



Christchurch Village Newsletter

December 2012



Welcome to the December Christmas edition of The Heron.

The festive time is nearly upon us once again, and everyone is enjoying the hustle and bustle that is the preparation for Christmas.

It is difficult to believe that it was this time last year in the December edition of The Heron, that it was declared that there were lack of distributors for the Tipps End area, which was what originally prompted my contact with Pat Mills, offering my and Paul's help in putting The Heron online, for those who might not have got to receive it in future months.

We now find ourselves passed on the legacy of editing the Newsletter every month and the trials and tribulations of its day to day running since Pat sadly left us in August.

We have both tried to keep to its original content over the last few months and added a few extra's in the way of news articles, and made the page layouts more visually appealing with some basic graphics, and art work, something I have been told Pat would have loved to have been able to do if she'd have had the computer experience.

Hopefully, although only a few pages, printed in black and white, it serves as a monthly soap box for our small community and you all look forward to receiving as much as ever.

Maybe next year some of you will feel you also would like to get involved or send in articles or news you think would interest or benefit the community, we always welcome new input and ideas, and it would be great to welcome some new members to the Heron committee in time for the AGM in April.

So to end the year, we would like to send you all our best wishes for a trouble free and joyous Yuletide, may the good spirit we all seem to find around this time of year reach out beyond those you directly know and make this, like every Christmas a time of happiness and humanity.

Also we would like to thank and wish the very best to all the people who make The Heron possible every month and wish them a very Merry Christmas.

Paul and Mandi

Editors.

It has been brought to the attention of the staff of the Heron, by members of Parish Council that there seems to be a continued issue with large amounts of litter on the grounds of the skateboard park. May we take this opportunity to ask anyone who uses this area for sport or recreation to not drop litter, and actively discourage anyone else from doing so. This area is part of your community treat it with respect so everyone can continue to enjoy it. Please use the bin provided near Crown Drove.

Victory at last: £85,000 safety work set to start on Bedlam Bridge after four-year campaign

ROAD safety campaigners will celebrate victory this month as £85,000 improvement work starts at Bedlam Bridge, near March.

Graham Chappell, founder of the Fenland Road Safety Campaign (Charlotte's Way), has campaigned since 2008 to get the barriers, raising thousands of pounds to help pay for them. The campaign was launched after the death of nine-year-old Charlotte Walker, who died when the car she was travelling in left the road and plunged into the water near Bedlam Bridge.

Four years later, safety work is about to start at the bridge, which dates back to the 1960s.

Cambridgeshire County Council, which is joint funding the improvements, will begin phase one of the work on November 26.



Mike Penning, Road Minister, during his visit to Bedlam Bridge

Fencing will be installed on the southern side of the bridge, while the northern side will be improved after Christmas.

Mr Chappell said:

"Through a Local Highway Improvement bid, Charlotte's Way and the county council have jointly funded a scheme to improve the safety of Bedlam Bridge and the adjacent junction.

"A panel of county councillors assessed all the bids on set criteria such as safety and community impact and the Charlotte's Way proposal scored the highest out of all rural Fenland bids."

The work on the southern side of the junction is expected to take around three weeks to complete with temporary traffic signals operating between 7am and 7pm, Monday to Friday.

Councillor Tony Orgee, cabinet member for community infrastructure, said: "I am delighted that by working together with the road safety campaign we have been able to identify the funding for the safety improvements at the Bedlam Bridge junction."

NE Cambs MP Steve Barclay has supported the campaign - last year persuading Roads Minister Mike Penning to visit Bedlam Bridge.



Bedlam Bridge has been the scene of several road accidents.

Story and pictures courtesy of CambsTimes

Lucky escape for driver

A woman had a lucky escape after fire crews found her car teetering on the edge of a five-foot deep ditch.

The fire service was called to Byall Fen Drove, in Manea, Thursday 8 November at 9.15am to reports of a car off the road. When they arrived, they found the vehicle balancing over the ditch.

Two fire crews from March and Chatteris, a rescue vehicle from Huntingdon, an ambulance crew and the Magpas Helimedix team all worked together at the scene to rescue the woman, who suffered a head injury and neck pain. The driver, who is in her 30s, was trapped in her vehicle so once fire crews had stabilised the car, they worked to free her.

