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# The Heron

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# Community Speedwatch - ready at last!

A year or so after the formation of Christchurch Residents Association we set up our local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Under this scheme we were then able to instigate "SPEEDWATCH". Unfortunately due to administrative complications and an audit taking place it has taken us nearly eighteen months to get the scheme up and running.

Our team of volunteers all undertook a training day back in November last year, and as of last Saturday 13th May – WE FINALLY HAVE THE KIT! We are currently sharing the equipment with Manea, though this is likely to change as they will shortly be buying their own. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this we will have undertaken our first survey. No! Of course we are not going to tell you when this or any further surveys are taking place!

The kit comprises the main scanning screen



(instead of a hand held gun) locked on to a tripod which is height adjustable. This is run by a heavy duty battery which must be charged before use using the charger supplied in the kit. There is also a warning pyramid which MUST be displayed by law. Hi-vis vests are also supplied for members of

> the Community Speedwatch Team. In addition to the above there is a 'clicker' supplied so that we can record the number of vehicles



surveyed. Thus a % of speeders can then be assessed. Speeding vehicles will be recorded by registration plate, make, model, and colour, together with a time and date. Letters will be sent out to offenders and this may be followed up by a police visit if necessary. So wish us luck in making a difference to the number of vehicles speeding through our otherwise peaceful village of Christchurch.

RWBG See the latest Breaking News on Page 12



# **Community Information**

**Defibrillator** - the village has a life saving Defibrillator located outside at Townley School details on the machine

### Mobile Library:

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

### Mobile Post Office:

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

### Dun Cow Meal Deal on alternate

Wednesday lunchtimes - 2 courses for £5.50 -Pre-Booked places ONLY.

This month's dates are 14th & 28th June

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

### Recycle your old bottles at the

Community Centre Bottle bank - this helps the Parish Council keep the Council Tax 'rates' down.

### Find local health services quickly

A new app to help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough residents find local NHS services available to them has been launched. Available to download for iOS via Apple Store, Android via Google Play, and Windows phones via Microsoft Store searching for 'MyHealth C&P CCG'.

### Dog Poo update Following the recent

survey, letters have been sent out to offenders. There is to be another 'Spray Day' in the very near future. Watch this space!

## Contact the Parish Council?

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



**Delivery Personnel** - We have a great team of delivery personnel and as you will realise from your consistent deliveries of The Heron to your homes, a very efficient one. However, we could do with one or two extra folks to cover illness/holidays etc. One of our current deliverers actually does 'three rounds'! Gold star in order there, we think! Some of our deliverers work in pairs; one doing the driving and the other actually posting The Herons through letter boxes. Sometimes swopping around. Each delivery round takes not much more than an hour, some are shorter, and that is only once a month! So if you feel that YOU could spare an hour once a month to help us out please get in touch with our Delivery Co-ordinator Sandra Kay on 01354 638478. Thank you!

## **EDITORIAL**

Finally 'Speedwatch' is about to happen after months of delay! I hope a real difference can be made in catching, or at least slowing down, those 'speeders'! Watch out!

Nice to see that the Summer weather is at last slowly returning, flowers are blooming, sadly the weeds are shooting up too! Still at least we can get out in our gardens again now.

Please don't forget to sign up for the Boot Sale on Saturday the 10th June. Or just come along on the day. All proceeds from pitch sales going in aid of Christchurch Community Centre.

We managed to get some IDs for the folks in Alan Russell's photo album featured last month (see page 17) and there's another one for your delectation this month on the opposite page.

Following our slightly ambiguous but 'true' Oldies Quiz of last month, what about what year 6s pupils have to deal with! Check out page 14 and see if you're up to it! I must admit I struggled with quite a few of them!

Election news and info on pages 8 & 9; It's really, really important to vote this time with 'Brexit' imminent! For this election I feel it would have been logical and fair to allow over 14s to vote as it is their futures that are going to be most affected!

There are one or two other features for your interest. Please don't forget to contact us with any response to letters, articles, or with any items of interest you may have yourselves, including any up and coming events.

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 e	vents	
Mondays	Pop-Up Coffee Shop - 9am to 11:30am - CCC	
	Pilates - 6:30-7:30pm - £6/ session Info - Jane Green 01354 638378 - CCC	
Fridays	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome	
	Fish and Chip Van visits - outside Dun Cow - 5-8pm	
General e	events	
Jun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	"Summerland" Ploughman's Dinner and Dance - CCC - See pg 5	
Jun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library visits - Upwell Rd Lay-by 12:15-12:45pm	
Jun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch Craft Club - Felting - bring sewing kits - CCC - 7pm	
Jun 8 <sup>th</sup>	General Election - vote at CCC - 7am - 10pm	
Jun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Welle Cinema - Denial - Cert 12a - 1:30pm - TH	
Jun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club - new students welcome - Note new time - 1:30 - 3:30pm - CCC	
Jun 13 <sup>th</sup>	WI - Karen Brammer on Cheeses - 7pm - CCC	
Jun 17 <sup>th</sup>	THE GREAT GET TOGETHER - CCC pg15	
Jun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christchurch Book Club - 7:30pm - Ivy House, Upwell Rd	
Jun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club - new students welcome - Note new time - 1:30 - 3:30pm - CCC	
Jun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club - Summer Buffet - 7:30pm CCC	
Jun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch Residents Association - The Old School - 7:30pm	
Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jazz Club - only £5 entrance - 12 noon - CCC - Bar and Refreshments	
Jul 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch Craft Club - tba - CCC - 7pm	
Jul 11 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club - new students welcome - 1:30 - 3:30pm - CCC	
Jul 11 <sup>th</sup>	WI - details to be announced - 7pm	
Jul 25 <sup>th</sup>	Art Club - new students welcome - 1:30 - 3:30pm - CCC	

