

Christchurch Village Newsletter

May 2012

Welcome to the May edition of The Heron, our first 'start to finish' edition since taking over from Pat and hopefully we have not forgotten anything this time! So without further ado we send our apologies to the staff and pupils of Townley School for missing out your page last month.

With our 100 lines of 'we must not forget the school page again' completed, we have continued with some subtle changes. This month sees the addition of a crossword and an dedicated email address for advertisement request/queries. Please use the following email address for any advertisement enquiries; adverts@theheron.info. We are also looking for any news you feel should be shared with the community, if you do have any news or maybe a nice story, please send it through to us at editor@theheron.info or by mail/hand to; The Hollies, March Road, Tipps End. **Please remember, we need to have your stories and advertisement request with us by the 28th of the month**.

We would have loved to have met a number of you at Pats surprise party but circumstances surrounding our over running home renovations resulted in the builders working till late into the evening to catch up. We are sure there will be plenty of other opportunities throughout the year to get to meet some of you.

Paul & Mandi

It has been brought to our attention by a local resident that 3 planning applications have been made to erect wind turbines in close proximity to our area, namely, on land between Padgetts Road and Manea.

The planning applications for these are F/YR12/0260/F, F/YR12/0261/F and F/ YR12/0204/F and can be viewed on the Fenland District Council website by going to <u>http://www.fenland.gov.uk/publicaccess</u> and click on the agree to terms at the bottom of the page and then enter the planning numbers as reference on the next page.

If you feel you would like to comment or oppose the planning application you should do so in writing either to Planning Fenland District Council, Fenland Hall, County Rd, March. PE15 8NQ, or by email to <u>planning@fenland.gov.uk</u> **By either means, letters should be received by 9th May 2012.**

Please also bear in mind that all comments will be made public (i.e. to the applicant/public/press) including the identity of the sender.

Anyone wishing to send in comment but is unsure how to go about it or has no access to the internet to view the details of the planning application can contact us and we will be happy to assist you with information, or provide a standard letter format for you to lodge your opposition should you wish to do so.

A surprise 'Thank You' for the retiring editor of The Heron

On Friday 20th April, the village community hosted a surprise party for Pat Mills who is retiring as editor of The Heron. Over 40 parishioners, together with Mac Cotterell, Will Sutter Ferland District Councillance

Will Sutton, Fenland District Councillors; Nigel Russell and Jill Bliss, Christchurch Parish Councillors and Mrs.Barbara Kingman, former Parish Clerk who was a co-editor with Pat and Les when they first took over The Heron. A wonderful finger buffet was provided by some of the ladies of the village.

Mac Cotterell presented Pat with a bouquet of flowers and a garden voucher from the Parish Council and a gift of money which had been donated by the villagers



On the night Pat expressed her thanks to everyone for the wonderful surprise party and for the very kind gifts.

Pat would also like to say the following...

I would like to thank everyone for the super surprise party given for me on Friday, 20th April. I really was taken aback to see so many faces waiting to greet me in the Memorial Hall, some of whom I had not seen for quite a while.

I did enjoy my evening although felt that I really did not need thanking for doing a job which I had thoroughly

enjoyed over the years and which I hope



to be helping with for a while to come (you can't get rid of me that easily!)

The flowers and the gift with which I was presented were wonderful, and the food which had been so carefully prepared and presented extremely tasty, such a lot of preparation had obviously gone into that.

I still think that there are a few folks in Christchurch who can tell a 'porky pie' or two with a very straight face but I love you all and still reckon that Christchurch is the best village in the world!

My love and thanks

Pat

Going Batty in the Village

With our current penchant for wildlife topics, I thought I'd share my latest "encounter" with you all. On the morning of Sunday 11th March, I was out in the garden when I heard a strange squeaking sound and saw one of the cats showing an interest. As I got closer I saw the animal making the noise was a bat! Knowing a little about what to do, I got Vanessa to get me a pair of gloves – as they do have rather sharp teeth – and kept the cat from getting too close. The kids found me a shoebox to put it in and then we looked for what to do next. RSPCA and local vet were unfortunately not a lot of help. Hoorah for the Internet! The Bat Conservation Trust (www.bats.org.uk) have a great set of links with what to do if you find one, identification help and "Bats and the Law".

