

# The Heron

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# Why not join the team to help make Townley School even better!



The role of the governing body is to be a critical friend. No matter how amazing we think the Pupils, Head and Staff are we need to keep supporting them to maintain and work towards raising standards. We can do this by attending training courses, termly briefings and visiting the school. This helps us gain the knowledge to question the way the school provides the best education we can give to our children. The governors need to be dedicated and prepared to regularly attend meetings. If you feel you have the necessary qualities and time to help us achieve our aims please think about joining our friendly, supportive team. **Yvonne Chenery**

## Townley School requires two new Governors!

I became a Governor at Townley School as my children have attended both the Pre-School and Primary School, my eldest is now at Secondary School.

Like any parent I wanted the best for my children. Rather than complain about ever decreasing 'school funding' and other issues, I decided to get involved and try and make a difference to the school for the benefit of both my own children and everyone else. I found that there was a lot to learn. Being a school governor is a commitment involving regular evening meetings, and sometimes visits during working hours. I have learnt that becoming a school governor is both a necessary and important role in the constant process of trying to improve the educational outcomes for the children. **Simon Freeland**

## What do governors do?

School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools. Governors appoint the head teacher and deputy headteacher. In some schools the site is owned by the governing board. It is governors who hold the main responsibility for finance in schools, and it is governors who work with the headteacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources. Take a look at our role description, *What do governors do?*

Each individual governor is a member of a governing board, which is established in law as a corporate body. Individual governors may not act independently of the rest of the governing board; decisions are the joint responsibility of the governing board. The role of the governing board is a strategic one, its key functions are to:

- set the aims and objectives for the school
- set the policies for achieving those aims and objectives
- set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives
- monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives
- be a source of challenge and support to the headteacher (a critical friend)

The headteacher is responsible for the internal organisation, management and control of the school and the implementation of the strategic framework established by the governing board. New to governance? Read more about being a governor in *Welcome to Governance*.

## Who can become a governor?

Almost anyone over 18 years of age can become a governor. There are no particular qualifications or requirements, other than a willingness to give time to the role and a capacity for working with other people. There are different types of school with different categories of governor.

The various types of state schools in England are: community, voluntary controlled, voluntary aided, foundation, trust - a type of foundation school, academies, free schools and City Technology Colleges (CTC's) - independent state funded schools.

There are also different categories of governor: parent, staff, foundation, partnership, local authority, co-opted.

The type of governor you might become depends on your situation; however, all governors have the same roles and responsibilities as each other, once they are part of the governing body.



(Please see *How to Become a Governor* on Page 27)

# 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

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This month's dates are 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 14<sup>th</sup> Mar.

## Community Car Scheme

Angie Hill has very kindly taken over as coordinator for Christchurch. To request a journey could people please contact Angie on 01354 638721, leaving a message if necessary and she will call you back. We still need one or two more voluntary drivers in Christchurch. You will of course be reimbursed for your travel expenses. If you are available to help out with occasional journeys how about volunteering for 2018? Please contact Angie on 638721 for further info.

## NB - Advanced Notice

There are to be road works in Christchurch, Manea, and Wimblington areas. Each will require road closures for various lengths of time. (TBC)

**Junction of A141 and B1093** - Installation of traffic signals - 5/3/18 to 13/4/18 - Night closures and local traffic management

**Boots Bridge** - Manea Road replacement of bridge deck and parapet - 24/7 closures 16/4/18 to 22/6/18

**Manea Road B1093** - Carriage maintenance 25/6/18 to 6/7/18 - closure times tba

**Isle of Ely Way A141** - Carriageway Maintenance - 26/6/18 to 6/7/18 - Night closures



## Contact the Parish Council?

phone numbers: in Useful Numbers page 26,

email: [christchurchcambspc@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchcambspc@gmail.com)

website: [christchurchpc.btck.co.uk](http://christchurchpc.btck.co.uk)

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Access via the car park in Greenways off Crown Rd!

**Delicious Fish and Chips** are available

outside the Dun Cow from Michael and Michelle's van on Fridays 5pm to 8pm

## EDITORIAL

Sincere apologies to all for the misleading information in last months edition of The Heron regarding canal/ riverside walks. We clearly did not carry out adequate research before publication. We understand that several property/landowners were quite upset by this. Our confusion arose over the designated two metre access strip along the western side of the Sixteen Foot Bank which we now understand is only to provide access for Middle Level Commissioners, though fishermen with permits are allowed access too! Historically this two metre strip was originally the towpath in the days of horse drawn barges and canal boats. Over the years properties/landowners have obviously encroached upon this, whether officially or otherwise. Further down the Sixteen Foot there is public access for dog walking etc. but only due to the benevolence of local farmers/landowners. This added to our confusion. However, we clearly should have investigated further before publication. Apologies once again. In the near future we will be meeting both with FDC and Cambs County to clarify the current position. Again we are aware that we should have checked this before hand.

Our lead article this month is a very important one as Townley School requires two new Governors to replace those that have stood down. You do not have to have a child at the school to become a Governor, just the necessary skills and the will to support your local community, especially Townley. Please take the time to read the details about what it means to become a school governor. YOU could make a difference! There are currently two teacher governors, several parent governors, and others which are neither of these. All the necessary details and information you require are included here but you can of course check things out for yourself on the internet [www.nga.org.uk](http://www.nga.org.uk) or visit the [Inspiring Governance](http://Inspiring Governance) website. Hopefully you'll enjoy all our usual features and some NEW unusual ones too!

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 Shop - 9 -11:30am - CCC
	Pilates - each Monday - 6:30-7:30pm - CCC
Fridays	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" - 2-3pm - Parish Church - All Welcome
	Fish and Chip Van visits - outside Dun Cow - 5-8pm

## General events

Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library visits - Upwell Rd Lay-by 12:15-12:45pm
Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch Craft Club - T-Bag folding - 7pm - CCC
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Welle Cinema - DUNKIRK - Cert 12a - 2pm - £3 entry - TH
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	Holmes & Watson - The Case of the Rhyming Crime - Dun Cow - 4.30pm FREE
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting - ALL WELCOME - 7:30pm - CCC
Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club - Pastels - new students welcome - 1:30 - 3:30pm - CCC
Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	WI - Fish and Chip Supper - 7pm - CCC
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night - £5pp includes curry or chilli -Katie & Beth's Volunteering Fundraiser (p5)
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jazz Club - £6.50 entry - Bar and snacks - CCC
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club - Watercolour/media of Choice - new students welcome -1:30/3:30pm CCC
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch Book Club - 7:30pm - Ivy House, Upwell Rd - info 07946 635908
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch Residents Association - 7.30pm The Old School

## Wanted! - Help with the Heron:

Do you have skills with Microsoft Publisher? Could you volunteer a few hours a month to help put the Heron together? You would join a small team trying to maintain a high quality local magazine against all the odds. Call the Editor on 01354 638990 for a chat

## Parish Church Services

Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Rev L Brady, A Day	All Age Worship
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Revs I & L Brady	Holy Communion
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Revs I & L Brady	Evening Prayer
Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	A Carlin	Morning Prayer
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	A Carlin, A Day	All age worship
<b>Every Friday</b> 2-3pm Coffee, Cake and Chat in the Church building			Daphne and Andrew.

