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League Primary Stars kit

Townley thrilled to receive Premier League Primary Stars kit and equipment

Pupils and staff from Townley School and Pre-School are celebrating after being awarded a Premier League Primary Stars kit and equipment pack.

The pack contains books, sports kit, stickers, bookmarks, assembly ideas and activities which have engaged all the children in learning new skills and developing their resilience and team building.

The Kit and Equipment Scheme forms part of the Premier League Primary Stars offer to primary schools in England and Wales. This is a curriculum-linked education programme that uses the appeal of the Premier League and its clubs to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills.

Delivered by the Football Foundation, the Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme gives teachers a range of equipment that can be used across different curriculum areas to get children active.

Also available is a free downloadable suite of resources for teachers across Key Stages 1 and 2 in English, Maths, PE and PSHE. The easy-to-use materials have been developed in partnership with education organisations including the National Literacy Trust and the PSHE Association.

Mathematician Rachel Riley and children's authors Cressida Cowell and Dan Freedman also helped to create the teaching packs, which use real life sport Premier League
Primary Stars

examples to put lessons into a relevant and engaging context for children.

Richard Scudamore, Executive Chairman of the Premier League and Football Foundation Trustee, said: "Congratulations to Townley School and Pre-School on their successful application for a Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment pack. We hope this kit, coupled with the free downloadable online resources, will help teachers harness the popularity of football to inspire primary school kids in everything from Maths and English to teamwork and sport."

Lucy Barnes, teaching assistant at Townley is delighted with the sports kit, "The children love entering football and netball competitions with children in our cluster of schools. However being the smallest school, the children face additional challenges as we don't always have the children in the right ages for the matches, so sometimes year 2 children are up against year 6! We have not had the finances to invest it their kit, this kit has motivated the children as they feel proud to wear the Premier League kit. And has even motivated some new children to join the teams!"

Headteacher, Maria-Anne Higgins would like to thank the Premier League for gifting the kit and equipment pack.







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Community Information

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

Mobile Post Office:

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

Dun Cow Meal Deal on alternate

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

This month's dates are 1st, 15th & 29th Nov

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

Community Car Scheme still need to find another voluntary driver. If you like helping people and have a little time to spare during the week, use the contact details below. Contact Sue Beel at Care Network, for a chat, on 01945 589953 or email sue.b@care-network.org.uk.

Contact the Parish Council?

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

Parish Councillor - Vacancy

Give something back to our Parish! Your time will be well spent as you will be helping to shape the future of our Parish. The council meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, for two or three hours depending on what needs to be discussed and council meetings are open to the public.

A parish council is the closest level of local government to the community. It is a local authority in its own right that makes decisions on behalf of the residents in its parish and has a District and County authority hierarchy that sits above it. Councillors are elected but are unpaid for their time. Becoming a parish, town or community councillor is a rewarding experience and often described by those that get involved as a way of giving something back to their community.

If you would like to know more about becoming a councillor, then please contact the Parish Clerk for an informal chat.

Defibrillator - location is on wall of the dining hall in Townley School grounds.

Access via the car park in Greenways off Crown Rd!

Friends of the Heron meeting originally scheduled for 16th November is now postponed until the New Year. Instead the Heron Publishing Management Committee will meet on that date

A Church Bereavement Service - for

all who have lost friends or relatives, recently or sometime ago, will be held at St Peters, Wimblington on 5th November at 3pm - ALL WELCOME

EDITORIAL

Sadly, there was no response to our Halloween Colouring Competition. We were very surprised and disappointed about this. The intended prizes will be put into a future raffle, perhaps the one to be held at the Food Fayre on the 3rd December. We hope that we can count on your support for that! All proceeds will be shared between the Community Centre and The Heron. Please see ad. on page 9. A great opportunity to order your meat products ready for Christmas! Yes! It's only 55 days away as you read this. Nearly time to get all those decorations down from the loft, or back of the garage.

Peter Knight sadly passed away on Friday 27th October after a long struggle with TB and MDS. He was much loved by many in the village, especially for his sense of humour and kindness to all. He was very knowledgeable about dogs, birds of prey and ferrets, as is his wife Shirley. We send her our condolences and best wishes at this very difficult time. He was a very kind and close friend. I will miss him greatly.

On a lighter note we have a recent addition to our village population. Please see "Congratulations!" on page 26

Meanwhile take care with all those fireworks. Best to go along to one of the organised events mentioned on our Youth Page. Especially the FREE one at the Golden Lion! Take note too of all the safety tips on that page and from CFRS on page 15

Then there's all the usual features plus one or two new, and perhaps surprising, articles for your interest.

