

June 2013

Welcome to the June edition of The Heron.

The Heron committee met last month for its  $10^{\text{th}}$  AGM and we have included a summary for our readers in this edition.

As we find ourselves half way through 2013 already, this month the village will be enjoying the annual flower festival at the village church on the weekend of  $7^{th} - 9^{th}$  June. A special feature of this year's displays will be the quilt on show made by local school children, make sure to make time to pop along and see the exhibits. We will be hoping to feature some photographs in next months edition and of course you can see them in colour on our website www.theheron.info

Also this month Townley school is holding a 'Curry and Quiz' night so make sure to swat up on your general knowledge and go along for a spectacular evening to exercise your brain and your taste buds with the exotic cuisine on offer.

Don't forget to send us your views and pictures of village life to editor@theheron.info

Paul and Mandi

Editors.

#### Attention all budding Picasso's and Monet's.

Christchurch Village craft club are thinking of starting a dedicated Art group with artist Stuart green to guide you through the world of oils pastels and other

Mediums. So whether you're a bit of dab hand or don't know one end of brush from the other, don your smock, brush the dust of your beret and put your name down to join in the fun

For further details telephone Wendy Yates 01354 638448



#### LOCAL DARTS TEAM SWEEP THE BOARD

The Dun Cow B darts team swept the board in Division two of the March Winter darts league.

Their achievements were:

Runners up in the league ensuring their promotion to Division 1 next season. Jason Roberts won the Peter Hazel

cup, whilst Dave Wilson was runner up. Both doubles teams (Jason Roberts

and Gavin Day plus Dave Wilson and Andy Smith) reached the semi finals of the joint Division 1 & 2 pairs cup but lost to Division 1 pairs teams.

What makes this all the more remarkable is the fact that this is a new team formed throughout the winter season.

Well done guys from the Captain, Keith Hill.



From left to right: Jason Roberts, Dave Wilson, Keith Hill, Andy Smith, Gavin Day.

#### Endangered water voles on display at Welney Wetland Centre

VISITORS are encouraged to catch a glimpse of the treasured water voles at the Welney Wetland Centre.

Since the 1970's, largely due to habit destruction and predators, water voles in the UK underwent one of the most dramatic declines seen in a mammal species.

But at the centre, run by Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, water voles (informally known as water rats) be seen collecting shoots of reed, grass and pond weed from the water's edge and munching away on their feeding platforms.

Samantha Lee, public engagement officer for WWT Welney Wetland Centre, says:

"It is amazing to think that these wetland mammals have made their home on a recreated wetland.

"This shows how important ponds are for encouraging wildlife back from the brink.

"So often you go out to survey for these animals and are happy just to see signs that they are in the area, which is usually poo! So it is brilliant to actually get the opportunity to see them.

"It is virtually guaranteed water vole sightings; you don't have to wait long at all to see these marvellous little characters."



The centre will be running water voles walks in June to show visitors how to spot the signs that water voles are present before seeing them in person.

Water voles have rounder noses than rats, deep brown fur, chubby faces and short fuzzy ears. Unlike rats their tails, paws and ears are covered with hair.

Walks run Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays throughout the month of June more information can be found at http://www.wwt.org.uk/visit/welney/whats-on/2013/06/01/water-vole-walk/ .

The visitor centre and reserve are open daily from 9.30am – 5pm.

Courtesy of CambsTimes





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For more information visit www.fenland.gov.uk/goldenage or phone 01354 654321





The Golden Age team are back. Working together in partnership with Christchurch Parish Council and Memorial Hall Committee they will be visiting the

Village Hall on 12 June 2013 between 10am and 1pm to see if they can be of help to anyone over 60.

With them will be the famous Fenland Ferret which in confidence will sort out any allowances, etc, you may be entitled too.

Also on hand will be a member of the Council's Leisure Centres team to give you the latest on what is available for you at its Centres and be available should you so wish to give you a blood pressure test for peace of mind.

Please drop in for a cuppa and biscuit and try out with members a game of new age curling which anyone, including those disabled can play and enjoy or simply sit and have a chat .....What's more all visitors will be given the now much sought after Golden Age shopping bag containing more help and a booklet which will be of interest to all.

