



Christchurch Village Newsletter

September 2013

Welcome to the September edition of The Heron.

Editor(s) required for The Heron

After what was meant to be a temporary arrangement until a suitable village member could be found, almost 2 years have gone by of babysitting the local newsletter; The Heron.

Certain aspects of running our local newspaper/letter every month has shown us many things about village life and people, and it is with that knowledge we have decided to stand down in our roles of editors at the end of this year.

Over the months we have struggled at times to find content, balance, patience and Impartiality, and very much urge all those who show interest to realise the responsibility that is 'The Heron'.

We have found living a short distance outside the actual village is somewhat of a disadvantage in keeping up with and attending local events, and the constant lack of input by residents has over the months we feel, left the newsletter lacking in vital information and reporting of village life.

We therefore open the door for a new and local resident(s) to take up the challenge of this voluntary post.

Obviously, in the format The Heron is published at present, you should possess not only a strictly impartial interest in the editing, but be at least computer literate in E mail, MicroSoft Word/Publisher, and at least a minimal graphics programme i.e Paint or Photoshop. Although other formats to suit the new editor(s) computer skills could be considered if need be.

The committee will be happy to receive written or email applications and they will be informally interviewing/appointing the role of editor(s) hopefully in good time to be responsible for The Heron's publishing as of January 2014.

To apply, ask questions, or show interest in joining the team, in whatever role please send your details to:- The Editor, The Hollies, March Road, Tipps end, Wisbech. Or email us at editor@theheron.info

Please everyone bear in mind that if no suitable offer to take over the role is found, as of January 2014 The Heron Newsletter will no longer be in print.

Paul and Mandi Warren

Police information article

Speeding is something carried out by a small minority, which makes it an emotive subject for a large percentage of the population.

About two thirds of drivers regularly exceed 30mph urban speed limits and most vehicle related deaths occur on these roads. In the UK, many drivers believe excessive speed is not a problem, even though it can pose a serious risk to all road users.

Drivers who want to break the speed limit often intimidate other drivers in front of them by driving too close or constantly trying to overtake. This can put a lot of stress on other drivers so that they also feel a need to exceed the speed limit to alleviate pressure from vehicles behind.

Many drivers also treat posted speed limits as minimums rather than maximums, failing to realise the risks they pose to themselves, their passengers and other road users.

There is overwhelming evidence that lower speeds result in both fewer collisions and in reduced severity of collisions. Research by the Transport Research Laboratory showed that just a 1mph reduction in average speed results in an average 5% reduction in collisions.

At the other end of the spectrum, even a slight increase in speed can cause fatality rates to soar. Drivers are twice as likely to kill someone when travelling at 35mph than they are at 30mph. At 40mph, nine out of 10 pedestrians will die, but at 20mph, nine out of ten will survive.

Over four times as many people die each year on our roads than as a result of violent crime. Our driving attitude and behaviour has to change to prevent many more unnecessary deaths and suffering.

Remember... Don't speed - Avoid a speeding ticket...

1. Do not exceed legal speed limits - they are there for a reason
2. Remember that speed limits are a maximum not a target - often it is more appropriate to drive below this speed
3. Set realistic journey times
4. Don't be pressured to speed by other drivers
5. Be aware of pedestrians, cyclists, children, animals and motorcyclists
6. Adjust your driving to suit the conditions e.g. near a school, on wet roads etc. so that you could stop in time if necessary
7. Check your speedometer as frequently as you would your mirrors - it could save your license
8. Don't be distracted by passengers or use a mobile phone while driving
9. Be aware of the speed limits for your vehicle and the type of road
10. Be an ambassador for driving within the legal speed limits - if you comply the chances are that the driver behind you will too.

You're twice as likely to kill a pedestrian at 35 mph as at 30 mph.

When you are using a mobile phone it takes you longer to stop than if you are over the alcohol limit - and you are 30 times more likely to crash if over the limit.

Always be aware of the speed limit. If you are in a built-up area and there are street lights, the limit is always 30mph unless there is a sign which says otherwise.

