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Over 80 cars took part!



Winner of the 'Concours d'Elegance' Mr Geoff Cochrane with his Armstrong Siddlerley



There were some Classic Bikes too!



Barking Bugle and Dog Show Winners



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A selection of shots from Christchurch's recent Summer Shows



Community Information

Mobile Library: First Tuesday each month - in the lay-by Upwell Road - 12:15 - 12:45pm. Forthcoming dates are July 3rd, Aug 7th and so on.

Mobile Post Office:

Visits Mon to Thu in the lay-by Upwell Road.
Monday and Thursday - 16:30 to 17:00pm
Tuesday and Wednesday - 6:10 to 17:00pm
Fridays - no service

Dun Cow Meal Deal: Sadly Phil will not be continuing with this option for the foreseeable future! Numbers have fallen off recently making it a non-viable scheme because it has become unprofitable.

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 information or to book a journey please call Angie on 01354 638721.

NB - Advanced Notice

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

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

Manea Road B1093 - Carriageway maintenance - 25/6/18 to 6/7/18 - closure times (TBC)

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

Cotton's Corner Bridge - Thankfully this bridge is at last open again (24/5). A relief to all local drivers and others. **Double reinforced too!** First new dent soon???

School Defibrillator - location is on the wall of the dining hall in Townley School grounds. Access via carpark, via Greenways off Crown Road.

Contact the Parish Council

Phone numbers: in Useful Numbers page 26,
Email: christchurchcambspc@gmail.com
Website: christchurchpc.btck.co.uk

See also phone numbers for individual councillors in Useful Telephone Numbers on page 26.

Delicious Fish and Chips are available outside the Dun Cow from Michael and Michelle's van on Fridays 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Parish Council Minutes: One or two folks have mentioned their sorrow recently at not being able to read the minutes of Parish Council meetings in the pages of The Heron anymore. We would like to remind our readers that this was NOT our decision but one made by the Parish Council over a funding issue. However, minutes of all PC meetings are available to view, and promptly after meetings, on the Parish Council's own website www.christchurchpc.btck.co.uk

EDITORIAL

Well...what a busy month June was! And a very successful one too! The FOTS managed to raise over £1000 at the Dog Show and there was a fantastic turn out on the day at the Classic Car Show. Well done to Geoff Harpur for organising that one, and congratulations to Geoff Cochrane for winning the Concours d'Elegance and receiving The Wolsey Cup for his two tone Armstrong Siddeley. Well done Geoff!

Another big event towards the end of this month too! On **Saturday 21st July we have a Summer BBQ with live music from 'Summerland'**. Please see the ad. for this event on page 16 where you'll find all the details. All proceeds from this event go towards the Parish Lunch next year. Many of you will have enjoyed this year's earlier event back in May with live music from 'Back Two'.

With so much going on and Summer Holidays fast approaching we've decided to postpone our 'Hogroast' that was due to be held this month as a Heron fundraiser. We will probably now hold it sometime in mid-September.

Some interesting news items this month are another success story on page 17 from Dionne regarding the 500 Words competition, and an amusing accident in Upwell. See the photos on page 25.

Vet's View with our new team member Nick is on page 15, and we are pleased to report that, following last month column, we have found a vets in Downham that operates a 24 hour service, including home euthanasia. They are - **The Crossings Veterinary Centre, St.John's Way Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 0QQ. Tel: 01366 382219. Their website is - crossingsvets@co.uk**. We are now going to include their telephone number on our Useful Numbers Page too!

Enjoy! 'Till next month!



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

Thursdays Indoor Bowls - 7.00-9.00pm - CCC

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

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

General events

July 3rd Mobile Library visits - Upwell Road layby - 12.15 to 12.45pm

July 3rd Craft Club - Bookmarks with Jane Rees - 7.00pm CCC

July 8th Welle Cinema - "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" - 1.30pm entry £3 - CCC

July 9th Christchurch Parish Council meeting - 7.30pm CCC - ALL WELCOME

July 10th Art Club - In & Around the Village - 1.30-3.30pm - CCC

July 10th W.I. - Poetry by Louise Aldridge - 7.00pm - CCC

July 17th Garden Club - Talk by Glyn Jones on Bees - 7.00pm - CCC

July 21st Summer BBQ & Live Music - "Summerland" - 7.00pm - See ad. page 16

July 24th Art Club - In & Around the Village - 1.30-3.30pm - CCC

July 24th Christchurch Book Club - 7:30pm - Pear Tree Farm, Padgett's Road - 07946635908

July 29th Jazz Club - featuring Laura White - 12.30-2.45pm - £6.50 Bar - Please see ad. on page 7

Parish Church Services

July 1st 11.00am Rev I Brady, A Day Baptism and All Age Worship

July 8th 9.30am Revs I S & SE Tooke Holy Communion

July 15th 6.30pm R. Holding Evening Prayer

July 22nd 11.00am Revs I Brady, A. Carlin Morning Prayer

July 29th 10.00am Rev'd I Brady, A Day United Service - **Doddington**

Every Friday 2.00pm 3.00pm Coffee, Cake and Chat in the Church building Daphne and Andrew.