Enjoy! 'Till next month.



DIARY DATES

Abbreviations for commonly used venues:

TS = Townley School, CCC = Christchurch Community Centre, (new Hall)

TH = Three Holes Village Hall, UH = Upwell Village Hall, WH = Welney Village Hall

Weekly events						
Mondays	Pop-Up Coffee Shop - 9-11:30am - CCC					
	Pilates - each Monday - 6:30-7:30pm - CCC - see notice on page 13 for alternative					
Fridays	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" - 2-3pm - Parish Church - All Welcome					
	Fish and Chip Van visits - outside Dun Cow - 5-8pm					

General ev	rents					
Nov 5 th	Bereavement Service - for all who have lost someone - St Peters, Wimblington - 3pm					
Nov 7 th	Mobile Library visits - Upwell Rd Lay-by 12:15-12:45pm					
Nov 7 th	Art Club - new students welcome - 1:30 - 3:30pm - CCC					
Nov 7 th	Christchurch Craft Club 7pm - CCC					
Nov 9 th	T with Rev B - 2-3pm - Parish Church					
Nov 13 th	Parish Council Meeting - ALL WELCOME - 7:30pm - CCC					
Nov 14 th	WI - Fashion Show - OPEN MEETING NB 6:30pm - Non members £4 - CCC					
Nov 16 th	Heron Publishing - Management Committee Meeting - 7pm "Glynan" Crown Rd					
Nov 21 st	Art Club - new students welcome - 1:30 - 3:30pm - CCC					
Nov 21 st	Gardening Club 7:00pm - CCC					
Nov 22 nd	Christchurch Book Club - 7:30pm - 5 Fen View info Sheila Day 07946 635908					
Nov 26 th	Jazz Club - Rhythm Section Special - 12:30pm - CCC					
Dec 3 rd	Christchurch Food Fayre - 10am-4pm - CCC					

Parish Church Services							
Nov 5 th	11am	Rev L Brady, A Day	All A				

All Age Worship

Nov 12th 9:30am Rev S Tooke, SE Tooke Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance

Nov 19th3:30pmRevs I&L BradyEvening PrayerNov 26th11amR Holding, B HopkinsMorning PrayerDec 3rd11amRev L Brady, A DayAll Age Worship

Every Friday (except 24th Nov) 2-3pm Coffee, Cake and Chat in the Church building

Saturday 25th November, 10-12noon, Christmas coffee morning in Church building (see opposite)



Rev Ian Brady will be cycling around Christchurch on Thursday 9th November. He will be in the church from 2 to 3pm if anyone would like to pop in for a cup of tea and an informal chat. All welcome - you do not have to be a church member. - see page 5

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.

Letters to the Editor



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Richard Good Afternoon,

I thought you should be informed that Wisbech celebrated the town's outstanding "In Bloom" achievement last month. Wisbech became one of only a handful of towns in the region to reach ten consecutive gold awards in the history of the annual

Anglia In Bloom contest.

During this time, the town has also been crowned Britain In Bloom winners in 2009, and achieved a Gold award in the Britain In Bloom finals in 2016.

Kind Regards Jo Goodrum Fenland District Council Member Services and Chairman's Secretary

Village Yard Sales took place last month.

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The organisers asked the Heron to express their
 thanks all who took part and report that the
 Community Centre raised £126. Thanks



Parish Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday 25th November

In the Parish Church, 10am-12noon

Various stalls Cakes

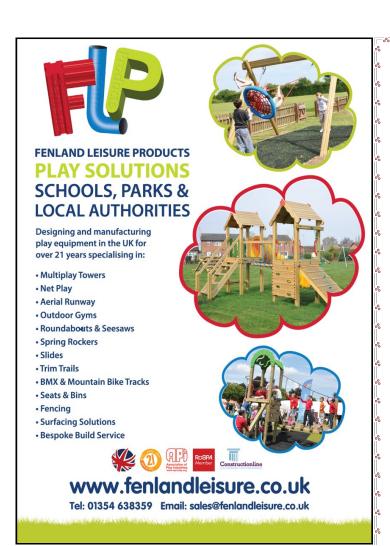


Games





Weather Lore by your Local Weather Sage Thunder in November, a fertile year to come. For more delights by your Weather Sage see Page 26



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MARCH, CAMBS

Golden Age Fair

It was a disappointing turn out for all the organisers and organisations that turned out to meet the senior citizens of Christchurch and area last month.