If you wonder what would happen if you were to hit a windscreen at 30mph, imagine dropping a watermelon from a three-storey building. The effect is about the same - always wear a seat belt.

Young people aged between 17 and 24 represent only about 10 per cent of the UK's license holders, but are involved in over 20 per cent of all road collisions.

The biggest killer of young people across Europe and North America is road traffic deaths.

Road deaths are ranked above malaria globally as a cause of premature death.

For every 1mph average speeds are reduced, collisions reduce by five per cent

Is renewable energy for you?

As solar panels become a common sight around our neighbourhoods, you may be wondering what options are available to you to save or even generate your own energy but it can be daunting knowing where to start. At Trading Standards we want to help you find a trader you can trust and make sure you know what you can expect of these businesses.

When considering the options available to you, the Energy Saving Trust (www.energysavingtrust.org.uk) is a good place to start. They are an independent organisation that provides free, expert advice on saving energy in your home. Their website contains extensive information, and they also have a helpline which can be contacted on 0300 1231234 (national rate).

In terms of funding any improvements, if you aren't able to pay for them up front, you could consider the Government's Green Deal Scheme (www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures) which allows for repayment over a period of time through your energy bills. As with any finance arrangement, make sure you know how much you will have to repay in total, what the monthly charges will be, and check the interest rate is competitive with other finance options. You should also be aware that with Green Deal the debt attaches to the property, so if you sell it, your buyer will have to take over the debt. If you need advice on finance options, your local Citizens Advice Bureau will be able to help you.

There are a range of businesses that offer home assessment visits to advise you on the options most suitable for your specific circumstances. You will usually need to pay for this and you should check whether there is a tie-in clause requiring you to use a certain business to do the installation work if you decide to go ahead. The assessment will give you estimated savings projections for the first year based on a specific level of energy usage. Unfortunately this means you won't know exactly what you will save, but you can at least check to make sure the estimate is based on a realistic level of energy usage for your situation.

In terms of finding a trader, it is important to shop around to ensure the business is reputable and that the price is fair before agreeing to any work. Green Deal has its own approved assessors and installers, but if you are not using Green Deal we would recommend that you find an installer and products that are part of the Micro Generation Certification Scheme (MCS) or are Renewable Energy Assurance Limited (REAL) approved. These organisations have codes of practice that traders have to comply with and standards that the products have to meet. The Energy Saving Trust website allows you to search for local installers who belong to MCS. Some members also sit on our Buy With Confidence approved trader scheme giving you even greater assurance that they are businesses you can trust. Visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk for more details.

As always, we would recommend getting three quotes to ensure the installation price and projections are reasonable, and check the terms and conditions carefully before agreeing to anything.

If you encounter any problems with an assessor, installer or any other type of business and need some advice, please contact our advice partner, the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 08454 040506 (national rate).



Macmillan Coffee Morning

27th September 2013 at The Memorial Village Hall

10 a.m till 12 o clock

Raffle and Book Stall All Welcome

Parish Newsletters Article Canvass 2013/14 Press Release

Voter registration forms will be dropping through letterboxes from the 2nd October 2013 and Fenland District Council urges you to confirm your details as soon as possible.

They require a response from every household, even if your details have not changed. You may not realise that you have to register every year and that you are not automatically registered even if you pay Council Tax. You may also find that not being on the electoral register can affect your credit rating.

If we do not receive a response, canvassers will be out door knocking non-responding properties to obtain information from late November 2013 till January 2014. All canvassers will carry official ID.

To ensure your details appear on the register, you need to respond by 10th February 2014 at the very latest.

If once you have responded your circumstances change, or you do not receive a form, or you have a query about registration, please contact the Electoral Services team.

To contact Electoral Services call 01353 654321 or email: elections@fenland.gov.uk

Quick reminder for all those budding artists who signed up for an art tester class with Stuart Green.

The class will start at **7 p.m**

The Memorial Village Hall

17th September.

