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Facebook Friends Find Falabellas

*An amazing
tale of how
the Internet
can give
support and
do good*

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**Barbie the Palomino
is still missing ...**

Jo and Daniel Everett, a couple from Christchurch, were offering a reward for the safe return of eight Falabella miniature horses including a foal that is just three

months old which was taken from its mother.

Jo and Daniel of Stonebridge Farm on the 16 Foot Bank were absolutely distraught. Both upset

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and angry, they were particularly concerned about the young foal who was unlikely to survive without its mother. They quickly became 'hot property'!

Thieves parked a fairly large vehicle/trailer on the 16 Foot Bank, made a hole through the hedges and dismantled a 12,000v electric fence, herding the animals on board. They must have been terrified, as evidenced by those who managed to avoid capture. Before the theft took place all would approach to be hand fed, now they are scared and the owners can't get near them at present.

Police were slow to react to the theft but Jo immediately informed customs, ferry ports, airports, trains, and slaughterhouses. A rusty white van with no number plates has visited the site at night a further five times since the original theft along with a blue Audi A6. On two separate occasions persons were found 'hiding' at the site and were chased off, heading across the fields towards Manea. A pair of gloves were also found, left after the thieves dealt with the electric fence. In addition male and female footprints were found in one of the barns along with fingerprints on a ride-on mower.

Jo also began a very successful Facebook campaign with details and updates on the theft. One post had over 60,000 responses within half an hour of being posted. There has been a fantastic amount of support from Facebookers and others with both sightings of the ponies and other information.

As a result of various leads supplied, 27 other 'lost' ponies have been found, and eventually, just a few days later, two of the stolen ponies were spotted in a field in Christchurch on Padgetts Road. Following up various leads and with police help, five of the other Falabellas were traced to a gypsy site in Mildenhall. Currently only one of the little treasures remains missing (see cover). Thankfully, among those rescued was the little three month old who is now reunited with its mother.

Please check out Jo's Facebook page for full details and updates on this bizarre story, and share the details with your friends. Let's try and find the last missing Falabella. The theft occurred sometime between 10.00pm on Wednesday 12th July and the early hours of Thursday 13th. Surely somebody must have seen something? Anyone with any information regarding the theft of these beautiful little horses please get in touch. Any information received will be handled discretely,



but remember there is a reward.

An additional temptation for the thieves seems to have been a large generator which was formerly on the site. Amongst other parts this housed over £7000 worth of copper wire! The generator has now been removed and, so, hopefully any further threat. Jo and Dan slept in their car on the field with the remaining ponies for several nights. There is now additional security in place with regular checks being carried out on the grounds throughout the night. Jo and Daniel wish to send out their heartfelt thanks to all those who played a part in the retrieval of seven of the eight Falabellas stolen. With their success so far, they remain hopeful of finding the final missing Falabella, Barbie, (as shown on front cover) who is still missing at the time of going to press.

RWBG



Community Information

Mobile Library:

First Tuesday each month - In the Lay-by Upwell Road - 12:15 to 12:45pm

Mobile Post Office:

visits Mon - Thu in the Lay-by Upwell Road
Monday and Thursday 16:30 to 17:00
Tuesday and Wednesday 16:10 to 17:00
Fridays - no service

Dun Cow Meal Deal on alternate
Wednesday lunchtimes - 2 courses for £5.50 -
Pre-Booked places ONLY.

This month's dates are 9th & 23rd August

Delicious Fish and Chips are available
outside the Dun Cow from Michael and Michelle's
van on Fridays 5pm to 8pm

Recycle your old bottles at the
Community Centre Bottle bank - this helps the
Parish Council keep the Council Tax 'rates' down.

Flu Jabs - appointments can be booked from
now onwards. Two clinics in September 23rd and
30th and two in October 7th and 28th ALL 8am-
11am

These are recommended for anyone over 64,
those who are currently pregnant or for younger
people who suffer from chronic lung disease, such
as asthma or COPD, diabetes, heart disease or
various conditions where your immunity is
reduced.

We again will be offering nasal flu vaccine to
children in the target population, however some
children will be offered vaccination at school. We
will run separate clinics for those children who
need a flu vaccination so please do not book them
into the Saturday clinics.

We are offering a pneumococcal pneumonia
vaccination to everyone over 64 and we are also
continuing with the shingles vaccination campaign.
This year we can offer a jab to: people born on or
after 2nd September 1946 and are aged 70 and
people born on or after 2nd September 1938 who
are aged 78 or 79. If you are unsure if you are
eligible please ask the doctor or nurse at the time
of your flu vaccination.

The Upwell Patient Participation Group will once
again be holding a raffle over the four dates with
lots of great prizes kindly donated from local
businesses so don't forget to bring your purses
and wallets with you!

- Upwell Health Centre

Community Car Scheme

now needs to find two or three new voluntary
drivers. If you like helping people and have a little
time to spare during the week this may be for
you. Drivers are covered by their existing motor
insurance and receive re-imbursement for their
mileage expenses. If you would like to know more
about it please ask the drivers or contact Sue Beel
at Care Network, on 01945 589953 or email
sue.b@care-network.org.uk.

Contact the Parish Council?

phone numbers: in Useful Numbers page 26,
email: christchurchcambspc@gmail.com
website: christchurchpc.btck.co.uk

Defibrillator - usually located on the old
dining hall in the school, will now be unavailable
until 5th September approx. If you need one then
ring 999 and give your postcode and they will tell
you if it is back in commission

EDITORIAL

Great cover story! We hope you agree? Restores
your faith in human kindness doesn't it?

Changing 'tack' slightly (See what I did there?) I
wonder how many of you know of *Private Eye* the
famous political satire magazine? What about its
companion spin-off *The Oldie*? I was wondering
the other day whether *The Heron* is in danger of
turning into a shadow of the latter?