## PLEASE NOTE — The Heron Deadline

FEBRUARY IS A SHORT MONTH so 22nd JANUARY 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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NB as a matter of courtesy no content from the Heron should be used without prior permission



## Letters to the Editor



Dear Sir

I was interested in your first article on Christchurch Walks in December's Heron, but concerned with the map (showing a walk along the river) and your final comment "our journey ends, blocked by bins and large shrubs".

I immediately contacted the Heron's Editor and pointed out that there is no footpath along the river and asked him to pass this message on to ensure that no further description of this walk was published. Despite this, you/he decided to go ahead and publish your second article, which is effectively a full page confession to multiple acts of Trespass accompanied by useful photographic evidence. You did not have the courtesy to come to the house and ask where the footpath ran. We were in – it was the day of the Hereward relay race. Faced with sheep in an enclosure at point C, you put your dogs on leads not to protect the sheep, but protect your dogs from the electric fence. So you'll understand that I'm not at all apologetic if your ignorance of the Countryside Code or arrogance to ignore it is shared with the readers of the Heron.

There are two specific points I need to make:

1 – The Middle Level Commissioners are responsible for the management and maintenance of the river and it's banks – without their work, Christchurch would soon be submerged. They are the only group with a legal right to be on the river bank.

2 – In 20 years, you are the only person to have found the road sign to be confusing; in common with most road signs, it is placed next to the road to which it refers. Nonetheless, I have invested in additional signage to make the access rights 100% clear.

More generally:

1 – The 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act provides for "Rights to Roam" across "Open Access" parts of the countryside – dales, forests and moors. There are no such areas in Cambridgeshire.

2 – The rules governing walkers' rights and obligations are also very clear; the Countryside Code to which you referred provides great guidance – (maybe the Editor could include a link to their Code on the website): Footpaths and Bridleways are clearly shown on the relevant OS map which is available both in print and on line. Landowners have an obligation to maintain footpath access. Walkers should plan their route in advance. Walkers should stay on the designated footpath, leaving gates as they find them. Dogs should be kept under control/on leads at all times.

3 - If you leave the footpath, you are trespassing.

I encourage and support your intent of publicising the Footpaths around Christchurch – in the last 20 years we have planted our part of the Hereward Way with native hedging and flowers to provide visual interest and a strong windbreak for walkers. All we ask in return is that you respect our rights and stay on the footpaths.

Kind regards  
Richard Horton  
Christchurch Farm

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### Clerk to the Parish Council

A vacancy has arisen for Clerk to Christchurch Parish Council.

We are seeking a person with a wide variety of skills. The successful applicant should be able to attend relevant training courses if they do not already hold suitable qualifications, or have the necessary experience.

The Clerk will also act as the Council's Responsible Financial Officer, therefore mathematical skills are essential, as well as good communication skills.

This is a part-time post consisting of 6 hours per week working from home, plus attending Parish Council meetings. Salary is dependent on experience and qualifications.

Christchurch Parish Council has 7 Councillors and meets once a month on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Christchurch Community Centre.

Please send your CV together with a covering letter to -  
christchurchcambpc@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is Monday 5th February 2018.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

On behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, I would like to thank everyone in Christchurch who supported us, especially door to door poppy sellers braving all weathers, and also Townley School and The Dun Cow who both had collecting pots.

Well done everyone!

We would like to welcome Peggy Warby who has joined our team of door to door poppy sellers. Thank you Peggy! In 2017 Christchurch and Manea together raised £3474.42, that's £511.10 more than in 2016!

This is a very encouraging result!



## The Joan Smith Column

Unfortunately due to a family bereavement, my sister passed away recently after a long

struggle with cancer, I am unable to write to you this month. Hopefully, next month I shall be able to return with the beginning of a story regarding a holiday I had in Canada some years ago.

### Animal Reiki Healing

I was wondering if there is anyone in the village who practices Reiki Healing, particularly for animals, or who would be willing to treat one, as my poor old pooch is suffering rather. Alternatively if there is any kind dog owner who has used such a practitioner and could perhaps recommend them. Please contact Pauline on 01354 638313 Thank you!

### Weather Lore!

"If woolly fleeces bestow the heavenly way, be sure no rain will come today."

Meaning: Scattered cumulus clouds that appear like fluffy sheep are a sign of settled weather. They are known as 'fair-weather clouds'.



**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
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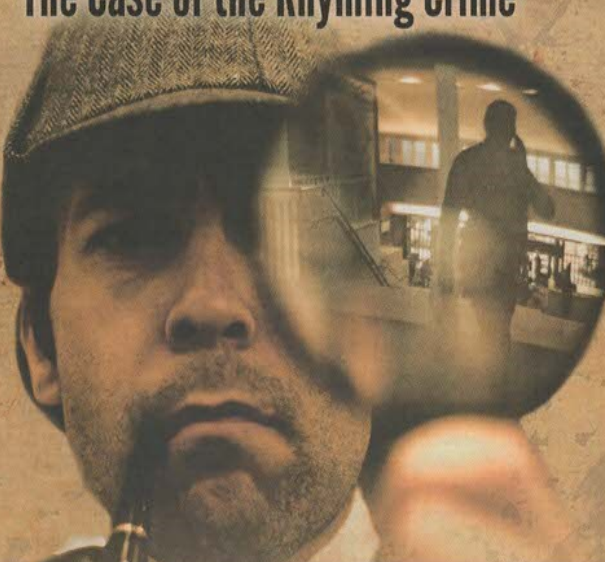
# ARTS PAGES

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## Holmes and Watson

### The Case of the Rhyming Crime



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## Upwell Jazz Club 2018

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**Sunday 25th February**

**Guests\*:** Laurie Jacobs – *tenor saxophone*  
George Grant – *alto saxophone*  
Laurence Evans – *double bass*  
Nigel Portass – *keyboards*  
Graeme Culham – *drums*

George Grant, one of the finest young alto saxophonists around, features with Laurie Jacobs on this gig. The music is centred around the bebop era of jazz, with many standards as part of their repertoire. Supporting on double bass is Laurence Evans along with Graeme Culham on drums, both first time visits to the Club.

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All were welcomed and wished a Happy New Year and Sylvia McClean was welcomed as a new member.