PLEASE NOTE — The Heron Deadline

The **deadline** for all **copy** for **August's edition** of The Heron is **25th July**. 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 !

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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



Hi Richard

Question: The field behind the Community Centre!

I normally let my dog have a run over there, there's hardly anybody there during the early hours, or evenings and it's a good place where she can run to her hearts content. If she fouls there, it's cleared up immediately!

Since Christmas no one has challenged us until last night (Tuesday of this month June). My family and the dog were out for a stroll, we got to the field and let her off the lead, but after a while only for a lady to come out of the community and tell us we are not allowed dogs on this field. We entered by the bridleway at the rear and there are no signs to say dogs not allowed.

I sometimes bring the boys to this park, this might change if I can't bring the dog there and let her off her lead.

From reading the Heron I have noticed different views and comments on dog walking. If you cannot let your dog off the lead here in Christchurch Village where can you, to give your dogs a run? You can't expect dog owners to use up petrol every day taking them to a field some distance away where they can run! Where is the villages community spirit? What can we do to allocate some field or the stretch along the river?

Maybe a possible thought, there are a few empty areas along Church Road, disused or left to overgrow, could these be turned into dog play areas?

There's are places around the UK where they have allocated places for dogs. One I can bring to mind is Queens Country Park between Stock Village and Billericay and is set over 60 acres in Essex. It has a wooded area, an open field meadow with a large hill in the middle with a few copses. It takes about 30minutes to walk the whole round. It has dog bins at different intervals, you can let you dogs off the leads where all the dogs either chase balls or just run. At weekends this place is busy with families and dogs walking around it.

So, my question is - Why can't we let dogs have a run on the Community Centre field when not in use by the public. Or, is there another option?

I look forward to an answer to this sore point.

Regards

Derek

Well!...This issue is something of a moot point! As usual it is the two or three thoughtless and irresponsible dog owners that have spoilt it for the rest of us. There may be an argument for getting a petition together of local dog owners, of which there are many, to try and put pressure on the Parish Council to open up the field to 'responsible' dog owners. Surely in this eventuality the situation could effectively be self-policing; i.e. 'responsible' dog owners keep their 'beady eyes' on the rest and report offenders who could be subject to fines. That way the village helps itself and the 'majority' do not suffer and miss out because of 'the few'! I passed this on to the PC!- Ed'.



Dear Editor,

I hope that you can include the following in the next edition of our monthly magazine - The Heron.

Mini Motorbikes and the Law

There have been several reports of mini-motorbikes being ridden around the village and on the Community Centre Field, as well as around the car park gravel. If you own or ride one of these vehicles, it is your responsibility to know the law. If you have purchased one for your children, you are responsible for ensuring that they obey the law.

It is illegal to ride any motorbike in public open spaces such as parks, recreation grounds, play areas and on pavements. You can only ride an off-road motorbike legally if it is on private land and you have the land owner's permission. Land owned by the local council is not classed as private land. Riders, and in some cases the parents who are held accountable for the actions of their children, can be arrested and prosecuted. Illegal off road bikes seized by the police can be crushed.

If you see anybody riding a motorbike illegally, please call the Police non-emergency number 101.

Many thanks

Dave Gibbs

Parish Council Clerk

Crumbs from The Good Book

By our very own Church Mouse

We Church Mice are good at collecting crumbs...(my favourite is bread pudding).

Occasionally I catch a crumb or two from The

Good Book. For example -

I mean - whoever builds their house on sandy foundations? OK! So sandcastles at the beach but your HOME? Nah! I ask you! Well...you guessed...It fell down as soon as the first storm struck! On the other hand, the guy who built his house on rock solid foundations...Well! You get my drift. It was probably picture language, now I come to think about it. That young itinerant preacher The Good Book is always talking about; it was one of his stories. He was called Jesus. You remember...the guy the Romans and religious leaders thought they had got rid of, but clearly, apparently, NOT SO! That is a crumb worth chewing on in itself. I shall do just that! Two crumbs for the price of one!

When I have finished eating this piece of cheese (I love cheese!) I'll have a little look at that Good Book.

But hey!...Isn't that the whole point of this picture story! "Don't put it off! It's too important!"

OK! Think first! Cheese later!

Ebenezer

(I was named after my Great Uncle (twice removed) who was a character, and very well thought of in our wider mouse community.)



BIRTH OF THE BLUES PART FIVE

After the upsurge of the blues in the mid-sixties, from 1968 onwards while maintaining a lot of the interest generated previously, the music began to change and become almost part of the establishment. BB King led the way with relentless touring, playing major venues across the world and releasing new material on a regular basis. The Yardbirds who started life as a blues band slowly morphed into Led Zeppelin and appeared dazed and confused. Music fans flocked to a farm in upstate New York and Woodstock became a reality, as well as a legacy that lasts, even today. The movie featured Alvin Lee playing a one line, one chord Blues, he was "Going Home." Hard on the heels of Woodstock, Hendrix could be seen setting light to his Strat at Monterrey.