Bring an apron or coverall, all materials supplied



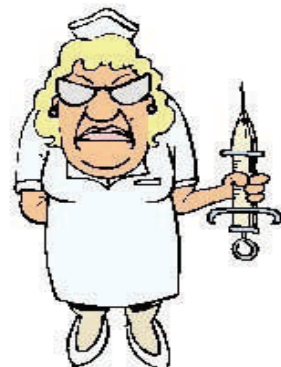
Flu Jabs

Flu vaccination clinics to be held at Upwell
Health centre

On the following Saturdays
September 28th ~ October 5th ~ October 12th

Upwell Patient Participation Group
will be holding their normal Prize draw at the above
clinics to raise money for
'The Hunter Rowe Trust'

(winning vouchers to be spent at various local business venues)





The Fenland Road Safety Campaign

(Charlotte's Way)

August/September 2013 News



Registered Charity No. 1144547

Historic Agreement with Peterborough City Council – Fundraising Begins for new North Bank Safety Barrier

Following the recent successful completion of the FRSC/Cambs County Council jointly funded Bedlam Bridge Safety Barrier installation, after several months of negotiations, a historic agreement was secured, on 28th June, between representatives of Christchurch based FRSC and senior officials from P'boro City Council for fundraising to commence to help towards the cost of a 250-metre safety barrier for the notorious 'blind bend' on the North Bank (Dog in a Doublet) road, near Whittlesey.

The bend has been the site of two fatal and several other accidents, since vehicle-activated 'Slow Down' signs were installed in 2005, following a further river-immersion fatal RTA in 2004.

The total cost of the Barrier is expected to be around £45,000. FRSC (Charlotte's Way) has pledged to contribute one third of this amount, with P'boro City Council and other local sponsors to provide the other two-thirds.

With £3,000 from existing Campaign funds already set aside for this scheme, we have a further £12,000 to raise, and several events have already been organised to start the ball rolling:-

Sponsored 100 Lengths (5km) Peterborough Lido Swim

On Saturday 31st August, starting at 8.00am, Campaign Organiser, Graham Chappell, and Trustee, Holly Trundle, from Welney, will be joining other Campaign supporters from Fenland and P'boro, to take on the challenge of swimming 100 lengths, each, of the P'boro Lido, to help raise funds towards the North Bank Safety Barrier Appeal. All sponsorship and donations will, of course, be very welcome.

Car Boot Sale and Charity Disco

The Ivy Leaf Club, Whittlesey, have kindly offered to host a Car Boot Sale, 9.00am-1.00pm, and a Charity Disco 7.00-11.30pm, both on Saturday 28th September, to help fund-raise for the Campaign. Car Boot pitches will be £5 and Disco tickets £3.50 each (£2 for accompanied under -16's).

Contact and Support Details

For more details of the Campaign and the above events, please phone me, on 07505 726475, write to Hildey Cottage, Euximoor Drove, Christchurch, Wisbech PE14 9LT, e-mail chappell@frsc.co.uk or visit the 'facebook' group site – 'The Fenland Road Safety Campaign (Charlotte's Way)'.

Thanks, again, to all who have given support and donations to the Campaign so far.

Graham Chappell, Campaign Organiser.

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At Upwell Health Centre Waiting
Room

**Thursday September 12th at
7.30 pm
All Welcome**

Thank You's


*Thank you to the members of the parish church for the wonderful fruit
basket and to all of my friends for your help and support following my
recent motoring accident.*

Thank you all. Martin Osborne



*We would like to thank
everyone who sent cards
flowers and gifts to wish us
well in our new house.*

Peggy and Graham



*Thank you to all in
Christchurch for cards and good
wishes when we sadly had to
move from the village after 70
years due to health reasons.
We both miss everyone so much.*

Betty and Alf Darville

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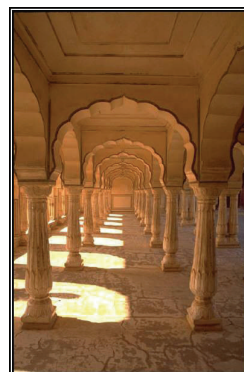
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Care Fees

Your whole family may be able to benefit by possibly defending against some potentially estate stripping deductions that local authorities can make on your older relatives' assets.