Apologies were received from, Margaret Hayes, Sandra Kay, Kay Miller, Sylvia Willcox, Doris T. Rolfe, Doris W. Rolfe and Alma Hughes.

Our evening began with a discussion on the 5 Shortlist Resolutions and selections will be forwarded to the Federation office.

This was followed by a short discussion about the entertainment chosen for our WI 90th Birthday in April and which other WIs to invite and the two menu choices for the dinner were circulated so that everyone could choose their preference.

Sue Norman organised a fun quiz with Viv Haresnape's table being the winners.

Competition- My Favourite Christmas Card

5pts - Viv Haresnape and Beryl Brooks

4pts - Sandra Lloyd, Anne Atkinson, Susan Quail, Margaret Sparrow, and Jan Harper

3pts - Tracy Day and Ann Hicks

2pts - Marion Hawthorn, Sue Norman and Peggy Warby

1pt - Wendy Yates.

The February Meeting - Fish and Chip Supper

Speaker - Val Ware, County Chairman with the W.I. and Denman

Competition - A Seaside Item

Raffle Prizes - Margaret Sparrow, Beryl Brooks, Sandra Kay and Susan Quail

All new members are welcome to our next meeting which will be Tuesday 13th February, come and join us for fish and chips. Please phone Beryl on 01354638135 to place your order.



"Glenn and I have been together for ten years, but we've never actually met!"

We were lower on numbers this month for various reasons but it gave us all a chance to have a catch up after a busy December. Some of us cut up our Christmas cards to make gift tags for this year's presents and some continued sewing knitted squares together to make blankets for the animals at Block Fen. (Sandra K and Anne have taken some finished ones already and I'm sure all at Block Fen were very grateful for our efforts.)

Wendy is working on getting us some demonstrators but, just in case we can't get one for February, please bring your own projects or a darning needle so that we can finish the animal blankets (and make some much needed space in our craft cupboard).

Happy New Year to our Crafters that were unable to make this month's meeting.

New members always welcome at 7pm on the first Tuesday of every month.

Call Wendy on 01354 638448.



## Christchurch Book Club

Book Club met on January 24<sup>th</sup>. We had been reading 'A Year in the Life of the Yorkshire Shepherdess' by Amanda Owen. This was Amanda's second book, and described day to day life on the sheep farm in Swaledale where she lives with her husband and eight children. She not only looks after her family, but also helps care for 1,000 sheep, and other animals including horses and cattle, and even finds time to make cream teas for walkers on the Coast to Coast walk, and to write books!

Most of us enjoyed the book, but one or two people found it got a bit repetitive.

Our book for February is 'The Power' by Naomi Alderman. We will be meeting on Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at Sharon's, Ivy House, Upwell Road. New members always welcome. For more information, call Sheila Day 07946 635908.





# Jazz Club Review

By Steve Waye

## Montmartre comes to Christchurch

Born in Belgium on January 23rd, 1910 Jean Baptiste Rheindhart became better known as famed Gypsy



guitarist Django Rheindhart. His story became the stuff of legend to guitarists when on the eve of his wedding, while arranging wax flowers in his wooden caravan for his soon to be bride, he knocked over an oil lamp and set fire to the wooden structure. The fire was so fierce that he was almost unable to escape and only managed to do so by running through the door with his left hand protecting his face. This caused irreparable damage to his left-hand fingers as they fused together making it all but impossible to fret the guitar. Somehow Django rose above his injuries and virtually invented a new way to play the guitar.

Later while living in a gypsy caravan in Montmartre he met and bonded with Pianist and violinist Stephane Grappelli. This was the start of the quintet of the Hot Club of France and a long partnership between the two musicians. Django was illiterate where Grappelli was suave and sophisticated with a grasp of classical music and theory which sometimes led to a "techy" relationship. However, between them they created a whole genre of music known colloquially as Gypsy Jazz. This music is an amalgamation of American swing, Jazz and Roma or gypsy traditional music. The quintet also recorded Django's most famous composition Nuages, which I believe has sold more records than any other French song and was adopted by the French resistance during the war as their theme song. Django died in 1953 while Stephane carried on performing up until his death in 1997. This form of music is now performed and recorded world-wide by many artists including Birelli La'grene, John Jorgensen, Martin Taylor, Babik Rheindhart, Django's youngest son who died in 2001, and of course Parisienne Swing who performed last Sunday at the Jazz Club.

The band have two guitars, String bass and Violin and hail from Ely. On this occasion joined by vocalist Melody Brooker, the band ran through many jazz and Hot Club favourites such as China Boy, I'm Confessing and Taking a Chance on Love. While these were welcomed by the enthusiastic audience, the arrangements did tend to be of similar tempo and walking pace solos. Melody helped set the French

café vibe by performing two songs entirely in French. As the afternoon drew to a close the band performed a Grappelli favourite Sweet Georgia Brown and Nuages which upped the tempo nicely and left the crowd wanting more.

All I can say is Bon Jour!

## Art Club



This week we dabbled in drawing a shiny object with charcoal. Some of us found this to be too messy but others found it a really quick way to draw an object. Objects chosen were a wine bottle, metal teapot and soup ladle.

Next session we will be using pastels which may be more appealing to the ones that struggled with charcoal. We will also be looking at the different types of paper used with the various art mediums.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 February.

### FACE?

*We were shown how  
To do our own portrait,  
It seemed straightforward to me,  
But alas things didn't go  
According to plan  
Nothing was easy you see*

*My eyes I think were in the right place,  
But then I had quite a fright,  
I had one looking to the left,  
And the other to the right.*

*Jan said "Your mouth comes halfway  
Between the nose and chin"  
Now here I had a bit of trouble  
She didn't say which chin  
'cause you see I've got a double.*

*But I'll try to do it again  
So I can always say,  
It's just the image I have in my head,  
So to me I just look that way.*

*Poem written by Lorna (once Art Club student) after the session where we were drawing faces.*

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Visiting The Science Museum has to be one of the favourites. Not only is it free to enter the museum (there is a suggested donation for entry) and special Exhibitions and galleries will charge so it's best to book in advance and not miss out. But it's one of the most hands on, educational places you will find on planet Earth. It's hard to 'do' all of the Science Museum in one day, in fact a top tip for visiting is to check out the their website <https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/> then look at the map online before your visit, pick three/four areas to concentrate on each time to help fully appreciate the wealth of knowledge and artefacts each exhibition has.

