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New Year New Beginnings!

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Parish Council Chairman - Peter Owen
& reintroduce 'Parish Council Snippets'
Back by Popular Demand!**

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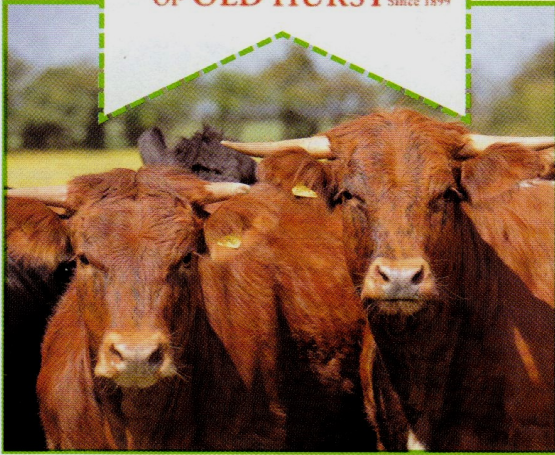
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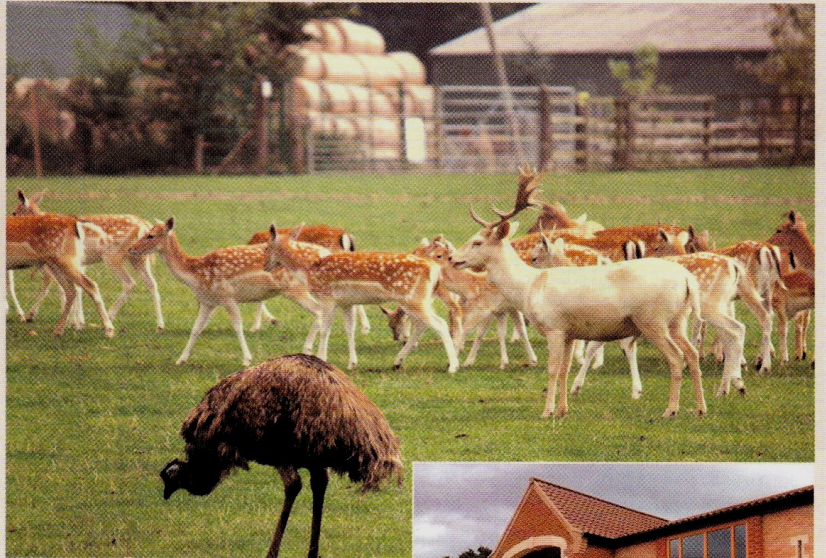


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Monday and Thursday - 16:30 to 17:00pm
Tuesday and Wednesday - 6:10 to 17:00pm
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Community Car Scheme: This scheme now has two drivers living in the village. It can be used by anyone who either do not have their own transport or who would like someone to take them for medical, social journeys, or shopping. Transport is door to door and passengers make a contribution to the cost. For more info or to book a journey call Angie 01354 638721

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Stephen's 100k Step4Cancer

We raised almost £320 and people kindly donated via a collection bucket that the school had near reception. It was a gruelling task as after 4 hours I got a huge blister and at 6 hours the right foot decided it had had enough. Limping for the next 13 hours I completed the 100000 steps in 19.5 hours, burnt almost 8000 calories, elevated my heart rate for 4 days after the event, slept 12 hours straight once I got home and probably will not be doing it again any time soon :)



**Very many thanks
to all those who
supported me!**

**Regards
Stephen**

Bubbles and Frank Whiting
would like to thank their friends and neighbours for all
their support throughout 2018 and to wish them all a
healthy, happy and prosperous
New Year!

EDITORIAL (Please also see Letters on pages 5 & 6)

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year from all of us here at The Heron!

I feel that it would be timely, especially in view of the amount of letters we have received over the last couple of months, to reiterate The Heron's position re the Parish Council. The Parish Council does NOT run The Heron or have any involvement in it! The only real connection is that, up to now, they have contributed £80 per month to assist with The Heron's running costs. This represents approximately a third of our monthly costs; the rest being covered by advertising revenue, donations and occasional fundraisers. For these reasons, if anyone has any reason to raise a complaint against The Heron this should be addressed directly to me as Editor and NOT to the Parish Council. They have enough on their plate to deal with already!

Secondly, I must address the possible loss of the above PC funding. I have been assured by PC Chairman - Peter Owen that funding will continue at least until the end of the financial year April/May 2019. After that our fate is yet to be decided following any decision made at a mid-December precept meeting, which will be due to be ratified at January's PC meeting.

Since Paul & Vivien Haresnape and myself took over the running of The Heron in May 2014, and despite various staff changes, we have strived to maintain standards, and increase relevant content, to build it into the quality Community Magazine that I believe it is today! That despite £2000 being removed from our funds at the start leaving us with just £500 to get it all started again.

We have now managed to include four colour pages regularly, amongst our twenty-eight, since Christmas 2015, thanks to a fantastic deal from our printer's. We feel, currently, that we have got the balance of advertising versus copy about right, though we have recently taken on two new advertisers.

If we were to lose Parish Council funding the current 'status quo' would have to change and would destroy The Heron as we currently know it. My team and myself would hate to see that happen after the four years of hard work we have ALL put in to bring The Heron up to the level it has now attained.

Should there be a move to make The Heron a purely 'online' magazine, speaking for myself as Editor, and I know my team would agree, that would NOT justify the amount of work we ALL put in each month! For all of the above reasons, as previously stated, I would not be prepared to continue as Editor of The Heron should Parish Council funding be withdrawn!

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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 - 9.00-11.30am - CCC

Pilates - each Monday - 6.30-7.30pm - CCC

Wednesdays Forever Active - "Strength and Balance" - 9.30 to 10.30am - FIRST CLASS FREE- CCC

Wednesdays Rainbows & Brownies - 5.15pm onwards - CCC

Fridays "Coffee, Cake, and Chat" - 2.00-3.00pm - Parish Church - ALL WELCOME

Fish and Chip Van visits - outside Dun Cow - 5.00 - 8.00pm

General events

Jan 3rd W.I. Committee Meeting - at Peggy Warby's

Jan 4th Rico's Hot Rhythm - Braza Club, Station Road, March - 8.00pm till 11.00pm £8 - See p.9

Jan 7th Pilates begins again - 6.30pm CCC - "NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?"

