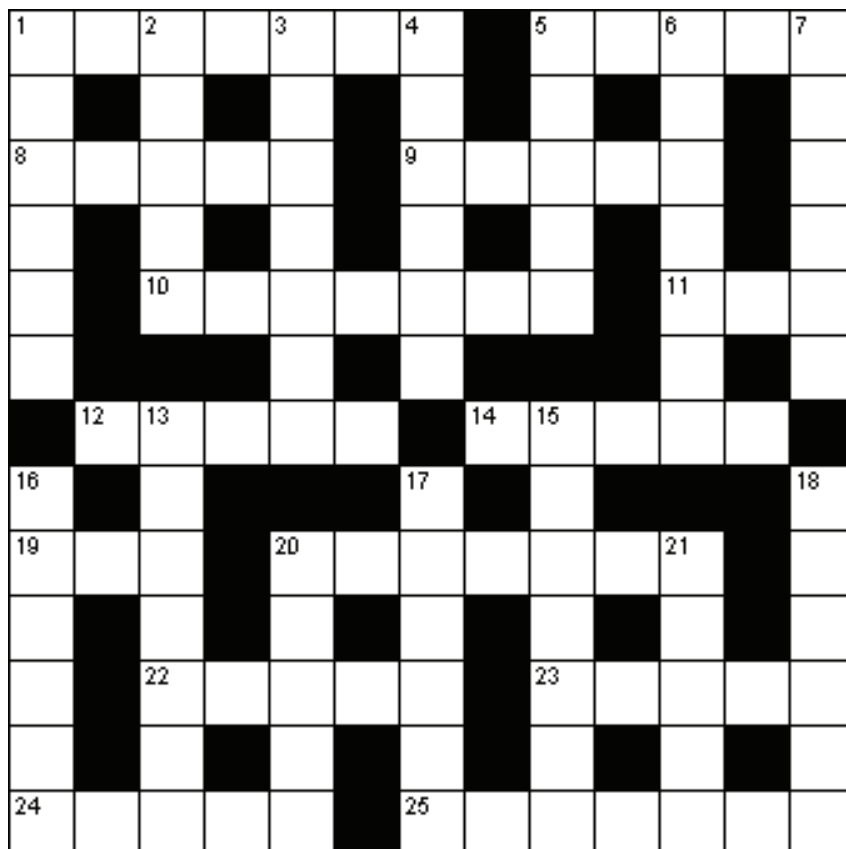


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8. Detection device (5)
9. Villain (5)
10. The sheltered side (7)
11. Flightless bird of Australia (3)
12. Chasm (5)
14. Complies (5)
19. Prohibit (3)
20. Diplomatic (7)
22. Nimble (5)
23. Light beam (5)
24. Reside (5)
25. Boring (7)

Down

1. Food store (6)
2. Decoration (5)
3. Goals (7)
4. Fin (6)
5. Stiff (5)
6. Stage set (7)
7. Repress (6)
13. Dressing (7)
15. Perplexed (7)
16. Overseas (6)
17. Dialect (6)
18. Tusked marine mammal (6)
20. Test (5)
21. Lariat (5)



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Christchurch Parish Council News

Draft agenda for next Council meeting 7:30pm, Monday 13th Aug 2012, Memorial Hall, Church Road.

Public and Press are welcome and can speak to the Councillors during the Public Adjournment.

1. Open, welcome and apologies
2. Signing of previous meeting's minutes July 2012
3. Disclosure or declaration of interests
4. Update on actions from previous meeting
5. Adoption of the new Code of Conduct
6. Public Adjournment (time to raise issues affecting you with the Council)
7. Police Update
8. Correspondence
9. Finance
10. Review of Planning Applications
11. Parish Plan
12. Reporting of Village Concerns

Your Parish Council and how to contact us

Nigel Russell – phone 638279	Jill Bliss – phone 638343
Wesley Poole – phone 638622	Jacky Wincote (Chair) – phone 638575
Simon Freeland – phone 638231	Hannah Poole – phone 638622
William Beswick – phone 638758	
	Stephen Cowell (Clerk) – phone 661374 e-mail christ-churchcambspc@googlemail.com

Road Closure and Diversions

For surface repairs the following roads are to be closed and diversions put in place.

Between **7am and 6pm on 6th to 7th August** the Sixteen Foot Bank Road will be closed between the Upwell Road, Christchurch and Padgett's Road junctions.

Between **7am and 6pm 8th to 24th August** the Sixteen Road Bank Road will be closed between Padgett's Road and Bedlam Bridge (Upwell Road March).
For the latter closure it is expected that the road will be open at weekends.

The level crossing on the approach to March (Upwell Road) will be closed from 22:00 Sat 18th Aug to 10:00 Sun 19th Aug.

Bushes and plants overgrowing paths

The Council would like homeowners to consider those who use footpaths, especially those with prams or who use wheelchairs, and ensure that hedges, bushes and shrubs are cut back so that people can pass on footpaths unimpeded.

MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 11th JUNE 2012 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT 7:30pm

Present: Councillors – Jacky Wincote (Chair), Nigel Russell, Jill Bliss, Simon Freeland, Hannah Poole, Wes Poole, William Beswick, Fred Yeulett (CCC) and Will Sutton (FDC).
Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 2 members of the public were also in attendance.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Cotterell MBE (FDC) who is attending a meeting at another Parish Council and PCSO Martin Bogunovic.

2. Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the 14th May meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

3. Disclosure and Declarations of Interests

Cllr. Bliss declared an interest in payment 9.2

4. Update on action points from previous meeting

The Clerk reported that:

Following the handing out of Jubilee Mugs at the Townley School Assembly the Council still has 14 left and it was suggested that these are given to children not yet attending school.

Sharman's will be repairing the Play Park equipment that has rotten wood and are awaiting the wood to be delivered once this has been delivered the equipment will be repaired and they will then review all other issues reported in the RoSPA report and provide the Council with quotes for repairs.

5. Review of Finance Regulations

The regulations were reviewed by the members and continued adoption was ratified subject to the correction of a spelling mistake in section 1.6.

6. Public Adjournment

Members of the public raised the following:

The mess left by the Football teams in the Recreation Ground after matches and training. It is not as bad this month as in the past but still too much is being left. The Clerk said they will be reminded to clear up after themselves.

The costs of replacing the 40 mph sign with 30 mph signs seem high. It was explained that the costs previously stated would be worst case costs. Both members of the public volunteered to help erecting the signs if this would reduce the costs.

7. Police Update

The Clerk reported that PCSO Bogunovic has sent his apologies.

The report he has sent the Council includes three issues, the theft of a boat from March that was seen being loaded onto a vehicle at the bottom of Euximoor Drove, the setting alight of a car in Crown Drove and the arrest of someone for having a small cannabis growing factory in Green Lane.

8. Correspondence Received

The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors:

An anonymous letter complaining about such issues as dangerously parked cars on Church Road that are for sale and untaxed, the amount of dog mess on the pavements, the lack of police presence and speeding cars. The Clerk reminded councillors that dog fouling was reported to the Fenland District Council a few weeks ago and additional signs have been put up. FDC had informed the Council that they cannot prosecute anyone until they catch them allowing their dogs to foul the pavement. Other issues have been reported to the Police who arranged for the Dog Bin to be emptied (it was reported to be full of papers). **The Clerk was asked to inform residents of what action is being taken by putting an item in the Heron and asked to send a copy of the letter to the PCSO and invite him to the next meeting.**

Continued...

A letter informing the Council that the company who have provided the Council with new street lights and made repairs to existing lights have gone into liquidation. The Administrators hope to sell the company to another, based in Norfolk that also provides these services.

Planning consent has been granted on the land adjacent to the Bowls Green. Cllr. Russell reported that a local estate agent is requesting information from FDC to allow the plots to be put on the market.

Details of a number of road closures and diversion.

The Council has been successful in its bid to get improvements to the Croft/Church Road junction on to the Joint Minor Highways plan. The Council's financial input has been estimated at £900 but this may change once the detailed plan is completed. The other bid, to lower parts of the kerb near to the Bus Stop on Upwell Road, is on the Reserve list. This work will be done if funds are available after completion of all the approved bids.

It has been confirmed that funds have been set aside by County Highways for the resurfacing of the Sixteen Foot Bank road where the surface has cracked and is uneven.

9. Finance

The Clerk reported total bank balances of £55,277.75 and brought to Councillor's attention the earmarked funds (funds that must be spent on specific purposes) that total a little over £33k.

The following items, listed on the agenda, were agreed for payment

9.1 Clerk's Salary £183.58

9.2 The Heron £65.00

10. Planning Applications

There were no applications to review.

11. Responses to the Speed Limit Reduction Consultation

The Clerk reported that he has notified Cambs Highways that the Council has completed its consultation. The next step is to wait until other Councils have completed theirs and then the appropriate information will be published. There are 4 other councils with schemes pending that will share the costs. Cllr. Sutton reported that one of those councils has committed to the main costs of the advert.

12. Parish Plan – Update

Nothing to report.

13. Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

Pot holes along Poulter's Drove.

A Village Walkabout and general tidy up. It was decided to defer this until the current wet spell ends.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Fenland District Council about using their equipment and getting them to collect the rubbish.

A Man Hole cover not fitting correctly in the Croft. **Cllrs. Beswick and Sutton to review after the meeting.**

Removal of the old roundabout base on the Recreation Ground requires some heavy duty equipment. Cllr. Russell said he would look into the matter.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Sutton for representing the Parish Council at both the Highways Funding Bid reviews and at meetings regarding the planning consent for the land adjacent to the Bowls Green and thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8:25pm

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