Despite leafleting all the homes in the area, providing transport to all who asked, and providing free (excellent) refreshments, there had only been some 25 visitors when I left shortly before the end of the event.

Will Sutton, District Councillor, explained that despite the turnout he thought it was a more than worthwhile exercise, as a several visitors to the series of Fairs that had been held previously, had been found additional benefits and services that they had no idea that they were entitled to! Each participant was given a "goody bag" which had a range of resources and information. I never found out why we were given a little cat bell on a tag, but I did know what to do with the tea bags!

Personally, I was tested for my blood pressure, and

assured about the results. And best of all was the free cup of coffee and delicious piece of coffee and walnut cake



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Upwell Jazz Club 2017

Christchurch Community Centre (Sat Nav PE14 9LL)



Sunday 26th November

rhythm section special









Nick Dawson piano • Len Skeat bass • Mike Smith drums • Jim Mullen guitar

Probably the best rhythm section we will ever have at the club. All national, international and world-famed artistes performing songs from some of the best songwriters and performers of the great jazz era.

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



Youth Club News

It had been hoped to launch the Youth Club with a 12 to 18 Christmas Disco but unfortunately this will not now happen due to someone dropping out and a lack of adult helpers. If we cannot recruit more adult helpers any future Youth Club simply cannot happen.

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news - Ed'.



Enjoy a safe evening out at one of our local Firework Displays.

Families favourite time of year, but fireworks can be extremely dangerous if not used properly. We have found lots of local firework displays in our local area not far too travel for a great evening out.

The Golden Lion, Stonea Saturday 18th November

Fireworks night, free entry, live music and BBQ

Tickets: "FREE"

GOLDEN LION

Skylark Firework Spectacular to Music

at Skylark, March, Saturday 4th November Gates 5pm, Fire Lit 6.30pm, Fireworks 7.30pm

Fireworks to Music Spectacular, watch a dazzling display of fireworks light up the night sky choreographed to a soundtrack of popular tracks.

Book online: Adult Fireworks £8.00, Child Fireworks (3-15 years) £4.00 Family Fireworks (2 Adults & 2 Children) £22.00, FREE for 3 and under (or £4.50 & £3.50 at gates)

March Town Firework Display 2017

At March Town Cricket Club, Sat. 28th Oct 2017 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Everyone is welcome at March's largest firework display at All Saints Academy. With food, refreshments and toy stalls.

This event is "FREE"

Fireworks Display 2017 Outwell

At the Outwell Playing Fields

Flickering bonfires displays and dazzling fireworks will light up the night across Outwell as they celebrate Guy Fawkes Night 2017 for all the family. Families near and around Outwell, can look forward to a dazzling display this November from White Lightning Pyrotechnics.

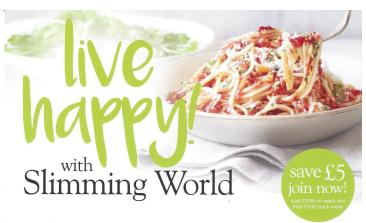
Gates open 6:00pm

The Firework Code and safety tips for sparklers and bonfires

- Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable
- 2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
- Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit
- 7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
- 8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
- Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.







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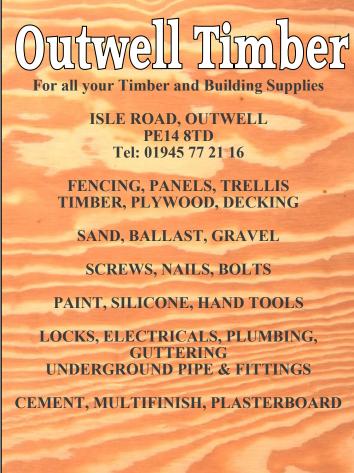
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OPEN BANK HOLIDAY MONDAYS





About 40 people attended, members and guests, at our Harvest meeting, for a supper prepared and served by members.



Speaker for the evening was Hannah Padfield, County advisor for Cambridgeshire, on 'Farm to Fork'. She gave us a very interesting and detailed talk with slides, starting with the history of the N.F.U. then just touching on some of the different foods produced in our climate, which include apples, pears, salads, herbs, wheat and vegetables, plus all meats that we enjoy for our Sunday lunch, not forgetting the dairy industry. We all know about buying items with the red tractor on, which covers animal welfare and environmental protection. She also showed us a map of what happens at Wissey beet factory.