It is truly wonderful all the support and
correspondence we get from all our readers, most
of whom are over a certain age, but what about all
the younger folks?, or those whose ages fall
somewhere in between? We have had some great
articles from them in the past but this stream
seems to have dried up of late!

So come on! *The Heron* IS a 'community'
magazine after all! Not for one particular age
group, but for all! Make it your own! You
youngsters have the entire Summer Break to
come up with something! Hobbies, interests,
music etc. etc. We would really like to hear from
some of you! Take a blank page and fill it! Or even
half of it! The world is your oyster! Write, draw or
photograph, anything that takes your fancy! This is
the challenge to you all! Mums and Dads too! How
many of you will take up this great opportunity?
Capture, and then release your imagination!

We don't want to write it all! Let's try and freshen
things up a bit! Otherwise - It's all the usual
features, plus one or two new ones for your
interest. Enjoy! 'Till next month!

Richard

DIARY DATES

Abbreviations for commonly used venues:

TS = Townley School, CCC = Christchurch Community Centre, (new Hall)

TH = Three Holes Village Hall, UH = Upwell Village Hall, WH = Welney Village Hall

Weekly events

Mondays	Pop-Up Coffee & Tuck shop - 11am to 2pm (Closed 7th Aug) CCC !NEW HOURS!
Fridays	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
	Fish and Chip Van visits - outside Dun Cow - 5-8pm

General events

Aug 1 st	Mobile Library visits - Upwell Rd Lay-by 12:15-12:45pm
Aug 1 st	Christchurch Craft Club - we'll decide which crafts to learn - CCC - 7pm
Aug 8 th	WI - A demonstration of Bead Making by Beryl Brooks - CCC - 7pm
Aug 9 th	Mini Movers - Physical movement activity for under 5s - Outwell Village Hall
Aug 10 th	Slimmers World - 9.30-11.00am - Outwell Village Hall
Aug 13 th	Welle Cinema - Rural Life - Cert U & Local History talk by Bill Smith - 1:30pm - TH
Aug 14 th	General Auction - View all day, starts 6.00pm - Outwell Village Hall
Aug 15 th	Gardening Club - flowers in South Africa - 7:30pm - CCC
Aug 16 th	Mini Movers - Physical movement activity for under 5s - Outwell Village Hall
Aug 16 th	Music Night - Open Mike with the Saga Louts - 7:30pm British Legion Upwell/Outwell
Aug 16 th	Slimmers World - 9.30-11.00am - Outwell Village Hall
Aug 19 th	Welle Cinema - T2 Trainspotting - Cert 18 - 7:30pm - TH
Aug 23 rd	Christchurch Book Club - 7:30pm -
Sep 4 th	Commercial Slot still available at Pop-up Coffee Shop -CCC

Parish Church Services

Aug 6 th	11am	A Day	All Age Worship
Aug 13 th	9:30am	Revs I & L Brady	Holy Communion
Aug 20 th	6:30pm	B Burge, A Day	Evening Prayer
Aug 27 th	11am	R Holding, V Smith	Morning Prayer
Sep 3 rd	11am	S Tooke	All Age Worship

Every Friday 2-3pm Coffee, Cake and Chat in the Church building

Thanks to all those that helped and supported the coffee morning on 15th, a total of £141-60 was raised.

The Heron Deadline

The 25th of the previous month is the deadline for all copy. However, due to the amount of copy we are getting, if you leave it till then, we may not have space. So - AS EARLY AS YOU CAN PLEASE

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At the time of going to press, all information is as accurate and up to date as we can make it. Changes and updates may be published subsequently. All information contributed by outside agencies, including dates etc., will be assumed to be correct.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Richard,
I would like to express my greatest thanks to Colin Ingram for the fantastic job he did on installing a new 'back-bar' at The Dun Cow. His carpentry is of the highest standard and I would not hesitate in highly recommending him to anyone in need of such skills.

Very many thanks Colin

Phil

PS Many thanks to Ruth too for letting me borrow him!

Dear Sir,

I work for a local charity called the Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living (CAIL), an organisation that works for people with disabilities, older people and carers to ensure that their voices are heard about local services.

One of our current projects, Voices4Choices, aims to raise awareness about a method of funding and arranging care and support needs called Direct Payments. Direct Payments can give people greater flexibility, choice and control about the care and support they receive, such as care in the home, attending a day centre or respite care for carers.

I am looking for opportunities to get out into the community and would very much welcome invitations to visit support and social groups to speak to people who might benefit from hearing about Direct Payments – not just those people who currently need care and support but also perhaps those that are thinking about getting some support or know that at some point in the future they may need some support.

If you would like to know more and would like me to come to visit groups, then please do get in touch and my colleague James and I can give you a call to make arrangements.

With kind regards,

Leisha O'Brien

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Dear Richard

How surprised was I when my phone rang at 10.40 on the 1st July enquiring about the mobility scooter I had for sale in The Heron. At the time I had still not yet received my copy of the magazine! It was a lady who lived up in Lincolnshire! A relative in Christchurch had informed them of the sale. By 1.40pm they had arrived, took the scooter for a trial run up the

road, came back, paid me, and were very pleased with their purchase. I couldn't believe the speed of the sale! Well done to all at The Heron. I give them 11 out of 10! Thank you!

Joan Smith

Staffing at the Heron

I write this with a heavy heart as I have often said how lucky we are being your Editorial Team. We have got on and worked together so well. By and large seeing things the same way and being 'on the same page'. One or two little wrinkles or disagreements from time to time but all always resolved amicably and successfully. We have moderated each other well and always in a constructive manner.

Paul and Viv have decided to move back north, and have begun the process, and it could happen as early as the end of the year.

So, looking ahead we will be needing new staff as myself as Editor can certainly not continue on my own! So anyone with good IT/Desktop Publishing skills would be a vital asset. Paul would be more than happy to 'show you the ropes' so to speak before you made a commitment. Things are fairly straightforward now as we have an established system. Each edition takes about 22 to 25 working hours spread over 10 to 14 days occasionally with a last minute rush.