# i Parish Church Services

Jun 4 <sup>th</sup>	11000	David Brady A Davi	All Age Werebin	]
	11am	Rev L Brady, A Day	All Age Worship	_ _
Jun 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Rev I Brady, SE Tooke	Holy Communion	Ц
Jun 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Revs I Brady & L Brady	Evening Prayer	U
Jun 25 <sup>th</sup>	11am	V Smith, B Hopkins	Morning Prayer	Π
Jul 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11am	Rev L Brady, A Day	All Age Worship	
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### The Heron Deadline

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

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

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# Letters to the Editor



#### Dear Richard,

When we met with Mary Singleterry recently, on seeing the photograph from Alan Russell's old album in the latest Heron (May) she became really animated as the memories flooded back and she was transported to 1949. She remembered everyone in the picture as though it was yesterday. Please keep this feature running as it obviously gives people a lot of pleasure with past reminiscences. Ruth Ingram See photo on page 17 - Ed'

### Advertisers Please Note:-

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All money raised at this event will go towards the Townley School Council Equipment Fund.

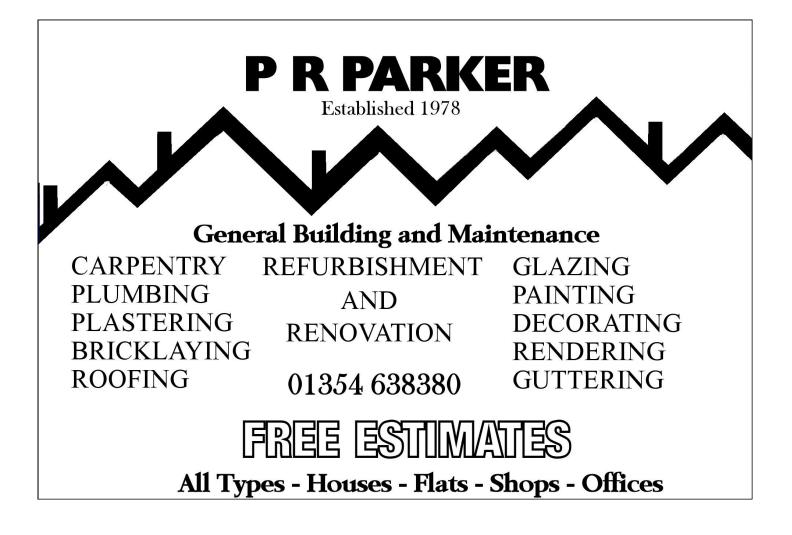
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For more information please contact Ruth on 01354 638419



# General Election Candidates - and County Council results

### On June 8th we will elect an MP for North East Cambridgeshire from the Candidates listed here:

CONSERVATIVE Steve Barclay

LABOUR Ken Rustidge

UKIP **Robin Talbot** 

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS Darren Fowler

**GREEN PARTY Ruth Johnson** 

ENGLISH DEMOCRATS Stephen Goldspink

Below are the full results from the last General Election in 2015.

North East Cambridgeshire				
Party	Candidate	Votes %	% ±	
Conservative	Stephen Barclay	28,524	55.1 +3	3.5
UKIP	Andrew Charalambous	11,650	22.5 +1	7.1
Labour	Ken Rustidge	7,476	14.4 -3	3.4
Liberal Democrat	Lucy Nethsingha	2,314	4.5 -1	5.6
Green	Helen Scott-Daniels	1,816	3.5 +3	3.5
	Majority	16,874	32.6	
	Turnout	<b>51,780</b>	62.4	
Conservative <b>h</b>	old	Swing	0.8	

County Council leader Steve Count and his running mate, Jan French, a former town mayor and a Fenland district councillor, took 2,263 votes and 2,094 respectively in the recent election of County Councillors for our 'patch', March North & Waldersey.

Labour came in third with Katharine Bultitude and Martin Field polling 856 and 850 votes respectively. Cllr French, was reported to have said: "We will do our absolute best to represent the people from across the whole county." Cllr Count said: "The constraints will continue over the next

four years, so balancing the books is important while maintaining efficiency in delivering the services." Steve COUNT (Con) 2,263 Jan FRENCH (Con) 2,094 Katharine BULTITUDE (Lab) 856 Martin FIELD (Lab) 850 Stephen COURT (Lib Dem) 605 Caroline SMITH (UKIP) 561 Robin TALBOT (UKIP) 481 Scott LANDSELL-HILL (Lib Dem) 340 Ruth JOHNSON (Green) 248 Majority: 169 Turnout: 24.9% Spoilt votes: 15





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# New Mayor says "I'll include all"

"I'll do everything I can to make sure everyone is included in the future of the county". So said The new Cambridgeshire and Peterborough first elected mayor.

