



Christchurch Village Newsletter

November 2012

Welcome to the November edition of The Heron. The winter is almost upon us and the darker nights have arrived with the resetting of the clocks last weekend. But on a brighter note this time of year brings us Celebrations of Guy Fawkes foiled gun powder plot, I wonder what he'd have made of our parliament in this day and age?

Obviously we can't mention bonfire night without adding a word of caution on the subject of fireworks, as still sadly in the celebrations many many people are hurt with firework accidents every year. If you do decide to have fireworks at home please stay safe or like many choose to do each year gather with other people at a local venue and let the professionals ensure a risk free display. And you can't get more local than popping down to the Dunn Cow on the 3rd November and joining in the celebrations this year.

Also remember it's not only pets who can be frightened by the noise and flashing lights, livestock and horses, who can not be kept safe inside whilst the celebrations go off also can be distressed. So be extra vigilant and considerate if you live near farm land.

We would like to take this opportunity in thanking all of you who have sent their thanks and supportive comments on our continuation of the newsletter, your feedback and good wishes are much appreciated, not actually living in Christchurch village we have to rely on word getting back to us that we are providing you with what you want to read and 'getting it right'. We always look forward to suggestions, or if anyone wishes to send in articles or news stories they feel would benefit the community, and don't forget all of the past Heron's for the year (including this one) can be found on the Heron's website www.theheron.info

Paul and Mandi

Editors.

As of October invoicing for adverts in the newsletter are being processed by the editorial team and all payments for these should be paid as advised on your invoice. (i.e to:- The Hollies, March Road, Tipps end with the correct remittance slip).

Any other monies/donations can still be passed on to Vanessa Murray who is happy to collect small cash transactions if properly itemised to pass on to our treasurer.

Judge directs not guilty verdict for former Stonea publicans

FORMER publicans Mandy and George Grima were cleared of fraud and abstracting electricity charges when they appeared at Norwich Crown Court on Monday.

A judge directed a not guilty verdict to be recorded after the Crown Prosecution Service offered no evidence against the couple, who used to run the Golden Lion at Stonea.

Both Mandy, 50, and George, 53, had denied making a false representation to Andy and Christina Swindon between September 6 2010 and November 19 2010, by claiming that the electricity bills at the pub were lower than they were, and as a consequence Andy and Christina Swindon bought the Golden Lion at a loss.

The pair, of Serenity Rear, Golden Lion, Stonea, had also denied abstracting electricity between December 2008 and January 2011.

A trial did not get underway, and the proceedings were halted after several days of legal argument.

Co-defendant and former Christchurch parish councillor Andrew Sweetman, of Tipp's End near Welney, had earlier admitted one count of abstracting electricity. The date of his sentencing is yet to be set by Cambridge Crown Court.



Golden Lion public house, Stonea

Article courtesy of CambsTimes & Reporter Elaine King

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- Light household duties

CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

Minutes of the Monthly WI Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on October 9th at 7 p.m.



The President welcomed members and guests from Welney and Wimblington W.I's. to our Harvest meeting.

Minutes were signed.

Apologies were received from C. Symons and B.Brooks.

Correspondence

Invitation to March St. Mary's annual Dinner.
Fliers for Calendar Girls
W.I. Carol Service
Changes to Rules and constitution meeting.

Birthdays

M.Beswick

Our evening began with a meal of home-made soup and French bread followed by a choice of deserts made by members. The singing duo "This and That" entertained us with a variety of well known songs.

During the interval an auction was held. The large amount of produce was auctioned by Peggy which raised a considerable amount for our funds. This and That rounded off the evening with a further selection of songs. They were thanked by Peggy for standing in at the last minute. A thoroughly enjoyable end to the evening.

Competition Results

A flower arrangement in a pepper: V.Parker5,
A.Hughes 5, T.Day 4, D.W.Rolfe 4, S.Kay 4,
M.Sparrow 4, P.Warby4, S.Quail 3, W.Yates3.

Tracy was presented with a token for achieving 50 points in competitions.

Next Month:

Wise and Unwise Women of the Fens --Polly Howat

Comp: A five line verse about the Fens.

