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THE CURRENT HERON TEAM



Nick is the latest member to join the team, just last month you may recall. I would like to thank Richard for inviting me to join the Heron team. My name is Nick (Mikolaj) Wojciechowski and we moved into the village about two months ago. In 2014, I am proud to say, I

became a British citizen. Last year, having passed my exams, I became a fully qualified veterinary surgeon, and am now recognised as an RCVS Advanced Practitioner in Emergency and Critical Care; one of only eighteen in the UK. I have worked at the Cromwell Veterinary Hospital in Huntingdon for the past four years, and will be writing a regular column for The Heron on small animal veterinary topics and will be pleased to answer readers questions on such matters.



Hazel Crawford of Syringa House joined us in March of this year; taking over proof-reading duties from Viv.

I run an antiques and collectables business with my husband Noel, selling online and at fairs across the country. Prior to moving to Christchurch, I was a Graphics and

Communications Officer at

Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, responsible for the hospitals graphical requirements, including newsletters, posters, event advertising and website design. We are still busy with the restoration of Syringa House, with three dogs, two cats and the children. Other interests include: researching family history, visiting auctions, and collecting Post Office memorabilia.



Linda Webster joined the team in August 2017 as our new Treasurer and Avertising Manager.

I have many years of experience working with finance, and also enjoy meeting people. I worked for the Post Office for nearly 30 years, finishing up as manager of the Newmarket branch. I then worked for the Nat

West Bank for a couple of years before moving to a job at Fenland District Council.

I am originally from London, and have lived in Christchurch for nearly three years. I am a dog lover and she have two rough collies at present. I have had collies since 1971.



Derek Randall-Hall moved into the village at the end of August 2017 and has taken on our Youth and Sport Portfolio.

I have worked in advertising, design and artwork for 25 years working for both below and above line London agencies including Grey Advertising, TBWA, Ogilvy &

Mather and TCA. For the last 11 years I have been self-employed still working on numerous blue-chip client accounts such as Reel Cinema, Castrol BP, Stanley and also many other smaller businesses including private work such as one-off leaflets, stationery and invites. Still harbouring a healthy respect for the traditional skills of paste-up, typography and classic design training, I incorporate these into modern technology to give the best and most accurate work both online and offline. The odd time I do have to myself I can be found relaxing in the garden, doing DIY in the house, or playing the occasional game of golf still wondering if I will ever get under 100.



Elaine Reed-Hughes joined us in November 2017 and takes care of the Clubs Pages along with lots of other jobs in the background.

After a 25 year career in various administrative, PA and managerial roles, and bringing up two children in Christchurch, I finally joined the Heron team in November 2017. I am

also one of the "Pop - Up Coffee Shop" team at the Community Centre on a Monday and also attend a few of the Village Clubs - which makes me an ideal candidate for putting together our Clubs pages in The Heron.

**SO AS YOU SEE WE HAVE A VERY STRONG TEAM!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL! SEE MORE TEAM MEMBERS
ON PAGE 31 INSIDE THE BACK COVER
AND PAGE 26 - DELIVERY PERSONEL**

Community Information

Mobile Library: First Tuesday each month - in the lay-by Upwell Road - 12:15 - 12:45pm. Forthcoming dates are June 4th, 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:

on alternate
Wednesday lunchtimes - 2 courses for £5.50 -
Pre-booked places ONLY.
This month's dates are 6th June, 18th June, 4th July

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 way to celebrate our 50th edition since taking over in May 2014. How time flies! Thank you all so much for your support over the years and especially to all our contributors and columnists. And...probably most important of all, to all our extremely hardworking distributors, managed by Sandra Kay. Without them you would not be receiving your regular copies. But the real cause for celebration currently is the success of our recent Village Plant Sale! Despite being rained off on Saturday afternoon we took £736.84 !!! Staggering! After deducting plant and catering costs that gave us a clear £506.90 to put into The Heron's bank account; much to Lynda Webster, our treasurer's delight! Only £150 short of the cost of two editions!

On **Sunday 3rd June it's our next Food Fayre** at the Community Centre from 10.00am till 4.00pm and this time **ENTRY IS FREE!!!** So please come along and support this event. Lots of high quality produce including seafood and bakery goods as well as the usual fruit and veg from Smith's of Wisbech. Some new stalls too, as well as Bar-B-Q and other drinks and refreshments. Please see our ad. on page 9.

Lots of village events this month; **Fun Dog Show & Summer Fayre on Saturday 9th**, and then the **Classic Car Show & Family Fun Day on Sunday 10th**. Please see ads on pages 20 and 28 respectively. **Townley School** also has a **fundraising event on the evening of the 9th June (See page 24)** so please support that too!

We feel proud to present our **50th Edition of The Heron** and thought you might be interested in being introduced to all those involved. See front page, and pages 2, 26, and 31 for more information. We'd especially like to welcome Nick Wojciechowski who presents his first column this month on page 15.

Then there's all the usual features plus one or two more!
So enjoy 'till next month!

Reshmi

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

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

June 3rd "Food Fayre" - FREE ENTRY - 10.00am to 4.00pm - BBQ & Cream Teas - CCC

June 4th Mobile Library visits - Upwell Road layby - 12.15 to 12.45pm

June 5th Craft Club - Painting Pebbles - 7.00pm CCC

June 9th FOTS Fun Dog Show & Summer Fayre - from 10.30am - CCC & Recreation Ground

June 10th Classic Car Show & Family Fun Day - 10.30am - BBQ & Hogroast - CCR'cr't'n Grnd

June 10th Welle Cinema - "The Post" - doors open 1.30pm for 2.00pm start - Entry £3 - TH

June 11th Parish Council Meeting - ALL WELCOME - 7.30pm - CCC

June 12th Art Club - Colour Matching - 1.30-3.30pm - CCC

June 12th W.I. - Talk by Henrietta Robinson on 'Bad Men' - 7.00pm CCC

June 19th Garden Club - Garden visit - 7.00pm - CCC

June 20th Community Centre Committee Meeting - 7.00pm - CCC

June 26th Art Club - Drawing - using pencils, charcoal, & ink - 1.30-3.30pm - CCC

June 26th Christchurch Book Club - 7:30pm at Viv's 'Glynan', Crown Road - 01354 638381

July 22nd "Hogroast" & Cream Teas at The Old School, Church Rd. - 11.00am~6.30pm ^{*HERON FUNDRAISER}

Parish Church Services

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|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| June 3 rd | 11.00am | A Carlin, A Day | All Age Worship |
| June 10 th | 9.30am | Rev I Brady, V Smith | Holy Communion |
| June 17 th | 6.30pm | Revs I & L Brady | Evening Prayer |
| June 24 th | 11.00am | R Holding | Morning Prayer |
| July 1 st | 11.00am | Rev'd I Brady, A Day | Baptism, All Age Worship |

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 July's edition of The Heron is **25th june**. However, due to the amount of copy we are getting, leave it till then we may not have space.