I had to keep hold of the bat for about 24 hours before I could pass it on to a local specialist so Vanessa was sent to get me some mealworms. They sell them live in pet shops or dried from garden centres. If you feed them dry, then it's best to soak them in a little warm water first. We fed the bat using tweezers.

I handed it over to a local "bat rehabilitator" on the Monday morning and he was going to let me know how the bat was doing and whether it'd healthy enough to be released in a few days. It fed quite voraciously so we're hoping it was just tired. The bat was identified as a young female Pipistrelle, one of 17 species of bat which breed in the UK. We often see them flitting around the garden in summer evenings so it was nice to see one up close.

I got a phone call on the Wednesday that the bat was fit and healthy and in a suitable state to be released, so I collected her on the Friday lunchtime and successfully released her in the garden at dusk – much to the children's delight.

Basically – contain it, keep it somewhere warm, put a tea-towel in a corner of the box for it to crawl into, a shallow small dish of water in there as dehydration can be a problem and phone the Bat Trust helpline on 0845 1300 228 and listen to the automatic menu. It should now be manned 24/7 as we are into the main season.

🗠 Andy Murray.

Do you have a story like Andy's and would like it to feature in The Heron ?

If so, you can either email it to us at editor@theheron.info or in writing to The Hollies, March Road, Tipps End, Wisbech, Cambs. PE14 9SH



CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB

On the 3rd April Margaret Sparrow demonstrated Encaustic Art. We had three sets of equipment to work with and everyone had the chance of making more than one attempt and these were then turned into cards. We would like to thank Margaret for a very enjoyable evening. Among our raffle prizes for the evening we were lucky enough to have a super Easter Egg.

There will be no meeting in May due to unforeseen circumstances.

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.

Wendy, Chairman

Christchurch Short Mat Bowls Club

Christchurch Short Mat Bowls Club ended their Paget League Season by finishing equal third, which is a very encouraging position, WELL DONE TO EVERYONE!

A presentation day was held at Emneth Village Hall where Walpole Highway was presented with the League Winners Shield.

Over 50 players from the League played in a triples competition during the day, with 2 Christchurch players, Irene Horner and John Sparrow reaching the semi finals. A very successful day and raising money for charity.

In recent weeks we have welcomed four new players to the Club. If you are interested in coming along for a taster we meet at the Memorial Hall on Mondays 2 pm - 4 pm and Thursday evenings 7 pm - 9 pm. Cost £1.50.

John Sparrow Chairman

TOWNLEY SCHOOL

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Tel/Fax: 01354 638229

April 2012



Townley Book Day took place on 27th April. Children were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. Lots of activities were run throughout the day, beginning with the characters walking the catwalk!

March 2012

Local MP Steve Barclay visited our school. He was shown demonstrations from each class and awarded the weeks achievement certificates to pupils.





2nd May - Netball Tournament

21st- 25th May Book fair

26th May - 'Friends' School Fete

28th May - Sports Day

1st June - Red, White and Blue - Diamond Jubilee assembly

1st June - Break up for Half Term

Earlier in March we held another Bedtime Read event. Children came back to school in the evening, enjoyed hearing stories followed by hot chocolate and biscuits!



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Year 2 SATs - During May



Well! we did it again, another successful; Coach Trip. The weather was kind,

A scenic journey going to Hyde Hall. Plenty to see,

observe good ideas for dry garden's techniques and, of course, a very interesting Plant Fair (aren't they always?).

Just two very small showers of light rain and a happy coach party enjoyed a different scenic drive home. Everybody smiling after a good day out.

Our next pleasurable time together was for the Club meeting. It was a talk by Mr. Dunham on Bees, who is also a very keen gardener and enjoys his prize winning Pelargonium's amongst other plants which can be seen at Emneth Village Hall, July and August time. Well worth going to see, take a camera, it's really worth it. <u>But</u> it was an evening of <u>BEES</u> and how changes are taking place, an insight into the life of these wonderfully clever creatures. Our speaker certainly knew his subject, enjoyed by all who came!