James Palmer, the Conservative candidate triumphed after a second vote, taking 88,826 votes. Rod Cantrill, the Liberal Democrats candidate came second with 67,205. Labour's Kevin Price, Independent candidate Peter Dawe, the Green Party's Julie Howell, English Democrats candidate Stephen Goldspink and UKIP's Paul Bullen were all knocked out as the two leaders went to a second round, which the East Cambridgeshire District Council leader won.

James Palmer will now take charge of an annual budget of £20 million and will have devolved powers to spend up to £800 million on local housing, infrastructure and jobs across the county. He said: "Fairness is something I believe in very strongly and as Mayor I aim to make this a fairer county, with opportunities for all, making sure that everybody gets a chance of apprenticeship schemes and having a skilled job. What we have



here in Cambridgeshire is almost unique. We have the building blocks of success; we just need someone to put them together. I am immensely proud to be the first mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and I will do everything I can to make sure that everybody is included in the future of this county."

### **Polling Results for Mayoral Election**

### First round

James Palmer (Con) 76064 Rod Cantrill (Lib Dem) 47026 Kevin Price (Lab) 37297 Paul Bullen (UKIP) 15931 Julie Howell (Green) 12628 Peter Dawe (Ind) 9176 S Goldspink (EngDem) 2256 Second round James Palmer (Con) 88826 Rod Cantrill (LibDem) 67205

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# Upwell Jazz Club 2017

Christchurch Community Centre (Sat Nav PE14 9LL)

## Sunday 25th June

Guests: Paul Eshelby – trumpet/flugel horn Robert Fowler – tenor sax Graham Harvey – piano Neil Bullock – drums Len Skeat – bass

### What can you say about this band?

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More information from Nigel Smith on 01945 773121 Bar, fresh rolls, crisps and savouries available Admission: £5.00 Time: 12.30pm - 2.45pm Accompanied under-16s Free

# Art Club



Please note we have

had to change our meeting time to 1.30 - 3.30. We hope this new time might enable some more budding artists to come along and join us

We have now planned our summer term programme. We started the term with some 'Back to Basics' sessions. Now we are moving on to painting simple Landscapes and trees.

One of our members has kindly mounted and framed some of our pictures for us. We hope to show them off sometime soon. We were all very pleased with the results.

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

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

Our remaining dates this term are as below 13/27 June 11/25 July

# **Christchurch Book Club**

Book club met on 24th May.

We had been reading 'The Mystery of Princess Louise' by Lucinda Hawksley.

There was a mixed reaction, but most agreed that Princess Louise (daughter of Queen Victoria) was a fascinating character.

Book club will meet again on Wednesday 21st June, at Sharon's, Ivy House, Upwell Rd.

We shall be discussing 'The Beauty of Murder' by A.K Benedict.

New members always welcome.

For more details, please contact Sheila Day (07946635908)

This month was Resolution Evening. Unfortunately we were unable to visit Skylark Garden Centre as



arranged, due to illness of staff, but we hope to go in July.

This year's resolutions are;

1) Alleviating loneliness

2) Plastic Soup (microplastic fibres shed from synthetic clothing during washing, which eventually get into the sea)

Both were discussed and voted to be taken by our delegate from Manea WI to the Annual Meeting in Liverpool in June.

This was followed by a Quiz with Fenland connections, prepared by Sue Norman, which we all enjoyed.

Winners were Viv, Sylvia and Margaret

### **Other Matters**

Survey concerning the closure of local toilets put together by Viv - all WIs received their copy in their mailing.

A report was given by Peggy on the Federation Meeting, when six members attended - the speaker was Nick Hamilton on 'Barnsdale Gardens'

### June meeting

Speaker - Karen Brammer on Cheeses Competition - cheese straws Flowers - Sandra Lloyd Refreshments - Wendy & Peggy Raffle Rota - Marion, Doris Wolsey, Val & Kay **Any enquiries** - Tel 638339 Peggy (sec)



The raffle table bulging with goodies at the Gardening Club's Plant Sale

# Busy Busy Busy Christchurch

# This past month has been an

Club extremely busy one at the gardening club HQ. The committee has been full on, organising plants for the plant sale, which took place on Saturday 13th May, as well as ensuring our members and friends who attended were all well fed and watered. Peggy Warby rose to the occasion once again with her now legendary Bacon Butties which slipped down very easily, some might say a bit too easily (I admit it I had two!) as well as the mouth-watering array of cakes and muffins supplied by some of our members. While Jenny Farnsworth and Sandra Kay did a brilliant job of selling the plants, all of which were grown and donated by our members, Marion Hawthorn organised the raffle. A splendid event, hard work but enjoyable. Thanks to everyone who contributed so much.

Gardening

With hardly time to draw a breath our regular monthly meeting took place on Tuesday 15th May. We played host on this occasion to Corrine Turner and her assistant Charlotte, who for almost two hours demonstrated their considerable talents in making the most beautiful flower displays, all the time explaining the process with humour and good natured banter. The arrangements really were a work of art and demonstrated both traditional and modern approaches to arranging flowers, and to top it all, those present had the chance to win one of the displays they had just witnessed being created. What a great evening.

If all that wasn't enough the club is off to Chelmsford on Sunday 21st May to the National Flower show. I'll report back on that next month.