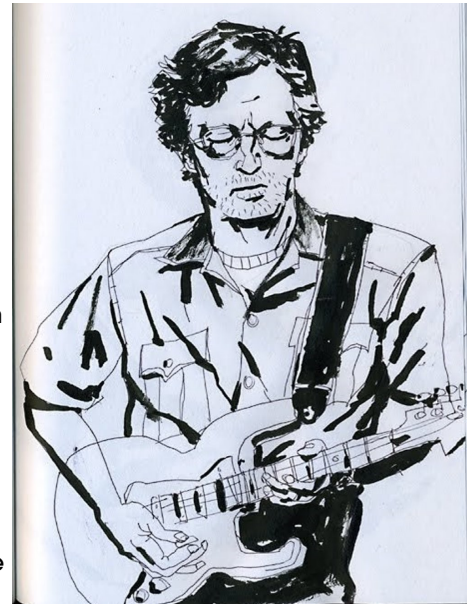
There were still lots of blues bands putting out material such as The Groundhogs with guitarist Tony McPhee, while John Mayall's Blues Breakers, seemingly had a revolving door when it came to guitarists, with Peter Green joining Fleetwood Mac and Mick Taylor leaving for the Stones, while on the other side of the pond, Mike Bloomfield's Les Paul driven blues held sway. Eric Clapton on the other hand couldn't decide if he wanted to play blues, become a country singer or turn into Delaney and Bonnie's right hand man. Cocaine featured in his life in more ways than one, but he always had Blind Faith and later in the decade changed his name to Derek. Many of the previous decades blues lovers added over driven guitar sounds and huge drum kits as the blues had a child who we could call



Blues Rock, later turning once again into Heavy Rock, giving rise to many and varied bands and artists. Bowie borrowed an old blues riff and sang Jean Genie over it, while the Stones found Sympathy with the Devil, ACDC turned an old school uniform into a stage act and Chuck Berry found his Ding-a-Ling. But Blues also became more sophisticated with Donald Fagin and Walter Brecker borrowing from the source to provide Steely Dan with their Rock Music with Chords approach. Jimmy Page and Robert Plants' Led Zeppelin got busy with studio techniques and Stairway to Heaven was born. Carlos Santana took his pentatonic blues format and added percussion and Cuban rhythms', and still BB King toured. John Lee Hooker found new audiences for his one chord blues, while Van Morrison having left the blues behind previously, came over all Astral Weeks and Canned Heat went on the road again.

On top of all that everyone wore flares, and called each other "Man" as Kensington Market became the centre of the world, if only temporarily. When you think about the two decades from 1960 onwards it could take your breath away. I hope you enjoy this column, I'm off for a lay-down.

Steve



Jazz Club Review - Jazz Royalty Comes To Christchurch

As a gigging Jazz musician, I am not usually given to Hyperbole, however the red carpet was truly out last Sunday the 24th June, at the Upwell Jazz club, still resident in the Christchurch Community Centre. Internationally renowned Bass player Len Skeat led a band that featured Dave Newton on Piano, yet another internationally acclaimed musician who has recorded and toured with the best of them including the Guy Barker Big Band and guitarist Martin Taylor. Sebastian DeKrom held down the drum seat, his regular gig is playing drums for Jamie Cullum while Bruce Adams, no slouch in the performing arena entertained on Trumpet/Flugel Horn and Cornet. The latter instrument had previously belonged to the late Roy Castle. To top it all off was Tina May a jazz vocalist of the highest calibre. As a young woman Tina studied at the Sorbonne which she jokingly referred to as the "Sore Bum!" While in Paris she began her singing career appearing with many of the top names in jazz. Once back in England she continued her singing career appearing with Humphrey Lyttelton as well as the Stan Tracy Big Band and the BBC Big band. Tina has also played some of the best club and halls in the UK including Ronnie Scott's and the 606 club. She was also involved in the theatre and worked with political satirist Rory Bremmer in a show called "You are Eifel, but I like you." On paper a great band, on stage equally as good.

One of Tina's many CD's and albums was dedicated to the songs of "the little sparrow" Edith Piaffe and the enthusiastic audience was treated to several songs from that repertoire sung in faultless French as well as English. It was immediately

noticeable how at ease she and the other musicians were together with the good humour spilling over into the solos. Dave Newton at times playing quotes from several Scottish Reels, much to the amusement of Glaswegian Bruce Adams. Tina scatted and bent the vocals around and around and led the band through her selection of songs. The Musicians replied with solid backing and tight solos in a near faultless performance that proved their class.

As some one who has frequented many of the gigs at the centre, this is the first time I have seen this knowledgeable crowd give a standing ovation, and a well deserved one too! Well done to club promoter Nigel Smith for booking such an entertaining gig.

Check out the advert(s) (opposite) in the Heron for forthcoming artists it's also in the diary pages. Give it a try you never know you might like it!