Jan 8th Art Club - Quick Recap and Speed Drawing for Fun - 1.30pm till 3.30pm - CCC

Jan 8th W.I. - Resolution Discussion - 7.00pm - CCC

Jan 13th Welle Cinema - "The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society" - See page 7 - TH

Jan 14th Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm - ALL WELCOME - CCC

Jan 16th Rainbows & Brownies begins again - 5.15pm onwards - CCC

Jan 22nd Art Club - Pen & Wash Watercolour - 1,30pm till 3.30pm -

Jan 27th Jazz Club - 12.30 till 2.45pm approx. - £6.50 - Bar & Snacks - CCC

Jan 29th Book Club - 7.30pm at 5, Fen View

Feb 5th Craft Club - Bookmarks with Jane Rees - 7.00pm - CCC

Feb 19th Gardening Club - AGM - 7.00pm - CCC

Parish Church Services

Jan 6 th	11.00am	D Morris, A Day	All Age Worship
Jan 13 th	9.30am	Rev L Brady, V Smith	Holy Communion
Jan 20 th	3.30pm	A Day	Evening Prayer
Jan 27 th	11.00am	Rev I Brady, A Carlin	Morning Prayer
Feb 3 rd	11.00am	A Carlin, A Day	All Age Worship
Every Friday 2.00 - 3.00pm Coffee, Cake and Chat in the Church building			Daphne and Andrew

PLEASE NOTE — The Heron February Deadline

*The deadline for all copy for February's edition of The Heron is **25th January**. *
However, due to the amount of copy we are getting, leave it till then we may not have space. So - **AS EARLY AS YOU CAN PLEASE !**

Advertisers - all our advert rates and conditions can be found on our website www.theheron.info Business advertisers can book series of 6 or 12 adverts, paid in advance. Adverts for village fundraising events, personal announcements, or small private ads are usually free.

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.

NB as a matter of courtesy no content from the Heron should be used without prior permission

Letters to the Editor



Hi Richard!

Personally, and I know Viv agrees with me, there is an argument for reducing the number of copy pages (*in The Heron*) and keeping it more village based, selling some of the colour space at a premium and maintaining the advertising content as it is. I do think that there is a limited lifespan for printed publications, and an online presence (alongside the printed version for a while) is really the only way forward. I think that the articles should be available online as they arrive during the month (collected from the readers comments and writers, in the way that online newspapers operate) and the printed version extracted out of the gathered content. I think that this would reduce the costs, increase the income from adverts, and engage with the public more. The problem is that (*some*) events happen too far away from a monthly deadline for modern life, and how it is, becoming irrelevant to many folks in the village.

In an effort to make The Heron more village centered, I think that one of the main things that happens monthly in the village is the Parish Council meeting and that should be covered in some way. Perhaps someone from the writing group could take it on? I do see where the PC is coming from when they wonder what THEY are getting for their £80 per month. I think by now the argument that they suggested that publishing the minutes be dropped is now a rather historical argument and in the current austere climate they are entitled to expect more for their £80!

Sorry if it's not what you wanted to hear, but there it is!

Paul Haresnape

Everyone is entitled to their view, though I have to say I don't agree with most of it. You will have seen from last months letters page, and indeed this one, that opinion seems to weigh down the scales in the opposite direction. Regarding your second paragraph you will see that we have already put measures in place to deal with this point thanks to Annie Nason - Ed'.

Hi Richard!

It would be another blow for Christchurch community not to have a vital resource such as The Heron. Having lost the village shop a year or two ago this is the only link between villages, letting them know what is happening in the community. This is especially true for elder folks who cannot get around as much as they

used to. It gives them something of relevance to read and dates of nearby events and facilities. If they don't receive something like The Heron I'm sure they will, like others, feel trapped in their homes.

I know that you have a good team behind you supporting The Heron. It would be a great disappointment if PC funding was lost as their contribution is a vital part of what makes The Heron work, enabling it to maintain the standard it does. With even more new builds going on The Heron will be the only initial link for new villagers for events, services, and to know generally what's going on locally. This fact is born out by several letters in last months Heron.

Kind regards

Derek Randall-Hall

Many thanks for your support Derek - Ed'.

Dear Richard,

I have to express my concern as a long term supporter of The Heron that there is a real possibility that we might lose this valuable resource. I feel that you and your team are extremely undervalued by many who do not realise the amount of work involved in producing such a quality magazine each month. We are extremely lucky to receive a FREE magazine each month because of the various skills in The Heron team, all of whom give their time freely.

The Heron is very much a part of Christchurch village life. A big part! Useful numbers, available skills, and services are all there for the asking. We have no shop, no transport, and a pub just clinging on by the skin of its teeth. This all goes to make The Heron even more important as a village resource.

The Parish Council should realise that The Heron represents real value for money as far as their monthly contribution is concerned, and we should not lose sight of that. I am sure that most village residents would be more than willing to pay say £1 per copy, which could perhaps be collected by delivery personnel when they are dropping off copies to each house.

However, I earnestly hope that Christchurch Parish Council will reconsider their position.

Best wishes

Paddy Fink

Many thanks Paddy for your continued support - Ed'.

MORE LETTERS ON PAGE 6 OVERLEAF

Letters to the Editor

(Continued)



Hi Richard!

I am sorry to hear about the funding problems. I believe that The Heron is playing an important role in the life of our village. I certainly found it extremely useful after moving in.

I agree with your stance that the online only edition would lose its appeal to the advertisers. I also think that many villagers wouldn't or couldn't read it if it was only available online, especially the more elderly residents. Therefore it is crucial to keep it circulating as a PRINTED magazine!

Kind regards

Nick Wojciechowski

Thanks Nick for your kind support - Ed'.

Dear Richard,

I am sorry to hear that the Parish Council are considering pulling the plug on The Heron, which, in my opinion, is a very beneficial well put together magazine. It serves the residents of Christchurch and surrounding areas well!

We moved from a town to a village and were very impressed with the work of unpaid volunteers who give of their time and work hard to keep the village informed of what is happening around them. Especially those that don't find getting out and about so easy.

After working with a local authority for sixteen years in community support I know first hand and appreciate that there are a lot of people that would be disappointed at losing something that can make such a difference in their lives. May I suggest that all the residents of Christchurch pay a monthly subscription to help support The Heron?