Please may I remind all our members that our Summer Buffett has been moved this year to Tuesday 27th June, make a note in your diaries as I wouldn't want anyone to miss a such a social evening.

Raffle prizes for the 27th June will be donated by Jane Williams, Jean Newell, Diane Hamence and Diane Hall.

Should you wish to avail yourselves of Corrine Turners flower displays she can be contacted on: 01354 742366 or 07704788749

Any information on the Gardening Club or to Join Please Call 01354 638 230

Till next time Steve



Left - one of the displays demonstrated

Below - Corrine makes a point



Our May meeting went well. We had been given many knitted squares to sew together.



Everybody dived in to get their squares and by

the end of the evening a great deal of work had been done. Thank you ladies. There are still more to do as and when we get time.

6th June meeting is felting, so sewing kits will be needed.

Look forward to seeing you then, Wendy 638448

Below - Wendy and Sandra enjoy a joke



# Christchurch Residents Association

On Wednesday 24th May, after the usually formalities were out of the way, our first topic was Speedwatch. Members were very pleased that this was finally taking place and looked forward to reading the update in June's Heron.

Richard explained that the Bedlam Bridge eyesore was not an illegal development. The people concerned were hoping to set up a water farm with ponds plants etc. David Bailey of FDC was looking into concerns over habitation on the site and whether the necessary permissions and licences had been obtained for abstracting water from the 16 Foot.

A chance meeting had suggested that Hircocks Coaches might have been able to provide somekind of bus service for Christchurch as they already regularly picked up from Three Holes. However, following a later phonecall it was pointed out that those running the firm were considering semi-retirement and would not be making any changes to current routes until Sept/Oct. They agreed to keep us posted.

Road closures in Upwell and Outwell were discussed and would be causing considerable disruption to homes and businesses in the area, as well as motorists travelling through for the next three weeks.

It was pointed out that the representation Richard made to the Parish Council, on behalf of the Residents Association, concerning a proposal for one or two solar powered cameras for prime fly-tipping sites, seemed to fall on deaf ears. This was disappointing as at a cost of only £195 each it was felt it wouldn't break the bank. Despite concerns over suitable mounting points with a focus of over 100 yards it was felt that this COULD have been achieved.

The Gardening Club Plant Sale had been successful and raised over £350. Arrangements for the Food Fayre proposed for September were progressing well so far with several chefs and butchers already on board. It was hoped that cheesemakers and bakers could also be encouraged to attend.

Next meeting Wednesday 28th June OS 7.30 Subs due then!

# **Community Speedwatch**

# LATEST

The first traffic survey of the new Christchurch Community SpeedWatch Team was held on Monday 22nd May.

We were stationed in Church Road just outside The Old Police House between 5.00 and 7.00pm. Out of the 57 vehicles surveyed 17 were speeding, which is approximately 30%. A surprising figure? Or is it? The eight greatest offenders were driving at speeds of over 35mph with six at 38 - 39mph and one registering a massive 43mph (these will be getting a warning letter from the police). How unobservant were they! Most vehicles spotted us and visibly slowed. Strangely this happened in both directions (lol) though we were only monitoring traffic in one direction from Padgetts Road towards us.

The Speedwatch Team all felt it was a very worthwhile (and thankfully sunny) evening. We hope that, over time we will make a difference in calming the traffic through the village.

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# Pop-up Café and Coffee Shop



Every Monday Morning from 9.00 am till 11.30pm Christchurch Community Centre

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# Try this for a Quiz - Its the sort of thing our year 6 children have to do!

Last month I was cutting my front grass when one of mv teacher friends pulled up outside my garden and came over to greet me. We had a nice chat about her children, and about what she was up to then she mentioned that the Year 6 children all over the country were just finishing their SATs tests. That's the Standard Attainment Tests that all schools take as a way of judging progress of the children. However it almost always ends up being used to judge the school too.

She mentioned to me that most adults would struggle to do the tests well, particularly under the types of time pressures that were applied. I happened to see this article in a national newspaper, and thought that our readers might like to have a go at it. **PVH** 

Sources theschoolrun.com/keystage-2-SATs-2017  Which word in the passage below contains an apostrophe for possession? It's five o'clock. Let's leave early and we'll be able to go to Emma's house first.
 What are the prepositions in this sentence below?

He walked through the doorway and sat behind the desk.

3. What is the conjunction in each sentence?

a) The children had not read the book, yet they knew the story off by heart.

b) Keep your hat on until the rain has stopped.



4. Which sentence uses the colon correctly? a) I bought several beach toys a bucket: a spade a ball and a kite b) I bought several beach toys a: bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite c) I bought several beach toys: a bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite d) I bought several: beach toys, a bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite 5. Which option correctly completes the sentence below? The child story won the competition had worked very hard. a) whom b) whose

- c) who's
- d) which





For more than half a million primary school children, last month meant one thing - the dreaded SATs. Year 6 pupils, aged 10 and 11, will be only the second group of kids to take the new form of the test, introduced last year.

They sat maths, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar. Previously, SATs were graded and level 4 was expected of children finishing primary school. But now, parents are given the score achieved by their child and whether they reached the national average or not.