Come on don't be shy...come and see us and help also to make our day too.

Councillor Mac Catterell MBE Team Leader Once again we are pleased to be associated with Fenland's Golden Age team in bringing this surgery to our village hall.

Please support it as with so many other areas to cover it may be some time before it comes again. I am sure your visit will be enjoyable and of course could be beneficial. Please give it a try.

> Councillor Nigel Russell Chairman of Christchurch Parish Council

#### FREE BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING

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- TRY OUT A GAME OF NEW AGE CURLING
- COME AND HAVE A CHAT
- GOLDEN AGE SHOPPING
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### **UPWELL HEALTH CENTRE**

#### **Patient Participation Group**

#### Additional Village Representative Required For Christchurch

We are looking for an additional village representative to join the above group. We are a friendly group with representatives from all villages served by The Upwell Health Centre.

A medical practitioner joins us for all our meetings which are held monthly at The Health Centre. They advise us on any new matters from the practice and from The National Health Service in general .A governor from The Q.E Hospital Kings Lynn Foundation Trust also joins us for most meetings, updating us on relevant matters regarding The Q.E Hospital etc.

As a member of our group, you will be asked to bring to the meetings any <u>NONE MEDICAL</u> problem as reported to you by village patients, for action to be taken as seen necessary by the practice, to rectify the reported matter.

For enquiries/further information, please contact Jill Bliss Tel :- 01354 638343

# **Curry and Quiz Night**

to be held in Townley School Hall on Friday 28 June at 7.00 for 7.30pm start.

Chicken Jalfrezi, Rice & Naan

OR

Vegetable Curry, Rice & Naan

Bring your own drinks and snacks (soft drinks available to purchase on the night)

#### **Raffle at half time**

All money raised for 'Friends of Townley School'.

Tickets available from Townley School Office -  $\pounds 10$  per head. ( $\pounds 5$  for Quiz Only)

[TEAMS OF NO MORE THAN 6 PLEASE]

#### <u>Award winning website helps find equipment</u> to assist you in maintaining your garden

With the warmer weather finally here you may be thinking about getting out in your garden. If you are, an award-winning website can provide you with help and advice about the equipment available to make day-to-day tasks in the garden easier.

#### Help and support with day-to-day living

AskSARA has proved popular with local people since a Cambridgeshire version launched last year. So far it has helped nearly 4,000 people across the county access advice and information about the equipment and support available locally to help them remain independent and in their own homes. In addition to maintaining the garden and outdoors, a wide range of topics are covered from managing medication and eating healthily to equipment to aid hearing, personal care and household chores.

This year June 17th – 21st is falls awareness week. AskSARA can also help you to find equipment to help prevent falls at home and when you are out and about.

Whether you need advice for yourself or for a friend or relative that you care for, you can find out about the equipment available by visiting AskSARA at **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara** For anyone without access to, or not confident in using, the Internet the staff and volunteers in your local library can help you to find information.

From Adult Social Care, Quality & Transformation Team, Cambridgeshire County Council

# Delph House *News* June - July 2013

#### National Care Homes Open Day - Friday 21 June

Friday 21 June is National Care Homes Open Day and Delph House is taking part.

The main purpose of this event is to remind the local community of our existence and purposes. For someone living in a care home it is their own home and they are part of the local community as much as if they were living alone in a house or bungalow.

There is a web-site with more information about the open day:

www.nationalcarehomeopenday.org.uk

We will be welcoming visitors from 3:00 pm onwards to meet residents and staff. We are planning a barbecue and are hoping for fine weather so that we can sit out in the gardens. We will also be pleased to show visitors around and answer any questions. For further information check the above web-site or our own web-site nearer the time.

#### **Recent activities**

Residents have recently made a trip to Hunstanton to visit the Sea-Life Centre. They saw the wild-life there and had a good lunch. They also passed through Sandringham for sight-seeing on the way back.

We have also continued with our usual indoor activities such as bingo, carport bowls and exercise to music.