Steve



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Sunday 8th JULY, 2pm: Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri (15)

Set in the fictional town of Ebbing, Missouri, after months have passed without a culprit being found in her 20-year old daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes makes a bold move and decides to rent three billboards on the outskirts of town. On the boards she adds controversial messages directed at William Willoughby, the town's chief of police. This movie has received numerous awards and nominations, recognizing the cast's performances, including the 2018 Academy Award for Best Actress

NO NEED TO BOOK - Admission is £3 per person. Doors open 30 minutes before screening commences. Refreshments and licensed bar available. Tel. 01945 773710 or 772824

Upwell Jazz Club 2018

Christchurch Community Centre (Sat Nav PE14 9LL)



The UK's first
guaranteed
banjo-free
jazz club

Sunday 29th July

Guests*: Laura White – vocals
Ross Bradbury – saxophone/flute
Derek Clenshaw – trombone
Nigel Portass – keyboards
Dave Jackson – drums

This session sees the return of the ever-popular Laura White on vocals, singing an eclectic mix of laid-back standards from Burt Bacharach to Cole Porter. Fantastic entertainment – come early to avoid disappointment!

Time: 12.30pm - 2.45pm Admission: £6.50 Accompanied under-16s Free
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QUIZ OF THE MONTH!

1. What is the birthstone for July?
2. What is the month of July named after?
3. What day in July do the USA celebrate - Independence Day?
4. National Ice Cream Month is celebrated in the USA throughout July! But which President's first job was in an ice cream parlour?
5. Which zodiac signs land in July?
6. Which classic children's book was published on the 4th July 1865?
7. Which country attained full independence from the USA on the 4th July 1946?
8. The 4th July is celebrated as Liberation Day in which country?

(Answers on page 25)

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We look forward to seeing you!

All were welcomed by our President Beryl Brooks.

Apologies were received from Belinda Gladwin, Sue Norman and Margaret Hayes.

Viv Wright our delegate at the National Federation Annual Meeting gave a report on the day in Cardiff, which included talks by Dame Stella Rimington and Huw Edwards.

Detective Constable Henrietta Robinson gave a talk on "Bad People". Having been in the Police Force for 22 years. Henrietta told us of men and women who had committed or attempted to commit murders and stabbings (in the Cambridgeshire area) and where prosecutions had taken place. Joanna Dennehy and The Peterborough Ditch Murders probably being the most well-known (as seen on TV recently).

She was thanked by Margaret Sparrow and given a donation.

Competition Results – A Shoe Horn

5pts Sandra Kay

4pts Annie Nason, Margaret Sparrow, Peggy Warby

3pts Wendy Yates, Beryl Brooks, Elaine Reed-Hughes

2pts Marion Hawthorn

Raffle Winners

Beryl Brooks, Viv Haresnape, Janet Harper, Sandra Kay

July Meeting

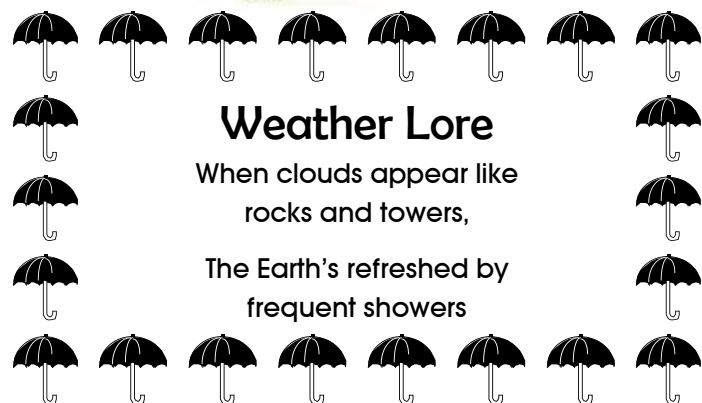
Louise Aldridge - Poetry

Competition - A Favourite Poem

Refreshments - Margaret Sparrow and Margaret Hayes

Raffle Prizes - Tracy Day, Viv Haresnape, Alma Hughes, Sylvia Wilcox.

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Weather Lore

When clouds appear like
rocks and towers,

The Earth's refreshed by
frequent showers

This month we had a go at pebble painting. We used acrylic paints to make our own designs. It was

surprising how many different patterns we were able to make including ladybirds, fish, fruit and vegetables, mermaids and mandala dots.

Next month we will be making bookmarks with Jane Rees.

We're a really friendly, relaxed group of ladies and girls and we always welcome new faces. Come along and see what we get up to, no pressure, no expensive joining fees just £1.50 each session (under 16s Free) and for 80p you can buy a raffle ticket, a cuppa and a biscuit. What a bargain for an evening out with friends!

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, at Christchurch Community Centre, and new members are always welcome. Contact Wendy on 01354 638448.



"I want to return this yarn you sold my wife."

A Very Pleasant Evening!

Christchurch Gardening Club



It has become something of a tradition for the Gardening Club that once a year the members make their own way to a garden visit. Last year we were at Jenni Cairns watching her create art from an old oil drum, this year however we were closer to home at Gill Days' garden. Gill is Tracy's sister in law and was kind enough to host the club for an evening in her garden. There have been occasions in the past where the weather has played a part, making us cancel a projected trip, this year however the weather decided to be kind and we all arrived at Gills on a warm sunny English evening to see a quintessential English garden. The garden was laid out replete with roses in bloom and various quirky frames and statues to draw the eye to the many beds of plants and flowers. After a relaxing stroll around the lawn the members settled themselves on the large patio for tea, cakes and muffins, supplied by Peggy, Marion and Val and a social evening was had by all.