Kind regards

Jane Brazil

Very many thanks for your continued support Jane. We have suggested a subscription/contribution of £12 a year, i.e. £1 per copy, in the past but unfortunately only three villagers took up the suggestion - Ed'.

Dear Parish Council,

The Parish Council contribution towards the funding of The Heron amounts to nearly one third of the total monthly print costs for our excellent community magazine. So losing that funding support would mean that The Heron would no longer be able to continue being published.

It would be a sad loss to the village to lose such a vital resource as it helps keep us all informed about everything that goes on in the village and the surrounding area.

Regarding the village elderly, of which there are many, including myself, The Heron is an absolute lifeline both with useful information and telephone numbers, services, and trades. Likewise advertisers reap the benefits themselves, and the income from advertising benefits The Heron; providing more than two-thirds of the monthly production costs over the year. You know also that The Heron team, led by Richard, have also made sterling efforts over the years running various fundraisers such as Hogroasts, the HeronAid concert (which raised over £400), and the recent plant sale in May this year which raised over £760 enabling (after costs) £546 to be paid into The Heron bank account.

Considering the amount of effort The Heron team put in; that's ten in the editorial team, and ten delivery personnel, all of whom give their time freely; that the Parish Council will reconsider its position as I am sure that they would receive a lot of 'flak' from Christchurch residents if we lost our valuable village magazine.

Yours faithfully

Shirley Knight

Thanks a lot Shirley! I think you pretty much covered it all there! Thanks again for your support - Ed'.

Dear Richard,

We would like to reiterate the views expressed on the Editorial Page of The Heron last month regarding funding from the Parish Council. Since the early days, The Heron has developed into the valuable village asset that it now is. More than a newsletter it provides local information and interesting articles. Something for the village to feel proud of. It would be such a shame if, due to lack of funding, it could not continue in its present format.

Regards

Pete and Sue Norman

Many thanks - Ed'.

**DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY
OTHER HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS?**

**HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU HAD TO PAY
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NO NEED TO BOOK - Admission £3 per person. Doors open 30 mins before 2.00pm screening. Refreshments & Licensed Bar available.

Upwell Jazz Club 2019

Christchurch Community Centre (Sat Nav PE14 9LL)

2019 Diary Dates

Sunday January 27th • Sunday February 24th
 Sunday March 24th • Sunday April 28th
 Sunday May 26th • Sunday June 30th
 Sunday July 28th • Sunday September 29th
 Sunday October 27th • Sunday November 24th

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Spring & Summer 2019



First session each term we will have a quick reminder of materials/colours /papers etc. Last session each term will be a 'free choice' of subject and materials.

SPRING TERM

- 8th January Quick recap. Then have a go at Speed Drawing for Fun!
- 22nd January Pen & Wash Watercolour. I will demonstrate ways of working. Please bring a simple photo of your choice.
- (3 week gap)
- 12th February Pastels. We will look at the various types of pastels and the papers to use them with. I will bring a selection of both. Please bring something to draw (Object/picture/photo)
- 26th February Sketchbook Art. Please bring your small sketch book if you have one
- 12th March Watercolour and coloured pencils together. Any subject of your choice. Flowers work well .
- 26th March Free Choice or have a go at Abstract

EASTER BREAK

SUMMER TERM

- 23rd April Recap Composition - Simple rules in composition. Please bring some pictures and photos to study. I will bring along an easy guide for you to use.
- (3week gap)
- 14th May Acrylics - If you want to have a go I can bring mine along for you to try
- 28th May Watercolour Wet in Wet. Washes/Flowers etc
- 11th June Loose work. Continuation from last week, using any media.
- 25th June Drawing.- Reminder of perspective, buildings /landscapes (Pencils/Charcoal/ink)
- 9th July Chinese Brush Painting I will bring equipment for anyone wanting to try
- 23rd July Outside painting weather permitting/or inside to recap the term/free choice.

SUMMER BREAK

When photo and pictures are requested they are useful for a guide and reference material not to straight copy. Sometimes though it may be helpful to trace a small area.

I have tried to reflect requested sessions and preferred mediums. Please always feel free to follow your own project and I will help you with that as well.

Contact Jan 638217 or Sandra 638478



Beryl Brooks gave a warm welcome to members, Val Ware Federation Chairman and Patricia Ashmore WI Advisor.



Apologies were received from Sandra Lloyd and Margaret Hayes. We then proceeded with the Annual General Meeting officiated by Val Ware and Patricia Ashmore. The new Committee was elected and Peggy Warby is now our new President.

Patricia Ashmore talked of her life as a WI member from starting in her early married life to the present time.

Cards and gifts were given to Sue Norman and Belinda Gladwin who have retired from the Committee and Val and Patricia both received a pot plant.

Margaret Sparrow demonstrated on how to make a table arrangement and we all did our best to make our own. She was also given a gift.

Peggy Warby thanked Beryl Brooks for her work as President over the past two years her knowledge and expertise in running the WI have been invaluable to the group.

We then had our Christmas Party with members each providing a variety of food and the room was given a festive look by Kay Miller to add to the atmosphere.

Competition Results - A Christmas Item

5pts Valerie Parker

4pts Susan Quail, Beryl Brooks, Marion Hawthorn

3pts Tracy Day

2pts Peggy Warby, Ann Hicks, Annie Nason

Raffle prizes were won by Sue Norman, Peggy Warby, Sandra Kay, Susan Quail, Valerie Parker, Ann Hicks, Sylvia Wilcox, Beryl Brooks

JANUARY MEETING

Resolution Discussion

Competition – An Old Newspaper Cutting

Refreshments – Elaine Reed-Hughes and Janet Harper

Raffle Prizes - Tracy Day, Viv Hafresnape, Peggy Warby, and Sylvia Wilcox

COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY 3RD JANUARY
AT THE HOME OF PEGGY WARBY

It was great to see a room full of girls and ladies chatting, laughing and celebrating the end of the year with Festive nibbles and drinks. Some worked on their own projects, while others made a button Christmas tree decoration.



December was also our AGM. Wendy thanked the Committee for their work through the year and thanked the members for making our club so successful. Sadly she has decided to stand down as Chairwoman. She asked if the Committee were prepared to continue in their roles and if anyone else would like to join them. So, our Committee will now be:- Elaine Reed-Hughes - Chair, Peggy Warby - Treasurer, Sandra Kay, Sandra Lloyd, Jo Smart and Kay Miller - General members. We don't meet in January, so we will see you on February 5th at 7.00pm when we will be making bookmarks with Jane Rees. She has several unusual designs for us to try out.