#### **Any more Volunteers?**

We are delighted to have two volunteers who have responded to our appeal in the last issue. They are helping in a number of different ways including chatting to individual residents in their rooms and in the lounges.

We would still be very pleased to hear from any other local residents who may be able to help. If you think you might be interested please get in touch.

#### **Building refurbishments**

All the work on the buildings was completed in April and we are now tidying the gardens to provide an attractive view from inside the building and hopefully the chance to enjoy some fresh air outside as summer approaches.

#### **Day Opportunities**

We also welcome day-care participants, who take part in activities here, and new faces would be more than welcome to join us.

For further details please telephone 01354 610 300 or email as below.

www.delph-house.co.uk

Tel: 01354-610 300 - Wisbech Road Welney PE14 9RQ - info@delph-house.co.uk

### Garden Club May 28th 2013



Despite the rain members arrived smiling as usual,

pleased to see each other, quickly settling down for a chat before our club evening started.

Peggy and Bubbles gave an update on the 'Plant Sale' which had been very successful giving us an exceptional profit after our efforts. Thank you to all of our very helpful members for giving the club your very precious time throughout the day, Strawberry Cream Teas went down well ,(our first try at this one), and the raffle excellent.

Our topic this month was 'Fungi' a very interesting and unusual subject, plus it is full of mystery and tales to be told even in 2013. Our speaker Mr Rivett who is a fenland resident kept us quiet as we listened and learnt about the 'Fungi'. That's the surprise and pleasure one can enjoy when joining a group of people whatever the 'hobby' or interest. Knowledge is always available to be shared, Just ask!

Next month we as a 'Garden Club' are going to an 'Iris Nursery' for our club meeting, if you would like to join us, members will meet outside the Memorial Village Hall on our club night, which is **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** at 6 pm in our cars! Should a lift be required, phone Bubbles on 01354 638024 ASAP to clarify arrangements.

**Please note June 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>** there is also our own village church Flower Festival, enjoyed with enthusiasm by the supporters as they get together and prepare and arrange the floral representations for the theme. The preparation and 'hub bub' during the day is interesting, as the church is transformed with our very own interpretations, remember it is the taking time to join in that makes the day. After seeing the village church dressed with ' flora and fauna' make your way to the lovely Strawberry Cream Tea which is held at Mr & Mrs Hicks garden ( Malcolm and Anne) in Padgetts Road , oh go on, make a day of it! See you there or visit a club meeting whatever your interest, WI ~Craft ~Bowls ~Friendship Group

les BubBhes

Contact as usual 01354 638024 P.S Give a toot as you pass by



Do you have something you would like to share with the community, or have any comments on articles published in

The Heron ? If so please feel free to contact us by mail, e-email or telephone, we would love to hear from you.

Ed.

CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

### Minutes of the WI Meeting



The president Peggy Warby welcomed members to the May meeting.

Apologies Sue Norman, Lucy Craddock, Belinda Gladwin Doris Wolsey Rolfe Ann Hicks.

Minutes were signed and all correspondence dealt with.

June birthday Lucy Craddock

Forthcoming Outings :- Machine Embroidery, An afternoon with Adam Henson from BBC Country File, Outing to London Fashion Show, Petal Pie and Punch Evening, Music Evening with the Sandringham Shantymen.

Tea and Coffee were served with homemade jam tarts, this was followed by a TV crime/ fiction /detectives quiz, which everyone enjoyed. Winners were Margaret, Beryl, Doris, Ted, Alma and Sandra L, all received a small gift

This months completion - A Garland of Flowers

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		*	A raffle was also held during the evening with several lucky winners
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## **CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB**

Craft club met on 7<sup>th</sup> May and enjoyed an evening making 'Mystery Patchwork' with Janet Townsend.

Everyone made beautiful detailed patches which could be sewn with others to make tea cosies, bags, and placemats and many other useful home crafted items. Next month we will be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> June for a evening of making credit/business card bus pass wallets.

Why not come along and join us - everyone is welcome, no matter where your interest in craft lies.