There are still some tickets left for the Clubs trip to Hyde Hall and the RHS Flower Show. Having visited Hyde Hall before I can honestly say that the house and gardens are worth the trip on their own, add to that the Flower Show, where we are hoping for some of those Sunday Show Bargains and I can heartily recommend this trip to all you gardeners out there. With the rising cost of diesel, we have kept the price as low as we can, Members £17.00 Non-members £19.00 which includes entrance to the Flower Show.

The coach will depart from the Community Centre at 9.00 am on Sunday August 5th, 2018 returning at around 7.00 pm the same day. It will be a great day out, call 01354 638 230 to book your seat.

The Clubs next meeting is at Christchurch Community Centre on Tuesday July 17th, 2018 and will feature a talk by Glyn Jones on Bees. They are fascinating creatures and I'm sure the talk will be equally so.

Anyone wanting more information about the Club or should you wish to join, it's never too late. Just call 01354 638 230 or come along on the night. Meetings start at 7.00 pm

Steve



Christchurch Book Club

Book Club met on Tuesday 26th June. We had been reading "Purple Hibiscus" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche. There was a mixed reaction to this book. Set in Nigeria in the 1990s, it describes the experiences of a family dominated by an abusive ultra-religious father. Overall the general feeling was that this was an interesting, but disturbing, book.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 24th July, 7.30pm (NOTE: WE NO LONGER MEET ON WEDNESDAYS!) at Sheila's, Pear Tree Farm, Padgetts Rd. We shall be discussing "Blue Monday" by Nicci French.

New members are always welcome. For more information please contact Sheila Day on 07946635908.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th July, 7.30pm Book Club at Pear Tree Farm, Padgetts Rd.



Christchurch Art Group



We have been experimenting with colour matching and practising our perspective drawing skills. During the rest of this term we will continue having a go at experimenting with Acrylics and hopefully being able to paint and draw outside, weather permitting!

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

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

Our two July sessions 10th and 24th will be the last before our Summer Break. We are hoping that we will be able to paint in and around the Village.



What's local?

Each month we will try and find exciting and interesting ideas for all the family – check out what we have in-store below for this month.

CHRISTCHURCH YOUTH PAGE



This month why not visit Linton Zoo. Linton Zoo has evolved out of their family's love, interest and concern for the wildlife of the world. They have got a fantastic schedule of events for weekends and main school holidays designed to get you much closer to some of their animals, whilst giving you more information about their conservation projects.

The zoo and all of its inhabitants came to Linton in 1972 and has grown into an impressive, exotic zoo that covers 18 acres and is as committed now to conservation as it was back then. The 16 acres of gardens have been beautifully planted with shrubs, trees and over 10,000 bulbs to ensure that the environment is as nice for the guests as it is for the animals.

They now have a large collection of wildlife ranging from Mexican red-kneed tarantulas and snakes through giant tortoises, hornbills, toucans, parrots, owls and pheasants to beautiful snow leopards, magnificent Amur

tigers, Hartmann Mountain zebra and Brazilian tapir. Each year new species are brought in, many of them being part of an international captive breeding programme, so the collection's constantly on the increase.

This is an outdoor attraction with country park-like trails.

Contact Information

Hadstock Road, Linton,
Cambridgeshire, CB21 4NT.
Telephone: 01223 891308
Email: lintonzoo@hotmail.co.uk

Zoo & car park open daily

10.00am - 5.00pm

Last admission 4.00pm.

ADMISSION FEES

Adults: £10.00

Seniors: £9.00

Children 2-13: £7.50

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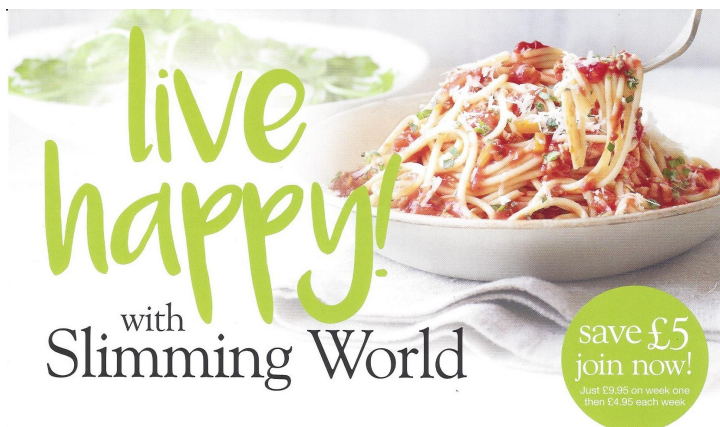
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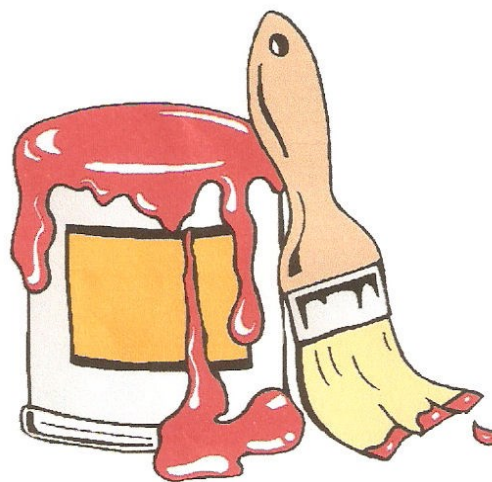
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Vet's View

by Nick Wojciechowski



The current wave of hot weather is a great treat for everybody. Nevertheless we need to remember that our pet friends might not necessarily enjoy it as much as we do.