On behalf of our members, I would like to thank Wendy for all her hard work and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of crafting. Sandra L

Christchurch Book Club

Book club met on Tuesday 18th December. We had been reading "Making History" by Stephen Fry. Most members felt that, although this book was challenging and, at times, confusing, eventually perseverance paid off! The basic plot involved the question: "What would the world be like if Adolph Hitler had never been born?" Fry's proposed answer is an interesting and uncomfortable one.

Our January meeting will be on Tuesday 29th January, 7.30pm at Sue's, 5 Fen View. We shall be discussing "Bourbon Creams and Tattered Dreams" by Mary Gibson.

New members are always welcome, do feel free to come along and give us a try - its a great time of coffee and chat - with the additional bonus of having interesting reading material to entertain (or frustrate!!!) There is no pressure to finish a book you are not enjoying and we quite understand that everybody leads busy lives. The library supplies copies of the book so there is no expense at all (although some prefer kindles or audio-books)

For more information please contact Sheila Day on 07946635908.

Editor's Interview with Parish Council Chairman Peter Owen

Ed: Morning Peter. Thanks for taking the time for this chat. I understand you'd like to add a bit of clarification to last month's response to an article

Peter: Yes I would, as the situation, as always, is more complicated than people realise. Following on from my reply last month to the 'Class Wars in Christchurch' article, I just want to remind people, and make them aware, that tarmac does not adhere well to concrete well in the long term. In addition to this fact Crown Avenue is not a through road. It is not only just a service road but also a dead end! For this reason Highways cannot justify the amount of money that it would cost to fully resurface it. At best they would simply just fill in any severe potholing.

Ed: No doubt your role as Parish Council Chairman is often a difficult or complicated one?

Peter: That is undoubtedly true. One of the most frustrating things for me, since I took on the role of PC Chairman in 2015, has been the fact that I thought the PC would have more clout than it in fact has!

Ed: Presumably you have to play by the rules and constraints imposed via FDC.

Peter: Well, that is largely true but we do our best to meet the needs of Christchurch. Most day to day maintenance costs relate to the Parish Precept. This is effectively the money the PC requires to run and maintain the village. It falls on each village household as a small part of their Council Tax. We ask for the amount we think we require each year from FDC.

Ed: Does the PC normally ask for a little more than they think they may actually need on the basis that FDC are likely to 'trim it' to a lower figure.

Peter: No! We ask for the amount we actually feel that we need and whilst we need to be realistic about this we do try and keep it as low as is workable. To the best of my knowledge we have always got what we've asked for and it has never been 'trimmed' as you put it. However, that doesn't mean that some 'trimming' could happen in future years the way everyone, especially Councils, are cutting back where they can!

(A precept is an order to levy money under a local rating or taxation system - it forms a small part of your Council Tax. - Ed')

Ed: So what are the biggest issues relating to this 'levy'? Are you able to tell us?



Peter: One of the biggest bug-bares is village lighting. Previously any maintenance and repairs was dealt with by FDC directly. Now not only has this cost been passed on to PC's but we as a PC are now expected to pay the cost of electricity for street lighting as well! The previous allowance for this has already been halved - a cut of £700 p.a. - and may be lost entirely in the near future. Currently we receive a grant of £225 p.a. towards maintenance of the churchyard, but this too may eventually disappear. The squeeze is on and things are getting tighter year by year!

Ed: When do you actually set the 'precept'?

Peter: We have a meeting in mid-December to discuss our needs and come up with a figure and then this is normally ratified at January's Parish Council meeting.

Ed: So any burning issues apart from that?

Peter: Well really, as ever, its lighting. FDC say some street lights need completely replacing. Discussions with the contractor point to us needing £17 - 19,000 for this. We will only get a maximum of £2,500 from FDC to help with this cost, and that only on completion. County Council cutbacks are passed on to FDC then they try and pass a lot of the additional costs onto the Parish Council. We are being asked to deal with rising costs with less and less money.

Ed: So how much do you normally ask FDC for as Christchurch's 'precept'?

Peter: Past running costs have always been between £14 - 15,000, including the precept, but as you can see this will need to increase substantially! In the not too distant future it is likely that we will have to bare the cost for street rubbish, and dog poo bins as well!

Ed: Wow! What a nightmare! Thanks very much for your time Pete, and the very best of luck with it all!

Peter: Thanks Rich! We need it!



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A Response to Colin Steenson's "Isle Of Man Scooter Rally" article as published in October & November's Heron

It's really nice to know when we make a real connection with our readers! Thank you so much Helen! Sorry that we had to hold this item over from last month due to lack of space, but it's still appropriate for this time of year! - Ed'.

Dear Richard,

As a Manx woman living in Christchurch since 2003, I would like to thank Colin Steenson for his Isle of Man account of his experience of the annual scooter rally.

It brought many memories back to me, and I loved his photographs of my magical little island. Just one little mistake though, he referred to "Mammans Cloak"- it is actually "Manannans Cloak". Mannananis a mythical sea God.



Colin and I.O.M. ferry "Manannan"

After spotting his mistake, my thoughts turned to this time of year and what Manx children would be doing. Manx children do celebrate Halloween but on the Isle of Man it is called 'Hop Tu Naa', and it is thought to be the oldest Manx tradition. 'Hop Tu Naa' basically translates as New Year, according to the Celtic Calendar. Manx children do not have pumpkin lanterns but instead have turnip lanterns which are very ornately carved with witches on broomsticks flying over houses, black cats, moon stars, etc. They look very beautiful when lit up, much better than the pumpkin faces we see here!

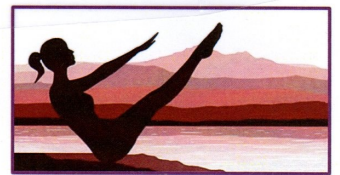
I remember my father patiently hollowing out three turnips on 'Hop Tu Nee' eve for my two brothers and myself, and we would wake up to fantastically carved turnips; sometimes the envy of my friends. We didn't do 'trick or treat', instead we had our 'Hop Tu Nee' songs, which we sang, which all relate back to ancient Manx folklore. We would go around the neighbourhood singing at neighbours doors and they would give us money, not sweets. One year I remember well! All my friends and myself donated the money we collected to the Aberfan Disaster Fund. We would normally have used the money collected to buy fireworks for the following week. But the Aberfan disaster hit us all as most of the children killed were around the same age as ourselves.