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# FASHION

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## Never judge a brand by its cover: the humble beginnings of luxury

It is January and Fashion Weeks are fast approaching, so what's a more fitting subject than the key labels in the industry? When thinking of luxury brands the following may come to mind: Chanel, Dior, LV, Louboutin, Saint Laurent, amongst others. Is it Louboutin's iconic red sole? Louis Vuitton's signature Damier print? The AW17 Saint Laurent crystal-embellished Niki boots that Kendall Jenner wore to a basketball game last November? These brands are headed by business and marketing gurus that work with our susceptibility to consumerism, creating stories of exclusivity that we desire to be a part of. However, has it ever occurred to you that something preceded the capitalist business model of brands? Perhaps not, but it may well help you to understand why fashion is more than merely superficial. Some labels have historically made a significant impact on society. In a way I wish to reassert to those who were reluctant to be convinced last month, that fashion isn't just gaggles of vacuous individuals who think of nothing beyond their material worlds.

I asked my mum which brand she thought has been around the longest. This led me to realise that the history of the original luxury brands is somewhat buried beneath the profit-driven business models that we see today. The earliest luxury name dates back to 1837. Thierry Hermès was a maker of saddles and other equestrian equipment, now, it is renowned for the Birkin (approximately £7500) and Kelly bags (approx. £7000).

Louis Vuitton began in 1854, Louis was a Miller's son and left home in the Jura for Paris at 14 years old. He began his career as a box-maker and packer, both of which were essential to the success of his own company. In 1892 Louis' son Georges took the helm following his father's death and succeeded at establishing LV as the first luxury brand to reach international heights. Despite all this, the company remained family-run until 1984. Due to its success, LV had already acquired brands:

Givenchy, Veuve Clicquot and Loewe and later Moët Hennessy, that would eventuate in the establishment of the luxury conglomerate of today, LVMH. However, it was Chanel who truly left her mark on the world.

In her early years, Gabrielle Chanel spent time in an orphanage when her mother died and her father abandoned her. She did not open her first store until 1910 and began her career as a hat-maker. These designs renounced the flouncy, over-exaggerated hats of women's fashion in the period and eventually this idea was transposed onto her clothing designs. Her craft was revolutionary, emancipating women from the confines of the corset and she transgressed gendered style expectations by introducing trousers into the woman's wardrobe. Despite never having her own RTW (ready to wear) collection, her influence continues today through the work of Karl Lagerfeld, creative director. "Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live." It is precisely this point that makes Chanel so much more than Haute Couture, it is timeless and embedded in a history of liberation for women.

It is interesting to look at the origins of these brands, the struggles they encountered which adds complexity to the luxury associated with the names today. Ironically, some of these designers sought to challenge stereotypes, which brings us back to question the stereotype of people in fashion being "vacuous" or "superficial". It is worth noting that everything within a

consumer society is based on trends and marketing: technology, politics, lifestyle, and so on.

On that note, I shall welcome you back next month with a trend report on the London Fashion Week AW18.



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# County council will advise Traffic Commissioners of FACT inquiry

**The county council says it will make the Traffic Commissioners of a major investigation being undertaken into the Fenland Association of Community Transport (FACT) when he decides on whether to allow them operator licences to run commercial services through new limited companies.**

FACT formed the separate companies, with the same four directors, to comply with a European Commission directive.

This says that all tenders for bus contracts – including substantial and lucrative home to school services – must have an operator licence and FACT has

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set up Fenland Act Trading Ltd and similar companies in Huntingdonshire and Ely to comply with the ruling.

Duncan Wilkinson, chief internal auditor to the county council, said “in these circumstances, and having taken legal advice, the council has decided to write to the Traffic Commissioners prior to the deadline for objections to make sure the commissioner is aware of the ongoing investigation in relation to the applicants”.

He said: “We will also offer to

provide further information to the commissioner and authorise the external investigator to discuss all aspects of their work. In this way we can be sure that the commissioner is able to make an informed, yet independent decision on these applications.”

The applications by FACT to register 45 vehicles for commercial purposes will also face opposition from the Cambridgeshire, Bus Coach and Taxi Association (CBCT) who lodged their appeal to the commissioner prior to the January 17 deadline.

They are partly basing their objections on the grounds that FACT is yet to hear the outcome of the £100,000 investigation

commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council into their activities.

In their statement to the traffic commissioner, CBCT says they felt it “important for you to realise the relentless nature” of the offences alleged to have been committed by FACT and that led to the appointment by the county council of external investigators.

Among the arguments put to the traffic commissioner by CBCT is their claim that public funded buses and vehicles could now be used to create “an unfair advantage over private non-subsidised commercial operators.” The council inquiry into FACT is expected in March.

## Valentine's Quiz

by Elaine Reed-Hughes

(Answers on Page 25)

1. Like the Taj Mahal, which of the seven ancient wonders was a gift of love from a king to his queen ?
2. Complete the words to the classic love song L-O-V-E from Nat King Cole.  
L is for the way you ... O is for the only ... V is very, very ... E is even more than anyone that ...
3. Which lusty king who hated monks made Valentines Day a national holiday in England ?
4. Which one word is missing in all three of the following song lyrics ? extra points for the song title !!
  1. "I was kissin ..."
  2. "... looks very much alive and he looks up ladies dresses as they sadly pass him by"
  3. "Be your ... just for you"
5. Complete the names of the following pairs of famous lovers:  
a. Aphrodite and A... b. Dante and B... c. Cupid and P..
6. Who wrote "Tis better to have loved and lost, Than never to have loved at all"?  
a. Shakespeare b. Homer c. Tennyson d. Napoleon
7. Who's loving hands created the famous 1886 statue Le Baiser (The Kiss) ?
8. The following words mean or meant love in which languages ?  
a. Agape b. Lufu
9. Complete these words with the song title.  
"Thy vacant brow and thy tousled hair conceal thy good intent. Thou noble upright truthful sincere and slightly dopey gent, you're ....."
10. Which colourful 'language' of love was introduced into western Europe in the 16th century ?