So - AS EARLY AS YOU CAN PLEASE !

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

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

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

Letters to the Editor



Dear Richard,

Further to last month's Heron. Firstly, congratulations on having the courage to highlight and comment on a contentious issue which caused some in the village jump up and down and over react. As near neighbours of Mr and Mrs Brazil I would like to say that no one could ask for more courteous or indeed considerate neighbours. The alleged 'pig farm' consists of two pet pigs and as our garden adjoins theirs I can honestly say we have never heard or smelt anything from those piggies.

Secondly, concerning the so called 'caravan park', the three caravans concerned are only visible by walking down their private drive and peering over a six foot fence. As relative newcomers ourselves, having only lived here for three years, I am shocked at the scare mongering viciousness and small mindedness of some of the villagers involved. So mean spirited! If only people would talk to their neighbours and thereby better understand each other!

Regards

Della Curtis

Many thanks Della. I couldn't agree more! - Ed'.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your article page 3 May 2018 edition of your anti dog walkers rag.

Your Community Magazine is neither anti dog walkers (quite the opposite in fact!) neither is it a 'rag'! - Ed'.

Farmers are bound by law, regardless who they think they are, not to spray harmful chemicals next to or near public rights of way or to quote the law with the following:

"If you have to spray land crossed by a public right of way, use pesticides approved for such use and follow the product instructions. Where a public right of way crosses or runs alongside a field, you can provide an informal alternative route that they can use for this period if you wish, but this does not close the public right of way. If the public are still using the public right of way, despite warning notices, you must stop spraying temporarily."

"it is subject to the product label conditions as some products require you to keep unprotected people and livestock out of the treated area for a specific period. Don't use these if you cannot restrict access to the site until the area is safe."

Where a path or bridleway crosses or runs alongside a field, farmers must make sure the public is not put at risk and should consider using notices next to the right of way to warn people of spraying and advise that they keep to the path."

Such notices cannot stop people using a public right of way and if people are still using it despite the warning notices operators should consider stopping briefly if there is a risk to health such as from the machinery or spray used. Get permission from the local highway authority if you need to put a notice on the public right of way."

While I agree with your continuing quote of not allowing a dog to run across the fields, not that I have ever seen this happen and will suggest that most dog walkers are responsible enough, I respectfully request that you in your next issue make dog walkers and general public right of

way users aware of the facts.

While on this subject may I suggest you remind farmers, through your '**magazine**' that restricting public rights of way is not permitted!

"Other don'ts for landowners:

You cannot grow crops on a public right of way, however grass can be grown for hay and silage.

Dairy bulls over 10 months are not allowed to cross over a field with a right of way.

You cannot put up stiles or gates without the permission of your local authority.

You cannot put up misleading signs to prevent people from using a public right of way.

You are not allowed to harass, intimidate (e.g. placing a fierce dog on public right of way) or prevent members of the public from using a public right of way.

It is an offence under the Highways Act 1980 to put up barbed wires, electric fences or exposed barb wire that prevents or obstructs a public right of way."

I draw your attention to the public right of way at

*Beachwood Farm where locked gates have been erected preventing public access. As Editor and possibly an upstanding member of the Christchurch community, would you like to report this or shall I? I also am respectfully aware that farmers have to earn a living, but must do so whilst keeping within the law.

I look forward in seeing this response in next month's '**magazine**'.

Sean Gray

**Why have you delayed in reporting this? Also I think this is a bit of an 'over reaction' to what was a 'polite' request—Ed'.*

Dear Editor,

I was amazed, albeit not surprised, to read your articles in the Heron (May 2018). As Editor and contributor to The Heron you have a duty to be unbiased and report the facts as they are and not your interpretation of them.

There was no 'interpretation' just 'presentation'.—Ed'.

Firstly I refer you to your comments on page 6 where you write:

"Following a meeting of the Parish Council where the two parties in dispute made their views known....." You are exaggerating. There were no "two parties in dispute". You were not present. You should have consulted both parties before printing that statement to get a balanced view.

You clearly have no understanding of legal procedure and protocol. The two parties in question are yourselves as 'persecutors' and the Brazils as 'defendants'. Neither I nor The Heron took any part in the proceedings as undertaken at said Parish Council meeting. Secondly, I am not 'duty bound' to interview either party. My comments relate entirely to the facts presented at the meeting of the Parish Council. My opinion as stated sought to present a 'balanced view' based on the alleged facts presented by both sides in the dispute! - Ed'.

Letters to the Editor

Continued from page 5



I was present, the facts are:

A Retrospective Planning Application, F/YR18/0283/F, has been lodged.

This has now been withdrawn—Ed'.

My wife and I attended the Parish Council meeting to have my specific concerns addressed, concerns with FDC Planning Department. I was there seeking a route to escalate these. I made it quite clear at the outset of the Parish Council meeting that my reason for attending the meeting had absolutely nothing to do with the rights or wrongs of the Retrospective Planning Application, that is for FDC to make a judgement on.

A DISCUSSION took place that clarified aspects of the Retrospective Planning Application. The Chair rightly reminded all to speak via the chair (It is easy to forget the protocols if you don't normally attend these meetings, sorry Mr. Chairman). The DISCUSSION was taken outside with Councillor Sutton so that the meeting could continue with the rest of its business. To be fair Councillor Sutton proposed a change to the Retrospective Planning Application that would have, at least, removed our objection to it.

Secondly I refer you to your comments on page 3 editorial:

"I feel that I must make comment....."

Whatever you 'feel' you should do you should not abuse your editorial position by using it to express your personal opinions. You are not an elected referee for the people. You should remain independent and objective.

If you did 'feel' you must keep the village informed you should simply have referred people to the Retrospective Planning Application and let people form their own opinion. At that point they are free to seek clarification from the applicant and register their consent or opposition via FDC Planning Department should they so wish.

If you cannot remain unbiased or report the whole facts perhaps you should consider whether you are right person to maintain the position of Editor of the Heron.

Do not presume to dictate to me how to do my job! A job which you clearly have no understanding of, save a somewhat 'jaded' view! The Heron and myself as Editor remain entirely objective, especially in our dealings with readers letters; the purpose of which is to elicit a response either in support of comments made or expressing an opposite view. As clearly stated in the magazine we reserve the right to 'edit' such contributions where this is considered appropriate. This matter clearly did not only refer to planning applications. I consider no apology necessary as all the 'facts' commented on by me were 'true'! There was no bias in any way, nor were they directed at any specific individual.

I agree wholeheartedly with Mrs. Brazil's sentiments about

Social Media abuse (I am glad to see the 'Trolling' appears to have been removed from Facebook) however I would expand those sentiments to include the misrepresentation of facts by the media.