They used cutting equipment to remove the roof and safely remove her from the car. She was taken to Peterborough City Hospital in a land ambulance, where on arrival she was in a stable condition.



Story courtesy of Fenland Citizen

Online scam prompts police warning

POLICE are warning Cambridgeshire residents about an online scam that is attempting to trick web users out of hundreds of pounds.

The scam involves a message flashing up on the screen causing the computer to lock. It claims to be from the Metropolitan Police and informs the user they must pay a £100 fine in order to unlock the computer.

Two recent incidents have happened in Swaffham Bulbeck, where a 62-year-old man paid the money using a card but managed to cancel it before any money had left his account, and in High Barns, Ely, where a 29-year-old man paid using a voucher in a local shop.

The fraud operates through malicious software which infects personal computers after users have accessed certain websites.

Detective Sergeant John Yore said:

"This is a fraud and we would urge people not to pay out any money or hand out any bank details. Genuine law enforcement agencies would never contact members of the public via email and demand funds in this way.

"We would advise anyone who has been deceived by such a message and handed their banking details over to report the matter to the card issuer immediately and call police."

In order to reduce the chances of being infected by this or similar malware police recommend that anti-virus software is both used and, importantly, routinely updated to keep pace with new threats as they are discovered.

In addition, operating systems such as Windows and Mac OS routinely issue updates that patch potential vulnerabilities. Sound advice can be found at www.getsafeonline.org



An example of the fraudulent message that flashes up on the computer screen

Story courtesy of Cambs Times and reporter Daniel Mansfield

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: Readers : Please, should anybody have concerns regards computer virus infection messages flashing :
: on your screen or telephone calls informing you that you have a virus, remember we have PCLIFE :
: Support and HCI Solutions Ltd living in the parish who are just a telephone call away for FREE advise :
: and will be able to put your mind at ease. :
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BIG THANK YOU

**From
Wendy Peggy and Sandra**

to everyone who donated gifts to sell on the
stall at the Church Christmas Fayre
On 24th November

Over **£100** was raised from the stall to add
to church funds.

200 Club

As there will be no meeting of the
memorial hall committee in December, the
200 club 20 wk draw will take place on
December 4th 2012 just prior to Craft Club
(with their kind permission).

All winners names issued in January issue
of The Heron.

ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT TO ENTER OUR FREE CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW!

You only have until Mid-day on **December 10th** to fill out your entry coupon and get it back to us **here at The Heron**. Sending in your filled in coupon means you will be entered into the draw to win the beautiful hamper shown below stuffed full of Christmas goodies (donated by HCI Solutions Ltd). Entrants must be over 18 and live within the parish of Christchurch Cambs. One entry per Household. The lucky winner will be drawn at the parish council meeting on the **10th December**.

Please send your entry to

**The Heron, The Hollies, March Road, Tipps End, Wisbech, Cambs.
PE14 9SH**

Don't miss out on a chance at bagging yourself a welcome boost to your Christmas larder and treats cupboard.

Winner to be detailed (and photograph of presentation if agreed by lucky recipient) in the January edition of The Heron.



Photo shows actual hamper to be won

Christmas Hamper Prize Draw

Please enter me into the draw to win The Heron Christmas Hamper.

Name

Address.....

Contact Tel





The Fenland Road Safety Campaign

(Charlotte's Way)

December 2012 News



Bedlam Bridge Safety Barrier Installation Begins!

The long awaited joint Cambs County Council/FRSC funded safety barrier installation at Bedlam Bridge is now underway. Cambs CC have kindly extended the scheme beyond the south parapet adjacent installation proposed by FRSC, and have embarked on an £85K program of safety improvements to both sides of the bridge. The south parapet work is scheduled for completion by 14th December. Work on the north parapet will commence after Christmas.

Road Safety Week

After four years of campaigning for all Year 11 students in Fenland schools to be introduced to the powerful 'Brake' (national road safety charity) '2Young2Die' DVD and supporting educational material for prospective young drivers, this year's Road Safety Week (19-25 November), saw this aim finally achieved.