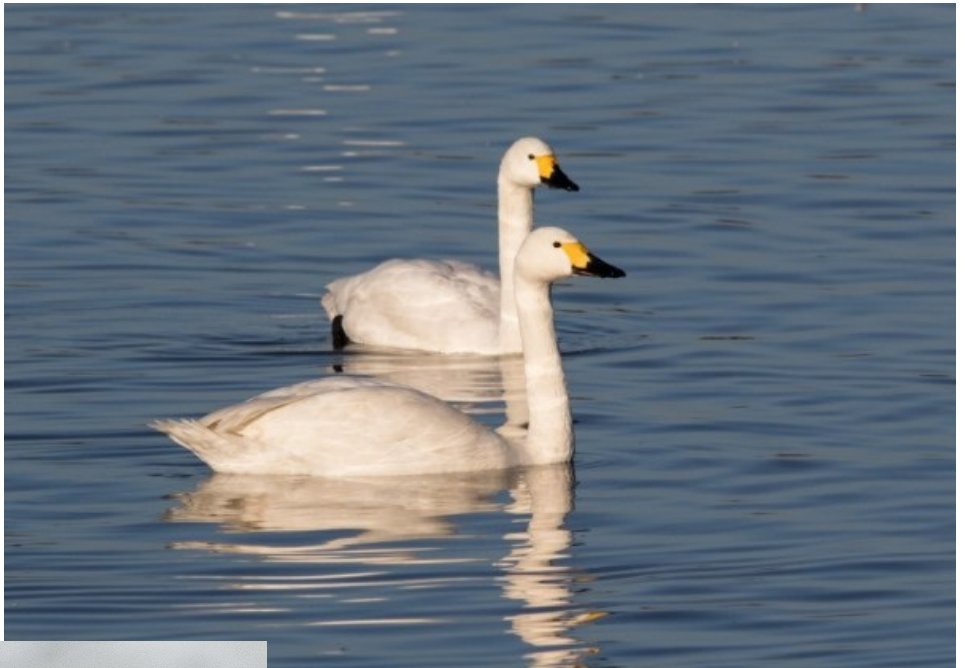


## Surveys have revealed that the swan count in Fenland is 'very low'!

In a recent count carried out in December it showed that only 147 Bewick's swans are currently using the wetlands of the Ouse Washes in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire.

This winter, Bewick's swans are finding more food throughout Europe, which is giving them opportunities to continue feeding up rather than pushing on with their migration.

The availability of food and fresh water is due to a lack of snow fall and mild temperatures in countries further east along the flyway.



Bewick's swans migrate to the UK from Arctic Russia, where they spend the summer breeding season. Initially they pass through Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, where we believe many of the swans may still be, then on to Poland, Germany and finally the Netherlands.

Reports from Dutch swan experts show that they have no more than 2,000 Bewick's swans currently, compared with 6,000 at this point last year.

The Bewick's swans that have arrived here already are settling in for the winter amongst 7,078 whooper swans. So there is by no means a shortage of swans in the area.

Hetty Grant, warden at WWT Welney, said: "A cold front on the continent may force the Bewick's further west, and then we could potentially see an influx in January, if conditions change.

"Anyone can assist with gathering this information by reporting leg rings, so make sure you keep an eye out."

During the day the swans are feeding on the arable land of the Fens, and it doesn't take long driving between the local towns and villages, to spot a flock of white swans against the brown fields of sugar beet tops and cereal stubs.

Monitoring of the flocks by staff and volunteers of WWT includes identifying individual swans by the unique leg rings or neck collars fitted to a sample of the population. Recording sightings of ringed swans helps us monitor the survival trends of these birds.

Any reports of ringed birds from members of the public are actively helping us to monitor these birds.

If you see a ringed swan let us know the colour and code on the ring, along with the date and location of the bird and your details by emailing [colourmarkedswans@wwt.org.uk](mailto:colourmarkedswans@wwt.org.uk)

In a recent update from Emma Brand, Marketing Manager at WWT, re January's count, she said, "Whilst Bewick numbers have improved slightly, we still only have around 1100 at WWT whereas we would normally expect numbers to be in excess of 3000 at this time of year, especially with it being a relatively mild winter. Hoopers seem to be maintaining their numbers at around 7000. But we are their first stop on their way from Iceland. Bewicks on the other hand travel from further East over all the Eastern Block countries. Currently there is much more food available to them en route, with no snow cover, and no frozen lakes. So they are obviously stopping off there where there is a better source of food. Hopefully numbers will return to normal in another month or two!" Please see WWT Swan Feed times on the website - [www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/welney](http://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/welney)



## Affordability Housing Crisis!

NEW figures show that Fenland Council is only skimming the surface of providing cheap housing. In the five years to 2006, less than 10 per cent of all homes built in the district were classified as affordable. The statistics are revealed in the Local D NEW figures show that Fenland Council is only skimming the surface of providing cheap housing. In the five years to 2006, less than 10 per cent of all homes built in the district were classified as 'affordable'.

The statistics are revealed in the Local Development Framework policy document on housing recently debated by the cabinet. This showed for the first time the extent of the crisis facing councillors as they find ways of tackling the acute problem of affordable housing. The report shows that over the five-year period only 305 of the 3,343 homes built in Fenland were classed as affordable. And had it not been for a housing needs assessment carried out in 2003, the crisis could have been worse.

The study report shows the level of affordable homes built in 2001 and 2002, 36 and 35 respectively, rose to 82, 77 and 75 in the following three years. "There is a need to increase the delivery of affordable housing to one that meets today's needs,"

It will mean no reduction in the Council's commitment to ensure a third of all new developments of 10 homes or more in the market towns are classified as affordable. **And in villages the threshold will drop so that a developer wishing to build as few as three homes, will have to ensure that at least one is affordable. In some villages the restrictions will be even more severe since it is possible land will be allocated in Gorefield, Guyhirn and Parson Drove where all the homes will need to be 'affordable'.** Land owners and members of the public are both being invited to identify sites which might be suitable. The report says that the Housing Corporation recognised Fenland's need for affordable housing.

Building work has started on a £1.4million eco-home development in Wimblington helping to provide affordable housing in Fenland. The Design Partnership of Chatteris came up with the innovative plans for the Flagship Housing Group. The 15 homes are now being built.  
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## Chatteris scheme promises affordables as Fenland Council asked to drop them for Wisbech St Mary scheme

Expected approval of 58 homes at Chatteris will include 15 affordable homes – in stark contrast to an application for 80 homes at Wisbech St Mary where developers are arguing that providing affordable homes is no longer viable. A section 106 agreement would also provide £250,000 towards education and £90,000 for leisure and health.

However over at Wisbech St Mary, Queensbridge Homes want to build 80 instead of 50 homes on a nine acre site but is asking Fenland Council to strip away affordable housing requirements. "It remains the case that the majority of development in Fenland is marginal in terms of overall viability", says 3D Planning on behalf of Queensbridge Homes. Included is a confidential "bespoke viability assessment" from Maxey Grounds. 3D Planning says the report "confirms the development can only be viable if it is not encumbered with S106 obligations or the provision of affordable housing and that the developer accepts a reduced return". If agreed this would sweep away many of the legal provisions of the first application – agreed two years ago - that allowed for 25 per cent of the 50 homes to be classified as affordable. Also included was £12,000 to the NHS for health care, £200,000 for education and £75,000 for leisure and open spaces. **3D is relying on a recent ruling by the Planning Inspectorate to increase the number of homes on the site as a result of a ruling – following an appeal at Christchurch - that Fenland cannot identify a five year housing land supply. This opens the door to more homes being built with fewer restrictions.**

Wisbech agent Peter Humphrey says planners need to take note of the recent ruling and he asked "When will Fenland Council accept that this is not a viable area for free homes?" He posted on Twitter: "You need to look how much S106 contributions are. I have one site where education contributions are more than land value.... what's all that about! If affordable Policy was 5-10 per cent may be acceptable." Council members said that not allowing elected members to see viability assessments due to agreed confidentiality was wrong. "It's a waste of time being on this committee," said one.