Worrying about inheritance tax could be taking your eye off the ball, with average care fees of £482* per week that is £25,064 per year. This can do far more damage to a potential inheritance over 4 or 5 years than inheritance tax may ever do. Elderly relatives do not choose to go into care, it suddenly happens as the only option available. Then the decision about, who pays, and how, follows straight on. Even if the Local Authority pay initially, they will usually have the right to demand it back. Maybe you, or relatives of yours, can do something to protect the equity in the home.

*Institute of Public Care report December 2010 "Estimating the number and distribution of self funders of care in England"

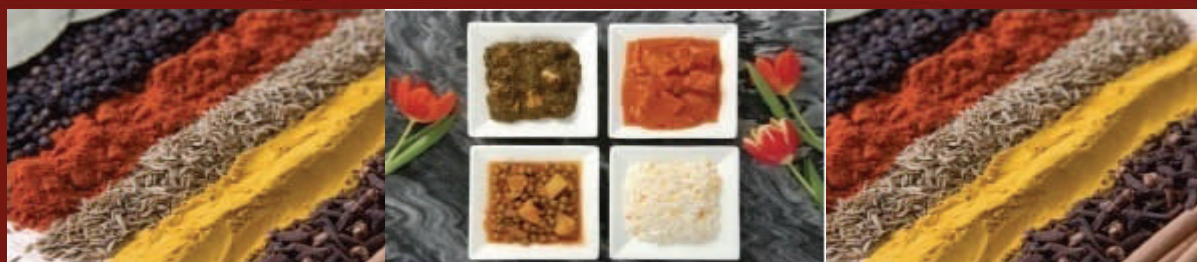
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Garden Club August 2013



Our summer buffet was a great success committee and club members set up tables at 5.30pm as usual members arrived bearing a contribution of a platter or sometimes two varieties to deck our huge table with gourmet delights it is the members who never fail to impress each other with the array of such a spread for 1st course that in itself is a feast when the desserts come out the gastric juices work overtime 'Boy oh Boy' what a feast we enjoyed as we oo'd and aaahhh'd through our menu.

We were entertained with music produced by Steve Hawthorn who is a professional guitarist and music teacher for guitar. A local village resident who is joining our membership list Marion, Steve's wife became a member as soon as they arrived in 2012

Our meeting for September we will enjoy as we always do and be enlightened with knowledge of the 'chrysanthemum' why not come along and perhaps pose a question or two as Mary and Alan let you into the intrigue of these varied and colourful plants.

Another pleasant evening with each other.

N.B Our coach trip for Wisbech RHS show at the Wisley Gardens is on September 8th 8a.m pick up From the Village Hall Christchurch price £10 pp **Contact Bubbles 01354 638024 ASAP**

'Always look on the bright side of life'

P.S Have you tried 'the curling' Monday afternoons 1.30pm in the Village Hall

* Thank You Richard from all the members for the cooking apples lovely surprise

Bubbles

CHRISTCHURCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

Minutes of the August 2013 WI Meeting



Peggy welcomed members and 2 visitors Frankie and Karis (granddaughters of Peggy and Wendy)

Apologies- Sue Norman Alma Hughes Tracey Day Sandra Kay Lucy Craddock and Belinda Gladwin

Minutes were signed

An evening with The Shandymen was enjoyed when several members attended

Forth coming events:-

Invite quiz and harvest meeting from the acorn club 25th September/Pudding and punch evening 4 th October/

Try it day calligraphy 15th October/Autumn council meeting 29th October

Heritage project all minutes and scrap books have been taken to Wisbech museum for safe keeping which can be obtained at anytime if needed. Margaret Sparrow thanked all members who have helped in any way with the archives.