The tests have changed a lot since most adults were at school. It might be a long time since your grammar and maths skills were put to the test, so how well do you think you'd do?

Well, try these questions from genuine past papers.

No calculators allowed. And no cheating.

With thanks to Emma Pietras

6. Name the two adverbs in the sentence below: All of the passengers cheered loudly, and we cheered too. 7. Which verb completes the sentence so that it uses the subjunctive form? I wish I able to join you, but it will not be possible. a) Am b) Was c) Were d) Be 8. Write an explanation of an antonym. 9. Choose which part of this sentence is a

relative clause: "The table which is made of oak is now black with age." a) The table b) which is made of oak c) is now black d) with age 10. Which sentence uses capital letters correctly? a)The athlete won four gold medals at the olympic games in London. b)The athlete won four Gold Medals at the Olympic Games in London. c)The athlete won four Gold medals at the Olympic games in

#### London.

d)The athlete won four gold medals at the Olympic Games in London.

DO YOUR MATHS SKILLS ADD UP?

**11. What is 95÷5?** 12. What is 89,994 + 7,643? **13. What is 20% of** 

13. What is 20% of 1,800?

14. If six pencils cost
£1.68 and three pencils
and one rubber cost
£1.09, how much is the
cost of one rubber?
15. A packet contains
1.5kg of oats. Each day



Maria uses 50g of oats to make porridge. How many days does

the packet of oats last? 16.2q + 4 =100. Work out the value of q. 17. Write all the common multiples of three and eight that are less than 50.

18. What is 3.005 + 6.12?

**19. n: 22. What is 2n +9?** 20. Miss Mills is making

jam to sell at the school fair. Strawberries cost £7.50 per kg. Sugar costs



kg. Sugar costs 79p per kg. 10 glass jars cost £6.90. She uses 12kg of strawberries and 10kg of sugar to make 20 jars of jam. Calculate the total cost to make 20 jars of jam.

21. What is the missing number? 70 ÷ \_\_\_\_= 3.5

22. A stack of 20 identical boxes is 140cm tall. Stefan takes three boxes off the top. How tall is the stack now?

23. What is 71 x 8?

24. What is 122,546 -11,999?

25. What is 1,320÷12?

See page 21 for the answers and judgement

# Heron Publishing AGM - Finance report

We publish the financial report given to the AGM. attended by the Friends of the Heron. Actual minutes of the meeting will be available at the next meeting in November, or if you are a registered "Friend of the Heron" then we'll send you them a couple of weeks before!

The figures show our main income is from business advertising, and we have a regular grant from Parish Council. We sell a few copies each month in the Health Centre and local shops, and generally cover costs of printing, but don't make a profit on them because some are always unsold.

We have used our own computers etc up to now, so have not had any big capital costs, but this could change in the future. We may need to replace or add to equipment.

Business adverts are paid for upfront so there always needs to be enough in the account to repay them if magazine folds.

The figure of £101.98 shown on both sides of balance sheet is for expenses incurred during the consultation period for a possible Community shop. This was funded by Cambridgeshire Acre. As the shop did not have its own bank account, and Acre can not give money to individuals, it was paid into the CVRC account, and reimbursed to us. We should emphasise that none of the expenses for the

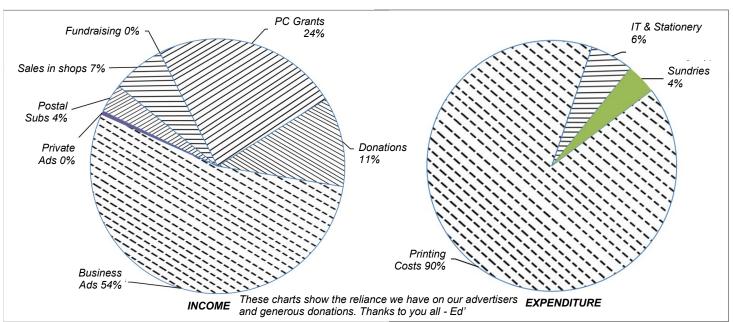
Community shop project were paid for out of Heron funds!

For those of you who remember last year's figures, donations were down on that year - mainly due to large 'one off' donations in 2015 which we will not

Now called Heron Publishing		
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Financial Summary for period	2016-2017	
Expenditure		
Printing	3945.00	
Stationery & IT	245.53	
Misc	168.80	
Expenses to Community shop	101.98	
	0.00	
	0.00	
totals	4461.31	4461.31
Income		
Parish Council	960.00	
Donations	460.90	
Bus Ads	2193.00	
Pri Ads	18.20	
Postal Subscriptions	150.00	
Sales	270.00	
Fund Raising	0.00	
Misc -re-imbursement from Comm Sh	юр 101.98	
Totals	4154.08	4154.08
Opening	balance	1561.13
Income		4154.08
	Total	5715.21
Expenditu	re	4461.31
		1253.90
Uncashed	cheque	20.00
Closing b	alance in bank	1273.90

expect every year. In the past, The Heron used to get donations from village clubs and organisations, which it serves, but these have dried up over the past several years.