Keith Hill

Footnote: For what it's worth I decided to take a little time to research some of the terms you used in your editorial.

Q1: "Google, What is definition of a pig farm?"

A: "Pig farming is the raising and breeding of domestic pigs"

Q2: "Google, What is definition of a Caravan Park?"

A: "An area of ground where caravans can be parked"

Your 'research' is both superficial and fatuous and would not stand up in a court of law. Two pigs do not a pig farm make! Similarly, three 'family' caravans do NOT make a caravan park! 'Nough said! - Ed'.

Hello Richard

Just to let you know that the Breakfast Cafe, on Sunday 13th May, raised £115. We would like to thank all the people who supported this event by coming along and enjoying delicious cooked breakfasts and friendly chat. Their generous donations have been sent to Christian Aid. I've attached some photos if you would like to use them in The Heron.

With Thanks

Helen, Karen, Sheila and Annie.

Well done all! Ryan and I very much enjoyed our takeaway! Photos below. - Ed'.



WELLE CINEMA

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Refreshments & raffle available. Tel. 01945 773710

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Sunday 10th JUNE, 2pm: THE POST (12a)

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Sunday June 3rd

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Pat's Preserves and Pickles, Knights of Downham - Bakery, Cheeses,

BBQ, BAR & RAFFLE

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**Why not join us for lunch? - Filled rolls & baguettes,
Cakes & biscuits, Tea, Coffee and soft drinks**

ALL PROCEEDS TOWARDS HERON FUNDS

Wimbledon Quiz! (July 2-15 2018)

1. Name the 4 male tennis players known as "The Big Four". Which countries are they from?
2. Which of them speaks 5 languages? (Clue: his father, uncle and aunt were Professional Skiers).
3. Which one is a Global Ambassador for UNICEF, United for Wildlife, Malaria No More and WWF? (Clue: he was once offered trials with Glasgow Rangers).
4. Which one named his Yacht BEETHOVEN, and why? (Clue: he is right-handed, but plays tennis left-handed).
5. Who is the current British No.1, and where was he born?
6. Who were the players involved in the longest match ever at Wimbledon in 2010, and how long did it last? Can you remember the final set score and who won?
7. A 23 year old plays wearing glasses. He began playing tennis at the age of 6 with his parents and continued to play after his doctor recommended that looking at the colour green would help his weak eyesight. What is his name and which country does he come from?
8. Which Political Movement shared the same colours as Wimbledon, and began in the early 1900s? (Clue: it began around the time of the choosing of the Wimbledon colours, and coincided with more women allowed to play at the tournament).
9. Why is there a Pineapple a-top of the Men's Singles Trophy?
10. Name the 4 Grand Slam Tournaments that happen each year, in Chronological order, stating which surface is used (Hard, Clay or Grass)
11. Rufus works for The Wimbledon Championships. Who is he and what is his job?
12. How many strawberries and how much cream was consumed at Wimbledon in 2017 (Roughly...have a guess!).

Pop-Up Café & Coffee Shop

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We look forward to seeing you!**

Margaret Sparrow took the Chair in the absence of our President Beryl Brooks who is recovering from surgery. We all send her our best wishes for a speedy return to good health.



Apologies were received from Doris (W) Rolfe, Beryl Brooks, Jan Harper, Belinda Gladwin and Margaret Hayes.

The Resolution on "Mental Health Matters" was discussed with the help of Graham Chappell who was a Psychiatric Nurse - having trained at St Barnard's Hospital, Ealing in 1998. In some areas the budget for Mental Health is just 1% and each year 1 in 4 people will be affected. At the AGM in Cardiff, in June, our WI members will be voting for the resolution to lobby Government for better support for Mental Illness.

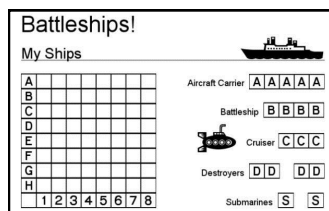
The Group Meeting Report was given by Margaret Sparrow and the Federation Report by Peggy Warby.

Val Parker was presented with a voucher for her Committee work and help over several years.

Personal Data Cards were given to all Members
Sue Norman organised a fun game of Battle Ships.

Competition Results. –
A Pack of Playing Cards

5 pts - Sandra Kay, Sue Norman, Sandra Lloyd, Peggy Warby.



4 - pts Beryl Brooks, Ann Hicks, Margaret Sparrow, Elaine Reed-Hughes.



3 - pts Viv Haresnape, Tracy Day, Sylvia McLean.

Raffle Winners - Sylvia McLean, Viv Haresnape, Sandra Kay, Sandra Lloyd and Elaine Reed-Hughes.

June Meeting

Talk by Henrietta Robinson – Bad Men

Competition – A Shoe Horn

Refreshments – Viv Haresnape and Tracy Day

Raffle Prizes – Elaine-Reed Hughes, Michele Nardecchia, Janet Harper and Sylvia McLean.

***Please see 'Thank You' on page 28 - Ed'.**

Well, now we know what a 'plaited spine' is!

Our demonstrator Val Ware gave us all a card, floral pictures and a template. All

we had to do was to cut carefully along the lines on the template, masking tape it along the spine of the card and cut through the card along the lines marked. We then folded the cut pieces back and hey presto, We had a plaited spine! Quite simple once we knew how but a very effective addition to a homemade card.



Next month (5th June) we will be pebble painting. Please bring along a pebble or two if possible.

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.



The Wetlands On Our Doorstep

Christchurch Gardening Club



I don't know about everyone else, but the recent flooded conditions of the Welney Wash caused me quite a lot of unneeded hassle. It did seem to go on for a very long time, although I bet someone in the village will know of a time when it was much worse. So, when the members of the Gardening Club got together for their regular monthly meeting, on Tuesday 15th May at the Community Centre, it was good to hear from our guest speaker Tony Winchester, from the WWT at Welney, that the many tons of water were helpful if not vital to those good folks at the wildlife centre and their charges.

During his fascinating one-hour talk Tony bemoaned the fate of the water vole which is fast becoming an endangered species and explained why we don't see so many Buick Swans in the area as we used to, all it seems due to the warming of the environment and the loss of wetlands. The Trust, started by Sir Peter Scott after the Second World War at Slimbridge, now has ten sights across the UK. While Welney remains one of the most important sights belonging to the



Trust with 1300 acres, the largest is in West London near Barnes. I can't begin to imagine what that amount of land in London would be worth on the open market.

With the help of his slides, Tony took the members on a trip through the seasons, explaining the centres successes and failures in the preservation of both the wild life as well as the plants. There are many events such as summer walks through the grounds and of course the swan feeds during the autumn and winter months. I think myself and many of our members made a mental note to go for a visit soon. For more information go to www.wwt.org.uk or call 01353860711.