Birthday – just one is September Belinda Gladwin on the 6th.

This evening's speaker was James Baker senior site manager of the great ouse washes who gave a very interesting talk with slides showing members many different birds and other wild life which all are found on the washes also there can be up to 2000 or more cattle grazing there as well.

Peggy thanked James for an excellent presentation.

Competition Fens Landscape Photo

5pts Susan Quail 4pts Margaret sparrow 3pts Doris ted Beryl Brooks Ann Hicks Peggy Warby and Val Parker.

A raffle was held during the evening with many lucky winners.

Next month Speaker to be arranged/Competition:- A mini Quiche

Raffle prize rota Sue Norman Sue Quail Beryl Brooks and Belinda Gladwin

Peggy Warby .President



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What a wonderful part of the world we live in! A group of villages in the middle of the countryside which is used mostly for the production of food. I say group as there is Christchurch, Tipps End, and Welney that all share access from the B1100. And each village has a sense of community which is clearly seen in publications like The Heron and Welney News. Tipps End is the smallest of the three, but no less important than Christchurch and Welney.

The whole area is mostly farming country and life here is dominated by the seasons and the farming cycle. The fields appear brown and lifeless during the winter months and then spring brings out the colour and growth of the new years crops which bloom throughout the summer until harvest time. Its that time now and the harvesters and tractors and trailers are out and about everywhere, going from field to field bringing in the newly grown produce. Oil seed rape, wheat, barley, potatoes and sugar beet can all be seen growing in the area. You can also smell onions too!

It is an ongoing process which repeats year on year. Following poor weather last year and an over-long cool damp spring this year, the cycle appears to have slowed a bit but tell-tale plumes of dust from different fields in the area show that harvest is in full swing.

Soon it will be over, apart from the beet, and ploughing will take place and the countryside will be quieter for a spell, brown and lifeless supposedly.

Several residents of Christchurch, Tipps End and Welney work on farms locally and long may they continue to do so! Those of us who only look on and marvel at the whole process, should never lose sight of all the hard work and time involved that goes into producing the food we eat. And to me, that is why this is such a wonderful part of the world to live in!

Andy Height
Isle Farm,

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Goodbye to our Year 6 pupils! We
wish you all the best in your new schools.

Diary Dates

- 4 Sept - Autumn Term begins
- 25 Oct - break up for half term
- 5 Nov - Back to school
- 20 Dec - Break up for Christmas Hols

*See our website for full details of
Term times for 2013/14*

Class 2 have their own street party to
celebrate the end of WW2



There are lots more photos and information of what our school has been up to on our website.

Aug 2013



CHRISTCHURCH CRAFT CLUB

As usual there was no Craft club in August so we look forward to seeing you all for an evening of 'bring and make' on September 3rd. 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.
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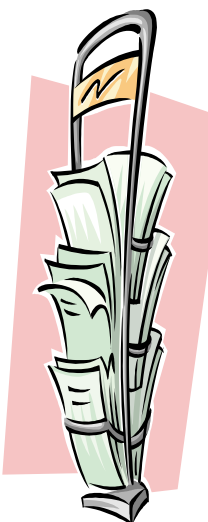
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Christchurch Parish Church Harvest Supper

Saturday 12th October 2018

6.30pm in Townley School

Menu

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Homemade Cheese and Vegetable Pie (V)

New potatoes

Seasonal vegetable

Choice of Dessert

Tea or coffee

(Soft drinks will be provided, but you may like to bring your own alcoholic beverages)

Entertainment will be provided by local musician, Steve Waye, with songs and guitar solos from across the decades.