Residents move into 11 Roddons' new affordable homes in Wisbech  
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Falling house prices have prompted a developer to slash the number of affordable homes proposed for an estate of 460 homes  
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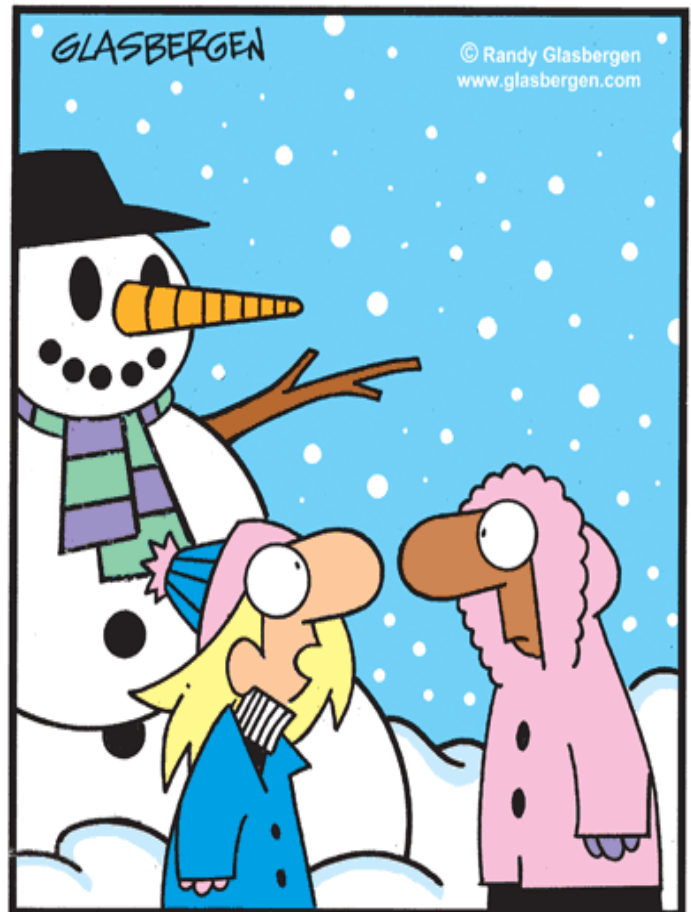
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# The Kayak in the Window



If you have ever wondered about the display of vintage artefacts in the windows of the shop that used to be 'Bridehire', while he was taking down the British Legion poppy display the new owner of the building told me a little about them. Andy Nicholson understood when he bought the shop that to leave the window bare would look, in his own words, "Like a broken tooth on the High Street". So to use the space and give passers-by something of interest to look at he decided to display part of a collection that a friend had inherited from his father, who had been an Etymologist and travelled widely in Indonesia and East Africa. The objects in the small window represent his travels and the large one exploration. He must have been an intrepid explorer indeed if the kayak was his main means of transport! If you are passing by anytime why not take a closer look?

The pump is a not-to-scale working representation of a 'Newcomen Atmospheric Engine' which was a type of steam engine used for draining mines amongst other things. The sale notice was found walled up in the building by Nick and Rita Pritchard when they owned it but sadly the date is incomplete. Wednesday 20th September crops up about every 5 years so does anyone know when Watts Drapery closed down? If so, please let me know. The conversation moved on to the days when the business there was 'Shopwell' and sold haberdashery, china and gift. Once more if you have any recollections or photos please get in touch and they could go into the next issue of The Heron. Thank you!

## Upwell Parish Council has Allotments Available in Stonehouse Road, Upwell.

Amongst others, we currently have a double sized plot available which has been extremely well maintained and cropped over the years & is in good condition. There are grassed walkways around the planting areas which are now ready for clearing ready for Spring planting. We are sorry to see this tenant leave due to ill health. This plot may become available immediately or in the early Spring.

There are a number of other vacant plots, but due to them being vacant for a number of years they are not so ready to plant & use without a degree of work & obvious cultivation & preparation. With this in mind, **these plots are available rent FREE until April 2018**, to give prospective tenants the chance to get them cultivated ready for use next Spring. The Parish Council does its very best to keep the vacant plots cleared of rubbish, but this is not always achievable on a regular basis, it is disappointing to see some of the let plots not being used fully either. Annual rents are €7.50 for the single plots & €15.00 for the double plots, with a €50.00 deposit which is refundable upon vacating the plot in a clean and tidy condition. The Upwell Parish Council carries out regular inspections of the site to try to encourage tenants to keep their plots at least in a tidy condition if not fully cultivated & cropped.



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## Friends of Townley School Meeting

FOTS are holding a meeting on 2nd February at 2pm in the school dining hall, please come along and support their work this term.



## Internet Safety

The children have been learning how to stay safe online. Safer Internet is coming up on 6th February, are some safety tips for parents and games and videos for children of all ages.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5\\_7/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/)

## Football Team

Some of our football team joined the small schools indoor football tournament last week at Neale-Wade. The team displayed great team work.



## Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you for your help collecting vouchers, our equipment has arrived and we are really enjoying using it at break times.



## Police Visit

The Police came to visit the children in the EYFS unit!

## Diary Dates —

6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Safer Internet Day

7<sup>th</sup> Feb - 1.00pm All Year 6 to Downham Market Academy for Drama Production

21<sup>st</sup> Feb - 1.30pm Darter & Cubtail Story Café for parents/carers

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# Upwell Health Centre

by Dr Paul Williams — West Norfolk CCG's Governing Body member responsible for Prescribing and Education and the CCG's prescribing team

At the end of January I will have been a GP in Upwell for 30 years. When I arrived here in February 1988 I was appointed as an additional partner to make 4 doctors. At that time the list size was just over 6000 and was starting to grow and Drs Rushmer, Millard and Bevan felt they needed an extra pair of hands to cope with the increase and appointed me. There have been a tremendous number of changes in general practice since then and the job is unrecognisable now compared to that time. When I started patients turned up in the morning, took a number and waited for their turn, we only operated appointments in the afternoon surgery which started at 4-30. In those days we covered the patients 24 hours a day 365 days a year. The job was less intense in the daytime often with periods where you could recharge your batteries in the afternoon. We still did Saturday morning surgeries and didn't get home until gone 7 most days mind. When I arrived I was impressed to find that this was one of very few practices then which had computers on the GP desks and recorded all the consultations on computer. This practice has always been forward looking and we have strived to ensure we are always up to date and offer the best possible care, we are very conscious that most of you have no other choice of GP practice to attend. We now have 10,500 patients, 7 doctors, a nurse practitioner and a long term condition nurse. 2018 is going to be another year of change at the practice. The one which will have the biggest impact on the day to day work here will be the new GP computer system we are changing to in February. We have been using a GP system called Emis for many years but in this area more and more of the practices are using a different system called SystmOne. This system is also used by the community nurses and the hospital also has SystmOne terminals on the wards. We recently decided to change to SystmOne as we feel it will offer the patients a more accessible system and will hopefully address some of the issues we have been having with slow running and crashes. The main impact you will notice is the interface you see when you access the practice computers for repeat prescriptions and appointments will change. We also need to make you aware of the increased accessibility other NHS organisations and staff can have to your records, with your consent of course. Giving doctors in hospital access to the GP record is something the NHS has strived for years as it makes sense that any doctor treating you should

have access to as much information about your medical conditions as possible. The government did spend billions on trying to set up an integrated system a few years ago but that failed and was scrapped. The current approach is to allow increased access to the current systems we have and make them more interoperable rather than to create an all singing and dancing system everyone can use.