Next month the club is out for the evening visiting a garden at a nearby resident's property. Sunday August 5th sees the members undertake an outing by coach to the Hyde Hall Flower Show (See page 29). This trip is open to members as well as non-members and will depart from the Community Centre at 9.00 am returning at approximately 7.00 pm. Members - £17.00, non-members - £19.00 including entrance to the show. Please call 01354 638 230 for more details or to book your seat.

Gardening Club meetings are at 7.00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month and are open to non-members. Come along on the night or call the number above.

Steve

Christchurch Book Club

Book Club met on May 24th. We had been reading 'The Button Box' by Lynn Knight but all felt that the book was a disappointment, and not what we had been expecting! We had thought it was going to be a story, but it turned out to be more of a history of clothes and fashion. Using different buttons as starting points, it covered a lot of topics, but would have been more interesting if it had included photographs to illustrate some of the clothes described!

Our book for June is 'Purple Hibiscus' by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, a novel set in Nigeria. **Please note** - we are changing our meeting day to the fourth Tuesday of each month, and so the next meeting will be on **Tuesday June 26th**, 7:30, at Viv's, Glynn, Crown Road.

New members are always welcome, and possibly the change of day may make it easier for some people to come along.

For more information please contact Sheila Day on 07946 635908

Christchurch Art Group



We have spent the last few sessions looking at colour and composition and deciding where our focal point is so we can choose which bit of the landscape to paint or draw.

On our last session each participant set up their own still life composition and we ended up with some really good pictures. Well done to everyone!

During the rest of this term we are 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 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.

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 meet on the **second and fourth Tuesday** each month **1.30-3.30pm** term time.



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AW18 Men's

Welcome back!

I'm very much hoping that the prospect of a men's fashion report has been successful in drawing a few more of you in to hear what I have to say on the topic. If not, tant pis, as they say in French, meaning the situation is regrettable but there's nothing that can be done. Speaking of French, before I delve into the not so profound matters of men's fashion, I have a little announcement to make upon Rich's request. I have landed a job with the yacht brokerage company, Yachting Partners International, based in Monaco. Despite originally accepted a role as Digital Marketing and Media Assistant 6 weeks ago, I have recently been promoted to Marketing Assistant which includes Social Media Marketing, Event Marketing and Coordination and Partnership management, alongside many of the tasks from my previous position. Resultantly, I am currently extremely busy, particularly with Palma Yacht Show on the horizon, Monaco Grand Prix around the corner and various other projects before Monaco Yacht Show.

www.ypiyachts.com, [@ypiyachts www.facebook.com/YachtingPartnersInternational](https://www.facebook.com/YachtingPartnersInternational).

That aside, one thing that has long bothered me about men's fashion is how lacking it is in everything from creativity to class. While there are certainly exceptions and I shall look at those shortly, there is a real struggle for men to liberate themselves from the typical trichotomy: suit, jeans and tracksuit, without being exceptionally bold and fashion-forward. I use the latter term loosely; when I was on my way to work the other day, I found myself behind a very brazen young man, about my age, who had ventured out onto the streets of Monaco in bright orange, palazzo trousers, a black down padded jacket and some very quirky black trainers. While I hold the guy with the utmost respect for breaking out of the standard, I have to admit that this just wasn't working. I'd be interested to hear from the males reading this:

How much do you concern yourselves with your appearance? And secondly, if you do concern yourself with it, how frustrated by the lack of variety are you and

by that I speak of clothing that is at once unique, classy and appropriate to be seen out in?

While there are of course differentiations of style, when following the runways the issue of limitation is reinforced by the mere fact that designers are going above and beyond to create something unique for men. Above and beyond is certainly no positive remark because in far too many cases menswear resembles something along the lines of a dustbin bag, the Michelin man or cut up carpets and curtains mangled together to make a lousy, oversized and distasteful ensemble of garments. This season some of my preferred designers took a slight wander into distasteful. However all was not lost.

Versace is usually very creative, fun and classy. They have a wonderful selection of suits and paired with elegant Italian prints. While this season continued this theme, it included some very garish numbers which were regrettably very Party Rock Anthem-esque. Dior, despite usually being the epitome of French chic, turned somewhat rogue this season. I was horrified to see wide leg jeans on the runway accompanied by some juvenile 90s tribal prints that brought back



memories of No Fear hoodies. The fact that the flame print was plastered onto the front of short sleeve t-shirts which were layered over long sleeved t-shirts only made matters worse. Shall we not, Dior. On a more positive note, I was impressed by Cavalli's runway show. Creative director, Paul Surridge presented an amalgam

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Vet's View by Nick Wojciechowski



In my first column I would like to share some vital information from the viewpoint of an emergency clinician. Whether we like it or not most of our animals will get sick at some point of their lives. If we are particularly unlucky they will need emergency veterinary care.

We can never know when the emergency might be needed but we can make sure we are ready when the time comes. Please always keep your vets' contact numbers handy – store them in your mobile phone, and keep the business card in your wallet. Some practices provide fridge magnets with their details as well. Also please make sure that you are aware what are your vets' provisions for 'out-of-hours care'. Although every veterinary practice in the UK has to provide 24 hours care they are allowed to use dedicated emergency services and also out source the out of hours care. This allows them to rest at night, not working 24/7 and assures the owners that their pets would be looked after by well equipped hospital. Please make sure that you know if your vets would provide the out of hours care at their practice or use external services – if so make sure you have their contact numbers as well and know the physical location of the hospital.

When an emergency occurs it is the owners' responsibility to take their animal to the vets. House visits are rarely a necessity and emergency vets are often dealing with multiple patients at the same time, making it impossible to provide routine house visits. Making sure that you have appropriate transport arrangements is very important. Make sure you know who can help you – friends, neighbours, also keep local taxi companies phone numbers handy.

From 2016 it became mandatory to microchip dogs in the UK. I would encourage the microchipping of cats as well. Make sure that your details are always up-to-date at the microchip database. Commonly used cat collars often get lost and sometimes might cause risk of strangulation. There is nothing more satisfying than connecting the owner with their lost pet. Microchipping your animal is the best way to protect them.

Nick



of creation, class and innovation. Something that is becoming far too sparse on runways recently. His show embodied the universal futuristic theme in an unusual way, one example of this was body paint not dissimilar from Avatar skin, but the pieces worked very well. In response to The Guardian's question posed in February, yes Surridge can indeed bring back the Cavalli leopard prints, effortlessly in fact. Space-age jumpsuits, crocodile patterned leather, gracefully flowing silks with an African feel for women; stylish, oversized coats, well-fitted leathers, and a very well-assembled colour palette sums up Cavalli AW18. Balmain is another that never fails to execute. Always sparkling, always classy, always unique. Olivier Rousteing is a guru of modern fashion. If you like unique, confident and contemporary, turn to Balmain for inspiration. This season, as usual consisted of neutral, primary and monochrome colours which accentuates the chic in his designs. One will never be unpleasantly surprised with discordant colour schemes, bizarre layering or awkward shapes in Balmain's collections.