<u>NOW!</u> It's time to make a note for 19th May, it's the next project for Club members and visitors - our "ANNUAL PLANT SALE", always a good day. To be held at Bubbles and Frank's patch, Church Road, Christchurch - look for the balloons and, of course, the bunting. Come and enjoy the banter of the enthusiasts, walk around the garden and see how it just 'grew and grew', Topsy style.

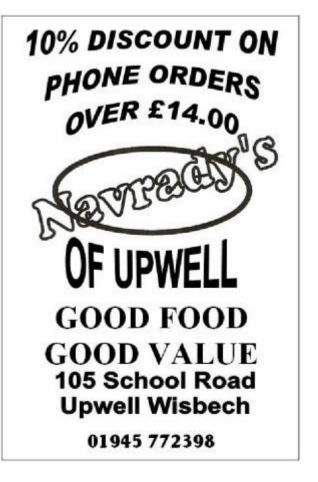
The Club meeting after our Plant Sale will be on Tuesday, 22nd May. We are

looking forward to 'Wildlife in Gardens' Can we tempt you to come for a visit? Go on give it a go! 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. , always a chat with other members first.

Bubbles Whiting,. Chairperson

For any further information regarding the Garden Club or visiting us in 2012 - ?? will you chance it - go on give us a try contact Bubbles on 01354 638024

PLEASE NOTE: Fenland Bulbs is not a Garden Club project - all enquiries should go to 01354 638535.



CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

Minutes of the meeting held at the Five Bells, Upwell on 10th April 2012 at 7 p.m.



Apologies were received from M. Sparrow, C. Symons, K. Goodwin and B. Brooks.

Business was kept to a minimum as members celebrated our 84th birthday dinner at the Five Bells, Upwell. We enjoyed a lovely meal with excellent service. We sang Happy Birthday to Alma Hughes as it was her birthday that day.

During the evening raffle tickets were sold for the W.I. Inter County. The draw will take place at the East of England Show in July.

May Meeting

Resolutions Evening and demonstration.

Competition: Individual decorated cake.

Raffle Prize Rota

Beryl, Pat, Susan Quail, Margaret Beswick.

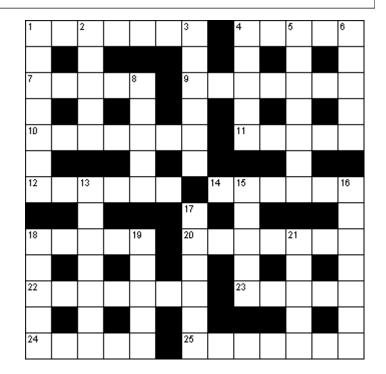
Susan Norman. Secretary

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- 9. Vertical (7)
- 10. Inactivity (7)
- 11. Measuring implement (5)
- 12. Dictator (6)
- 14. Ecclesiastic (6)
- 18. Copious (5)
- 20. Drawn (7)
- 22. Pouch worn with a kilt (7)
- 23. Diadem (5)
- 24. Admittance (5)
- 25. Spiny anteater (7)

Down

- 1. Transported (7)
- 2. Emblem (5)
- 3. Tropical Bird (6)
- 4. Mistake (5)
- 5. Dependable follower (7)
- 6. Go in (5)
- 8. Magnitude relation (5)
- 13. Reinforcement (7)
- 15. Reasoned judgement (5)`



16. Musical passage (7)

- 17. Opportunity (6)
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Parish Church Services

6th May	11.00 am	All Age Worship & Baptism
13th May	9.30 am	Holy Communion
20th May	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
27th May	11.00 am	Morning Prayer

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be held at the Parish Church on Sunday 3rd June at 11.00 am. There will be special readings, prayers and hymns. The Service will be led by Mr. Stephen Tooke.

Dates to remember: Flower Festival to be held on the 14th, 15th and 16th June 2012.