VMH treasurer



# Do you know who? - from Alan Russell's saved album



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# A Day in the Life..... (of a Jazz Musician)

As a gigging musician from a very early age and with literally thousands of gigs under my belt, it would probably not surprise anyone to know that I have a routine. To my mind when the routine is compromised things can go wrong in a heartbeat, that's not something I would wish for in front of an audience. So, it was that on Sunday Morning 30th April it was time to prepare for that day's lunchtime gig at Upwell Jazz Club in Christchurch. Probably the most local gig one could wish for. The first set kicks off around twelve thirty so at ten thirty I began checking the equipment I had chosen to use for the gig. First the guitar amp. Although I always use high quality gear things can and do go wrong, so turn it on check for crackles when the controls are turned and while I'm at it plug in the guitar and check that's all okay as well. Play some scales and chords making sure the strings are okay and the instrument plays and intonates correctly, maybe a little spit and polish.

Once satisfied pack them both ready for transit to the job and turn my attention to the books.

I carry three sets of music, one for me and the others for the musicians I will be playing with today. Satisfied all is well, and that I have spare leads, tuners and strings. I head for some breakfast and to load up the car.

Arriving at the community centre I meet up with Chris the soundman and Will Sivier today's drummer. After lugging in and setting up the gear and checking the sound, Heinz Hunt the other featured artist arrives and we begin to talk about the tunes we might play, it's at this point, as I hand him my book of songs, that he waves me away saying he can't read music and doesn't want to look at it, as this is a gig where we have no set parts and need to follow written top-lines as we improvise, this strikes me as a problem, which indeed it proves to be. Every time we play one of my tunes he mutters "I'm off" and goes to sit in the audience while I plough on through the tunes he knows by heart, reading the keyboard parts over Nigel Portass, the piano player's shoulder.

The audience unaware of this predicament, had a great time and seemed to enjoy the gig, and were fulsome in their applause. Was it comfortable for me? Well any musicians reading this will know that "Them's the breaks" and you just need get on with



it, letting your own professionalism make up for others who lack that commodity.

Less anyone reading this might think this is just "sour grapes" when I discussed this with our editor Richard Guiford it seemed obvious that I couldn't review myself and we thought at least some of our readers might find an inside view of performing interesting. At the point of inception, I had no idea that this might be the outcome and have since thought long and hard about writing this piece but concluded that if it was to be written it had to be warts and all. It's not always easy playing music but I still love it!

Steve Waye.



Left to right - Connie Sparrow (teacher), Mary Singleterry nee Tiffin (assistant teacher), Jean Overland (infant teacher), Kenneth Oatey (pupil), Mr Davies (deputy head), Alec Scott (Manager) *Answers from Mary Singleterry*.

We were delighted to find out the names of these people! It was only through a chance encounter that we heard that these little "quizzes" are appreciated. Unless you tell us, we may think it's a waste of time and space! Ed'

# Fen Folk - most depressed in UK

People in Fenland are taking the most anti depressants compared to anywhere else in Britain, according to a new report outlined in a Cambs Times article by Kath Sansom.

The news comes amid figures that show anti depressant use has increased seven fold nationally in the last 25 years.

A study into anti-depressant prescribing has revealed that Cambridgeshire doctors gave out the most per head in the UK with Fenland topping the list.

Sean Jackson, chief marketing officer at analytic specialists EXASOL, said: "People suffering from mental health problems need support and respect, These insights can direct help to the right places and it highlights where more resources are necessary."

# In Cambridgeshire:

- Fenland has an average of 1.68 prescriptions per head.
- Huntingdon: average of 1.35.
- East Cambridgeshire: average of 1.27
- Peterborough: average of 1.16
- Cambridge: average of 0.88.
- A total of 1.23 prescriptions per head in all of Cambridgeshire.
- The average in the whole country is 1.16.

Mr Jackson said: "With the right data and the right technology you can turn any problem into a data problem. "

Findings were taken from official data released by the Government's NHS Digital platform which shows every GP prescription dispensed at pharmacies across England from August 2010 to December 2016.





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Townley vs Manea

1<sup>st</sup> Half Townley 2- Manea 0 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Townley *WON* 4-0

It was a good first match, we played well, Manea didn't have anyone taller than our tallest player.

Townley vs Lionel Walden

1<sup>st</sup> Half Townley 2- Lionel Walden 3

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Lionel Walden *WON* 5 - 2

We played really well considering everyone was taller than Frederick. We had some really good teamwork and defending skills and we should all be very proud of ourselves.

<u>Manea vs Lionel Walden</u> - We can't remember the score but Lionel Walden won.

1<sup>st</sup> place - Lionel Walden, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Townley 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Manea

Mrs Ford was very proud of our sportsmanship and our behaviour. Both Ashley and Freddy our captains did everything they should have. We as captains are very proud of our team as they gave it all they've got, considering we didn't have any year 6's on the team.

Thank you to Lionel Walden for hosting the tournament.

Top scorers:

Ashley, Emily, Freddy, Nojus, Rubiee,

We would like to say thank you to Mrs Ford for coaching us this year and since we were year 2's

Written by Freddy and Ashley.

### **Provisional Diary Dates**

Half Term— 29 May to 2 June Class 3 Harry Potter World—5 June Class 2 Story Café—8 June Class 1 Story Café—22 June Class 3 assembly—27 June Sports Day—30 June Class 2 assembly—3 July





# The Joan Smith Column

Well it's that time again to jot things down for my monthly column in The Heron – BUT! Last month I must have

got a little carried away with my words as my friend Nancy DID get the part-time job with Mr & Mrs A; and later it was full-time employment.