As you would expect changing our main computer system will entail major work and some significant accommodations for a few weeks. The following bullet points tell you the important things you need to know to help you navigate the change smoothly. We will be running on the new computer system from the 22nd February. Please bear with us whilst we iron out any initial unexpected issues. **Please allow 5 working days** for your repeat prescription to be ready in February - this will help us enormously.

The new system gives patients the ability to have their medical record shared to other organisations during episodes of care elsewhere. Please ask for a leaflet or see our website for information more about how this works.. We will of course endeavour to answer any questions you have.

Unfortunately, after the 22nd February, patients who use our online services (repeat prescriptions and appointments) will need to obtain a new password and user ID from the practice. We apologise for this inconvenience. It is inconvenient for both patients and the practice but there appears to be no appropriate alternative.

On other matters I am really optimistic the new pharmacy and practice extension I have been trailing for the last few newsletters will come to fruition this year. We are very close to agreeing the final plans and funding arrangements with NHS England. Once we have an agreement and some dates I will do another news letter telling you all about the plans.

Dr Paul Williams



## LATE NEWS



How lucky some people are! Because clearly yellow safety zig-zags do not apply to them? Maybe they really do need to go back to school!?



### WELNEY AQUACAR TEST FAILURE!

Prototype trials of the latest Welney scientific innovation 'The Aquacar' ended in disaster recently. A spokesman was quoted as saying "There was just too much water!" Other sceptics suspected that it was nothing more than a faulty sat-nav! However, towing it on a piece of string was clearly not the way forward!

## Valentines Quiz — Answers

1. The Hanging Gardens.
2. Lyrics:  
L is for the way you **look at me**  
O is for the only **one I see**  
V is very, very **extraordinary**  
E is even more than anyone that **you adore**
3. Henry VIII in the year 1537.
4. Valentino is the missing word. The songs are
  1. Manic Monday
  2. Celluloid Heroes
  3. Good old fashioned lover boy.
5. Three Answers
  - a. Adonis b. Beatrice c. Psyche
6. c. Tennyson (In Memoriam 27, st 4.)
7. A. Rodin
8. Two Answers:
  - a. Greek
  - b. Old English
9. My Funny Valentine
10. The language of flowers. Red roses 'I love you', Blue Violets 'faithfulness' etc.

## Teaching careers in Fenland

Ex RAF  
Andy  
Murray  
is now a  
teacher.  
Ex-  
villager  
from  
Fenview



### Teachers are being encouraged to consider a career in schools in Fenland

Cambridgeshire County Council is launching a number of projects in the area to attract more high quality teachers.

Two information events are taking place for people interested in working in nursery, primary, secondary and special schools in Fenland and East Cambridgeshire.

#### *The events are:*

■ Thursday February 1 from 5.30-7.30pm at St Peter's Primary in Wisbech.

■ Thursday February 8 from 5.30-7.30pm at Littleport Academy.

People thinking of training to become a teacher; those who have taught in the past and had a career break or those who are training now and looking for their first teaching post are invited to come along and talk to schools and training providers about the opportunities available.

There will be information about ways to apply, train and the costs.

## A THANK YOU!

Mr. Frank Keen would like to thank all those kind villagers who rallied round to help him following his recent difficulties. He is extremely grateful and was pleasantly surprised at the way so many people came to his aid!

## THANK YOU!

# Useful Telephone Numbers

Age UK Cambridgeshire	0300 6669860
Alzheimer's Society (Fenland)	01945 580480
Anglian Water – Susan Bull	08457 145 145 101
Christchurch Resident's Association	01354 638990
Churchwarden - Mrs. D. Symons	01354 638352
Citizens' Advice Bureau, Wisbech	01945 464367
Community Car Scheme (to book a journey)	07902 316360
Community Centre bookings	01354 638478
Community Fire Safety Officer	07717858166
District Councillor - Will Sutton	01354 638025
District Councillor - Michelle Tanfield	07908 707129
Electricity Faults - UK Power Networks	105
FACT	01354 661234
Fenland District Council	01354 654321
Floodline	0845 988 1188
Library - March	0354 0455225
National Debtline	0808 808 4000
Norfolk Dial-a-Ride	01553 770310
Parish Clerk - Jane Rees	01354 638131
Parish Councillor - Jill Bliss	01354 638343
Parish Councillor - William Beswick	01354 638758
Parish Councillor - Roger Gladwin	01354 638538
Parish Councillor - Geoff Harper	01354 638681
Parish Councillor - James Hughes	01354 638310
Parish Councillor - Peter Owen (Chair)	01354 638847
Parish Councillor - Nigel Russell	01354 638279
Police - PCSO Sue Clarke	07738025220
Police - Emergency	999
Police - Non Emergency	101
Telephone Complaints	0345 145000
Townley School	01354 638229
Trading Standards	845040506
Train Information	08457 484950
Upwell Health Centre (and out of hours)	01945 773671
Upwell Health Centre - Pharmacy	01945 774934
Vicars - Ian & Lynda Brady	01354 740627
Water Emergencies	08457 145145

Club Contacts	
Art Club - Jan Clifford	01354 638217
Book Club - Sheila Day	07946 635908
Craft Club - Wendy Yates	01354 638448
Gardening Club - Marion Hawthorne	01354 638230
Short Mat Bowls Club - Wendy	01945 772737
WI - Peggy Warby	01354 638339

Neighbourhood Watch	
Colin Steenson - Church Rd (East)	01354 638664
Sandra Kay - Crown Rd	01354 638478
Peter Knight - Church Rd (West)	01354 638779
David Yates - Church Rd (West)	01354 638448
Julian Swallow - Upwell Rd (North)	01354 638679
Jackie Wood - Upwell Rd (North)	01354 638679
Simon Freeland - Upwell Rd (South)	01354 638802
Richard Guilford - Area Co-ordinator	01354 638990
David Harrowing - District Co-ord.	01945 870963

## And Finally...

How to govern to please everyone seems an almost impossible task these days! With so many conflicts of interest difficulties abound!