Ticket price £7 per adult and £4 per child

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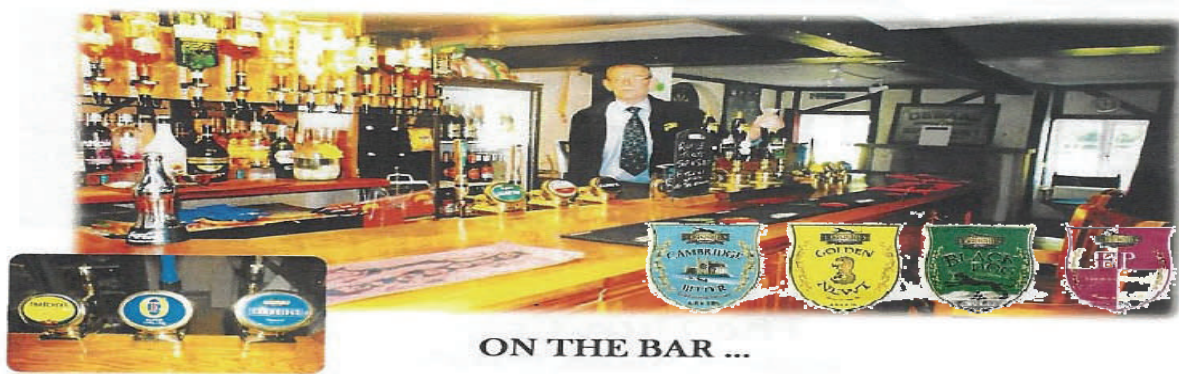
Meals Served

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 7pm –9pm
Sunday Lunches 12pm - 4pm (Booking advisable)

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Dun Cow Diary

Saturday 7th September 2013 - Karaoke & Bingo



ON THE BAR ...

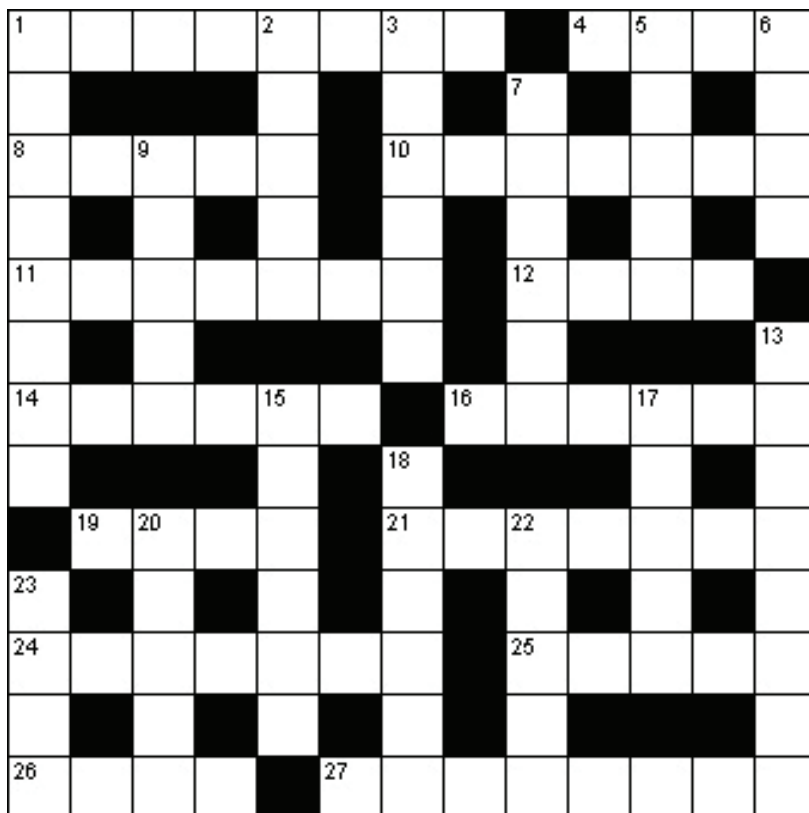
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Across

1. Consigns (8)
4. Upkeep (4)
8. Majestic (5)
10. Young swans (7)
11. Svelte (7)
12. Short letter (4)
14. Musical interval of eight tones (6)
16. Plant fibre (6)
19. Long narrative poem (4)
21. Kind of nonfictional prose (7)
24. Nonattendance (7)
25. Sound (5)
26. Large woody plant (4)
27. Mental state induced by suggestion (8)