I hope the Manx children enjoyed 'Hop Tu Nee' as much as we did as kids, and that the tradition continues for another thousand years!

Kind Regards
Helen Tominey



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What's New?

New challenge and fun page, answers to quiz's and game will be in next months issue.

We hope you had a fabulous Christmas break, so here's your fun page to tackle the winter blues.

How many words can you find?

Find as many three or more words as you can in the word:

Certain

Fifteen is good – Twenty is excellent – Thirty plus is awesome.

Solved

Twenty is good – Thirty is excellent – Forty plus is awesome.

Just for laughs!

Q. Why do French people like to eat snails?

A. They can't stand fast food.

Q. Why can't your nose be twelve inches long?

A. Because then it would be a foot.

Q. What did the envelope say to the stamp?

A. Stick with me and we'll go places!

I hated my job as an origami teacher. Too much paperwork.

Two clairvoyants meet. One says to the other: "You are fine, and how am I?"

3	4	2	1
2	1	3	4
1	2	4	3
4	3	1	2

Junior

Fill in the puzzle so that every row across, every column down and every 2 by 2 box contains the numbers 1 to 4. The numbers cannot be the same in each row or column.

		4	3
2	3		

Answers next issue

3	4	1	5	6	2
2	6	5	3	4	1
1	2	4	6	3	5
5	3	6	1	2	4
4	1	3	2	5	6
6	5	2	4	1	3

Teenager

Fill in the puzzle so that every row across, every column down and every 3 by 2 by box contains the numbers 1 to 6.

	3			1	6
			4		3
				5	
	4	2		6	
4					
6	2				

Fun Facts – Big Ben

1. Repair work is being carried out on the famous landmark, and the noise of the chimes would be loud enough to deafen workers if it carried on ringing!
2. Luckily, Big Ben will still be telling the time as the clock faces will remain active during the works.
3. The name 'Big Ben' actually refers to the bell inside the clock tower. It has helped keep London on time for 157 years!
2. The clock tower itself is called The Elizabeth Tower – named after our very own Queen Elizabeth III!
3. Standing at over 96m tall, the tower is 72m taller than Buckingham Palace!
4. Big Ben is the largest four facing clock tower in the world!

Parish Council Snippets

(Held over from December due to space issues)

NOVEMBER 12TH 2018

VILLAGERS BEWARE... FISHY BUSINESS AFOOT

Police report:



Watch out for criminals selling fish, from the back of a van. Overcharging by hundreds of pounds by manipulating card payments. Then they disappear sharpish ...

Motorbike owners – keep an eye open for guys in a van, looking for motor bikes to steal. On one occasion elsewhere, they were seen to pick up a motorbike and bundle it into the van.

All local officers are now equipped with speed guns and will be using them.

The Police have visited the school to talk with the children.

The PC Chair will ask the Police to explain to the PC how our Parish contribution is used.

Local Highway Improvements: Crown Road: The reason for not renewing the far end of that road is that it is laid with concrete and the tarmac would not adhere to it. Good to see the road markings. Parking is still an issue there. Funding has been found for Traffic Calming measures aimed at slowing traffic entering the village along Upwell Road. This project is due to start before Christmas.

The PC has put in a bid for an award for next year for funds to purchase a moveable vehicle-activated speed monitoring device that can be placed in different locations around the village to conduct an accurate survey of all vehicle speeds. If successful this will provide the Police with the data they require in order to plan targeted enforcement action.

Street Lighting: Several street lights need to be attended to in the village, and should be mended soon, so look out for that.

Road signs: Villagers will have noticed one or two need attention. The PC has this in hand.

Van dwellers: In Euximoor Drove have now gone.

Recreation Ground: The PC strongly agrees that this is a great asset to the village. Still no dogs allowed on it, please remember. Tree pruning will be done in stages. AND ... please don't dump garden waste on the REC. Christchurch Recreation Ground Charity OK.

Planning issues: The CFC Disposals site has been awarded planning permission for 16 houses. (F/YR16/1170/0). Obviously, the site will have to be decontaminated before any building can commence. Section 106 funding: the PC has been asked to confirm details of ideas (already discussed) of projects suitable for the funding. Cautionary note It will take time!...lots of it! Other Planning Applications: F/YR18/0801/F: Granted. F/YR180880: Pending.

The Heron: Local disquiet about The Heron prompted four members of the PC to hold a meeting with The Heron Editor and myself the week before this full PC Meeting, to discuss the implications of the negativity that has been recently aired in the magazine. As a result of meaningful discussion, it was decided that exploring better channels of communication would solve a lot of the problems. The PC funds 1/3 of the costs of the publication, but does not wish to be associated with this kind of copy. However, the PC agrees that The Heron is a great asset and have been impressed on the whole with what the Editor has done to keep it going. It works best with local issues on the cover. The Chair of the PC felt it was now time to draw a line under recent unpleasantness and move on. As the PC Budget will soon be up for renewal, their funding of 1/3 of the costs of The Heron will also be looked into.

XTRA.. XTRA.. The PC was asked what their policy is towards combating LONELINESS in the community. Everyone agreed that The Heron makes a great contribution to combating loneliness, as does the marvellous Pop-Up Coffee Shop, and the other local groups. The Government has funding for projects which combat loneliness, and the PC is to look into the matter. Upwell Health Centre also has a regular event. The PC was also asked whether there is a Christchurch Parish Council Mission Statement. Not at the moment, but this will be discussed.

DECEMBER 10TH 2018

Your Parish Council Meeting in December lasted only 60 minutes. That has to be a record!

Two matters were brought up in "Public Time". 1. The necessary refurbishment of our War Memorial. As it is a LISTED item, English Heritage will be consulted. There are rules and regulations and the matter is in hand. Funds could possibly be found from grant agencies. 2. The Community Car scheme ... needs more volunteers, and its purpose/tasks need to be clarified. Thanks were expressed to the people involved, who do great work in spite of few numbers.

Planning Applications: one that was outstanding has been passed. Another, for an extension to "Annie's Cottage", has been submitted and the PC gave their consent, so the next step can go forward.