Presentations were given to well over 1000 students at all the secondary schools in Fenland, (apart from Wisbech Grammar School, who have yet to take up the offer), plus Downham Mkt High School, by FRSC supporters (including the incredibly brave Michelle Lynch, who lost her son Jordan (7), and first husband, Dean in an immersion accident on the Forty Foot Bank, in December 2005), and school staff. The presentations and DVD have been incredibly well received by both students and staff, and we are hopeful of repeating the program for next year's Year 11.

It's a huge breakthrough given the exceptional risk of serious and fatal accidents that young drivers and their passengers have faced here in the Fens, for many years.

Other News – Welney, and The North Bank road.

A meeting has taken place between Campaign supporters and one of Norfolk County Council's traffic engineers regarding options for improvement of safety at the 90degree bend on the A1101, approaching Welney from Lakes End, where 19 year old Megan Warner, died in an immersion accident in May 2009. More news to follow in due course.

Negotiations are also underway with senior Pboro City Council officials, re safety improvement proposals for the North Bank road

Fundraising

£115 has recently been raised for the Campaign through the 'Pick a Card' game stall, at The Oliver Cromwell Hotel Christmas Fayre, 24-25 November.

An additional donation of £200 has been received from the 'Easy Jet – Charity Committee Grant' scheme, to help cover printing and other costs associated with the Campaign's Young Driver educational program.

Review and Planning Meeting

Review and Planning Meeting – 11th December, 7.30 – 9.00pm . By invitation: contact the Campaign Organiser to confirm invitation (if required).

Contact and Support Details

Thanks, again, to all who have give support and donations to the Campaign, so far. For more details of the Campaign phone 07505 726475, e-mail chappell@frsc.co.uk or visit the 'facebook' site – 'The Fenland Road Safety Campaign'

Thank You.

**Graham Chappell,
Campaign Organiser.**

CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

Minutes of the Monthly WI Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on at 7 p.m. November 13th 2012



The President welcomed members and one guest.

Apologies from: M. Sparrow, B. Brooks, C. Symons

Correspondence. Members were asked for their views on the future of Denman College. It is currently running at a loss and only 2% of members take advantage of it. With this in mind we filled in a questionnaire for the N.F.W.I.

Other Matters. Beryl will be our representative at the AGM in Cardiff next year.

Peggy explained about the Heritage Project. The Isle of Ely had been awarded a grant to enable W.I's to explore the changing role of women over the last hundred years. This involves going through the minute books of each W.I. and finding the relevant information. Names were taken of members who would like to be involved in this project.

The programme of speakers and competitions for 2013 was read out.

The Christmas dinner was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Our speaker for the evening was Polly Howatt who talked about wise and unwise women of the Fens. She is a very accomplished story teller and her tales of women from local villages kept us on the edge of our seats.

Birthdays. Wendy Yates and Doris T Rolfe.

Election of Officers. The committee was re-elected en bloc.

Next Month. Beauty Therapy – Jane Green.
Competition. A Pot Pourri Bag

Raffle Prize Rota. Margaret B, Beryl, Sue N, Belinda,

Competition Results for a five line verse. S Quail (5), V. Parker (4), K. Goodwin (4).

Peggy Warby
President

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Attention all our Club Committees

The following letter has been received by the parish from AGE UK for the Cambridge area. They are looking for information on local clubs willing to be included in their database, please take time to read and should you wish to be included, please use the contact details provided in the letter.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have taken over completing a body of work which involves updating and maintaining our database of clubs and activities available to older people in Cambridgeshire. This enables us to send out information, such as our newsletter, which may be relevant to your members, but also allows us to pass on the details of clubs/societies that older people in your locality can access if they ask us for information.

I was wondering if you would be aware of any clubs in your parishes that would like to be, or would benefit from being included on our database.

If there are any clubs who would like to be added please contact me using the following details, or if you have any questions please contact either myself on the details below, or Lynne Byrne on 01354 696650.