If you think you might be interested in joining the team please contact Paul on 01354 638381 or email paul@harsnape.net. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to all the family and friends who helped in any way in celebrating my 80th birthday, for all presents, cards and donations received. Amount raised was £310, to be shared between

M.A.G.P.A.S. and community centre.

Graham Warby

Weather Lore

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If the twenty-fourth of August be fair and clear,

Then hope for a prosperous autumn that year.

See page 21 for a Weather Lore bonus - Ed'.

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New Treasurer for The Heron

We are very pleased to announce that Linda Webster has agreed to take over as Treasurer and Advertising Manager for the Heron.

Linda has many years of experience working with finance, and also enjoys meeting people. She worked for the Post Office for nearly 30 years, finishing up as manager of the Newmarket branch. She then worked for the Nat West Bank for a couple of years before moving to a job at Fenland District Council. She was originally from London, and has lived in Christchurch for nearly three years. She is a dog lover – she has two rough collies at present, and has had collies since 1971.

Please see the new contact details on the cover.

We are very lucky to have Linda volunteer, Thank you! - Ed'.



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Jazz Club Review - by Steve Wayne

Those who are regular readers of this column may have noticed that the last couple of reviews have been less than fulsome in its praise of the musicians visiting the club.

Last month my complaints centred around a lack of communication with the audience, well this month that criticism was turned on its head as bass player Len Skeat stood at a microphone and gave a potted history of each of the players as they took to the stage.

Once in place Paul Eshelby on Trumpet and Flugelhorn with Robert Fowler playing Tenor Sax, Graham Harvey Piano, ably supported by Len Skeat and Neil Bullock on Bass and Drums respectively, hit the groove running with a fast tempo version of Sweet Georgia Brown.

Musically impeccable, except when Paul Eshelby began playing the wrong song, a problem that was swiftly corrected with humour and wit. The band swung like the clappers through a high energy version of film composer Michelle LeGrands "Watch What Happens" as well as a highly sensitive version of the classic "Misty." Played beautifully on the tenor sax by Robert Fowler. A high point came when Trumpet Man Paul led the crowd in a rousing sing-a-long of the



bridge of Kathy Kirbys "Secret Love" before the band stormed in with an energetic swing version of the same song. In a Jazz Club, Priceless.

The humour bouncing around between the band members was infectious, as "Have you met Miss Jones" was introduced, Len commented from behind his bass, "She got married you know" followed by short discussion on who the lucky man might be.

Paul entertained with gag after gag, all funny, one or two a little risqué, but all well received. A special mention must go to drummer Neil Bullock, the youngest member of the band and one of the best drummers I have seen in a long while.

In conclusion, it was a pleasure to see a group of musicians so on top of their game that they could relax in to the gig and involve the audience in such a special way. **Top marks Upwell Jazz Club.**

Steve Wayne

Upwell Jazz Club 2017

Christchurch Community Centre (Sat Nav PE14 9LL)

Sunday 30th July

Guests: Derek Clenshaw – trombone
Tom Melvin – vocals
Nigel Portass – piano
Dave Hawthorn – drums

This session sees the return of the ever-popular Derek Clenshaw on trombone and Tom Melvin on vocals performing an eclectic mix of laid-back standards from Burt Bacharach to Cole Porter.

We extend a warm welcome to Dave Hawthorn on drums for this session.

Bar, fresh rolls, crisps and savouries available

More information from Nigel Smith on 01945 773121

Time: 12.30pm - 2.45pm Admission: £5.00 Accompanied under-16s Free

Art Club

Our June and July sessions have been concentrating on drawing and painting in perspective. Not an easy task, but fun to do.



Our last session this term is to visit an outside venue to paint and/or draw some landscape of interest.

We are about to finish another full year and after the break in August we will be keen to start back in September for another year of various art techniques. It has been so rewarding seeing how much everyone has improved in finding their own style. We have also had some of our art mounted and framed.

Our group is friendly and relaxed. We are all enjoying the sessions and would love to welcome some more members. We have a tutor to lead us, but we all can learn as much from each other and gain in confidence. All artists have their own special style and approach so we have a lot of variety and some very good art.

Do contact Sandra (638478) or Jan (638217) for more information, or pop along during the session to see what we are up to. We normally meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1.30 – 3.30 (term time).

We will be having a break in August, but will be back again in September with a new programme for the Autumn term.

I called in at the Art Club and managed to get some photos of some completed works as well as some 'work in progress'. Some were absent but there was a lovely relaxed atmosphere in the group who were all working on various projects. Jan is a wonderful teacher and they had learned techniques for producing different effects in their work. I did offer to model for them but they declined saying that they didn't have any sheets of paper big enough! - Ed'. See the art work on back page.

Christchurch Book Club

Book Club met on Wednesday 26th July. We had been reading 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime' by Mark Haddon. We all enjoyed this book and found it a fascinating insight into the way autistic people relate to the world. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th August 7.30 pm at Sue's, 5, Fen View.

We shall be discussing 'My Brief History' by Stephen Hawking. New members are always welcome. For more details contact Sheila Day 07946 635908

A visit to Skylark Garden Centre was the theme for the July meeting. We were able to hold the meeting in the restaurant, which included having tea or coffee, and of course cakes. Although it had rained during the afternoon, we were still able to have a look around outside at plants, roses and flower containers, and also browse and enjoy all the different items in the shop, which we were able to purchase if we wished.

Next month

A demonstration of Bead Making by Beryl Brooks.

Competition - Decorate a Doily.

Flowers - Val.

Refreshments - Tracy & Viv.

Raffle - Peggy, Sandra Lloyd, Tracy, Anne Atkinson and Sylvia Willcox.

Any enquiries - Tel 638339 Peggy (sec)

Our July meeting was a 'bring and make' session. Some of our members brought along their projects including knitting, sewing and even bespoke dog collars, others continued with our blanket making project while the children had fun glueing, sticking and sewing.