Many weeks later I received my exam results. I had been given a B+! I was of course 'over the moon'! I took the letter in to work with me the next day, and left it for Dr. A to see. Next day there was

a note attached saying "Well done Joan!" Trevor had been with the A's almost three years when he mentioned to Nancy and I that he was going to give his notice

in. We were both shocked! He explained the reason was that the package he had been offered had never been fulfilled, and

he could see it not working. Therefore, he felt he had to hand his notice in. His contract stated one months notice.

Mrs. A said that she would be willing to learn the printing process if Trevor would guide her through it (I thought it was very complicated!). So, pad in hand for taking notes, she still made a few mistakes. I joked "If you don't make a mistake, or



two you haven't learnt so much!" She really didn't like the job much and it meant that she would have to give notice to the Convent School she taught at. In the meantime she asked Nancy if she would like to learn how to operate the printing press. So between them they began printing the journals.

One day, several months later, Nancy mentioned that she was not earning any more money despite the extra responsibilities. She decided to mention it to Mr A before next pay day. Trevor had left by now and I naturally assumed that Nancy would be getting a little more money as she was doing at least half of Trevor's



work. In those old days wages were only four shillings and six pence an hour (between 48 and 50p today). Their excuse was that Nancy had no qualifications or certificates. She was only self-taught. However, she was doing easily as good as Trevor ever did so this seemed very unfair.

In fact I thought Nancy was brilliant! So much so that she eventually took on all the printing of the journals. Mrs. A did give up her job at the Convent School and took on the job of packing and dealing with all the journal orders. A mail van used to come and collect the packages when they were ready and off they went to their various destinations all over the country, and abroad.



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# **Parish Council snippets**

The talk about dementia in the Parish Meeting did not happen due to the speaker being required to work. The Chair of the Council gave a short talk about the work of the Parish Council, then the Chairs of Community Centre and the Residents Association spoke about their work. Heron Publishing also reported on The Heron.

### **Public time**

Once again fly tipping up Green Lane was reported. Also the comments of a Councillor reported in last month's Heron about the credence that could be attributed to the reporting in the Cambs Times concerning remarks over development in the village. The question was also asked about the efforts to provide public transport for the village. Comments were made that it was unlikely that there would be enough demand for public transport with the current number of residents in the village.

### **Outstanding matters**

Bus shelter - the Gardening Club does not want to be involved in attempting to beautify the bus shelter as it was, "Like making a silk purse out of a sows ear". Cllr Harper would cover it with trellis.

Where to site the Millennium Bench again was in discussion and went to a vote - three counsellors to two favoured in the bus shelter.

Dog mess outside Syringa House - there had been a visit from a council official and the situation had improved.

Clarification had been sought following the Appeal decision for Padgett Road properties. This was about the sustainability policies of Fenland which would negatively impact on further development within the village. Councillor Sutton stated that because of the 10% limit being exceeded more development would need to demonstrate clear community support. There is really a "Catch 22" situation where further development might be needed to provide business for any shop and public transport, but without a shop or public transport there may be no further development! Councillor Sutton suggested that there would only need to be a direct link to the village, for instance a footpath or cycle path and therefore this would not preclude further developments given public support. There was still confusion as the Clerk announced the ruling definitively referred to the need for any

development, that there should be no reliance on private transport for shopping.

Tipps End's 40 mile an hour speed limit - the scheme is not likely to go ahead quickly so there was a suggestion that the chevrons that had been removed be replaced for this years work.

### **Councillors** report

Only Councillor Sutton was in attendance. He reported the Garden Waste bin scheme was now at a level of 17,500 subscribers and more are signing up weekly, (16,000 was the breakeven point).

### **Play equipment**

The Chairman was determined to have a decision regarding the wooden climbing frame this week - to remove or repair, but needed a further consultation with Fenland Leisure. A meeting would be arranged and decision taken on site.

Traffic on Crown Road and Wayside - Some residents have asked for a one-way scheme.

Street lights - Balfour Beatty have pulled out of the contract and Fenland are investigating other suppliers.

### **Financial Matters**

Consideration was given to the grant given to The Heron. There was strong support from those present, so that was agreed. PVH

#### ANSWERS to SATs Quiz ENGLISH

top set.

1) Emma's 2) Through, behind 3) a: Yet b: until 4) c: I bought several beach toys: a bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite 5) b: Whose 6) Loudly, too 7) c: Were 8) A word opposite in meaning to another. 9) b: "...which is made of oak" 10) d: The athlete won four gold medals at the Olympic Games in London. MATHS

**11)** 19 **12)** 97,637 **13)** 360 **14)** 25p **15)** 30 days **16)** 48 **17)** 24 and 48 **18)** 9.125 **19)** 53 **20)** £111.70 **21)** 20 **22)** 119cm **23)** 568 **24)** 110,547 **25)** 110.

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### HOW DOES YOUR SCORE MEASURE UP?