I look forward to hearing from you

Lisa Bulbeck
Carry on Cooking Project Officer

Mobile: 07759 699748

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Email: lisa.bulbeck@ageukcambridgeshire.org.uk

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Upwell (Cambridge) Consolidated Charities

Dole Distribution

The trustees announce that the dole will be distributed on **Friday Dec 7th.**

Applicants residing in Christchurch to apply at Christchurch Village Hall between **2-3pm.**

- The aged and infirm will receive first consideration, no able bodied man or wife under 65 years of age need apply.
- Persons who have not been resident in the Parish for a period of at least 5 years will not be considered.
- Applications to be made in person only (Illness the only exception)

R.W.Stannard
Clerk to the trustees.

Christchurch Garden Club November 27th 2012



Oh! What a beautiful morning!

Oh! What a beautiful day!

We didn't have to cook, it was our annual 'Fish & Chip Supper Night' for the club members to enjoy, and we did just that. Plenty of banter going on as the quiz papers were handed out. A very varied raffle table was popular, be-decked with Holly Mistletoe with plastic bags for members to fill to use at home for décor. This was eagerly accepted, we are a garden club after all. Sheila Smart won our Single Stem Flower competition held through the year, beating Sandra Kaye by 2 points.

??? Who will be our winner in 2013???
Competition starts February.

Our next event is 'our coach trip,' we're off to **Scotsdales Garden Centre Dec 16th** for a day out, which has been arranged purely for a 'pleasurable xmas feeling day', leave the car at home and be taken with the garden club 'motley' on the coach which will pick up at 10 am at the Village Memorial Hall Christchurch, and then outside Bubbles and Franks bungalow.

Cost is £7 per person; just enjoy a day of your choice, deadline for a seat is Dec 10th

Tel:-01354 638024

Lots to see, optional refreshments, wonderful atmosphere.

After that trip, we prepare for 2013 and our AGM in January when the smiley faces come through the door eager!

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CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB

November's meeting of Craft club saw Beryl demonstrating beaded tree decorations which was enjoyed by all the girls, all making two or three items after the demonstration to take home.

Craft Club in December will take place on 4th, with Beryl once again demonstrating Christmas decorations, also there will be 'Christmas Nibbles'. Wendy Yates will be absent from the meeting, but sends her best wishes to the group for a lovely evening and also a Merry Christmas, from her and David.

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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who donate such spectacular raffle prizes regularly.

For more information ring Wendy on 01354 638448.
Wendy Yates

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Carol Singing



There will be carol singing in the village on
Thursday 20th December -

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We will be meeting at Ruth and Colin's house (on the playing field) at 6.00
then singing our way round the village.

We will finish at the church at 7.30 for some carols round the crib followed
by mince pies and mulled wine.

Contact Helen on 638092 or Ruth on 638419 if you are interested or
just turn up on the night.

Paddy Fink Of Benifield Church Road Christchurch

Would like to send her thanks to family
and friends for their cards and support
after her recent spell of ill health. Also
express her gratitude to the church for
the beautiful flowers.

Many Apologies to Whom it Concerns

Sadly, due to lack of
numbers, the proposed flower
arranging group which was starting
monthly in the
memorial hall has been
cancelled.

 Paddy Fink

ODE TO AGE

Remember to be kind to old folk,
for they are worth a fortune.

They have silver in their hair, gold in their teeth,
stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet
and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since I saw you last,
and a few changes have come into my life.
Frankly I have become a frivolous old girl !
I'm seeing my regular gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake up,
WILL POWER helps me out of bed;
then I go to see JOHN.

Next it's time for EARL GREY.

When they have left, ARTHUR RITIS shows up and
stays with me for the rest of the day.

He doesn't like to stay in one place for long, so
takes me from joint to joint.

After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to
get to bed with JOHNNY WALKER.

What a life! Oh yes, I almost forgot -
I'm also flirting with AL ZYMER.

The Minister called the other day. He said at my
age I should be thinking about the hereafter.

I told him I do that all the time.

No matter where I am, in the garden, the kitchen,
the bedroom or the sitting room,

I ask myself

"Now, what am I here after?"