However, one place where such things are far less of a problem is at Townley School. Head, staff, and governors all have a common goal. All pretty much on the same page as far as promoting a programme of continuous improvement, and ever higher educational standards for all our village children.

Would you like to contribute to the development of Townley School? It already maintains a very high standard of education for the children. Please take the time to re-read our lead article on being a school governor. Check out the various websites, especially the NGA one on page 27. Finally contact Townley School on 01354 638229 to arrange a chat with the Head or one of the current Governors, who will be able to supply any additional information you may require, or to answer any of your questions.



They're all such a nice bunch really! Here's hoping a couple of you will take up the challenge!?

'Till next time! - Ed'.

Web links in the Heron are active when viewed in our online version [www.theheron.info](http://www.theheron.info)



# How do I become a governor?

If you think you have what it takes to be a school governor there are a number of ways of finding schools that have vacancies:

- You can contact your local school to ask if they need a new governor
- You can contact your local council
- You can use the [Inspiring Governance](#) website

## Governance recruitment

School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education.

Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. The role of the governing board is absolutely key to the effectiveness of a school. Time and time again Ofsted (the national inspection body for schools) has noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management - including by the governing board.

The National Governance Association (NGA) is an independent charity representing and supporting governors, trustees and clerks in maintained schools and academies in England. The NGA's goal is to improve the wellbeing of children and young people by increasing the effectiveness of governing boards and promoting high standards. It does this by providing information, guidance, research, advice and training. It also works closely with, and lobbies, UK government and educational bodies, and is the leading campaigning national membership organisation for school governors and trustees.



GUIDANCE CENTRE



### Need advice?

For advice on any issue, GOLD members have access to GOLDline legal advice 9-5pm weekdays. Find out more T: 0121 237 3782 [www.nga.org.uk/goldline](http://www.nga.org.uk/goldline)



## AFC CHRISTCHURCH 2017-2018 SEASON



### AFC Christchurch The Magpies Marchester United First

3 through good teamwork and skilled passing, Jimmy Boxall took The Magpies into the lead. Marchester United First immediately came on the attack and evened the match to 1-1 in the 21st minute. The second half started well with a well placed penalty by Jimmy

Boxall putting The Magpies in to the lead again with Dan Cowell scoring the third goal in the final few minutes. It could have been an ill tempered match but The Magpies kept their composure and were well deserved winners.

Marchester United First cancelled the away match as they couldn't get enough players for a team. So The Magpies had been looking forward to this match. Within the first 11 minutes

Pos		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Little Downham Swifts Reserves	12	11	1	0	46	34
2	AFC Christchurch The Magpies	14	11	0	3	23	33
3	Wicken First	16	8	3	5	17	27
4	March Soccer School Academy	14	8	2	4	28	26
5	St Ives Rangers Reserves	10	8	1	1	46	25
6	Fenstanton Reserves	14	7	2	5	6	23
7	Littleport Town Reserves	12	7	0	5	1	21
8	Chatteris Town Youth Fen Tigers Reserves	14	6	0	8	-13	18
9	Marchester United First	14	4	4	6	-3	16
10	Cottenham United A Team	13	3	4	6	-19	13
11	Coldham United Res	14	3	2	9	-16	11
12	Somersham Town A Team	15	1	2	12	-48	5
13	Benwick Athletic Reserves	16	1	1	14	-68	1

Manager: Peter Chenery		Correspondent: Yvonne Chenery		
Christchurch Playing Field, Upwell Road, Christchurch, Cambridgeshire PE14 9LL				
RESULTS NOVEMBER				
13/01/18	Little Downham Swifts Reserves	3-1 Lost	Home	League
20/01/18	Manchester United First	3-1 Win	Home	League
FIXTURES FEBRUARY				
03/02/18	Fenstanton Reserves	14:00	Away	League
17/02/18	Littleport Town Reserves	14:00	Away	League
24/02/18	Chatteris Town Youth Fen Tigers Res	14:00	Home	League
FIXTURES FEBRUARY				
10/03/18	March Soccer School Academy	15:00	Home	League
24/03/18	Coldham United Res	15:00	Away	League
24/03/18	Somersham Town A Reserves	15:00	Home	League
FIXTURES APRIL				
07/04/18	Littleport Town Reserves	15:00	Home	League
14/04/18	Cottenham United A Team	15:00	Away	League





# AFC CHRISTCHURCH

## 2017-2018 SEASON



**HeronSport**



### AFC Christchurch The Magpies Little Downham Swifts Reserves

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#### Match Report Saturday 13th January

Saturday 13th January promised a good match between league leaders Christchurch Magpies (the home side) and second placed Little Downham Swifts Reserves. The first half saw the Magpies pretty much camped out in Swifts half for the first 15-20 minutes but they failed to capitalize on some brilliant interposing to produce any goals. Then Swifts made a break down the left wing but did not manage to score. Minutes later saw a second left wing break and Swifts were unlucky not to score, hitting the post.

There was some great football from two very evenly matched sides, but Christchurch Magpies went off the boil a bit midway through the second half allowing Dan Tunnel of Swifts to score a relatively easy goal. Five minutes before half time DLB (Johnny De La Bertaude – a great footballers name if ever there was one – Ed’) scored a cracking lobbed goal over Swifts

goalkeeper to even the score. So it was 1 – 1 at half time.

At the start of the second half both teams seemed more determined than ever with some great tackling and passes from both sides. Eventually about fifteen minutes into the second half Swifts scored an easy goal thanks to a break down the centre from Craig Emson. 2 – 1 to Swifts. After that there was some great defence from Christchurch Magpies with several great saves by Christchurch’s goalie Dan Beaney. It was then nip and tuck as Christchurch made every effort to equalise again, but Swifts eventually got the upper hand again with a great shot at goal which was handed out by Christchurch’s Michael Randall who was given a red card and sent off. Swifts were awarded a penalty and

despite a narrowly missed save from Dan Beaney it was another goal from Dan Tunnel of Swifts which made it 3 – 1 to the opposition.

Despite many great efforts towards the end of the game from Christchurch Magpies they failed to score. Swifts goalie Reese Bates was carded but not sent off for handling outside the area (He had also run out of petrol on the way to the match – Ed’). Despite losing 3 -1 Christchurch played really well against a marginally better team, and again despite the loss, for me, Josh Ingram was ‘man of the match’ with some great tackles, interceptions, and passing. He seemed to be everywhere with some great covering moves too! Bad luck Christchurch but we look forward to the return match! RWBG

(Table, fixtures and more reports inside.)



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