Margaret Sparrow gave a vote of thanks and presented Hannah with a small gift of appreciation, and then there was an auction of produce. The evening ended with a raffle with many lucky winners.

Next Month - Open Meeting - Fashion Show by 'Bon Marche' with light supper and raffle.

Cost - Non members £4

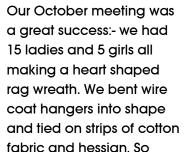
Flowers - Ann Atkinson

Raffle - Beryl, Margaret Hayes, Belinda Gladwin and Doris Ted.

Members note - meeting starts at 6.30 with WI business. Fashion Show 7pm for 7.15.

Numbers attending by 5th November, just ring Peggy 01354 638339.

(top) a very interesting talk, (below) the auction of Harvest produce





simple but effective. Most finished them during the session and all agreed we had some pleasing results.

We had a brief AGM where it was decided that all Committee members would continue with their roles for another year but next year Wendy and Peggy would like to stand down in their role as Chair and Treasurer. Anyone wishing to consider these roles is welcome to help out this year to get an idea of what the roles entail and ease the pressure on the Committee. Thanks again to all who helped with refreshments and clearing away at the end.

Next month we start our Christmas stockings so bring along any suitable materials, cotton, felt, ribbons etc, if you have any, or feel free to use any fabrics we have at the club. Please also bring needle, pins and thread for sewing up.

We always welcome new members and ideas for

new crafts









into production!



"Autumn the years last, loveliest smile" (John Howard Bryant)

Autumn seems to be well and truly on its way with temperatures dropping, leaves on the trees changing colour and the Gardening Club welcoming its final speaker of the year.

Gareth Slater, well known garden magazine writer and gardener, arrived a little late and breathless due to having lost his way on route. Once set up however he launched into over an hour of stories and advice about plants and gardens, full of valuable information. The talk became more of a conversation between the members and Gareth. developing into a full-blown question and answer session. Gareth was at times taken aback by the breadth of knowledge of our members as the interaction flowed. Unlike some speakers there was no slide show and no preprepared script, just a man who knows his gardens. Judging by the feedback the Club members loved it.

The Club's calendar is still a busy one even this late in the year. Our next meeting is on the 21st November 2017 at the community centre and is more of a social gathering. Known colloquially as the "Fish and Chip night" our members gather for conversation and a fish supper provided by the club and catered by Michelle and Michael of Fenland Catering. As well as playing some Bingo for cash prizes there is also a raffle. This is our last formal meeting for this year and is always an evening of goodwill and bonhomie.

Next up is the club's annual Christmas trip which this



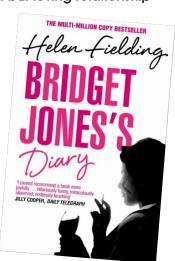
Gareth Slater, well known garden magazine writer .. The Club members loved it!

Christchurch Book Club

Book Club met on Wednesday October 18th. We had been reading 'The Two of Us, My Life with John Thaw' by Sheila Hancock. Although there was a mixed reaction, most enjoyed this book and found the insight into a turbulent but loving relationship

both interesting and touching. We shall be meeting again on 22nd November at Sue's (5, Fen View) We will be discussing 'Brigit Jones Diary' by Helen Fielding,

New members are always welcome. For more details contact Sheila day 07946635908



year is a trip by coach to Gates Garden Centre and Oakham. Those members who wish to spend the day at the garden centre (it's huge!) will be picked up on the way home from Oakham. The village features a medieval castle which is open to the public, plus pubs and shops, so should be a great day out. The trip is open to members and non-members alike, although there are only a few seats left so book soon. The cost is reasonable at £10.00 for members and £13.00 for non-members. Call 01354 638 230 to book your place.

Finally, on December 2nd 2017 we will be making a trip using our own transport to Anglesey Abbey for the Winter lights. This is a very popular annual event and the tickets were booked way back in July, so everyone is excited to attend this extravagant light show. I think after all that, we might need a rest. I will let you know how we get on.

Donations for next month's raffle are, Peggy Warby, Bubbles Whiting, David Yates, Kay Miller and Bill Brazil.

Till next time

Steve

Lives Lost on Fenland's Roads - Graham Chappell

After over nine years of campaigning, and achieving a number of successes with new barrier installations, speed limit reductions, rumble-strips and improved safety signage, I had hoped not to see another fatal immersion accident, in my lifetime.