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

September Coffee Morning - Towns & Cities Quiz Answers

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| 1. Windsor | 26. Nantwich |
| 2. Potters Bar | 27. Bury |
| 3. Ayr | 28. Motherwell |
| 4. Worcester | 29. Derby/Nottingham |
| 5. Blackburn | 30. Darlington |
| 6. Peel | 31. Barnstaple |
| 7. Ilford | 32. Sheffield |
| 8. Basildon | 33. White Haven |
| 9. Edinburgh | 34. Castleford |
| 10. Cowes | 35. Looe |
| 11. Hatfield | 36. Fulham/Cookham/Caterham |
| 12. Sittingbourne | 37. Kingstanding |
| 13. Chatham | 38. Hull |
| 14. Reading | 39. Bangor |
| 15. Hailsham | 40. Sandwich |
| 16. Ripon | 41. Mountain Ash |
| 17. Sterling | 42. Havant |
| 18. Seven Oaks | 43. Blackpool |
| 19. Bridge North | 44. Nuneaton |
| 20. Alloa | 45. Scarborough |
| 21. Newmarket | 46. Minehead |
| 22. Witcam/Hexham/Damerham. | 47. Beverley |
| 23. Winchester | 48. Eton |
| 24. Litchfield | 49. Canterbury/Banbury |
| 25. Stoke | 50. Bishop Auckland |

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Remembrance Assembly

The whole school had their Remembrance Assembly at the Church. They had all made poppies to lay around the memorial. We heard poems from Class 3.



Bedtime Read

We held another Bedtime Read. Here are some of our Reception children listening to their story.



Diary Dates

19th November—Tom and the Trolls—
Storytelling on bullying.

30th November – Class 2 visit to the Fitz-
William Museum/Class 3 to Cambridge Buddhist
Centre.

10th / 11th December – School Christmas
Presentation

19th December – Christingle Service

20th December – whole school visit
to see Dick Whittington

21st December – last day of term

8th January 2013 -Return for Spring
Term

Read Your way Around the World



Children dressed up for Children in
Need and raised over **£55.00!**

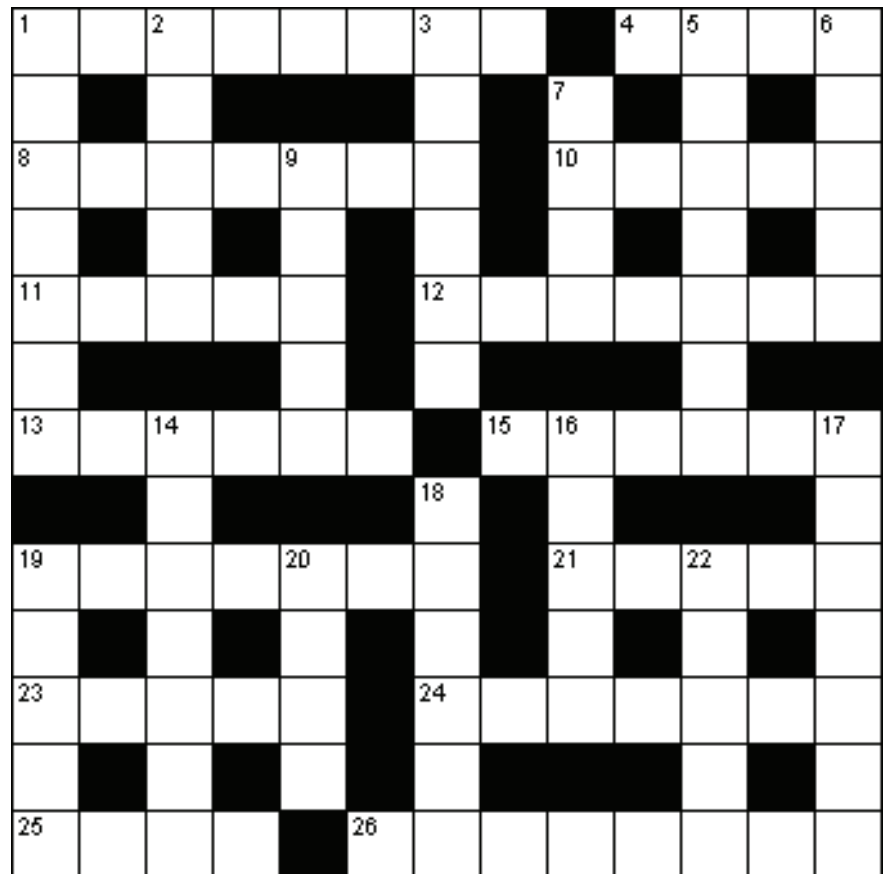


Across

1. Anteater (8)
4. Parts of a play (4)
8. Unfathomable (7)
10. Declare invalid (5)
11. Permit (5)
12. Mariner (7)
13. Denunciation (6)
15. Polar region (6)
19. Amalgamated (7)
21. Publish (5)
23. Din (5)
24. Aromatic herb (7)
25. Hazard (4)
26. Edible snail (8)