Speed monitoring device – nothing heard yet re. funding; the PC application is in.

Tree Inspection: complete (Rec ground). A list will be drawn up as to what should be done when, and A WORKING PARTY will be needed. **PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP ON THE WORKING PARTY LIST WHEN IT ARRIVES.**

Lonliness Initiatives & Funding: No funding to be found from Councils but there are other Charitable groups which can be approached, once there is a viable idea put forward.

Police Matters: no more to add to last month. However, Cllr Sutton asked and is hopeful, that a senior officer will come to a PC meeting to explain how our contributions to the police are being used. A chance for villagers to get involved, so **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Streetlights: Easy repairs should be done before Christmas. However, complete replacements of the lights cannot be completed soon. If you see a notice on a Lamppost, saying the light is out of order,

it means the whole thing needs replacing. Replacement of light bulbs has already begun on failed lights.

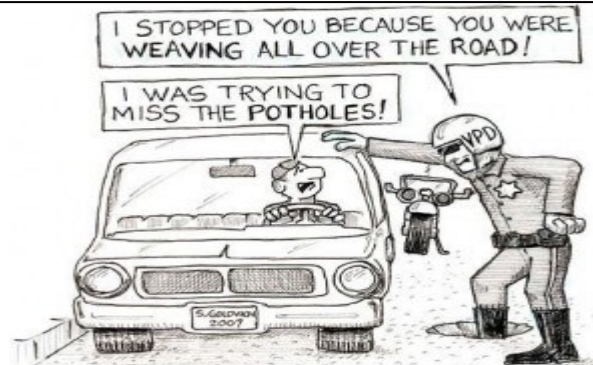
Vitability Cycle Training: The CC wants to reduce their commitment. Currently costs £40 per pupil, which seems excessive. The PC wants a cost breakdown, as that figure seems high at first glance.

District Council Matters: Cllr Sutton: It's the time of year when the CC Budget is set. The chequered board at the 16ft Bank junction with Padgett's Road is now up. Council Tax is due to rise, but not sure by how much.

PC Clerk: told the meeting about the groups and presentations he attended in the last six weeks

PC Accounts: are in the black. Bills to come, though. Keep up the good work!

Annie Nason ... with thanks for help to
PC Clerk Mr Dave Gibbs.



Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service

Happy New Year to all! It's time for making your New Year Resolutions so why not find out how to keep your family safe in your home.

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Make sure you have a correctly fitted working smoke alarm on every floor of your house and test it weekly – involve the children in this to ensure they are aware of what the smoke alarm does, what the alarm sounds like and what it means if it goes off!

Check older relatives and friends have a working smoke alarm and test theirs regularly – you may support older relatives and friends with transport and shopping but may overlook the crucial role of a smoke alarm. We can provide testing sticks to help older less mobile people to test their alarms without overreaching or hurting themselves!

We also offer **Safe and Well visits** to those that are eligible which covers a far wider range of areas than just fire safety. Find out if you are eligible for a Safe and Well visit by contacting us on: 0800 917 9994.

Escape Plan: Make a fire escape plan so you and all of those in your home know what to do in case a fire breaks out in the home.

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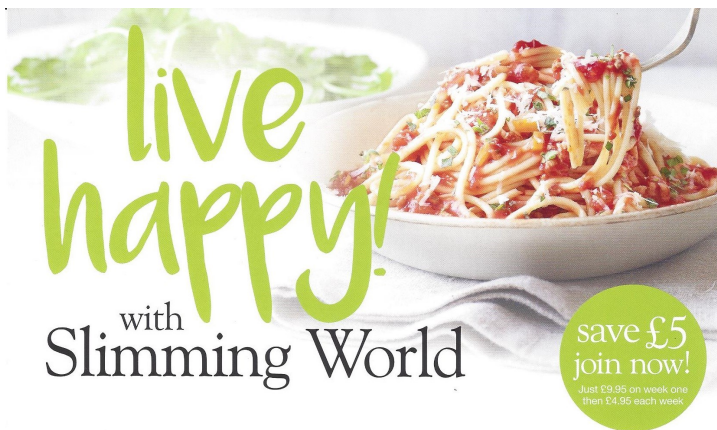
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Whatever our reasons for shopping till we drop, it's good to remember that a bargain is not a bargain unless it is something we need. An unworn item left hanging in a wardrobe is still a waste of money, even at half price and we can waste more than our money. Shopping or not, we can waste our time, our energy and even our lives because we haven't figured out what's worth buying into. Sometimes we set our sights on the wrong goals, we go out to gain wealth, status and to impress others. But we cannot impress every one, for wealth and status can easily slip away from us. These things, however important they seem at the moment won't give us satisfaction in the long run.

Jesus taught his disciples about the nature of true happiness, He said: 'Happy are those whose great desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!' Those people who do put God at the top of their list have found something that's worth keeping. They know God's forgiveness, His welcome and His acceptance every day of their lives. They have a purpose in life that will last beyond death.

Does that sound like a great deal? Well, this year let your resolution be to draw near to Him and get to know Him. He's got lots in store. **Here's wishing you every blessing for the coming New Year! 2019** **Ian**



Crumbs from The Good Book

by our very own Church Mouse....

People take their Christmas decorations down in early January. Here's a story of some decorations that came down days before one January began!

A Christmas Tree in a Church not so very far from here was hung with about 50 small chocolates, each wrapped in brightly colored silver paper. The Church Warden hung them on the Friday evening. She had to go back on Saturday morning for something, and found little piles of silver paper on the floor under the Christmas Tree. Not one of the chocolates could be found! The resident Church Mouse family, plus, I guess, their friends and relations, had had a Christmas party.



Chocolate isn't mentioned in The Good Book...not even at the first Christmas. Come to think of it, *especially* not at the First Christmas! No room in the Inn. No chocolate, and certainly no Christmas Tree. It happened way before those turned up. The baby, who was what all the fuss was about, grew up, inevitably. He had a number of things to say about food. Once he described himself as "The Bread of Life"; adding that if anyone ate "of him" they would never get hungry again. Picture language, as per usual. Must be. There is no record of someone eating him!

I wonder what he meant by that?