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 Yates



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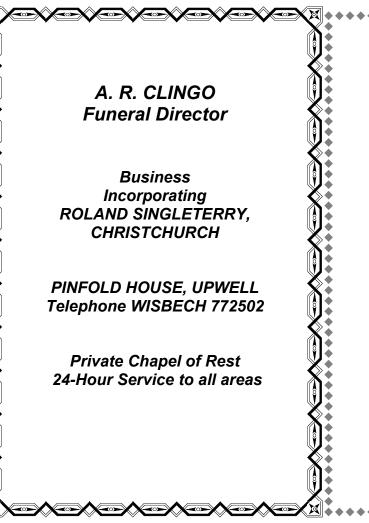


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In History, Class 3 have been learning about the Aztecs. We have learnt about their buildings and cities; how they farmed and the food they ate; the clothes and jewellery they wore; the explorers that went to Mesoamerica and much more. Here are just a couple of photos, but there are lots more on the website for you to enjoy!



Children from Class 1 enjoy taking part in our weekly forest school afternoon and Mrs Culyer

# **Diary Dates**

3rd June – Teacher Training Day – School Closed

11th June – Area Sport's Day

25th June – Year 6 – Neale Wade Sport's Day

1st / 2nd July Year 4/5/6 Mepal Residential Visit

4th July – Neale Wade Induction Day + school 'Jump Up' day

16th July – Internet Safety Play

22nd July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

23rd July – Whole School Visit + last day of term



also runs an Outdoor Adventure Club. On our Website there are lots more photos of our adventures.



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   Small thin biscuit (5)
   Dissonance (5)
   Projecting upper floor (7)
   The sheltered side (7)
   Unvarnished (5)
   Scheme (6)
   Become visible (6)
   Flowed back (5)
   Athlete (7)
   Hinged window blind (7)
   Slight push (5)
   Two or more contesting groups (5)
- 24. Striking (7)

#### Down

- 1. Tapers (7)
- 2. Inexperienced (5)
- 3. Frozen water (3)
- 4. Personify (6)
- 5. Decorative covering (9)
- 6. Photographic film (7)
- 7. Synthetic silklike fabric (5)
- 11. Short accounts of incidents (9)
- 14. Quashed (7)

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- 16. Private place with peace
  - and quiet (7)
- 17. Marine mammal (6)
- 18. Alleviates (5)
- 20. Emblem (5)
- 22. Nothing (3)

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# Parish Church Services

2nd June	11:00am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	All-Age Worship			
9th June	4:00pm	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	Songs of Praise			
16th June	6:30pm	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	Evening Prayer			
23rd June	11:00am	S. Tooke	Morning Prayer			
30th June	10:00am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	United Service at Welney			
7th-9th June	Flower Festiv	al and Craft Exhibition, s detail	see separate notice for further			

We understand that the Little Local village shop are collecting on behalf of the Fabric Fund. Thank you to all who are contributing, it is really appreciated.

Daphne and Andrew.

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#### **The Heron - Annual General Meeting**

Present : Paul Warren (Chair), Mandi Warren, Jill Bliss, Wendy Yates, Alvar Smart.

- 1. Chairperson to greet and open meeting.
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Minutes of the last AGM
- 4. Chairpersons Report (to include invoicing)
- 5. Treasurers Report
- 6. Secretary's Report (to be read in absence)
- 7. Election of Officers/Committee
- 8. Any other business

Last month saw us hold our 10th AGM.

Apologies were received from Vanessa Murray (secretary) & Sandra Kay (committee member)

Acting Chair Paul Warren welcomed the members and presented the minutes of the last AGM, followed by the Chairpersons report which highlighted the transitional period of the last 9 months due to the change over of editors and the passing of Pat Mills. It was reported and agreed upon that everything was going well with the newsletter, with slight changes to the format & layout plus the addition of the monthly puzzles. It was brought to the attention of the committee that on a couple of occasions, neither of which were down to the team, the Heron had been late to be delivered, as the aim to ensure it reaches residents door mats on the 1st of the month.

The Chair also thanked Mandi & Jill for looking after the invoicing and accounts, Wendy and David Yates for their contribution over the past 9 months, Alvar & Sandra for ensuring the distribution of the newsletters goes to plan and last but by no means least the volunteer distributors who no matter what the weather ensure the editions are delivered.