Unfortunately, Wendy wasn't able to stay for the session and Peggy was busy with the Bowls Club supper so a big 'Thank you' to all our members who pulled together to ensure the session went ahead as planned. We realised just how much work is done every month while we sit chatting and crafting.

We don't usually meet in August as Wendy has a well-earned holiday but, this year, we have decided to meet as usual on the 1st Tuesday of the month so we'll get our heads together to decide what craft we're going to try.

See you on the 1st August.

New members always welcome.
Sandra L.

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN



Ann and Alison sewing squares, and enjoying it!



Inside the Artist's Studio

Last month was the club's summer buffet where we all ate too much but had a very sociable time. This month on the 25th July some of the club members paid a visit to Jenni Cairns studio and workshop located in Coates. Jenni, you may remember paid a visit to the Community Centre last year, when she gave a talk to the club about her 'best in show award winning' garden at Hampton Court. It's safe to say that the members were fascinated by her creativity and her art work. She creates both by paint brush and plasma cutter. Such was the general reaction that our club secretary Marion Hawthorn set up this visit to Jenni's studio where we would see her in action.

Another development however, is the involvement of the Welle Film Club. I have been an active member of the production side of the club for several years (the club produced an excellent video for my last single) and we have produced several mini films for local clubs and activities. I have managed to arrange for them to make a film about the Gardening Club and the first filming session was to be the club's visit to Jenni Cairns.

The Film Crew had arrived early and set up the equipment, this was interesting from my perspective as I had a foot in both camps. We took advantage of the quiet time to do an in-depth



The Tree of Life by Jenni Cairnes

interview with Jenni. The members began to show up at the allotted time in their convoy of cars.

The meeting got under way and first on the agenda was Jenni making garden art with a plasma cutter and old oil barrel. To begin with she completed a free hand sketch of the tree of life on to the end of the barrel, all the while explaining the process. Once completed she fired up her plasma cutter and the sparks began to fly. With pain staking accuracy Jenni etched the design onto the metal surface as the old barrel metamorphosed into a genuine work of art. Several times Jenni checked to see if her audience were still interested. Each time they asked for more. I think the film crew were as fascinated as the members. Could this be the ultimate in re-cycling?



Later the club members could

wander round Jenni's garden looking at the many garden ornaments she has created and taking in the many pieces of art on show in her studio. All the while the crew filmed in the background. The video will be available for viewing later in the year.

Next month on the 15th August we will be back at the Community Centre where our guest speakers will be Di and Mike Burns giving a talk on flowers in South Africa and Raffle Prizes will be donated by Peter Norman, Val Parker, Doris Powlik, Mark Williams and Joan Woodham.

For more info or to join call 01354 638 230 or just come along on the night. Should you wish to contact Jenni about her art call 07451229447

Steve

Pop-up Café and Coffee Shop

Following on from our appeal on our Facebook page a couple of weeks ago, we are delighted to announce that we have had a couple of really busy weeks at the Christchurch Community Pop-Up Coffee Shop. We were very pleased to see so many of you turn to support us and sample some of our homemade goodies! We also took on board all your comments and appreciated that whilst a lot of you would love to come along, you do have work or other commitments which prevent you from doing so. However, your support via our page is as important to us as you actually turning up on the day. For now, we will be continuing with the Monday opening but will ensure any changes to this will be put in the Heron, on our Facebook page and leafleted around the village.

Over the Summer holidays we are temporarily changing our opening times (unless it proves more popular than the earlier time) to accommodate those parents/grandparents/carers that might turn up at the playing field with their children and, in addition to the normal cakes, cookies and bacon butties, we are offering a tuck shop – selling cold drinks, sweets and treats.

We are also giving local, small businesses the opportunity to come along and share their wares with the community in the hope that we can “pay forward” the wonderful support we have received ourselves to date.

The revised Summer times and dates:

Mon 24 July – 11.00 – 2.00 pm - Christchurch Community coffee shop hosted Weronika



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www.facebook.com/foreverlivingproductsuk/.

Now a multi-billion-dollar business, Forever Living Products manufactures and retails a multitude of beauty and wellness products worldwide. Please contact Weronika via her FB page if you are interested in learning more.

Mon 31 July – 11.00 – 2.00 pm - Sarah Carrick from Toll Farm Floristry, Christchurch will be coming along. Sarah and her husband Matt run Toll Farm on the outskirts of the village. They offer beautiful fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as plants, flowers and lots of beautiful pre-loved, reclaim goods. Please come along to see what beautiful things she has for sale.

Mon 7 Aug – C L O S E D

Mon 14 Aug - 11.00 – 2.00 pm

Slot still available. If you are a small business and would like come along on this date, please contact Bex on 07718 490974.

Mon 21 Aug - 11.00- 2.00 pm - Janis Hitchcock will be joining us. Janis is an Independent Consultant for Neal's Yard Remedies, Covent Garden. This will give folks a chance to have a look at what beautiful products are available. NYR are passionate about transforming people's lives through education and empowering them to live more healthily through the wonder of nature. Their vision is to become world leaders in natural health and beauty and their mission is to

improve the quality of people's lives by sharing their expertise and encouraging a more natural, holistic way of health, beauty and well-being. Come along and see for yourself.

Mon 28 Aug – 11.00 – 2.00 pm

- Sharon Pomeroy will be coming along to show us some of her beautiful

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handmade dog collars. Sharon initially started selling them on Sheringham market and within a few months they were being sold in Harrods. So a really lovely story which I am sure she would love to share with you. They really are beautiful so if you would like to give your pampered pooch a treat, come along and see her beautiful stock and have a chat over a coffee and a delicious slice of homemade cake!