Raffle Prize Rota:

W.Yates,P.Warby,T.Day,S.Quail

Peggy Warby
President

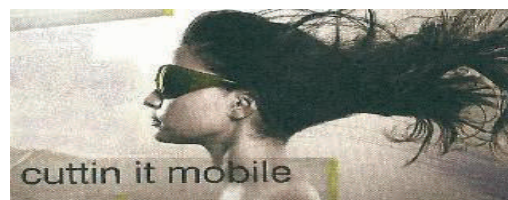
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Christchurch Garden Club October 23rd 2012



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Our Fish Supper was arranged for members annual event in November, and our special Christmas Shopping Day Trip is proving popular. ?have you booked yet?

DEC 16th a Sunday to Scotsdales.

Members £6 Visitors £7

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To book your seat 01354638024 Garden club contact :- 'Bubbles'

NOTE Our new group hoping to start and learn about

*** Flower Arranging***

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CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB

Craft club held its AGM at its last meeting in October, and I am pleased to report the following Chairperson Wendy Yates, Secretary Beryl Brooks, Treasurer Peggy Warby, Committee Sandra Kaye, Committee

Sandra Lloyd.

Many thanks to everyone over the last year for their support. After AGM business we had a wonderful evening experimenting in False Nail Art, which everyone found extremely enjoyable. Many thanks to all those who attended.

Our next meeting is on November 6th, when Beryl Brooks demonstrates Beaded Christmas Tree Decorations.

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

Big Thank You

From Sandra Kaye

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7.30pm

Halloween fancy dress
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Harvest Festival

Townley held a Harvest Festival and a collection managed to raise **£170.00** for MacMillan Nurses.



School Council 2012/13



This years school council have been elected!

Chairperson—Eleanor,

Secretary—Rosie and Elliot.

Other members include:

Freddy, Jake, Jack and Daisy

Diary Dates

6th November – Pupils Return

8th November—Bedtime Read

9th November—Remembrance Assembly

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

30th November – Class 2 visit to the Fitz-William
Museum

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



Read Your way Around the World

Each pupil has been issued with a Reading Miles Passport. They have 6 journeys to complete altogether. Each step is worth 500 miles and costs 10 minutes of reading, the number of steps vary in each journey they undertake.

Certificates are issued when a pupil completes a journey.