Here's a selection of the best high-street stores, some you may not know:

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Now that we have officially moved the clocks forward, we are well on our way to wedding season. Next month I shall return to offer discussion on some of the most exquisite bridal brands I have come across, as well as giving advice as to where to find the perfect dress for your big day! However, if you found this article useful and interesting, please reach out to me and let me know if there is something you would be interested in reading with regards to men's fashion and I shall incorporate more of this into my content.

The Joan Smith Column

Hello dear Readers! I am having a job to hold a pen these days due to increasingly bad arthritis in my fingers and hands, and can't grip anything very well these days. So, at least for the moment, this will be the last time I write for The Heron, unless of course I can get some medical relief from all my aches and pains. Still, I am eighty four I suppose!

My brother and sister spent the whole month in Calgary going to all sorts of places. We frequently went to the local Subway for a lunchtime snack. Then more shopping in the afternoons, even though we were only supposed to be looking around really, but you know how it is. Then each day we had to rush off to the bus stop to collect the children from school, and all walk home together. My sister Brenda had usually bought loads of bits and pieces, souvenirs and the like, and needed a huge holdall to bring them all home.



I had been to Canada about ten years previously with a friend to visit her sister in West Bank, British Columbia, which is about seven hundred miles from Calgary. At the time, coincidentally, my cousin and his wife had applied for an Editor's job in Edmonton. A few years later he applied for a similar job on the Calgary Herald and got it! I had written to him saying that I was coming over to Canada for a month and wondered if it would be possible to meet up one weekend. He had written back and said that if I was staying for a month, why couldn't I have two weeks with him!? So, in the end, I did, but that's another story.

Well I'm going to finish off for now and hope that I soon feel better than at present. Sadly, at present, it's a real effort to even get up and make a sandwich or a pot of tea! In the meanwhile I wish you all the very best and hopefully will be able to do a little more scribbling at some time in the future.

Until then - God bless you all!

Joan

The Birth of the Blues

Part Four

As the sixties dawned the top names of the day were artists as diverse as Cliff and the Shadows, Elvis, while Dean Martin and the Rat Pack were still selling records by the truckload. The soon to be major Blues artists such as BB King, Muddy Waters, Howling Wolf, were either scratching a living in the blues clubs of Chicago, Memphis and every other major city in the USA or trucking around the Chitlin Circuit. In the UK however, there was an almost seismic shift on the way as the young, hip art college crowd, were discovering almost forgotten albums by the very people now revered as the older statesmen of the Blues. One morning in 1962 a then young Blues aficionado, Keith Richards spotted another kindred spirit who was carrying a Muddy Waters album under his arm. They struck up a conversation and the partnership of Mick Jagger and "Keef" Richards was born. The Rolling Stones were named after a track on a Muddy Waters record. The Stones began life as an out and out Blues Band only later becoming the hit making machine, though always with a foot in the blues. Down in darkest Surrey the Yardbirds were stirring featuring the guitarist Eric Clapton. A guitarist who learnt his style by copying the records of Freddie King, a literal Blues giant. Eric's uncle brought these and other tracks home from his many trips to New York as a seaman. During the mid- sixties the unthinkable happened as these and other bands lifted the blues into the pop charts and the nations consciousness. Due to the initial burst of popularity of the Beatles, the USA opened its doors and its mind to those bands playing covers of American Blues tunes. In a way they were taking coal to Newcastle.



Meanwhile, Clapton jumped ship with the Yardbirds and joined John Mayall's Blues breakers making one classic recording "The Beano Album." Before heading over to super group Cream, which despite the plaudits was in reality just another high energy Blues Group. Meanwhile the unthinkable was happening with the originators of the music being brought over to Europe to tour, playing to the largest audiences they had ever seen. BB King became probably the most well-known, Muddy Waters, Howling Wolf, Freddie King, Albert King (none of the Kings were related) at the same time these venerable Blues shouters found themselves playing to predominately white audience in the USA, most notably the famous BB King gig at The Fillmore East. In the UK the musicians kept coming. Peter Greens Fleetwood Mac, Chicken Shack with Stan Webb, Ten Years After and so many more.

As we arrived at the tail end of the sixties the Blues seemed to be in fine fettle, if any of our readers remember this era (if so were you there? Really?) I apologised if I have missed out your favourite band. Next Time the Blues today. Steve Wayne





Upwell Health Centre

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

For me, the next few weeks will be a landmark period of my life. As many of you already know I will be retiring from full time general practice at the end of May. I will still be continuing as Chair of West Norfolk CCG for now and will be coming to the surgery for one session a month to help out with minor surgery and joint injections. I will also be retaining my interest in the pharmacy so I won't be a stranger! However, it will be very strange not being involved in the day to day medical care of so many of you. After more than 30 years there can't be many of you I haven't seen at least once. I have been doing baby development checks for my whole time here and for the last few years have been checking the babies of babies I checked in the past, that makes me feel old! It has been a privilege to have been entrusted with your healthcare all that time and I thank you all for the trust you have shown me over the years. Some of you will have been pleased with what I have achieved for you others may have been less impressed, all I can say is that I have always done my best for the patients, the practice and the NHS within the limitations imposed upon me.

I still clearly remember moving into my house in January 1988 and initially being treated with reticence by the locals, "another outsider coming to live here". I am still a foreigner, but I hope you have now all accepted me as a useful member of the community; I have certainly always tried to be part of the community having spent time on the Parish Council, Upwell Hall Committee and running a local sports team for the West Norfolk Inter-village Games for a few years as well as being your doctor.

We hope to have the new building work completed by next April. The first phase of the work is to build an extension where the bike shed and portacabin sits. This will be linked to the current building and will house a new pharmacy, a new teaching area, a notes store and several offices. Once this extension is complete the pharmacy and some staff will move into it and work will commence on phase two of the build which will create an improved reception and waiting area as well as providing three new consulting rooms. The new pharmacy should allow us to improve the quality and timeliness of the service we offer, it will include a state of the art dispensing robot which will reduce the danger of dispensing errors which inevitably happen when humans deal with as many prescriptions as they do in pharmacy. The extra consulting rooms will provide extra space for the staff who are going to replace me and give the surgery the opportunity to increase the number of services available in the community.