PLEASE NOTE:

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



Top prize	Picking Order	Number Drawn	Name of winner
£100	1	109	Janet Roffell
£20	2	55	Dexter Searle
£20	3	127	J Quail
£20	4	151	S. Warby
£20	5	202	M. Emmans
£20	6	41	P. Jolley
£10	7	95	M. Lee
£10	8	97	D. Chisholm
£10	9	1	Mrs. Griffin
£10	10	91	R. Smart
£10	11	87	Parish Church
£10	12	180	W. Sutton
£10	13	160	G. Judd
£10	14	5	J. Kitchen
£10	15	152	Mrs. A. Lavender
£10	16	132	M. Singleterry

200+ Club Draw (57) - JAN/APR. 2012 - DRAW APRIL 17TH 2012 Draws will normally be just before the start of the Memorial Hall Committee Meetings in the months APRIL/AUGUST/DECEMBER

See The Heron for future meeting dates



SANDRA & BARRY KAY

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MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 12th MARCH 2012 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT 7:30pm

Present: Councillors – Nigel Russell (Chair), Jacky Wincote, Jill Bliss, Simon Freeland, Hannah Poole, Wes Poole, William Beswick and Will Sutton (FDC). Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 9 members of the public were also in attendance.

Welcome and Apologies

Cllr. Russell welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Yeulett (FDC), Cllr Cotterell MBE (FDC) and PCSO Martin Bogunovic.

Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the 13th February meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

Disclosure and Declarations of Interests

Cllr. Bliss declared an interest in payment 8.3.

Update on action points from previous meeting

The Clerk reported that:

- Speed Limit reduction consultation letters have been sent out and a notice placed in The Heron. So far two responses of support have been received from residents as has one letter of acknowledgement.
- An e-mail has been sent to Highways regarding the feasibility of dropping part of the kerb near the Old Shop to make it easier for those with prams and wheelchairs to negotiate the bend but as yet no response has been received.
- The Clerk continues to research options for a Council web-site. Mr Horton has indicated that he is prepared to continue to update his web-site with Parish Council minutes.
- Cllr. Beswick has discussed the proposal to give all children at the School and Pre-School a Queen's Jubilee commemorative mug with the Chair of the School Governing Body and the Governing Body of the School is in favour of the proposal. The Clerk has obtained the number of children who attend the School and Pre-School from the Head. Cllr. Russell suggested that children not yet at School or Pre-School should also be given a mug. The Clerk confirmed that the FDC grant has been applied for. **Clerk to order mugs.**

Public Adjournment

Members of the public raised the following issues:

An increase in dog fouling along Church Road. Cllr. Wes Poole mentioned that there is also a problem at the Playing Field.

The Clerk was asked to notify the FDC Dog Warden and the Police of the problem.

A Street light in Fenview is not working but it has been reported.

During a recent visit of the local MP to the School the issue of the falling School Role was discussed and disappointment expressed that a proposed housing development had been withdrawn from the planning process. Cllr. Wes Poole explained that the planning application will be re-submitted following a traffic survey.

Continued...

Police Update

The Clerk reported that PCSO Bogunovic has sent his apologies.

The report he has sent the Council has just one reported issue a theft of a vehicle from Outwell that was subsequently burnt out near the 16ft river.

Correspondence Received

The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors:

- An e-mail relating to a proposal to hold the Neighbourhood Forum meeting prior to some Parish Council meetings. It was agreed that Christchurch might be better being paired with Manea for these meetings rather than Elm due to the travel issues in getting to Elm.
- A notice received informing the Council of the pending ROSPA inspection of the Play Parks.
- Details of Nat West's Parish Council bank accounts. **The Clerk will review options and make any recommendations to the Council**.

Cllr. Russell brought to the meeting's attention the impending road closure at Stonea $(31^{st}$ March and 1^{st} April).

Finance

It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all to continue the Council's membership of Cambs ACRE and to take advantage of the 5 year membership for the price of 4 years. It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all to appoint Mr Ivan Cooper as Independent Internal Auditor.

The following items were agreed for payment

- 1. Clerk's Salary £183.58
- 2. Postage £8.64
- 3. The Heron £60.00
- 4. Cambs ACRE membership £120.00 Suffolk ACRE £874.32 (Recreation Ground Insurance)

Two other payments were sanctioned \pounds 206.25 each to Mrs Seaton and Mrs Negus for land rental. Cllrs. Hannah and Wes Poole declared interests in these payments.