The Treasurers report supplied by Jill Bliss for the year 2012/2013 was received by all members and a copy of Secretary's report by Vanessa Murray was read (in her absence).

With the sad loss of Pat Mills it was decided that Paul Warren should take on the role of Chair as well as Editor, the group accepted Vanessa Murrays request to be removed as secretary but to stay on as a committee member and it was accepted by all in attendance that Mandi Warren should be appointed as secretary. Jill Bliss remains as Treasurer, and in recognition of their contributions we invited Alvar Smart plus Wendy & David Yates to join Sandra Kay and Vanessa Murray as committee members.

#### **Christchurch Parish Council News**

#### Draft agenda for the Parish Council's meeting 7:30pm, Monday 17th June 2013, 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 May 2013
- 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. Review of Planning Applications
- 10. Parish Plan
- 11. 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 – phone 638575
Simon Freeland – phone 638802	Hannah Poole – phone 638622
William Beswick – phone 638758	
	Stephen Cowell (Clerk) – phone 661374
	e-mail christchurchcambspc@googlemail.com

#### Police Update

It has recently been reported that a male has been knocking on doors stating he is leaving leaflets, it would appear that he leaves the doorstep not having left a leaflet, and it has also been noted that he is not calling at every house along the street.

Some persons who have received such visits have subsequently noted a blue mark either on their fence, house/ garage wall or driveway. A colleague in Lincolnshire is also aware of similar circumstances however he states white and red markers have been left at properties.

It is believed that these marks are used for indicating properties where there are dogs, for the purpose of stealing them at a later date and using them for dog fighting. To date there are no reported thefts of dogs in the Wisbech and Rural areas, however should you become aware of anyone acting in a suspicious manner or discover markers on your property do not hesitate to call on 101.

If you do discover what you believe to be markers on your property / driveway etc please ensure you remove them at the earliest opportunity.

Dave Russ PCSO 7196 Wisbech Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team

#### MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 11th MARCH 2013 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT 7:30pm

Present: Councillors – Nigel Russell (Chair), Jill Bliss, William Beswick, Wes Poole, Hannah Poole, Simon Freeland and Will Sutton (FDC) [from item 5].

Stephen Cowell (Clerk) and 2 members of the public were also in attendance.

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

In the absence of the Chair, Cllr. Wincote, Cllr Russell took the Chair and welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Wincote, Cllr. Yeulett, Cllr. Cotterell MBE (FDC) and PCSO Dave Russ. Cllr. Sutton also sent apologies to say that he would be late arriving.

#### 2. Signing of Minutes

The minutes of the 11th March meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

#### 3. Disclosure and Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

None.

#### 4. Update on action points from previous meeting

#### It was reported that:

- The Clerk has written to the project replacing Street Lights and has received some of the
  proposals. It is stated in these proposals that the light in place at the Upwell Road/Church Road/
  Green Lane junction will have a new style bulb and it is hoped that this will improve the lighting in
  that area. The Clerk informed Council Members that he has some concerns over the proposals for
  Fen View and has asked for clarification.
- Cllr. Sutton and the District Council Tree Officer have reviewed the state of the rotten tree at Syringa House and have discussed the matter with the owner of the property. During item 11 Cllr. Sutton reported that the tree has been condemned and will be removed in due course.
- Cllr. Beswick and Cllr. Sutton have agreed the site of the new Dog Bin at the Church Road/ Padgett's Road junction with District Council Officers and it will be in place once the District Council has some more bins in stock.
- The state of the Scott's Road road surface has been reported to the Highways Department as there are concerns that vibrations caused by large vehicles hitting pot holes might fracture the mains water pipes under the road surface.
- The issues with the Street Lights in Euximoor Drove have been reported to the County Council. Cllr. Russell reported that the light they fixed a few weeks ago is now not working again.