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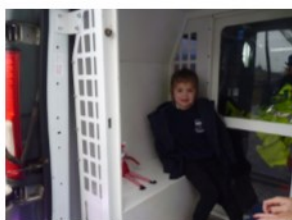
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January 2019

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We were absolutely amazed by how many bags had been collected for Bags to School this time. A massive thank you to everyone that contributed. We had approximately 1/4 of a large van full! We are looking forward to our spring collection.

Congratulations

The whole school would like to offer Cheryl (Mrs Chambers) a massive Congratulations in passing her Level 4 in SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). We are extremely proud of all the hard work and effort she has put in for more than a year in order to complete this qualification.

We would like to wish all our pupils and parents past and present a very Happy New Year. Watch this space to see all the exciting things happening in 2019!

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NEW YEAR TRADITIONS



Well, Gentlemen: did you give your loved one red underwear at New Year? No? Ah...you aren't Spanish, then. That is a Spanish tradition. And did everyone pop a grape in their mouth every time the clock struck at midnight (YES - that = 12), and then drink a glass of Cava? (Suggest VERY small grapes, or cut them up!). As I am writing this blog before Jan 1st, I can only say that I hope to. I experienced New Year on several occasions whilst living in Spain, where everyone does just that. I thought it would be a fun tradition to copy.



I am enjoying all the Christmas lights in Christchurch. I haven't actually noticed anyone climbing to fit their lights, but some of them are high up. I hope there weren't any accidents! It's a shame when the lights have to come down and be put away for another year. I don't know how you feel, but it seems to me that the nights are even longer after that. In fact, the nights are becoming shorter, and have been since Dec 22nd, of course.

My favourite thing to do in January is to look for Snowdrops; and how delighted I was to see so many in Christchurch last winter; such brave little flowers. They survived The Beast from The East last year. It WAS cold! New Year's Resolution? I could do worse than follow the example of the Snowdrops; be brave in tough situations. Easier said than done; which can be said of all New Year's Resolutions, of course.

Annie

Vet's View

by Nick Wojciechowski



The cold, chilly time of the year has finally come. Many of us take special care about our cars, making sure they are winter-ready. Not many people realise that commonly used antifreeze is one of the most dangerous poisons to our pets.

Antifreeze poisoning most commonly happens when antifreeze drips from the car radiator or when it gets accidentally spilled when refilling the radiator. Because of its sweet taste and scent antifreeze is found attractive by both dogs and cats who can lick it off the ground.

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Time is of essence in treating antifreeze toxicity. If you notice your animal drinking antifreeze or an unknown liquid please contact your vets immediately. Prompt intervention and aggressive hospital management gives our animals a good fighting chance. If we overlook the window of opportunity it might be too late to help.

A very happy New Year to you all!

Nick



Upwell Health Centre

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There have been many changes at the Health Centre during 2018, the most significant of which was the retirement of Dr Williams in May after 30 years serving the patients of Upwell, Outwell and the surrounding villages. Paul was one of a group of GPs who worked long and hard to modernise the Practice and improve the services we provide. He also was responsible for making Upwell Health Centre a training practice and was so successful that four of the doctors currently working at the surgery first joined us as trainees. In August of this year we were able to join Paul and Amanda on a delightful river cruise to wish them a long, healthy and happy retirement, and I'm sure our patients would want to support us in thanking them for everything they have done for the local community. We have also welcomed some new staff at the surgery; Debbie Craven is our new Clinical Pharmacist who will be helping the doctors to review patients on long term medications. Meanwhile Mel Marsh has taken over from Sabir as our regular Pharmacist. Our new Nurse Practitioner Penny Burrows has joined our clinical team and many of you will have met her already, and then we have our Paramedic Jake Fretwell who is helping us with triage, seeing patients, and doing home visits.

I know that the subject of triage has caused concern for some patients so I will try to explain why we have started using it at Upwell. We are all aware that the NHS is coming under continuing pressure with more patients needing our help, and much tighter control on the resources we need to meet the needs of the people we look after. There is a recruitment crisis in the NHS and many of you will know that we were unable to find a suitable candidate to replace Dr Williams. At Upwell Health Centre we have responded to these challenges by introducing a triage system. This is all about making sure that you see the right person, at the right time, and in the right place to deal with your medical problem. In practice this means that the office staff will ask you for some brief clinical details about the nature of your problem before putting you on the call-back list. After that the clinical staff will either book you straight into a surgery appointment or phone you back to discuss your problem in more detail before making a decision about who you should see, and when and where. In some cases this may include directing you to other NHS services such as the Minor Injuries Unit in Wisbech or the Accident and Emergency department at King's Lynn.

Some patients have raised concerns about giving their clinical details to our office staff but, I can assure you that all of our staff are trained in the importance of confidentiality and are well aware that none of the information you give should be discussed or shared with anyone other than the clinical staff. If you do not want to give details of your problem to the office staff you will still be put on the call-back list but it will make it harder for the clinicians to prioritise your call.

The triage system is something we are still refining to make sure it provides the best possible service for all patients. If you have concerns or ideas about this then please write to me at the surgery.

Work on our new purpose built pharmacy is moving fast and we are looking forward to opening this in February. This will allow us to provide a faster, safer and much improved service for all patients and we hope you will take advantage of all the improved services this new building will allow us to provide,

And finally a few words about physical inactivity which is increasingly being recognised as a contributing factor for many medical conditions. Here at Upwell Health Centre we are looking at ways of being more active. Several members of our staff have signed up to run the Cambridge Half Marathon in March, and our lead Nurse Practitioner, Lynette Reeves, and Practice Manager, Steve Reeves, are both running the London Marathon in April. Those are considerable challenges but there are easier ways of becoming fitter. One of these is to take part in a Parkrun which is a free to enter, friendly and non-competitive 3 mile run that takes place every Saturday morning at hundreds of parks up and down the country. We are thinking about taking a group of staff and patients to a King's Lynn Parkrun in the New Year and if you would be interested in joining us then please register your interest by emailing enquiries.upwellhc@nhs.net.

On behalf of everyone at the Health Centre I wish you a very happy Christmas and a very healthy New Year.

Dr Eamonn Clarke

PLEASE SEE THE ARTICLE ON THE BACK PAGE!