Sadly, we saw not one, but two fatal immersion accidents in the course of just a few days this October, the first on the morning of Sunday the 8th, when Sharon Taylor (54), of Sutton in the Isle, lost her life at the Honey Bridge Farm bend,

life at the Honey Bridge Farm bend, Stonea. on the Sixteen Foot.

Many locals will know that this is not the first fatal immersion accident to have occurred on this bend.

The second recent fatal immersion RTA, on the morning of Friday 13th October, occurred on Puddock Road, near the Forty Foot Bank Road, and took the lives of two adult female rear seat passengers, while the male driver and another male front seat passenger escaped the submerging vehicle. The circumstances of this accident are currently the subject of legal proceedings against the driver and are difficult to comment usefully on, for this and other reasons.

What I can say, with confidence, at the moment is, that Living in the Fens, and so close to the Sixteen Foot Bank Road, we know that rural roads are hazardous, far more so than motorways and trunk roads, and that roads with rivers and dykes next to them are especially dangerous.

If we want to give ourselves the best chance of staying safe, we have to respect the danger, always drive with care, keep within the speed limits, they are there for a reason, and always carry at least one life hammer when travelling on waterside roads.

These simple measures may save your life or your passenger's lives, or prevent an accident that could put the lives of others at risk.

We know that safety infrastructure, such as roadside barriers, at bends and junctions, can significantly reduce the risk of cars going into the water, in the event of a collision or loss of control occurring, and if you are saved from going into the water, you have a much greater chance of surviving any loss of control that has occurred. We will continue in our efforts, in partnership with Christchurch and



The Fenland Road Safety Campaign
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other Parish Councils, to work with Cambs County Council, trying to secure the installation of further stretches of safety barrier at locations such as Honey Bridge Farm bend.

Similar installations at the 'blind' bend on the North

Bank, near Peterborough, and Bedlam Bridge, Stonea, on the Sixteen Foot, for which our Campaign made a contribution of £6,000, have resulted in much improved safety at those locations, and no further immersion accidents occurring at either.

The existing barrier on the Forty Foot, near the site of the Puddock Road double immersion fatality, could also be extended and improved to match the standard of the North Bank installation, which was completed in December 2013, at a total cost of around £50,000, but sadly, only after a further two fatalities had occurred there in the preceding weeks.



If you are saved from going into the water, you have a much greater chance of surviving..

The Fenland Road Safety Campaign (Charlotte's Way), currently has almost £10,000 waiting to contribute to the cost of further barrier installation on Fenland waterside roads, and we are keen to speak further with colleagues at Cambs CC Highways Department to find a way to make further progress, particularly at Honey Bridge Farm bend.

I can't imagine that anyone living locally would want this to be the site of another preventable RTA immersion fatality.

We would therefore very much appreciate any further donations or other offers of support to help us achieve this goal and also to support the ongoing work we do with the '2 Young 2 Die' Road Safety awareness campaign that we bring to Year 11-13 students in Fenland schools, each year.



For more information please contact me
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- Not Only All That, but This! - RWBG

On Friday 20th October at around 4.30pm on the A1122 Downham Road, between The Crown Lodge Hotel and the viaduct, a Heygates articulated flour lorry crashed into Well Creek, Outwell. The driver had a miraculous escape after swerving to avoid collision with another vehicle. Police and Ambulance vehicles attended and the road was closed for over 90 minutes. The Creek itself was unnavigable until late Sunday afternoon when the lorry was lifted out. Fortunately there were no injured parties.



Christchurch Residents Association

Our October meeting was held on Wednesday 25th, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved and there were no matters arising.

Members were informed of the special Bereavement Service to be held at St. Peter's Church, Wimblington on Sunday 5th November at 3.00pm. This is intended for anyone who has lost a friend or family member either recently or in the past. It is intended as a remembrance service and to offer solace to all those who attend. Everyone would be welcome.



Yet more fly-tipping - at the Sewage Treatment Plant on Norfolk's "patch"

The eyesore at Bedlam Bridge was discussed. It was notice that offenders had been evicted but there was still a lot of debris about which would encourage fly tipping. FDC would be contacted about this. It was noted too that another load of debris had been tipped on the track leading to the sewage plant. This came under the Norfolk area and enquiries would be made.

A councillor had complained about the amount of mud being dragged onto the road from the field adjacent to Church Road almost opposite Albert House. Another councillor had complained about debris being thrown into the dyke between the playing field and the new houses. In the first case there is a legal requirement for farmers to clear mud off the road so FDC or police should be informed. In the second case parents needed to be made aware what their children were up to.