Ø-8 Bottom of the class You may have sailed through your GCSEs, but it's back to school for you because clearly the only take away you know about is the one you pick up from the local Chinese. Get your head in those revision books for a refresher.
9-16 Could do better You may be in the middle set, but noun phrases, modal verbs, possessive pronouns and subordinate clauses clearly still get your head in a spin.
17-25 SATS swat You clearly paid attention in school and sat on the front row because you're an A grade student. Give yourself a pat on the back and a gold star as you're clearly in the



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# Richard Hughes' Rhubarb Bakewell Tart

### As demonstrated to WI Open Meeting in March

### Makes one 23cm flan

For the Sweet Shortcrust Pastry: For the Frangipane: 250g plain flour 110g caster sugar 110g unsalted butter 2g salt 150g butter, frozen a few drops of almond essence 75g icing sugar 80g ground almonds 25g plain flour zest of 1/2 lemon 2 eggs 1 egg yolk 1 whole egg 250g rhubarb, chopped 2 dessertspoons of apricot jam

### Pre-heat oven to Gas Mark 6/200°C

- To make the pastry, sift together the flour and salt.
- Grate the frozen butter into the flour, and mix until the mixture resembles rough crumbs.
- Mix the sugar and lemon zest into the mixture, then add the egg yolk and egg.
- Work everything together, handling as little as possible.
- Allow to rest for 10 minutes.
- To make the frangipane, cream together the butter and sugar until pale.
- Mix together the ground almonds and flour.
- Alternately add one egg at a time to the butter and sugar mixture, sprinkling a little of the almond and flour mix over at the same time to help the eggs bind.
- Once all the eggs are well incorporated, fold in the rest of the almond and flour mixture.

- Place the apricot jam in a pan, gently heat and reduce until it coats the back of a spoon.
- Remove from the heat and allow to cool a little.
- Roll out the pastry.
- Line the tart tin with the pastry, then spread on the apricot jam.
- Smooth the frangipane over the top of the jam, and top with the chopped rhubarb.
- Bake in the oven for 20 minutes,
- Turn the oven temperature down to Gas Mark 3/170°C and cook for a further 25 minutes – make sure the pastry is cooked through.
- Serve warm with a little custard, cream or ice cream.



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# Bowls Club Report - Malcolm Hicks

The Christchurch Club's 43rd bowling season kicked off on 22nd April 2017 with an afternoon rollup. Sadly missing this season was founder member Roland Singleterry and long standing member John Frost who both passed away in recent months. Both will be greatly missed for their unselfish support of our small club.

We welcomed Maurice and Doreen Miller as new members, although not new to bowls. The club continues to play in the March and District League playing matches on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Results so far this season are: Upwell Park (Home) – won 5-1 BRAZA (Away) – won 5-1 Upwell (Home) – won 6-0 Guyhirn (Away) – won 5-1 Murrow (Away) – won 5-1 March Town A (Away) – won 4.5-1.5

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A drive was held on the 11th May, with 16 people participating. The winner was Gordon Green and the "could do better" prize went to Maurice Miller. A very welcome hot supper (cottage pie and chilli) was served after bowling.

The singles competition is well underway and the semi-finalists are Roly Frost, John Lesage, John Farnsworth and Malc Hicks.

Weather conditions proved to be normal for the start of the season with waterproofs and thermals being the norm!

This is our second season using the excellent new facility of the Community Centre and the green is in tip top condition.

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# And Finally...

Wheels! Wheels! Wheels! We mentioned their diverse influence and 'use' last month! Now we focus on their 'abuse' this month by way of 'speeding vehicles' through our village Lead



<sup>60</sup> miles an hour?! But that's impossible! I've only been driving for 15 minutes!

boots! That's the problem! If you're in a rush then you just need to leave earlier! Enjoy our wonderful Fenland countryside! Chill! Life's too short! And it could end up being even shorter if you exceed the speed limit! At best you could end up losing your licence! There's a 50mph speed limit along our section of the 16ft Bank. Such an uneven bumpy road is really not suitable for speeds exceeding that! Yet we frequently see vehicles doing 80+! Maniacs! Through our village we see many vehicles, even lorries, and farm vehicles exceeding the 30mph limit! This is both inappropriate and inconsiderate and downright dangerous, especially at school 'drop-off' and 'pick-up' times. We used to be a quiet country village! Let us hope that our new Community Speedwatch Team will be able to make a real difference and return us to happier times!

'till next month - Ed'.

# Sport AFC Christchurch celebrate a good season



On Saturday 6th May the boys of AFC Christchurch had their end of season celebrations in The Dun Cow where various presentations were made to players for their achievements. These included: James Boxall - Top Scorer

(The Golden Boot), Josh Ingram - Players Player (who was absent due to a prior commitment), Jonny Bertauche - Managers Player, and Tyler Akred - Most Improved Player. Other presentations made



were beautiful floral bouquets of flowers to Yvonne Chenery - Secretary, Annette Chenery - Treasurer, Ruth Ingram - for all her marketing and fund raising, and a bottle of whisky was presented to Andre Chenery - for his noble efforts throughout the year as Bagman and supporter.

There was a wonderful friendly atmosphere in the pub with a lot of 'banter' as you might expect and

can see from the photographs. A great first season for the boys with great promise for improvements next year.

Congratulations to all and especially to Player/ Manager Peter Chenery who got the whole thing started, with great support from his family and many others as you can see.

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Josh Ingram - Player's Playe





Peter Chenery presents bouquets to Annette





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