Down

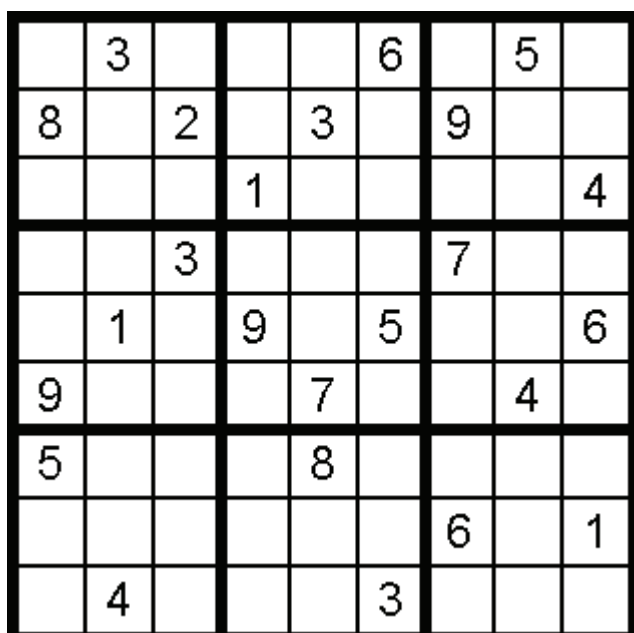
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2. Majestic (5)
3. Gusto (6)
5. Devise or invent (7)
6. Storage towers (5)
7. Cab (4)
9. Darned (5)
14. Dried grapes (7)
16. Salary increase (5)
17. Cigar (7)
18. Detestable (6)



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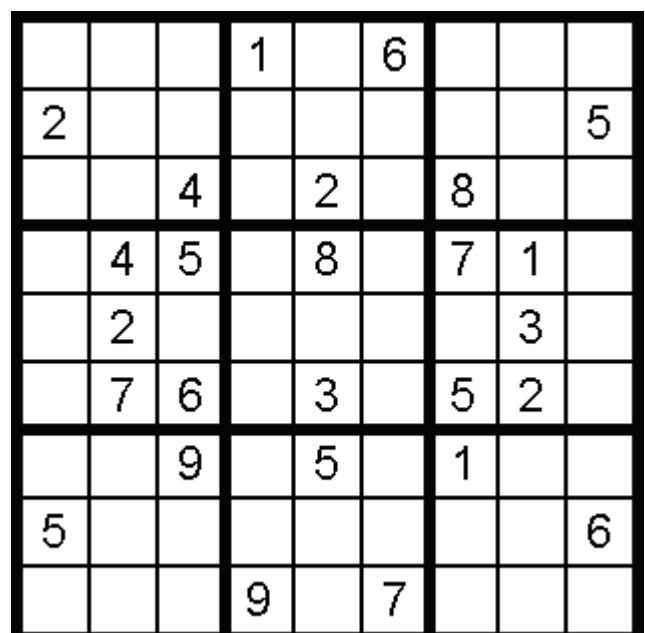
19. Relating to an arm bone (5)
20. Notion (4)
22. Vernacular (5)

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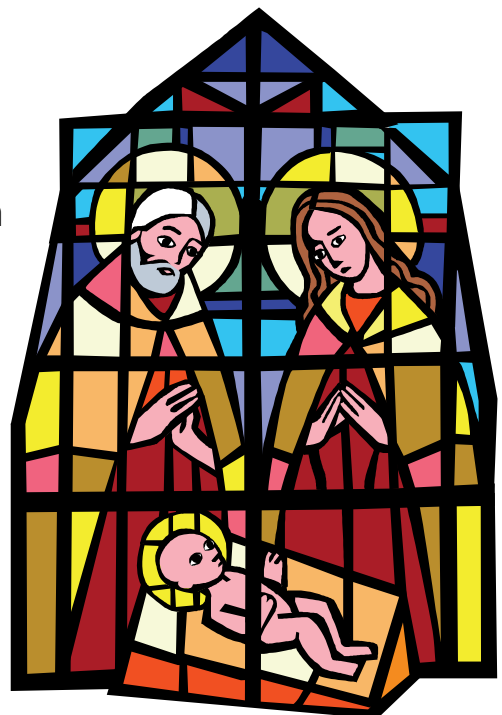
Parish Church Services