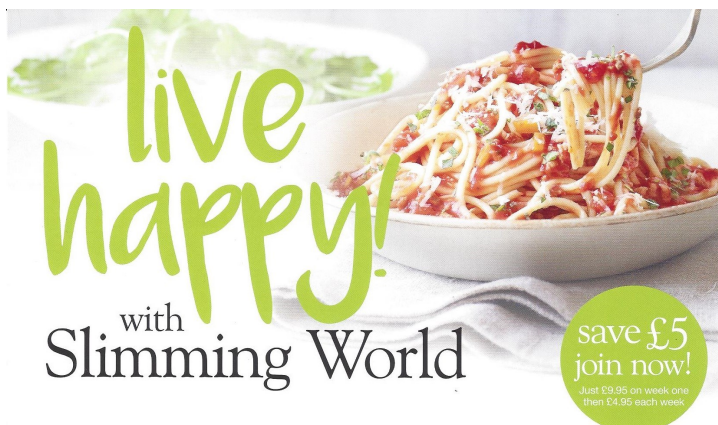
When I applied for this partnership in 1987 there were 112 applicants for the post. I counted myself very lucky to have been selected. Since then it has been increasingly difficult to recruit new doctors. We are a training practice and Dr's Blundell, Haine, Bhardwaj and Gavin



were all trainees here who we convinced to stay. Unfortunately there was no recently qualified trainee available this time and so the partners tried hard to find a doctor to replace me. Unfortunately they have been unable to recruit a doctor, there just aren't enough around. However, what they have done is, I think, better for the practice than just replacing me with another doctor. They are getting three members of staff in. There will be a practice pharmacist, an advanced emergency care practitioner (a highly skilled paramedic in layman's terms) and an additional nurse practitioner. This will mean in the future there will be an 'on-call' team each day to deal with the acute work and this should hopefully increase the availability of advanced booked appointments which have been in short supply of late. The new computer system is now up and running. We are still learning how to get the best out of it and I'm sure it will become even more useful in the coming months. Most of the glitches we had have now been ironed out and we just need to get slicker using it. Thank you all for the forbearance you showed during the changeover.

Finally, I want to return to the subject which is filling my thoughts at the moment, my retirement. There is only one person still working here who was here when I started, Mary in dispensary. There are so many staff who supported me who have left, some have sadly died. I particularly remember Dr Rushmer who retired in 1990 and sadly passed away shortly thereafter. Pat Waters and Patrick Floyd who were the stalwarts of dispensary when I arrived, and Audrey Johnson our senior practice nurse, all of whom have sadly left us. I really want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who have helped me over the years and put up with my occasional lapses in temper and my slightly obsessional personality. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in Upwell and it has been a privilege to be allowed to be your doctor.

Paul



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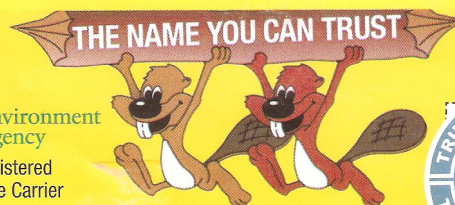
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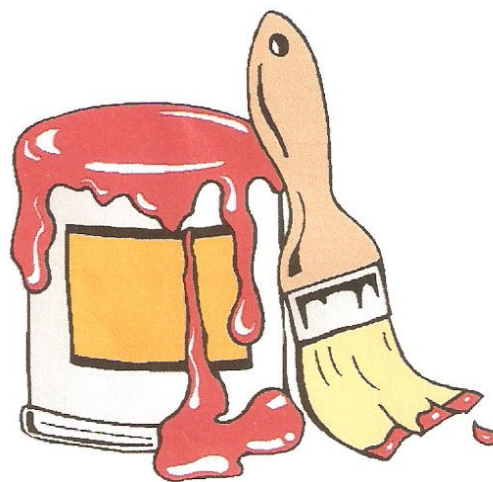
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School Governor Needed

Would you like to give something back to your community? We are looking for a co-opted School Governor to start on July 2018, if you are interested please contact the school office by 15th June 2018.

Pyjama Day

On Friday 18th May the whole school donned their pyjama's in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospice. We raised £120.30 and had a lovely day.



Well done!

Well done to Penny, Sarah, Lilly, Ashley, Tony, Grace S, Emma and Nojus for having their stories published in "Toy Stories".



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- * Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area and never leave the barbecue unattended
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- * 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
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***"If you can
meet with
triumph and
disaster,
And treat
those two
imposters just
the same.."***

This quote from Rudyard Kipling's poem "If" is written above the players' entrance to the Centre



Court at "The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club" (Wimbledon). It sums up the spirit of the Lawn Tennis Championships that happen in July. The fortnight is a feast of tradition, and is as British as The Crown Jewels, or The Angel of the North. Wimbledon is here again! Love it or hate it, you cannot escape it, try as you might. T.V., radio, newspapers....it is everywhere! The green grass of the courts, the "OOs" and "AHs" and the applause; the smiles of victory, or the despair of defeat, even (perish the thought) the rain – all so familiar, yet always fresh and new, as the tennis matches get under way, progress and end. A feast of talent, to be toasted with a glass of Pimms, and a bowl of English strawberries and cream.

So who will lift the trophies this year? Is Serena Williams going to win the Ladies Singles once again? Or will a new young player fight her way to the top in 2018? The Venus Rosewater Dish is the Ladies' Singles Trophy and was first presented to the Champion in 1886.

And Roger Federer, the legendary serial Grand Slam winner (20 Grand Slam titles) – can he do it again? Or will the 'Spanish Bull' beat him? (Nadal has 16 Grand Slam titles). Can one of the Young Pretenders take his place and lift The Gentlemen's Singles Trophy, first presented by the All England Club in 1887 ?



Kyle Edmund GBR

Young Guns in the Men's game to watch this year are:-

Alexandra Zverev. Germany. "Sascha". 21 . Dominic Theim. Austria 24.
Stefanos Tsitsipas Greece. 19. Denis Shapovalov Canada. 18 .
Hyeon Chung . S. Korea. 23
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In the women's game, look out for:-

Madison Keys. USA. 23. Daria Kasatkina. Russia. 21. Naomi Osaka. Japan 21
And be sure to cheer on our own
Johanna Konta GBR 27



Johanna Konta GBR

Interesting fact:-

One of the very strange things about the game of tennis is the method of scoring. No one is quite sure of its origins, but a likely explanation is that origins of the scores are believed to be medieval French. It is possible that clock faces were used on court, with a quarter move of the hand to indicate a score of 15, 30, and 45. When the hand moved to 60, the game was over. However, in order to ensure that the game could not be won by a one-point difference in players' scores, the idea of "deuce" was introduced. To make the score stay within the "60" ticks on the clock face, the 45 was changed to 40.

It's a Small World! - by Rev'd Ian Brady

Many years ago I visited a very remote village in Brazil and from what I can recall it was on the banks of a great lake and the fishing of Blue crabs was its own industry. I was amazed to see people watching a live European football final on satellite television powered by a truck battery. We were surrounded by the sound of the noisy Amazon jungle, the crowd was following every twist and turn of an exciting game of football.