Down

1. Ridicule (8)
2. Still legally acceptable (5)
3. An extreme attainment (6)
5. Alarm (5)
6. Facilitate (4)
7. Order of business (6)
9. Outstanding (5)
13. Famished (8)
15. Empty (6)
17. Confronted (5)
18. Seldom (6)
20. Ski run (5)
22. Public transport (5)
23. Immense (4)



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Parish Church Services

1st September	11:00am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	All-Age Worship
8th September	9:30am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	Holy Communion
15th September	6:30pm	Revd S. Tooke	Evening Prayer
22nd September	9:30am	Mr S.E. Tooke	Morning Prayer at WELNEY
29th September	10:00am	Revd S. Tooke	United service at MANEA
6th October	11:00am	Revd K. Fitzgibbon	All-Age Worship

Thank you to those of you that supported our coffee morning on Saturday 10th August, we raised the sum of £215-30.

Also another thank you to the Little Local and its customers who have raised £43-51 from donations in our village shop. It is much appreciated.

Finally a date for your diary, the Christmas fayre will be held in the village hall on Saturday 23rd November from 2-4pm.

Daphne and Andrew.

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Draft agenda for next Council meeting 7:30pm, Monday 9th Sept 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 August 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

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Community Police article

We want to know your views on the role that Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) play in your community.

Tell us what you think by completing our survey, which is available on our website via the link below. The survey is part of Cambridgeshire Constabulary's wide-ranging review of the role of the PCSO.

The purpose of the review is to understand how PCSOs can best serve the needs of the public and the organisation in the future. It will help to ensure we have the right resources, in the right places, doing the right jobs.

This survey is therefore your opportunity to help us understand the impact of PCSOs in your area and to influence the shape of neighbourhood policing.

http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/survey/pcsopublicconsultation_back/pcsopublicconsultation.htm -

Please complete the survey to tell us your views

Wisbech South Rural Forum

The South Rural Forum will take place in Christchurch on 18th September 2013. The New Horizon Outreach Vehicle will be located in Church Road between 12.00 hours and 18.00 hours, with the Forum meeting taking place on the vehicle at 18.00 hours, where priorities for the next 6 months will be set.

Pcso 7196 Russ

**MINUTES OF THE CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 8th JULY 2013 – MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTCHURCH AT 7:30pm**

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Signing of minutes

The minutes of the 17th June meeting were signed, by the Chair, as true record of the meeting.

3. Disclosure and Declarations of Interests

None.

4. Update on action points from previous meeting

The Clerk reported that:

- After Cllr, Yeulett's intervention the grass verges in Crown Avenue have been cut although a resident has reported that all the dead long grass has just been left on the verges.
- FDC agreed to the loan of the pickers and gloves for the Street Pride event in the village on the 6th July. Cllr. Russell reported a very good turnout with a lot of residents joining in and residents were thanked for their efforts.
- The British Heart Foundation Book Bank has been emptied as requested.

5. Public Adjournment

The following subjects were raised and discussed:

- It was asked where is the metalled part of Crown Drove is supposed to end as the road surface outside the last property at the village end has large holes in it. Clerk to raise with Highways.
- It was asked if residents can prune trees that are in the recreation ground and overhanging their gardens. Members confirmed that they could and place the cut branches on the recreation ground side of the fence if they wished.
- It was asked if both existing play grounds are to be removed and replaced. Members confirmed that current plans are to remove the Play park nearest the car park and replace it with new items in the field near to the wooden play park but that the wooden play park will remain. It is possible that some items will be refurbished and re-sited. The Clerk reported that he and Cllr. Bliss met with a Wicksteed Rep today and discussed the requirements and informed her of the priorities as passed on from the local School Council pupils. Quotes and designs from Wicksteed should be available for the next meeting. The Clerk has also spoken to Fenland Leisure Products who said they will get back to him to discuss the project. Cllr. Russell reported that he has spoken to Sharman's who are also keen to quote.
- The hedge near the Old Shop is encroaching on the pavement.
- A car has been parked in Crown Avenue since Christmas and has not moved and it is believed that it been abandoned.
- Cllr. Yeulett asked if there are still issues in The Croft. Cllr. Beswick reported that there are still major concerns on a number of fronts one of the main ones being what will happen when the sewage system fails.
- In response to a question Cllr. Russell reported that he has discussed the pot hole issue along Euximoor Drove with Mr Marshall of Highways but as yet none have been filled in.
- In response to Cllr. Yeulett's enquiry Members reported that they agreed to the proposed improvement scheme at the Padgett's Road and Upwell Road junctions with the Sixteen Foot Bank Road where new reflective posts are to be placed. The Clerk is to confirm with Highways that the proposal is acceptable and that the Parish Council will contribute to the costs of the scheme.