2nd Dec.	11:00am	Revd S. Tooke	All-Age Worship
9th Dec.	9:30am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	Holy Communion
16th Dec.	3:30pm	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	CAROL SERVICE
23rd Dec.	11:00am	S.E. Tooke	Morning Prayer
24th Dec.	11:30pm	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	United Midnight Communion at MANEA
25th Dec.	10:00am	Revd S. Tooke	United Holy Communion at WELNEY
30th Dec.	10:00am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	United Morning Prayer at CHRISTCHURCH

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Christmas Fayre on 24th November. We raised the sum of **£829.36** There were many generous donations to the stalls, and lots of willing hands to set up and run the event and many people enjoying the event itself.

Daphne and Andrew.

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



Christchurch Parish Council News

**Draft agenda for next Council meeting 7:30pm, Monday 10th Dec 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 Nov 2012
3. Disclosure or declaration of interests
4. Update on actions from previous meeting
5. Public Adjournment (time to raise issues affecting you with the Council)
6. Police Update
7. Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2013/14
8. Correspondence
9. Finance
10. Review of Planning Applications
11. Parish Plan
12. Reporting of Village Concerns

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Church Road and Upwell Road house numbering

Recently the Fenland District Council has undertaken a renumbering of the properties on Church Road and Upwell Road. The information on house numbers is then used by other organisations such as the emergency services. In order to ensure the emergency services get to the correct house it is suggested that householders ensure that their house number or name is clearly seen and not obstructed by plants etc.

Recycling Bins

There are currently two bottle recycling bins at the Recreation Ground Car Park, one for clear glass and one for coloured glass. There is soon to be an additional bin so that green and brown glass can be collected separately.

**MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2012 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT 7:30pm**

Present: Councillors – Jacky Wincote (Chair), Nigel Russell, Jill Bliss, Simon Freeland, William Beswick, Hannah Poole, Will Sutton (FDC) and Fred Yeulett (CCC).
Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 5 members of the public were also in attendance. In addition Jane Andrews-Gauvain attended the meeting for item 3.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Cotterell MBE (FDC) and PCSO Russ.

2. Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the 10th September meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

3. Presentation by Jane Andrews-Gauvain on a Biodiversity project being run by the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Environmental Records Centre

Jane introduced herself and explained her role in trying to record environmental information in Cambridgeshire. She explained what the project is trying to achieve and requested help from the public in recording the wildlife in and around Christchurch leaving a number of posters and leaflets detailing the project she is working on. The Council agreed to include details of her project in the next edition of The Heron. Jane answered questions from both councillors and residents and left the meeting at the end of the presentation.

4. Disclosure and Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

The Clerk summarised the new rules for the declaration of interests.

No interests were declared.

5. Update on action points from previous meeting

It was reported that:

- Highways are aiming to start repairs on the bridge at Cotton's Corner on the 15th October. The fact that the bridge does not comply to current standards was reported to the Council and that in the longer term a change in design may be required. Repairs are due to start on repairing Bedlam Bridge on 19th November and the bridge will have additional safety features installed.
- A letter has been sent to the resident whose brambles are growing over the footpath near to the School and they have been cut back to some degree.
- Highways have added replacing the knocked down crossroad sign near to the Padgett's Road / Church Road junction to their list of works. Cllr. Sutton reported that a tree branch had fallen over one of the other road signs near this junction but that has now been removed.