Dogs and cats have thick coats, which is great in keeping them warm but becomes a problem in hot weather. Our pets can only lose heat by panting and through very few sweat glands on their paws. They can easily overheat and suffer heat exhaustion or even a heat stroke.

There are very simple rules to keep your pets safe in hot weather:

- Don't expose your pets to hot and humid conditions. Avoid the midday heat on very hot days.
- Avoid exercising them in severely hot weather. It is worrying how many people take their dogs on a walk and let them carry a stick or a toy. As stated before, dogs can only lose heat by panting so anything in their mouth will compromise heat exchange.
- Make sure they have access to shade and take a supply of water with you.
- Never ever leave your animals in the car in summer, even with windows partially open.

Signs of heat stroke include: weakness/collapse, high body temperature (over 40 degrees Centigrade), dark red to purple gums, rapid panting and heart rate, sometimes vomiting and diarrhoea.

Allow access to cool drinking water. If possible check the rectal temperature with thermometer and stop cooling efforts as soon as it comes down to 39.5 degrees Celsius.

All pets who suffered a heat stroke should be taken to the veterinary surgeon for examination and treatment. Heat stroke might not look very serious but can result in severe, fatal sequelae such as kidney failure, damage to liver and heart, coagulation abnormalities resulting in multi organ failure. Therefore vigilant monitoring and treatment are recommended.

Dear Nick,

I am writing in response to your column in last months Heron. I am, and have been for over 60 years a responsible dog owner and show judge. However, having lost my husband recently I am left with looking after our four dogs on my own, including an elderly Borzoi and Whippet. At your suggestion in your June column I have been trying to find a local vet in the area that runs a 24hr emergency service but to no avail. They all seem to have dropped this facility including at the practice we are registered with since the old boss retired. I did manage to find one veterinary practice that does home euthanasia but they are based in Peterborough and will not come out this far. I am not confident driving at night or indeed anytime to places I do not already know. I think a taxi would be out of the question as they would not want to carry a sick dog. So I have become increasingly anxious over what would be a big problem if my dog was taken ill at night. Any information you might be able to give me on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Regards
Shirley Knight

Dear Shirley,

Thank you very much for your letter. I appreciate the fact that many owners might find it challenging to transport their pets to the veterinary practice, especially at night and in emergency.

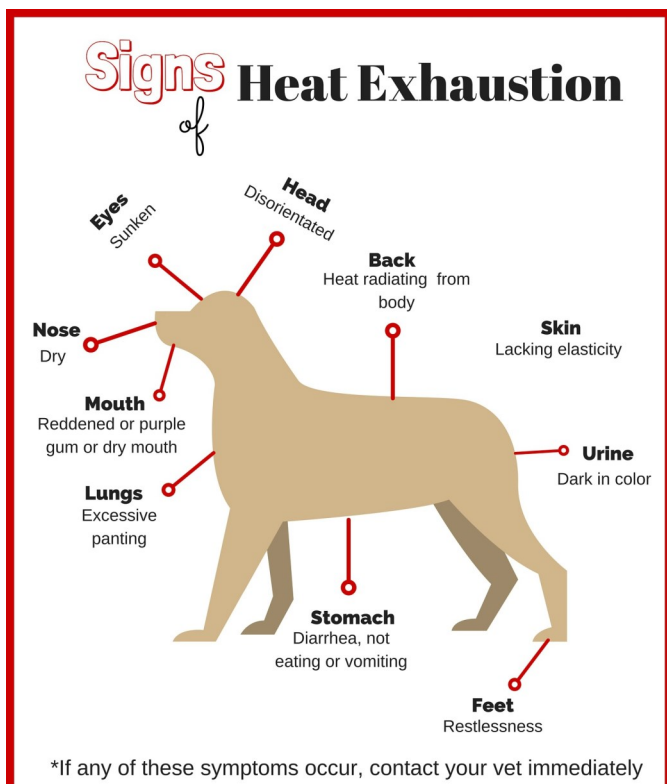
There is really no good solution to the problem. Veterinary surgeons, especially at nights and weekends, would struggle to provide a house visit as they work with skeleton crew and are responsible for a number of patients, either in the hospital or on the way to be seen. Current RCVS Guide to Professional Conduct for Veterinary Surgeons states that "Owners are responsible for transporting their animals to a veterinary practice, including in emergency situations". I would encourage all owners to make plans on how to handle the situation if emergency happens.

The options include:

- checking with family, friend and neighbours if they could lend us a hand
- checking with local pet ambulance service (nearest to Christchurch operates from Watlington/Kings Lynn area)
- checking which local taxi companies are happy to transport sick animals (if you call your veterinary practice they should have such a list at hand)

I hope I have helped even a little. I know that we can be afraid what to do in case of an emergency but careful planning can help us prepare.