I was reminded of the invasion of technology again recently when shown an amazing new web tool. Google now has software that shows views of the earth from space, the continents as well as the contours under the oceans. Then with a couple of clicks of the mouse we can view a detail satellite picture of any street in any part of the world.

It is fascinating to zoom in and explore suburbs in Australia. Now for a vicar in the Fen's it may be pointless but still interesting to identify a Cathedral in Mexico and amazing to be able to pick out the details of cars on the streets of New York. The quality of the pictures is not consistent across the globe let alone across some of our villages, but for those privileged to have broadband connection, that actually works properly, it's a great way to of expanding the horizons.

There is a common thread here for Christians. As Christians are called to live a public faith and that means living out our faith in Christ in the real world. It means grappling with big issues as well as small details. It would be easier to have a private religion kept well out of view but that is not God's call to Christians. As is so often the case it is the none Christian who best identifies the authentic church response. Terry Prone quotes a young Anglican chaplain to the Liverpool University campus, "I love people who've never been loved". I would call that a calling and also a privilege.

The love of Christ in all its richness and fullness, must be our prime witness in a world of increasing complexity. When love is missing from intentions and actions it is important to stop and think again, not just where we are here in the Fen's, but wherever in the world you are reading this. Ian



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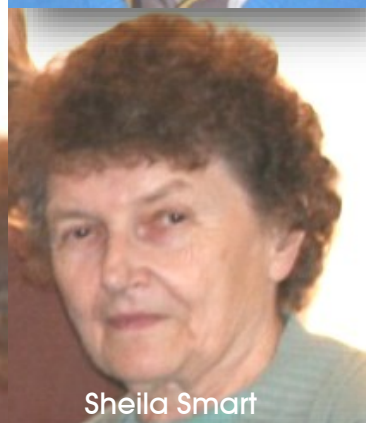
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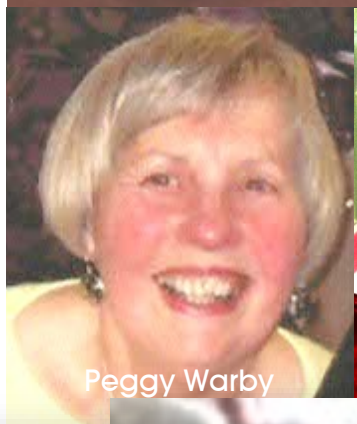
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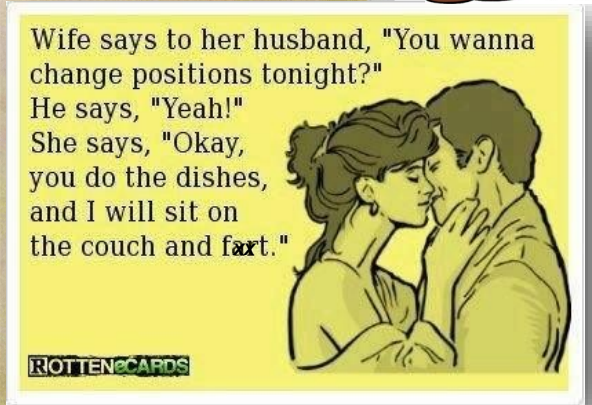
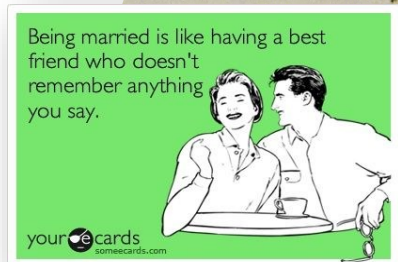
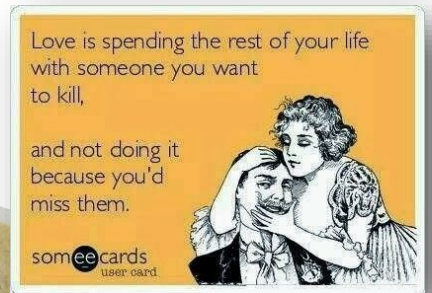
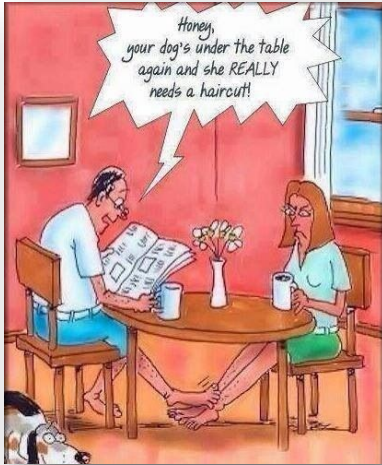


Peter Norman



Alma Hughes

How Un - PC is THIS??



Well ladies - What do you think of that??? Do any of you remember those days? Something for the WI to discuss perhaps? - Ed'.



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Wimbledon Quiz Answers

1. Roger Federer (Switzerland), Rafael Nadal (Spain), Novak Djokovic (Serbia), Andy Murray (Great Britain).
2. Novak Djokovic 3. Andy Murray
4. Rafael Nadal, after his late Grandfather, also Rafael Nadal. He was a famous musician and conductor in Mallorca.
5. Kyle Edmund, born in South Africa.
6. Nicolas Mahut (France) and John Isner (USA). It lasted 11 hours, five minutes and spread over 3 days. Final set score was 70-68. Isner won.
7. Hyeon Chung (Korea)
8. The Suffragist Movement - green, violet and white. It is thought, but has never been proved, that the women tennis players of the time influenced the choice of colours.
9. It remains a mystery, but there are a number of theories. The Wimbledon Museum believes it dates back to the fruit's use as a symbol of "honour, welcoming and celebration".
10. Australian Open, Hard Courts (Jan). Roland Garros. Clay. (May/June) Wimbledon, Grass (July). U.S. Open, Hard Courts (Aug/Sept).
11. Rufus is a Harris Hawk, hired to deter pigeons. He flies every day for an hour from 9am.
12. 34,000 kg of English Strawberries (140,00 portions), and 10,000 litres of Dairy Cream. Were you close?? Also consumed...320,000 glasses of Pimms, and 29,000 bottles of Champagne.



Weather Lore

*"We're cast a clout,
'til May is out!"*

More precaution than prediction! This expression means - Do not take your warm clothes off until the end of May, or until the May (Hawthorn) is blossoming!