Useful Telephone Numbers

Age UK Cambridgeshire	0300 6669860
Alzheimer's Society (Fenland)	01945 580480
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 - David Gibbs	07932 191050
Parish Councillor - Jill Bliss	01354 638343
Parish Councillor - Richard Lloyd	01354 638956
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
Veterinary Centre - The Crossings (D'Mkt)	01366 382219
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 Keen	01945 772737
WI - Peggy Warby	01354 638339

Neighbourhood Watch

Colin Steenson - Church Rd (East)

Sandra Kay - Crown Rd

Shirley Knight - Church Rd (West)

David Yates - Church Rd (West)

Julian Swallow - Upwell Rd (North)

Jackie Wood - Upwell Rd (North)

Simon Freeland - Upwell Rd (South)

Richard Guilford - Area Co-ordinator

David Harrowing - District Co-ord.

And Finally!...

Wisdom is a far more important thing than power! Especially when important decisions need to be made, they need to have due consideration, and justification. This is even more important in the current climate with the austerity which seems to surround us all!

I have always thought that the "Serenity Prayer" is a good guide to 'life'. It has always served me well so far in my life!

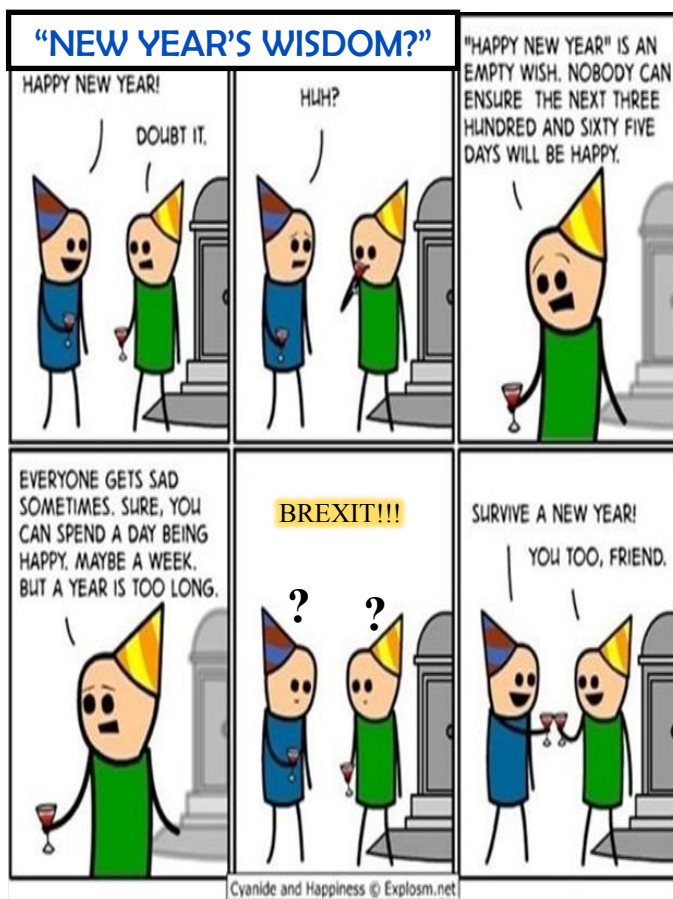
God grant me the serenity

To accept the things I cannot change,

The courage to change the things I can,

And the wisdom to know the difference!"

A great adage - I hope you all agree? These are uncertain times in so many ways but may I wish you all the very best in your lives for the coming ~
New Year!



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Enjoy! 'Till next time! - Ed'

Continued from last month...



by our roving reporter
Colin Steenson



This red brick house was George's and was in Alexander Grove. He used to use Alexander Grove as a pseudonym whenever he was staying in hotels and didn't want to be recognised.

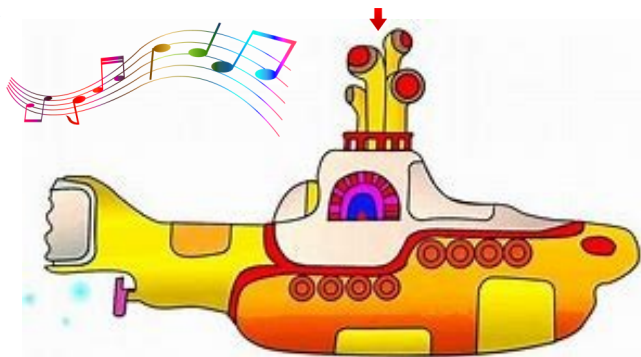


This version of the Yellow Submarine was near the mural above which was by the famous barber's who was always "...showing photographs", apparently, in Penny Lane. "Of all the heads he's had the pleasure to know..." and the people that come and go still stop and say "Hello!" Here's a few more heads he's had the pleasure to know! But we all know that the real Yellow Submarine looked like this!



Of course we played the obligatory visit to The Cavern Club, 'the lads' old haunt, where they really got established and began making a name for themselves.

Towards the end of our trip you'll never guess who we found skulking in a corner!? It was all round a great trip!



MORE ON MY
OTHER
TRAVELS IN
A MONTH
OR TWO!



Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP)



Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Health and Care Services set to receive from £145 million + investment

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, has today announced a capital **investment of £145 million for health and care facilities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough**. The funding is part of a national allocation of nearly £1 billion and will directly benefit patients and their families. Partners in the health and care system in the region worked together to bid for funding to improve existing facilities in the face of a rapidly growing population and invest in world class regional centres of excellence.

Today's news includes **£25 million for Hinchingbrooke Hospital** and **£19 million for Addenbrookes Hospital** to improve facilities and services. **It also provides up to £100 million of capital to build a pioneering children's hospital for the East of England**. Securing the money is a vote of confidence in the ability of partners to work together for the whole system.

Caroline Walker, Chief Executive of North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust says:

"We are incredibly pleased with the success of our application to invest in clinical services provided at Hinchingbrooke Hospital. This funding will allow us to develop and improve a vast number of areas, including theatres, ward capacity and emergency medicine. It will also help us deliver the Trust's vision for elective care and become a centre of excellence for rehabilitation."

Interim accountable officer of Cambridgeshire, and Peterborough STP, and Chief Executive of Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Roland Sinker says:

"A world class children's hospital that integrates mental and physical health is a vital step forward for some of the sickest children in the East of England. It means they will be cared for in facilities that are expertly designed for their particular needs. We will also be able to bring together the best academic and industry talent to find new ways of diagnosing and treating some of the most challenging diseases of childhood and prevent long term ill health."

Aidan Fallon - Head of Communications & Engagement
Sustainability & Transformation Partnership - System Delivery Unit



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