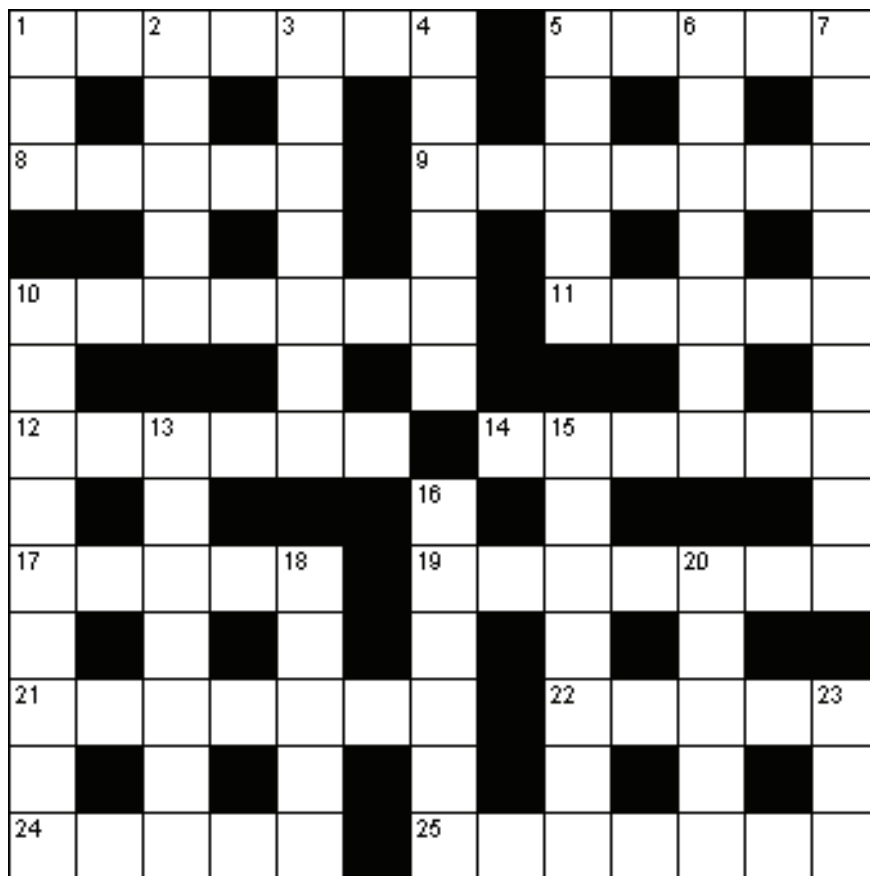


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5. Group of insects (5)
8. Large herbivorous mammal (5)
9. Pagan (7)
10. Unfeigned (7)
11. Ledge (5)
12. Lifted (6)
14. Appraise (6)
17. Notions (5)
19. Fruit (7)
21. Direction (7)
22. Taut or rigid (5)
24. Days of the month (5)
25. Embroiled (7)

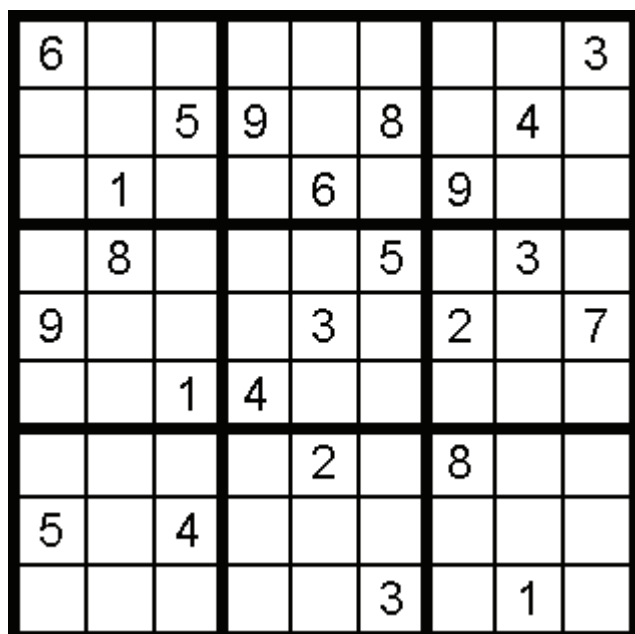
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1. Chart (3)
2. Inert gas (5)
3. Dissimilar (7)
4. Reverberated (6)
5. Photos (5)
6. Attain (7)
7. Public declaration (9)
10. Decorated food (9)
13. Imprecise (7)
15. Abridge (7)
16. Captured (6)
18. Secret agents (5)
20. Invalidate (5)
23. Conclusion (3)



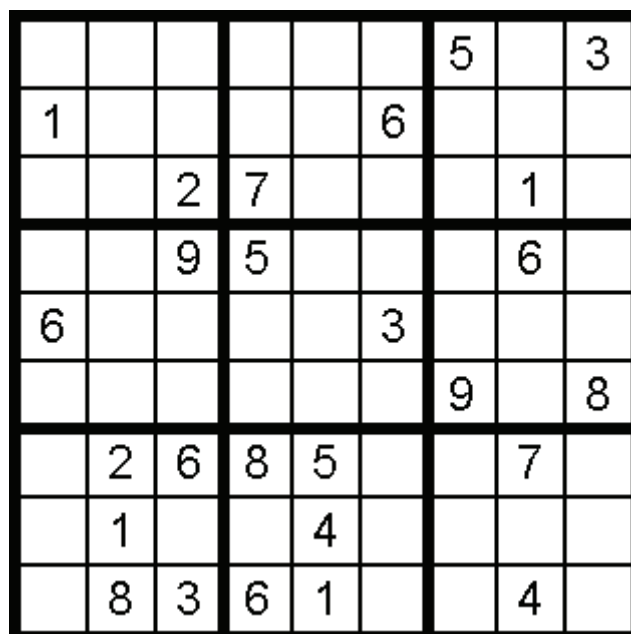
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Parish Church Services

4th November 11:00am

Revd K Fitzgibbon : All Age Worship

11th November 9:30am

Revd K Fitzgibbon
ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AT WAR MEMORIAL
Followed by Holy Communion

18th November 3:30pm

Revd K Fitzgibbon : Evening Prayer

25th November 11:00am

Churchwardens : Morning Prayer

Our Thanks to the Staff and pupils of Townley School for their generous donation of £64.61 given to church funds from their Harvest Service. Also for kindly allowing us to use the school premises for the Harvest Supper.