#### 5. Public Adjournment

The following matters were raised by members of the public:

- Following the report of HGVs causing damage to properties in the village another resident living at the shop end of Church Road reported that the main problem is empty vehicles bouncing when they catch the kerbs at the road's junction with Upwell Road. Members discussed the issue and asked the Clerk to update the Highways Officer who dealt with the complaint a few months ago and copy in Mr Stephen Barclay MP, PCSO Russ and all Council Members.
- It was reported that moving the speed limit signs closer to the Halfpenny Toll Road junction with Upwell Road is now causing some drivers coming out of the junction to believe that cars slowing to obey the speed limit are slowing to turn left and they are pulling out of the junction in front of oncoming cars.

#### 6. Police Update

PCSO Russ's report was circulated to members before the meeting.

The report included an issue with Hare Coursing at Padgett's Road and a report of a suspicious male near to the School.

It was noted that the thefts that the Council have been told about from the Footballer's side of the Sports Pavilion are not included in PCSO Russ's reported and the Council can only assume that the Football Club did not report the break-ins.

#### 7. Correspondence Received

The Clerk reported that all e-mail correspondence of any note has been forwarded to members and reported that:

- Some of the Street Light Project proposal maps have been received by the Council and he has asked for clarification on an issue.
- Morton & Hall Consulting have quoted for their costs in drawing up detailed specifications for the Sports Pavilion renovation. Council Members agreed to employ Morton and Hall to act for them and draw up detailed specifications.

#### 8. Finance

The Clerk reported that Bank Interest income is higher than budgeted as is the Recycling Credit income however Allotment income is down due to non-payment by one tenant. The Clerk was given the new address of the tenant and asked to resend the invoice as the original may have been mislaid in his move.

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** HMR&C £137.60 (3 months PAYE on Clerk's Salary)

**8.5** Cambridgeshire County Council £900.00 (The Council's share of the costs of the Church Road/Croft junction improvements

Additionally the following payment not included on the agenda was authorised: Hall Hire  $\pounds$ 42.00

Total bank balances of £53,093.63 are held, with cheques written amounting to  $\pounds$ 2,205.46 to come from this. Of this the Council has as earmarked funds (funds that must be spent on specific purposes) a little over  $\pounds$ 33k.

#### 9. Planning Applications

None to consider

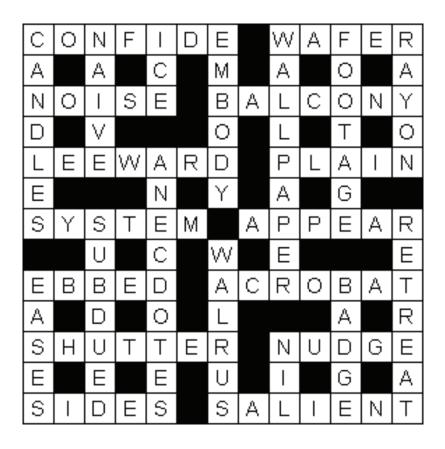
#### 10. Parish Plan – Update

Nothing to update.

#### 11. Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

- Protruding roots are causing a pavement to be uneven near to Albert House.
- A question was asked if the Bowls Club bar was a private bar or a public bar. It was confirmed that it is a private bar for members only.
- Euximoor Drove continues to be badly affected with pot holes. Cllr. Russell reported that he has met with Highways Officials and has been told that it is on their work list but needs a complete resurfacing rather than just pot hole filling and they cannot commit to a timescale.
- The Clothes Bank is still missing.
- Lettering is missing from the Christchurch sign near to the Manea road junction with the road from Tipp's End.
- Dogs are still being walked on the Playing Field. Cllr. Wes Poole and the Clerk agreed to meet on the 18th April to put the new 'No Dogs' signs up.
- Some drains are higher than the actual gutter causing standing water. Cllr. Russell agreed to review this next time it rains.
- The Telegraph Pole near to Halfpenny Toll Road has been badly damaged.
- Following comments in The Heron recently District Councillor Sutton asked the Parish Councillors their views on the state of the Bus Shelter and its location. Cllr. Russell responded saying that the location had been fully discussed and reviewed prior to its placement and the review took into account safety of passenger alighting from buses. It was agreed that the design of the shelter was not ideal but types that blend in better i.e. wooden ones were open to vandalism.



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