Planning Applications

None to review.

Formation of a new Charity to run the Recreation Gnd and the Building on that site - Update

The Clerk reported that letters have been sent to all clubs that are likely to use the new facility asking if they wish to sit on the Committee and become Trustees. So far only two clubs have responded.

Diamond Jubilee celebration arrangements

Matter dealt with under item 4.

Parish Council Web-Site

Matter dealt with under item 4.

Parish Plan – Update

The Clerk reported that Cambs ACRE has offered to attend any future Open Meetings in the village to help update the plan.

Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

- Concerns about numbering houses in Church Road and Upwell Road and how The Hill and some Wayside properties would be impacted with the Upwell Road renumbering. Cllr. Russell agreed to discuss the matter further with residents. The Clerk was asked to contact FDC and suggest that numbering of Church Road should proceed but to hold back with Upwell Road for the time being.
- 2. Large pot hole near Corner Farm, Tipp's End.
- 3. More pot holes in Euximoor Drove.
- 4. Poor state of the 16 Foot Bank Road near the junction with Padgett's Road
- 5. Cambridgeshire County Council giving their approval for the sale of some of the land purchased by the Parish Council from them to raise funds for the renovation of the Sports Pavilion.
- 6. Poor state of repair of some properties along Euximoor Drove.

Clerk to report highways issues to Cambridegshire Highways Department.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8:15pm

Christchurch Parish Council News

Draft agenda for next Council meeting 7:30pm, Monday 14th May 2011, Memorial Hall, Church Road.

This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Meeting at 7pm when the Council will present its annual report.

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

- 1. Open, welcome and apologies
- 2. Election of Chair
- 3. Election of Vice-Chair
- 4. Signing of previous meeting's minutes Apr 2012
- 5. Disclosure or declaration of interests
- 6. Update on actions from previous meeting
- 7. Review of key Council Policies
- 8. Public Adjournment
- 9. Police Update
- 10. Correspondence
- 11. Finance
- 12. Review of Planning Applications
- 13. Responses to proposal to reduce the Speed Limit
- 14. Parish Plan
- 15. Reporting of Village Concerns

Your Parish Council and how to contact us

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

Dog Fouling

Unfortunately there has been an increase in dog fouling along Church Road and only last month a young mother had the need to have to clean her children, and their clothes, after they slipped and fell in it. Allowing dogs to foul footpaths is an offence and it has been reported to Fenland District Council. Please be considerate and clear up after your pets. The Council thanks all the responsible owners who already do this.

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May 2012 crossword solution

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Altzheimer's Society (Fenland)	01945 580480
Cambs Fire & Rescue	01480 444500
Churchwarden - Mrs. D. Symons	01354 638352
Citizens' Advice Bureau, Wisbech	01945 464367
Community Car Scheme (to book a journey)	07902 316360
County Councillor – Fred Yeulett	01354 653763
District Councillor – Mac Cotterell	01945 583744
District Councillor – Will Sutton	01354 638025
Dog Warden	01354 622547
Eastern Electricity	0800 783 8838
FACT (Fenland Association of Community Transport)	01354 661234
Fenland District Council	01354 654321
Highway Agency's Road Repair Line	0845 0455212
Library – March	0354 0455225
Memorial Hall Caretakers – Mr. & Mrs. A. Murray	01354 638272
Parish Clerk – Mr. Stephen Cowell	01354 661374
Rector - Rev'd Kevin Fitzgibbon	01354 680969
Stagecoach - Peterborough	01733 554571
Stagecoach - Cambridge	01223 423 578
Telephone Complaints	0345 145000
Townley School	01354 638229
Trading Standards	0845 04 05 06
Train Information	08457 484950
Upwell Health Centre	01945 773671
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Number and you will be through to those on duty)	01945 773671
Water Emergencies	08457 145145
Welle Pharmacy, Upwell Health Centre	01945 774081
Wisbech Fire Station	01945 428600

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