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6. Police Update

The Clerk has distributed PCSO Russ's report that had one item listed which was the break in to the Sports Pavilion. Councillors Russell and Sutton reported that a new bolt and lock system has been attached to the changing room entrance and the Council will receive an invoice from Mr Scott for the work. Cllr. Sutton reported that the break in was partially due to one of the football teams putting the old bolt lock in the damaged side of the door making the break in easier. A discussion was held regarding purchasing CCTV but it was decided that the new arrangement will stop break-ins from that door and that a new CCTV system is included in the renovation project. There was some concern that the new key might not have been handed back into the Shop by the Football Club as agreed after they had got a new key cut. Cllr. Russell agreed to check if the key has been handed back.

Concern was expressed regarding the lack of Police representation at Parish Council meetings and the Clerk was asked to request that one of the PCSOs attends meetings preferably on a bi-monthly basis but at least every three months to give the public and members the opportunity to raise issues at the meeting.

7. Correspondence Received

The Clerk brought to the attention of Councillors:

- The renewing of the Building Regulations for the Sports Pavilion refurbishment
- Four quotes for the refurbishment. Cllr. Russell produced a fifth quote which also included a quote for a new build and potential savings on the specification if a new build was selected. Following a lengthy discussion the Clerk was asked to put all the quotes into a matrix for members to consider and decide on the way forward.

8. Finance

8.1 The Clerk reported bank balances of £54,372.84 with cheques issued to the total of £6,060.60 to be paid from this.

The Clerk reminded Members that around £32k was earmarked for Play parks.

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

8.2.1 Clerk's Salary £183.78

8.2.2 HM Revenue and Customs £137.40 (3 months PAYE on Clerk's Salary)

8.2.3 The Heron £70.00

8.2.4 Morton & Hall Consulting Ltd £531.36 (Building Regs work and FDC fee)

9. Planning Applications

There were no applications to review.

10. Parish Plan – Update

The Clerk reported that the two updates, Play Park additions and Sports Pavilion renovation have been discussed in earlier items.

11. Raising of Village Concerns

The following items were reported/discussed:

1. Cllr. Freeland proposed that the Council consider a fenced dog walking corridor or area on the Recreation Ground with a Dog Bin provided. It was agreed that members should consider this and the Clerk place the item on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. Cllr. Freeland asked what response has been received for the forthcoming Clerk's Job vacancy. The Clerk reported that one application has been received but due to an error at the Fenland Advertiser it has not yet appeared in that paper. The Clerk was asked to reduce the time for the advert in that paper to one week.
3. Cllr. Bliss suggested work is required to ensure that the willows at the Recreation Ground do not get overgrown again. It was agreed that they should be flailed at the end of the growing season to start to shape them into a tall hedge to provide a wind break.
4. Cllr. Hannah Poole reported that some of the street lights near to the Church Road/Green Lane/Upwell Road junction maybe faulty. The Clerk requested that if any members or residents notice one that is not working that they notify him of the column number and he will report them as faulty to the appropriate agency.
5. In response to a question relating to whether the clothing bank is to return the Clerk reported that he is still awaiting a response from FDC.

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