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The Sparrow Family - part 2 - by John Sparrow

John Sparrow, concludes a two part series going into where his family came from and what made them the family they are now - Ed'

My father Harry worked for Mr Frank Scott at Christchurch as a farm lorry driver, his pride and joy was a Morris Commercial. Jobs were collecting Scotch Seed potatoes from local stations, Stonea, Upwell and Waldesea Sidings, also fetching fertilizer from Fisons of Thetford and taking fat cattle to Kings Lynn market on a Tuesday.

Mother and Father were married in 1934 at Christchurch Church, a morning service, the afternoon was spent at Hunstanton, and transport was a Bullnose Morris car thanks to Mr Frank Scott his boss and back to work the next morning.

The four eldest boys did service in WW1, John was the eldest. He joined the 2nd Suffolk Reg. and was killed in action August 1918, buried in France and was awarded the Military Medal. Fred enlisted in the Norfolk Reg. Transport Machine Workshop Division, his job was to maintain and repair motor vehicles. He travelled through many countries during the war. Charles was also in the Norfolk Reg. and spent most of his service with horses traveling to Turkey and Palestine.

James joined the Cambridgeshire Reg. at a tender age of 16 as a messenger boy and was awarded the Military Medal. Fred, Charles and James all survived and returned home.

The younger boys William, Harry and Joe had to wait until WW2 to serve their country with the Home Guard. Harry (father) had a driving licence for a lorry so he was given the job as the ambulance driver in a Ford V8 Pilot that doubled up as a troop carrier. The Home Guard went on exercise to Thetford Forest and Cockley Cley. Harry had a good knowledge of the roads being a lorry driver as all the road signs had been removed in case we were invaded by the Germans. My Uncle William (Bill) was made a

corporal because he could read a map. Joe the baby of the family was a Pte. In the Home Guard. On exercise at Welney by the bridge they decided to go fishing, not with a rod and hook but with a hand grenade thrown into the river, bang! all the fish were stunned and ready to collect for dinner. Joe left school at the age of 12 to work on the land at the Piggery Farm Hole-in-Wall, Padgetts Rd. which was owned by Mr Lenny Frances.

Steam must have been in the blood of the Sparrows from Grandad George to his sons. William driving Fowler ploughing engines and Aveling Porter threshing engines. Fred, after returning from WW1, joined a travelling fair and ran a Savage Carousel with a steam engine in the centre driving the ride and providing lights. The Savage was made in Kings Lynn. Many fine example still exists today. He also worked on the building of the Great North Road now the (A1).

After WW2 Fred worked in East Africa on the Groundnut scheme which failed after 2 years. The British government tried to grow nuts in the desert, no water and lots of wind proved unsuccessful. The government put forward £25 million to clear 150,000 acres of scrub land only 50,000 acres were cleared leaving an unusable dust bowl, cost had risen to £49 million and they all came home.

Jim worked the Boots Bridge water pumping engine along the 16ft river at Stonea. His son Jack followed on after his dad retired.

Joe was a late starter working the Bedlam Bridge pumping station, built in 1947 with two Ruston and Hornby diesel engines. They could lift a total of 80 tons of water per minute from the fens into the 16ft river. My father Harry would run the night shift if they needed to run 24 hrs. during a very wet period.

Nellie was in service in London before returning home to be the first post lady in Christchurch.

May attended Wisbech High School after winning a scholarship, she lodged in the town coming home weekends.

Ada was in service at Lynn Road, Wisbech starting as a scullery maid and finishing as house keeper before marriage.

Did you know?

A famous son from Littleport was the co-founder of Harley Davidson motor cycles. William Sylvester Harley. His father was born in Littleport and later immigrated to America.

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Lewis delves into the innards

setting up on his own. There were no initial set-up costs and any finance came from Lewis' own savings. He now operates a laptop for his own personal requirements, as well as one exclusively for the business.

Since 2013 his business has grown and grown, mostly by word of mouth, but with a little help from The Heron too! Lewis realised that there was a real business opportunity for his newly acquired skills and experience; initially by helping out friends, family, and neighbours. There was a real demand for his skills and the business has rapidly expanded both locally and now further afield too! He now also has many commercial customers, both self-employed people working from home, and established high street businesses like our own magazine printer – March Stationary & Print!

Upwell Computer Repairs doesn't only deal with repairs. Lewis also deals with upgrades, new set-

ups, data transfer, servicing, and tuition.

He also deals with virus removal and performance restoration, screen replacements, network set-ups, and website design and creation. His charges for all aspects of IT and computer technology are £25 for initial call-out and the first hour, and then £10 for each additional half-hour. All parts and equipment are original and supplied on a next-day delivery service.

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Another in our series of features on local businesses. Please contact us if you would like yours to be included.

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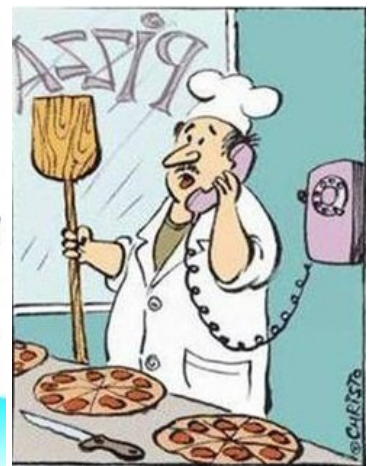
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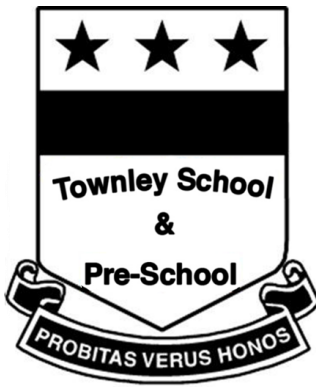
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Dining Hall



The new dining hall is beginning to take shape, the old one is looking bare! Hopefully the new one will be ready for the start of the new term. The defibrillator is getting a new home, it should be back in use when we come back in September. We are hoping to invite you all to the opening of the new building when we hold our harvest tea.