6. Public Adjournment

Members of the public commented on the following:

- Could Roddons be asked to help with overgrown hedges at properties belonging to them?
- Better signs are required to make people aware that the Recreation Ground is a no dogs area. Clerk to obtain costing.
- There is a lot of rubbish at the Skateboard Park. An additional rubbish bin was requested. Council members explained the issues with get FDC to empty it and reminded all that as part of the deal for putting the Skateboard Park there the children agreed to put rubbish in the bin near to the Crown Drove entrance to the Recreation Ground which is emptied by FDC. It was agreed to put a notice in The Heron asking users to keep the area tidy.
- The extent of damage to the Youth Shelter following the recent fire was requested. It was reported that paintwork had been damaged but the structure was still undamaged.
- An update on the move to reduce the speed limit through Church Road/Upwell Road was requested. The Clerk reported that the new signs have been purchased and that he is liaising with the contractors and the Highways Department and expects the 30mph speed limit to be in force during the week commencing 5th November. A resident expressed concern over the lack of a footpath from his property into the village and the speed limit still being 60mph on the road outside his property both of which mean his son cannot walk to school and said that he will speak to members of the Council in due course about this.

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- A resident requested that this agenda item be moved to later in the agenda to allow members of the public to speak to the Council following their discussions on subjects appearing later on the agenda. Members agreed to consider the request.

7. Police Update

PCSO Russ sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. In the report he sent to the Council he reported that during a recent Speed Check in a 15 minutes period 14 vehicles were observed and none were breaking the speed limit.

He also reported that he has spoken again with a resident with an untidy front garden and the resident has agreed to move the rubbish from the front of the property.

8. Correspondence Received

The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors:

- A request by a Victim Support organisation based in Huntingdon for a donation.
- A scheme to help the over 60's who have mobility issues. A notice has been placed on the village notice board regarding the scheme and a member of the public at the meeting offered to take details of it to the Good Companions club. He was thanked for the offer and given the information.
- A letter received from a resident regarding progress on the new village hall. The Clerk explained he will be putting an update in the November issue of the Heron so all residents are aware of the situation but has given the resident an answer to all his questions. It was also reported that members will be holding a brief meeting after the conclusion of this meeting to be briefed by the Vice-Chair and Clerk on progress made and decisions required to proceed.

9. County Council Street Lighting Project

The Clerk highlighted the aims of the project and explained that the replacement programme only affected those lights in Fenview and near to the Upwell Road / Sixteen Foot Bank Road junction. In the project approximately 10% of lights in the County would not be replaced but those remaining would be of a higher standard. A total of 14 lights in the village are impacted. The Clerk requested that Councillors view the areas impacted so they can form a view for discussion at the next meeting. The Clerk reported that residents affected will receive information from the County Council regarding the scheme.

10. Finance

The Clerk reported total bank balances of £56,698.12, with cheques written amounting to £4,076.68 to come from this, and brought to Councillor's attention the earmarked funds (funds that must be spent on specific purposes) that total a little over £33k.

The Clerk highlighted those items below (10.6 and 10.7) where VAT will be able to be claimed back and read out the list of play park items repaired by Sharman Fabrications. The Council agreed that it was good value for money.

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

- 10.1** Clerk's Salary £183.58
- 10.2** HMR&C £137.80 (3 months PAYE on Clerk's Salary)
- 10.3** Postage £6.00
- 10.4** The Heron £65.00
- 10.5** Cambridgeshire County Council £279.15 (advertising speed limit change)
- 10.6** Fenland Leisure Products £480.00 (Jubilee Picnic benches for Townley School)
- 10.7** Sharman Fabrications £1,230.00 (Repairs to Play Parks)

11. Planning Applications

No applications to consider.

12. Parish Plan – Update

Nothing to report. Cllr. Freeland asked for clarification of what was in the Plan. It was confirmed that the document he had was the plan but that there was also an Action Plan that the Council adopted once the original Christchurch Action Team had disbanded. The Clerk was asked to provide all members with an up to date copy of the Action Plan.

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13. Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

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- Quad bikes being ridden in an inconsiderate manner is still an issue.
- Rubbish being dropped on the floor after football matches.
- The Clerk reported that Upwell FC have paid the Recreation Ground Charity for their usage of the Pavilion for 7 matches.
- The Stop sign at the Upwell Road/Sixteen Foot Bank Road is partially obscured by the branch of a tree.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:37pm

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