Kind regards,
Nick



If your animal collapsed because of heat you should contact your veterinary practice as soon as possible. At the same time try keeping the animal calm and provide them with lukewarm to cool (but never cold) shower or bath. Make sure to dampen their coat thoroughly and if they are weak keep supporting their heads, making sure they don't drown.



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500 Words Short Story Final

Some children from Townley School entered a short story competition on BBC Radio 2 called "500 Words". Over 134,000 children entered. Although nobody from our school won, Dionne won a competition for tickets to the final. Below is her account of the day.

On Friday 8th June I went to Hampton Court Palace to see the winners of 500 words. So we started on a long drive, it took a long time. Finally we got in, sat down nicely and the show started. Now time to say who the winners were; Sadhbh Inman Gold medal, Evan Box-all Gold medal, Aoife Maddock Silver medal, Fionn McCann Silver medal, Arthur Edmonds Bronze medal, Francesca Wade Bronze medal, it wasn't me. We saw David Walliams, John Newman and Chris Evans. After it had finished we looked around the Palace, there was a chocolate room and kitchen to make hot chocolate. We saw King Henry VIII's bed, it looked modern. We went to the shop, I got a pop up book it told me about Henry VIII's six wives. After that we went outside, it was lovely. Especially the grand pond. When the taxi picked us up he started to talk about his life time story. It has inspired me to write more stories.

Dionne



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— REPORTING FROM NORTHVILLE —

The Barking Bugle did a fantastic job of hosting the Dog Show, please visit their website where you will find some pictures of our event on their Facebook page and details of all the other events they host throughout the year.
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Thank You!

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The Families who donated money & food & everyone who donated tombola & raffle prizes

FOTS would also like to thank all the fantastic volunteers & staff who helped make the day such a great success and to all the parents/carers, local and wider community for supporting us on the day. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

We raised an amazing:

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Visit the gallery section of the school website for a great slideshow of the day:

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Some of our volunteers getting ready for the big day!!



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Friends of Townley School

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our annual Dog Show. It was a huge success! FOTS raised a whopping £1083 for resources for school.



Story Café

Emperor Class held their Chocolate story café on 14th June, they were joined by Jonathan Lewis (Director of Education for Cambridgeshire). He made the following positive comments about his experience.

"What an amazing Café! Chilli in hot



Staff Vacancies

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As the weather brightens up and the sunshine starts brightening our weeks we welcome the longer, brighter nights and the opportunity to enjoy summer days and nights in the garden. When powering up your BBQ's and putting out the garden furniture for the summer season, be sure to take note of our top tips below to ensure you have a fun and safe summer in the garden.

- If cooking outdoors, always check BBQs over after winter storage. Keep them on level ground and ensure they are sited away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and property
- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area and never leave the barbecue unattended
- If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area
- Don't forget to stay safe around our county's waterways and if you see someone in trouble in water, call 999 immediately with clear details of your location
- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby, always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent!

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Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside!

This time of year we start picturing in our minds eye holidays yet to be taken and we start to take more notice and more of an interest in those adverts on TV and in the magazines of wonderful holidays. We can almost feel the warmth of the sun and the sand between our toes. You imagine yourself walking bare foot in the sand and nipping into the surf for a paddle while licking an ice cream. In recent years, cheap flights and package deals have made foreign beach holidays more common. But you don't have to leave our lovely island to enjoy a break by the sea. Maybe its the fact that we live surrounded by the sea that makes us feel such an affinity with the seaside. As the song goes "We do like to be beside the seaside!"

Jesus also loved to be beside the seaside and He often spent time by the shore of the Sea of Galilee. One night some fishermen followers took their boat out for some fishing, they trawled the waters for hours but caught nothing. As the sun was rising they landed on the beach frustrated, hungry and tired. On the shore was Jesus, He told them to go out again and when they returned a second time it was with full nets. As they come back onto the beach there was Jesus bent over a charcoal fire cooking bread and fish and inviting them to breakfast.

Jesus understood their frustrations, He knew what made such people tick, He knew what they needed most and on that morning they needed to catch fish and have something to eat. I'm so glad Jesus understands me and my needs, He understands my weariness and frustrations in life, He understands what I need most and invites me to spend time with Him.

Where ever we find yourself over the summer, at sunny Blackpool, or rainy Skegness, at home or on the beach. Jesus invites us to get close to Him.

Wherever you go ENJOY!

Ian



Rev. Ian Brady

Potato Spill Fills Creek!



Just as I was traveling back to Christchurch from Wisbech, via Upwell, imagine my surprise when I witnessed this carnage a split second after it happened.



A tractor load of spuds had overturned on the bridge by the Five Bells pub emptying most of its load into the creek! Quite a few folks rushing round with plastic bags gathering up the debris too! Rescue was soon at hand thanks to a local farmer.



QUIZ OF THE MONTH - ANSWERS!

1. Ruby
2. Julius Caesar
3. 4th
4. Barrack Obama
5. Cancer and Leo
6. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
7. The Philippines
8. Rwanda

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Richard Guilford - Area Co-ordinator

David Harrowing - District Co-ord.

And Finally!...