Anglian Demolition

Anglian Demolition are the company removing the old dining hall. Iain kindly came in with a simulator to teach the children about how the demolition work happens. Year 6 were able to try out the simulator, there are only two in the whole of the UK!

Parking

We have been trying hard to discourage people from parking on the zig-zag lines. We hope local residents are seeing an improvement.

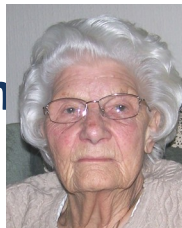


The Joan Smith Column

Hello again! Don't the months fly by the older we get! So here I go again, continuing from where I left off last month.

Mr A, my boss, was the Headmaster of the Grammar School in Wisbech, and the English Teacher there, was a proof-reader of the manuscripts we produced. Her daughter, who was nearing 18 at the time, used to help us with collating them during the school holidays. She had said that she would also like to learn how to do the printing too!

Nancy was very good in teaching the girl and was kept on until the commencement of her new job at Prontaprint in Lynn. As the months passed work began coming in from all different places. Mrs A had told me that they were looking for larger premises. Later on some were acquired at Downham Market. It took several months to get the new place how it needed to be. Everything had to be moved,



including the very heavy printing press, and more staff would be needed too! Luckily I did not need to move on to the new premises as I was still required to cook and clean at West Wynch. Also if they entertained clients I was always required to prepare meals for them all. I made such a variety of dishes. Mrs A always asked me for quantities for four to six people, sometimes even more. Numbers never worried me. We had a good butcher in the village and also two veg shops were we could purchase whatever we needed. We rarely needed to go further afield

I actually worked for Dr and Mrs A for twenty one and a half years altogether. I retired twenty nine years ago. Dr and Mrs A tried to get me to stay on another five years. They said that I would benefit from a larger pension if I did. So as not to leave them in the lurch I did agree to stay on until they found someone else. Well!....One month passed...then two... then three, and I began to think they weren't really trying! More on the eventual outcome next month!



Sport Bowls Club Report

The month began with seven club members enjoying a week of bowling at the annual Hunstanton Bowls Tournament held at the picturesque Cliff Parade Bowling Club overlooking the sea. Fantastic weather all week saw some great bowling but with less success for our club members than in previous years.

Doreen Miller partnered by Sue Ritchie won the ladies pairs. Roly Frost and partner won the consolation pairs and Gordon Green came very close in the singles being extremely unlucky to lose 20-21 in the semi-final. All in all a fantastic week was had by all with great camaraderie and visits to many North Norfolk hostelrys with a sun tan thrown in for free.

Back at Christchurch we have played the club knockout pairs competition down to the final stage. The finalists will be Gordon Green and Barbara Lesage who will play Roly Frost and Bernie Markham. The evening was rounded off with a sausage and chips supper.

Our annual friendly match against Hunstanton Cromer Road bowls club saw the sea siders visit Christchurch for the first time. Unfortunately the inclement weather saw the length of the game curtailed but it didn't spoil the day. The visitors made many remarks on

the wonderful facilities provided for them within such a small village community.

The afternoon was concluded with an excellent three course meal served by our fantastic ladies catering brigade.

League results have been mixed of late but we still hold on to third position in the March and District league. Results

Alexander Road away	4 - 2
Upwell Park away won	6 - 0
Braza home won	6 - 0
Upwell away lost	2 - 4
Guyhirn home won	5 - 1
Murrow home lost	1 - 5



Christchurch Bowls Team

NHS Patient Survey results

Hot off the press is the 2017 Survey of Patients who use the NHS in England.

The British Medical Association said, "Unsustainable pressure on GP services and increasing GP workloads have led to a decrease in patient satisfaction with the service, The latest figures from NHS England's GP patient survey showed a slight decline in the proportion of patients who rated their overall experience of their

GP surgery as good, down from 85.7% in 2016 to 84.8% in 2017.¹ The survey received responses from 808 332 patients after 2 157 769 questionnaires were sent out nationally, a response rate of 37.5%.

Below is a summary of the results for our Health Centre a full set of results is available here:

<https://gp-patient.co.uk/PatientExperiences?practicecode=D8>

Results from the 2017 survey ?

Upwell Health Centre

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Practice
overview

What this practice **does best** ?

✓ **93%** of respondents find it easy to get through to this surgery by phone
Local (CCG) average: 78% | National average: 71%

✓ **96%** of respondents would recommend this surgery to someone new to the area
Local (CCG) average: 82% | National average: 77%

✓ **72%** of respondents usually get to see or speak to their preferred GP
Local (CCG) average: 60% | National average: 56%

What this practice **could improve** ?

↗ **58%** of respondents usually wait 15 minutes or less after their appointment time to be seen
Local (CCG) average: 67% | National average: 64%

↗ **89%** of respondents say the last nurse they saw or spoke to was good at treating them with care and concern
Local (CCG) average: 93% | National average: 91%

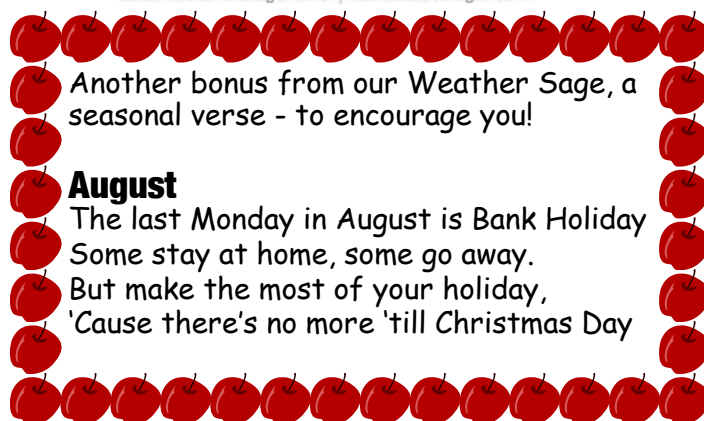
↗ **93%** of respondents say the last nurse they saw or spoke to was good at giving them enough time
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- ◆ Thread the chicken on to the skewers and shake off any excess marinade.
- ◆ Heat the oil in a large frying-pan (big enough for the chicken to lie flat). Alternatively heat a dry griddle pan and use the oil to paint the chicken. Better still place it onto the hot coals of the barbecue.
- ◆ Cook on all sides until the chicken is cooked through, starting on a high heat to get a good colour all over then turning the heat down or move to a cooler part of the barbecue bars. The whole process takes about 10 minutes. Add salt and pepper and squeeze over some lime juice.
- ◆ Offer extra wedges of lime on the side and plain boiled rice and the Asian slaw.