Thank you to Helen, Karen and Ruth and the young folk for organising and running the Harvest Supper and to Mary and Sheila for the Raffle. A total of £336 was raised.

Daphne and Andrew

Date to Remember

Saturday 24th November, 2012. Christmas Fayre

This will be in the Village Hall from 2pm-4pm with various stalls, games and we are hopeful that Father Christmas will be visiting us during the afternoon !

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

'Non-Churchy Church'

The next service organised by the
Church youth group will be on Sunday
25th November at 5pm in the Church.

It is an informal, chilled out service aimed at younger
people, or older people who are young at heart!

Why not come along?
Everyone welcome.



Christchurch Parish Council News

Draft agenda for next Council meeting 7:30pm, Monday 12th Nov 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 Oct 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. Correspondence
8. Finance
9. Cambridgeshire County Council Street light project affecting Fenview lights and some on Upwell Road
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 638802	Hannah Poole – phone 638622
William Beswick – phone 638758	
	Stephen Cowell (Clerk) – phone 661374 e-mail christchurchcambspc@googlemail.com

Village Hall

This is an update regarding progress made on the new village hall. The Council has had a firm offer to buy two of the plots of land it is selling to help fund the new hall and once this money is received it should be able to start. The sale of these plots will provide the Council with a fund that includes the grant from FDC of well over £200k to start the project. In addition the money from the sale of the Memorial Hall will be available once issues with the Charity status are resolved. The formation of a new Charity is proving difficult and the Council intend taking legal advice as to the best way forward.

The Council is planning to meet with builders who have provided quotes for the renovation and extension of the Sports Pavilion to get further information regarding costs for a completely new building as this will allow the existing Sports Pavilion to remain open while the build is progressing and will allow a simpler roof design.

Rubbish on the Recreation Ground

The Council and members of the public have noticed a growing amount of rubbish being thrown on the grass. Please use the bins provided at the Crown Drove and Upwell Road entrance and help keep your playing field tidy.

Biodiversity Project

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Environmental Records Centre are asking for help recording wildlife in the area. If you can help please contact Jane Andrews-Gauvain on 01954 713572 or by e-mail Jane.Andrews-Gauvain@cperc.org.uk

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, Wes Poole, Will Sutton (FDC) and Fred Yeulett (CCC).
Stephen Cowell (Clerk), PCSO Dave Russ and 4 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 another council meeting.

2. Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the 13th August meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting. The Clerk reported that a correction to the July minutes needed to be recorded to reflect that it was the Friends of Townley School who had requested a donation to the prize draw and not the School itself.

3. Disclosure and Declarations of Interests

Cllr. Bliss declared a personal interest in payment 8.2 being involved in the management of the organisation. Councillors. H and W Poole declared pecuniary interests in the planning application F/YR12/0630/F. Cllr. Freeland declared a personal interest in this application also.

4. Update on action points from previous meeting

It was reported that:

- Register of Interests forms have been resent to all councillors as requested and **the Clerk requested that Councillors Wincote, Russell, Freeland, Beswick, H Poole and W Poole all returned the completed forms.**
- A letter regarding concerns about the church boundary wall has been sent to the Church Warden.
- Community Payback have been contacted about helping at the Recreation Ground but as yet no response has been received.

5. Public Adjournment

Members of the public asked how much longer it will be before repairs are completed to Cotton's Corner Bridge. **The Clerk offered to contact Highways for an answer.**

A member of the public asked when the village shop would reopen but no date is currently known.