So! What to write! It's pretty much all been said I guess, but maybe I should just push the forthcoming **Summer BBQ with "Live Music" on Saturday 21st July** the proceeds from which go to help provide for next year's 'Over 65's Parish Lunch', and the details of which, may I remind you, are on page 16 so please book your tickets ASAP so they can sort the catering accurately. After all you'll really be helping out yourselves!

I hope that you really appreciate Jayne Freear's artwork on the following two pages too! She is a really talented lady but is quite a private person which is why it took me so long to discover the delights of what she did. If I hadn't been chatting to Steve about rugby one day I would never have known. With a talent like hers I just felt that it deserved to be appreciated. I hope you agree?

Two great shows last month as you will see on pages 1 & 2, also page 20. £1093.50! Unbelievable! Thank you to all of you who supported these events and now the rest of you know what you all missed out on! Both shows were truly fantastic!



Your village is what YOU make it! I know all those involved in such events get a real buzz and a sense of satisfaction from them. So if you haven't tried out such events as yet you really should! We really are a very happy and sociable village. You need to get to know us all!

Web links in the Heron are active when viewed in our online version www.theheron.info

'Till next time—Ed'.

Editor's Interview with Jayne Freear

I guess we always like to welcome new folks into the village as did I when Steve and Jayne moved into Jim and Alison Small's old place in Church Road. You may remember Steve wrote some rugby articles for us at the beginning of last year. Imagine my surprise recently when I discovered, quite by chance that Jayne is the most fantastic

artist with her own studio in the garden! She actually sells some of her work from a coffee shop in East Rudham, Norfolk. Jayne was born in Wisbech in 1961 and always loved art from a very early age. When she was twelve years old she was caught sketching caricatures of famous people in her sketch book at the back of a geography class when suddenly everything went quiet!

She glanced down beside her to see a pair of shiny brown brogues belonging to her teacher, Mr. Turf. He held his hand out indicating to Jane to give up her sketch book. Jayne went bright red and handed it over. As he flicked through it Mr. Turf said, "Has anyone else seen this?" "No!" Jayne replied hesitantly. "Well I think they should!" barked Mr Turf. Jayne immediately thought this meant she and it would be going to the headmistress but, to her surprise, he began to pass it around the class.

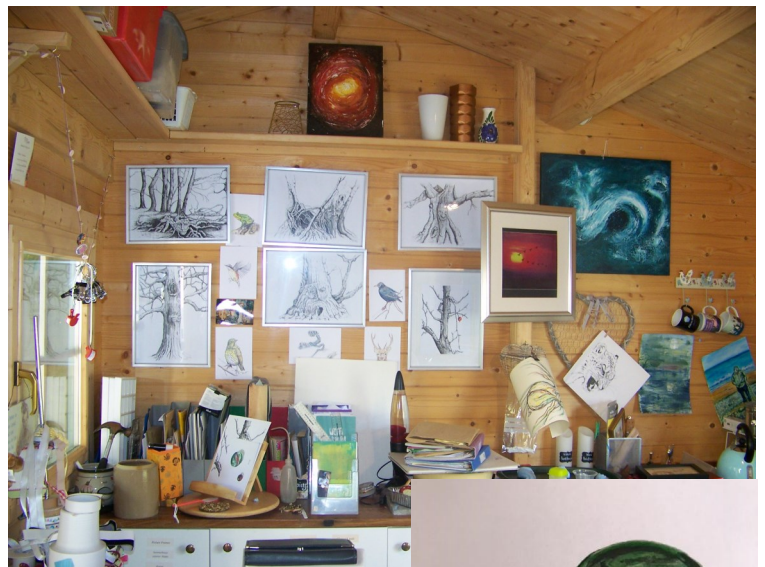
Jayne was so embarrassed and wanted the ground to 'swallow her up'! Then she began to realise that she was getting lots of really positive comments from her classmates. So, over time this very much helped with Jane's confidence in her work and was a real 'turning point' for her. Following this revelation Jane would spend most lunchtimes in the Art Department with her art teacher Mr. Houseden, who encouraged her even more! In the mid - to late seventies Jayne took her 'O' Level Art and, naturally, passed with flying colours. She continued sketching over the next few years, took a midwife course at Isle College, Wisbech. She soon realised that she wanted to swap classes and do Art but unfortunately there were no spare places at the time.

Jayne took a job in a local supermarket for a couple of years before getting married quite young and having a family after



which time her art ground to a halt. Later, having worked as a Teaching Assistant for about two years at Little Downham Feoffes Primary she applied for a job as a Teaching Assistant at Ely College. Having worked at Ely for a few years she applied to help out at the Art Summer School there. She got the job and her artistic spark was reignited. Later that year she took her Art 'A' level getting an 'A'.

That was about fifteen years ago since when Jane has REALLY developed her artistic skills, branching out into clay modelling work, pottery and ceramics. Her work has continued to develop at a pace over the years before she moved into Christchurch with Steve at 'Ashleigh Cottage' in May 2014. Imagine! All this time and I never knew! At last she has her own studio and it is full of some trully wonderful stuff. I feel privileged to have seen some of it. I hope that you can appreciate the level of her skills from the examples shown here and on the back page. Currently Jayne's work is available via the outlet in the small ad. bottom right on page 23. I am sure that we will see and hear more of Jane and her work in the very near future.





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