For the Chicken:

- ◆ 12 boned chicken thighs, cut in half
- ◆ 1½ tbsp groundnut oil
- ◆ juice of 1 lime
- ◆ For the Marinade:
- ◆ grated zest and juice of 4 limes
- ◆ 2 red chillies, deseeded and shredded
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Nominate a local community groups for national awards

A community charity is asking the public to nominate community groups to receive a national award at an awards ceremony recognising their work in making their local areas better places to live.

The charity, Groundwork, say it has launched the Groundwork Community Awards as a way of honouring small community groups making a big difference to everyone's quality of life in their local area and to celebrate and reward groups who often get little recognition and support.

Visit the awards website:

www.groundwork.org.uk/communityawards

The deadline for nominations is 25th August and the awards are simple to enter via an online system where community groups can highlight their own achievements – or can be nominated to receive an award in one of 10 categories reflecting the huge diversity of projects and services being delivered by community volunteers.

Shortlisted community groups will be invited to attend a national awards ceremony in central London on the evening of 2nd November. Groundwork's national Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said:

"There are fantastic examples of community groups who work selflessly and tirelessly to improve their neighbourhoods. Thanks to their efforts our parks and open spaces are better looked after, libraries and heritage centres are being kept open, food banks and furniture projects continue to help people meet their basic needs and communities are blazing a trail in recycling and renewable energy.

"These achievements are seldom noticed beyond the neighbourhood or the people directly benefiting. We thought it was time to change that and to celebrate the power of community action.

"Whatever political change and challenge we see in the next few years we believe that we need to prepare our communities to be more resilient and better informed about how things happen in their neighbourhood and better supported to take control of local assets and services. The Groundwork Community Awards will shine a light on what's already being achieved so that even more communities might be encouraged to get organised and get active."

Respected BBC Broadcaster and Landscape Designer, Mark Lane, will be hosting the awards on 2nd November. Mark, who also acts as Groundwork's Health, Wellbeing and Community Ambassador, commented:

"This is a wonderful opportunity for residents, groups, workers, charities, volunteers, and individuals to be recognised for the extraordinary work they put in to improving, sustaining and building their own health and wellbeing, by taking positive action, achieving goals, supporting one another and becoming an integral part of a community. It is these people that uplift and make a difference to their own and to the life of others.

"We all live busy lives and the Awards are a way of championing, thanking and highlighting the amazing contributions made. As Groundwork's Ambassador, I am truly honoured to be hosting the Awards and I wish everyone all the very best."

Explaining their decision to sponsor the 'Community Group of the Year' award, Jindi Pank, Community Partnerships Manager at Marks & Spencer, added:

"Community has been a big part of our Plan A efforts for a number of years and we have worked with and learnt from some truly inspiring community groups. We'll continue to do this through our Plan A 2025 programme which aims to help play a transformative role in communities.

"We want to enable local economies to thrive by helping to build socially connected communities and improving local environments, an important part of this is recognising the great work that's already going on which is why we're proud to sponsor Groundwork's award for Community Group of the Year."

Groundwork is also seeking additional sponsorship of the awards. More information on sponsorship opportunities can be found at:

www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/communityawards/Pages/sponsors-aw

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And Finally...

Well! What an amazing story on our front pages! Unbelievable and wonderful wrapped in one. Then on pages 26 and 27 Colin's adventures abroad. An old and a new form of transport both in the same issue! How do we do it!? Set me to thinking – What would you get if you crossed a Falabella with a Lambretta?.....



No! I couldn't believe it either! But what a wonderful contraption. Check out the video on the Internet (See what I did there?) joyreactor.com/tag/scooter. It really does work and he doesn't fall off! More's the pity some of you may say. But it does clearly show what can be done with a bit of imagination. Why not test yours? See what you can come up with? Put your creative skills to the test! Whatever you achieve we guarantee you will get a great deal of satisfaction from it. A real buzz! We're waiting!

Till next time! – Ed'.

For the Love of Lambrettas - part 2 - by Colin Steenson



Colin with his prized SX125 in full Union Flag livery

On our return to the ‘secure’ compound, two weeks later, to Graham’s dismay they had damaged his motor by reversing it too far at some point and catching the trailer on the rear bumper! A repair that later would cost over £200. Anyway, we eventually set off on our 190 mile drive to Venice. Thankfully this was uneventful and we arrived in Venice later that afternoon around 3.00pm. We booked into our hotel, quickly dumped all our gear, and then took our bikes off the trailer and headed off to register at the venue Adria which was about a 20 minute ride away. The scenery around us was almost like being back in the Fens! Very flat with drainage ditches, great views, and familiar big skies. After registering we had a quick look around the venue, bikes still arriving, then we headed back to the hotel for our evening meal. This is it! See photo 1 opposite.

It comprised a massive tomahawk steak, hanging over the edges of the plate with scallop potatoes and shredded onions. Beers were rather expensive in the hotel. When the waiter said €12 I thought he meant for all three but they were €12 each!! That’s about £10.50 for a beer!