A series of documents were presented to the Council from residents who are concerned about the impact of planning application F/YR12/0630/F should it be approved. Hard copy of the documents was given to Cllr. Bliss with Councillors Wincote, Russell and Beswick to be sent electronic copies. Residents stated that despite consultation with the applicant few changes have been made to the resubmitted application. **It was agreed that copies of these documents will be held on Council records.**

6. Police Update

PCSO Russ reported that he had visited a house regarding irregularities relating to the electric meter earlier today and a house in The Croft regarding an untidy garden and walking their dogs on the Recreation Ground. The Council confirmed that the Recreation Ground is off limits to dogs due to issues relating to dog fouling where children play.

PCSO Russ reported a case of the battery being stolen from the traffic lights at Cotton's Corner and that he is keeping an eye on illegal riding of quad bikes.

Council members brought to PCSO Russ's attention a case of someone riding a quad bike without a helmet and of that person being abusive to others and also of a suspected stolen push bike that has been left in a hedge near to the village pub.

PCSO Russ left the meeting at the conclusion of this agenda item.

7. Correspondence Received

The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors:

- The details of the new External Auditors
- The feedback request by Highways Department on the recent work completed on the Sixteen Foot Bank road. The Council agreed that the work had been carried out well.
- Rural Citizens' Advice Bureau draw tickets.

Continued...

8. Finance

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council the comment made on the External Auditor's Report that the Council should make clear the scope of the Audit when appointing the Internal Auditor. The Clerk informed Members that the Internal Auditor audits many other council's books and is a Council Finance Officer himself so is well aware of the regulations and the scope of annual audits. The Clerk reported total bank balances of £54,216.07, with cheques written amounting to £2,876.07 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 following items, listed on the agenda, were agreed for payment

- 8.1 Clerk's Salary £183.78
- 8.2 The Heron £65.00
- 8.3 Postage £6.00
- 8.4 Moore Stephens £162.00 (External Audit Fee)
- 8.5 Suffolkacre Services £865.87 (Parish Council Insurance)
- 8.6 Mrs Negus £206.25 (Rent)
- 8.7 Mrs Seaton £206.25 (Rent)

9. General Power of Competence

The Clerk reported that he has passed the General Power of Competence exam and that the Council is now able to resolve to use the power. It was resolved to use the power as a power of first recourse.

10. Planning Applications

Members supported planning application F/YR12/0536/F – Erection of a 14.97 metre (hub height) Wind Turbine – Peartree Farm, Padgett's Road, Christchurch.

Councillors W Poole, H Poole and S Freeland left the room while application F/YR12/0630/F was discussed – it was noticed that there had been a reduction in the number of houses on the development since the previous application had been submitted. The Clerk read some of the concerns voiced in the documents mentioned in item 4 and reminded Members of the stance the Council has taken following the Village Plan which supported housing development to keep the village vibrant. Members agreed they should read the documents and provide a decision by Monday 17th September.

Prior to leaving the room Cllr. Freeland expressed concern that the unused Church Road numbers, indicated for the development by FDC, should the development go ahead, will not be sufficient for the number of properties on the development.

11 Parish Plan – Update

Nothing to report.

13. Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

- The poor state of the hedgerow just beyond the School. It was confirmed that County have written to the resident but no action has been taken. Cllr. Yeulett was asked to follow this up with County officers.
- The Public Notice regarding the placement of the new speed limit signs appeared confusing. The Clerk confirmed that the new speed limit is to start the village side of the Toll Road/Upwell Road junction and continue to the Church Road/Padgett's Road junction. He also reported that he has obtained quotes for the new signs, as already reported to Members, and will be meeting the contractor who is to put up the signs on Wednesday.
- There is still a lot of rubbish dropped on the floor at the Skateboard Park. Cllr. W Poole said he would mention it at the next Youth Club and ask them to spread the word to place rubbish in the nearby bins.
- Overgrown shrubs and brambles were reported at a number of properties near the School and the Clerk was asked to write to one resident regarding the brambles.
- Cllr. Russell reported that most of the work mentioned in the RoSPA report on the Play Parks has now been completed by Sharmans. One item was not undertaken as the play equipment does not break the relevant regulation, additionally it was agreed not to replace the goalposts at the moment.
- The Crossroad warning sign approaching Padgett's Road/Church Road junction has been knocked down.
- Damaged water meter following verge cutting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:35pm

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