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| Alzheimer's Society (Fenland) | 01945 580480 |
| Anglian Water – Susan Bull | 08457 145 145 101 |
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| District Councillor - Will Sutton | 01354 638025 |
| District Councillor - Michelle Tanfield | 07908 707129 |
| Electricity Faults - UK Power Networks | 105 |
| FACT | 01354 661234 |
| Fenland District Council | 01354 654321 |
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| Trading Standards | 845040506 |
| Train Information | 08457 484950 |
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| WI - Peggy Warby | 01354 638339 |

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Sandra Kay - Crown Rd

Shirley Knight - Church Rd (West)

David Yates - Church Rd (West)

Julian Swallow - Upwell Rd (North)

Jackie Wood - Upwell Rd (North)

Simon Freeland - Upwell Rd (South)

Richard Guilford - Area Co-ordinator

David Harrowing - District Co-ord.

And Finally!...

Well! What a bumper issue that was! Apart from being our fiftieth since we took over in May 2014 there were so many readers letters, and so many forthcoming village activities to look forward to this month! More next month too!

Apart from the current team there were many previous team members. We suffered a great loss with the passing of Alan Russell in December 2016. Paul and Vivien Haresnape and myself were the original team and, I must confess, The Heron could never have been 'reborn' without them. I've taken up the yoke of putting the mag together each month now. A steep learning curve I can tell you! Then there was Steve Aitch our old Health and Fitness guy who moved on to pastures new, and Anne Atkinson a previous distributor who moved down south, and of course Colin Steenson who is no longer a regular distributor but fills in from time to time on his marvellous union jack emblazoned Lambretta. A joy to all!

Apparently they've had to install a new security system at our Community Centre!?



"Sorry Mable, you know the rules, no mobile devices allowed on quiz nights." "Till next time! - Ed".

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THE CURRENT HERON TEAM

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Joan Smith has been a regular columnist with us since November 2015 following the death of our other stalwart Alan Russell who is still much missed and forever remembered.

I was encouraged by Alan Russell, and Richard of course, to step in whilst he took a break. Sadly, that became a permanent break

but I have enjoyed the opportunity to contribute to your wonderful little magazine. Perhaps I shouldn't say little anymore! Whilst I am not in Alan's league as regards local historical knowledge, I hope that you all enjoy my musings nonetheless.



Sometime 'journeyman' and general 'muso' Steve Waye first contributed to The Heron in 2015, and has continued with his current series on "The Birth of the Blues". He is also involved with the "Welle Film Project" and regularly writes for the Garden Club.

I began playing guitar in July 1960 age 13, making my first

public appearance the following December and have been gigging and playing ever since. I turned Pro four years later age 17 and toured relentlessly (in the first two years as a professional musician I played 700 shows). In the late sixties I formed an eight-piece jazz rock band called Walrus and was signed to Decca Records as well as United Artist as a composer/song writer. I began teaching guitar in 1983. Recently I have released more solo material and have several videos on you tube. Currently I am working on a new CD and more videos, playing gigs and teaching. I have been writing for The Heron since 2015 when Richard asked me to join the team.



Sandra Kay has been involved with The Heron for many years, organising distribution as far back as the days of Pat Mills as Editor. Just before we took over in May 2014 she was about to stand down but we managed to persuade her to stay on and help us through our 'start-up' period. Thankfully she's still with us and does an absolutely 'stirling' job together with her team.

I have worked in the soft furnishings business for over forty years; the last twenty being self-employed with my own business. As well as organising the Heron's distribution team I am also Bookings Clerk for the Community Centre. In my 'spare time?' I am also involved in many village clubs and walk my 'fox-red' labrador 'Ben'.



Sandra Lloyd has been with us since we started offering 'Subscriptions' in ????. These were initially designed for villagers who'd moved away but still wanted to keep in touch with what was going on in Christchurch. Since then subscriptions have developed further! - Now even as far as Wales!

When the Heron team first started the idea of sending

out copies of the magazine to people who no longer live in Christchurch (but are still interested in village life), Viv asked if I would be willing to post the copies out. I send out copies around the country every month to those who kindly pay annually for the privilege of having a postal delivery. As a member of the Craft Club Committee, I now take photos of our crafts and do a quick write up every month for the Heron Club Page. I enjoy being involved with our community magazine and hope it continues to be a part of Christchurch life.

Lewis Bennett runs Upwell Computer Repairs and is one of our advertisers. He looks after all our technical issues on the magazine, handles glitches and comes highly recommended! He has taken over that side of things from Paul Haresnape, and also handles our webpage and online issues.



I set up Upwell Computer Repairs in March 2013. Prior to that I studied IT at West Anglia College, Wisbech, for three years. Having suffered some computer problems myself I discovered that there were job vacancies at the repair company I used, with training opportunities. Shortly after I began working for them part-time. After I finished college I went to work for them full-time for three years, gaining a lot of knowledge, before setting up on my own. My business has grown and grown, mostly by word of mouth, but also thanks to The Heron too! I now also have many commercial customers including our own magazine printer - March Stationary & Print! I enjoy supporting The Heron using the expertise I continue to gain.

Then of course there's me as Editor. Well... basically I just rely on everybody else! - Thanks to you all! - Richard



AFC CHRISTCHURCH

2017-2018 SEASON



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Little Downham Swift Reserves 4
AFC Christchurch The Magpies 2

Last match of the season saw The Magpies play away to Little Downham. With many matches called off both teams battled on a heavy slippery pitch. At times it was more like water football with the players sliding and the ball causing spray to rise as it hit the mud. Ashley Goodale scored a screaming shot from the half way line within the first 20 minutes. Little Downham equalised and took the lead with 2 fantastic shots only just inside The Magpies half. Little Downham scored another goal before half time. With the change of direction came a change of dominance. The Magpies came out with determination and spirit.

Josh Ingram had a fantastic header hitting the post, with lots of squandered chances or well saved shots The Magpies eventually were awarded for their determination and scored in the last 10 minutes. Unfortunately The Magpies RAN OUT OF TIME. What a way to end the season with an entertaining, nail biting well fought battle.

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| 2 | March Soccer School Academy | 24 | 16 | 3 | 5 | 91 | 51 |
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| 4 | Fenstanton Reserves | 24 | 14 | 3 | 7 | 81 | 45 |
| 5 | AFC Christchurch The Magpies | 24 | 14 | 0 | 10 | 82 | 42 |
| 6 | Little Downham Swifts Reserves | 24 | 17 | 2 | 5 | 107 | 41 |
| 7 | Wicken First | 24 | 10 | 4 | 10 | 73 | 34 |
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| 11 | Benwick Athletic Reserves | 24 | 6 | 1 | 17 | 44 | 16 |
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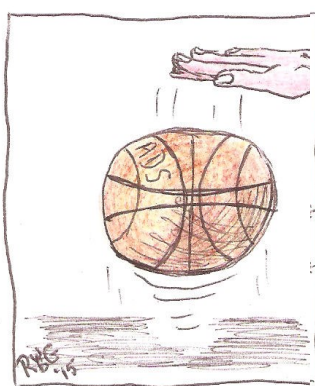
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