Next morning straight after a fantastic spread for a ‘help-yourself’ breakfast we headed off to Adria again. By the time we arrived there were over 1800 bikes. Well over a thousand of these, including us, set off on a massive ride together to Venice on the Saturday. Of course, we rode back too! An hour each way. As you will see from the photos we really clogged up the Venice streets for a while. See photos 2 & 3

Next day, Sunday, it was time for another concourse d’elegance but it was a lot bigger than the one in Milan two weeks previously. Despite some cracking English bikes like the Memphis Belle (photo 4), and mine (left) of course, once again, unfortunately, the Italians scooped all the prizes! Biased or what?

We returned to the hotel about five, loaded the bikes back on the trailer, packed all our gear ready for the next day, and headed off to the local pub, just 200yds away for our evening meal and drinks. Much cheaper there, only €5 a pint which included English beers like Guinness and also Magners cider, plus many others. Yes! I know they’re both really Irish but you know what I mean! We got back to our hotel rooms about 10.00pm as we wanted to make a relatively early get away the next morning. Eventually, with everything ready to go, we set off after breakfast next day at about 10.00am.

From Venice we drove back over the Brenna Pass again and on to Munich, over 400 miles away, for an overnight stay in Augsburg, where MAN lorries are made. Next day we headed on to Rheims, another 400 miles away, for our second overnighter on the way home, staying at the Campanille again as we did on our way out. Finally, in the morning, we headed on another 400 miles, across the Channel and home! All told our two trips meant that we had covered a total of 2,250 miles. But it had all been well worth it! Great memories stored of some truly wonderful adventures. And we think our bikes enjoyed it all too!

Colin

Fruit & Veg Quiz - The Answers	
1.	Pea
2.	Swede
3.	Carrot
4.	Pear
5.	Rasp
6.	Beans
7.	Khol Rabbi
8.	Cucumber
9.	Onion
10.	Sprouts
11.	Leak
12.	Plum
13.	Shallot
14.	Pumpkin
15.	Squash
16.	Peppers
17.	Olive
18.	Date
19.	Grape
20.	Turnips

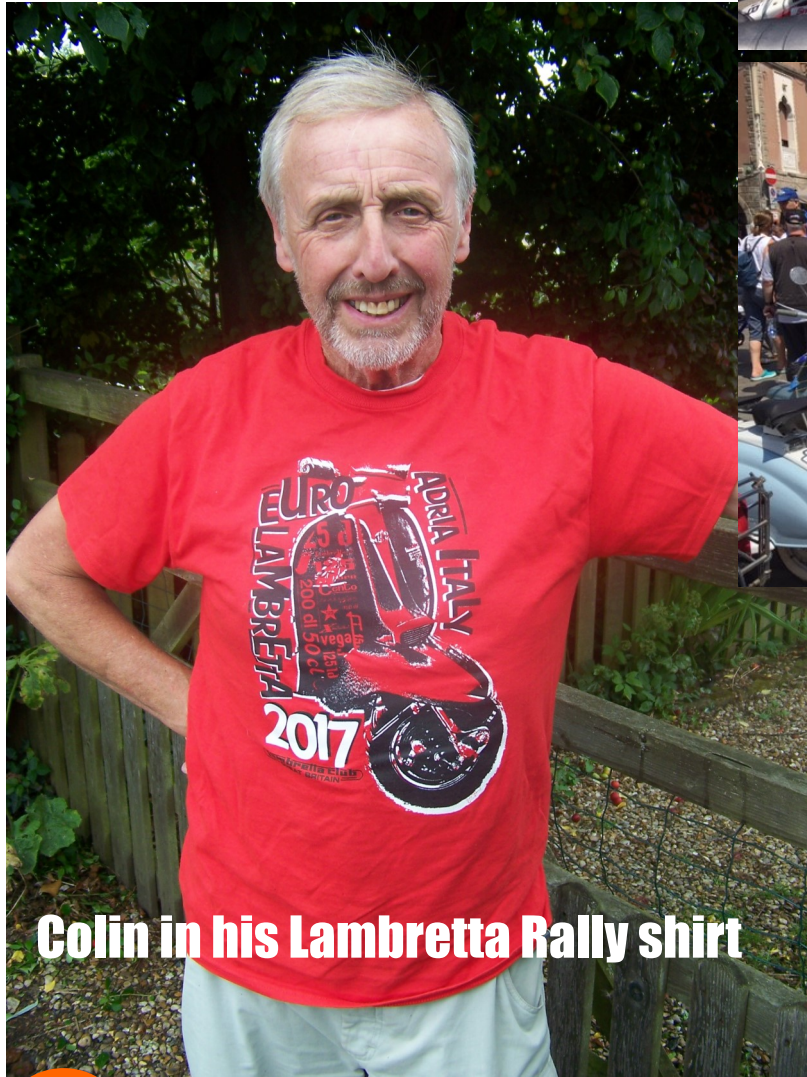
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Colin in his Lambretta Rally shirt

**The new 4 stroke
Lambretta**



4



**The speed record
holder**





Elephants - Jan Clifford



Audrey Hepburn - Jan Harpur



Heron - Jan Clifford

Quotes from the Art Club students

"My husband had made me a special space (now expanded) as I suffer with SAD. I had begun using this for some artwork and joined Jan's group to learn and improve." - Sandra Lloyd

"I had done artwork on and off for a few years but Jan's Examples and techniques have inspired me to push myself further and develop my skills." - Jan Harpur

Christchurch Art Club - see page 10 Led by Jan Clifford



"I think art in its many forms has always been in my blood but I had not had the time or opportunity to develop it previously. Now I'm effectively retired, my time being more flexible, with the benefit of Jan's skills I hope that I can now improve." - Rex Ockenden



Tudor Building - Rex Ockenden



Cottage - Sandra Lloyd

"The flowers were my first painting for 78 years. I'm really enjoying myself and pleased with the improvement I've made with Jan's help and encouragement." - Pauline Hutchins



Flowers - Pauline Hutchins - her first artwork for 78 years - Still got it!

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