Plans for Christchurch Food Fayre to be held on Sunday 3rd December were discussed. Helpers would be required to man the door, sell raffle tickets, and serve the Hog Roast and teas and coffees from the kitchen. All members were very supportive of this.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting in February – date TBA.

The **Village Pilates Class** Teacher has suggested a day-time class might be possible if there are takers for this. She's thinking Monday late morning.

Pilates is a way to stay healthy and mobile no matter what age (or gender) you are. Contact Jane Green on 01354 638378 for more info or to express interest



STAY WELL THIS WINTER

Winter weather can be seriously bad for our health. Being cold can aggravate existing conditions and raise the risk of increased blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes. However, there are lots of things you can do to stay well this winter.

Get expert advice from your pharmacist

If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or a cold, don't wait until it gets more serious. Seek advice on the best treatment from your local pharmacist.

Make sure you get your free flu jab

Flu is highly contagious and can cause serious complications for at risk groups. Adults over 65; those with long-term health conditions; children aged two to eight; carers and pregnant women may all be eligible for a free flu vaccination – ask your GP practice today.

Stock up your medicine cabinet

A well-stocked medicine cabinet can help you treat common winter ailments such as coughs, colds, sore throats and sickness bugs at home and will save you going out if you feel unwell. Ask your pharmacist about essential medicines to keep at home.

Keep warm

Keeping warm, both inside and outdoors, over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

Get the right help

Make sure you're receiving all the help you are entitled to. Learn how to make your home more energy efficient and take advantage of financial schemes to keep up with energy bills. Visit www.nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/KeepWarmKeepWell for details.

For further information on staying well this winter visit www.nhs.uk/staywell



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Wild Plants of Britain Quiz - John Murray

- 1 Facial hair on a pensioner
- 2 Followed by the wise men from the East
- 3. Give me your answer do
- 4. Hatchets with rectangular blades
- 5. Romantic encounter in a fog
- 6. Jump on one foot
- 7. Feline auricle with a rash
- 8. Did Puff have these
- 9. The crown bearer
- 10. The upper house is full of them
- 11. Song from Watership Down backwards
- 12. As new feline
- 13. Gamebird oculus
- 14. Sugar based confection
- 15. Railway line in Hampshire
- 16. Vulpine garment
- 17. Mislaid Beetle
- 18. Plant in the French capital
- 19. Cure thyself
- 20. St.Gabriel falls in custard

Answers page 26

Pet's Pyrotechnic Pain Tips

I am very lucky that my dog "Dubh" has no fear of fireworks. She'll just bark at the first 'bang' she hears and then sits and watch the rockets etc. Out of the window. She's been known to rush out and bark at the thunder too! – getting soaking wet in the process! However, unfortunately, this is unusual. Like my old dog "Peppa" most dogs (and cats) can become very nervous at this time of year; quaking at every bang and diving undercover somewhere in the house. Here are a few tips gleaned from animal behaviour experts.

- 1. Provide a den or hiding place where your pet can feel safe a box or crate with a blanket over the top is ideal.
- 2. When possible try and distract your pet from the noise outside with challenging brain games, toys, or tasty treats.
- 3. The more comforting noise from a TV, radio, or music, can also help drown out the bangs.
- 4. Walk your pet when it's light outside during the firework season. Most fireworks are set off at night.
- 5. Pets at Home sell 'ThunderShirts' which are specialised comfort wraps which provide gentle pressure that relieves stress and overexcitement. You could contrive something similar.
- Ideally stay in with your pet while the fireworks are going off!
 Normal routine and cuddles will help to settle and comfort them.
- 7. Ensure that your pet remains inside and that all windows and doors are shut to help mask the firework noise and stop them from running off!

Hope these tips help you and your pet have a safe and relaxed firework season.



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FIREWORKS and bonfire night can be plenty of fun for all of the family to enjoy and going to an organised firework display instead of holding one at home can be a great way of supporting your local community. If you plan on using fireworks or lighting a bonfire at your own home however, please ensure you consider our safety advice below:

Fireworks:

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper, stand well back and never go back to a lit firework
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pockets or clothing
- Light sparklers one at a time wearing gloves, and place used sparklers in a bucket of water
- Never give sparklers to children under five
- It is illegal to sell fireworks to someone under the age of 18 or to light fireworks in a public place
- For more information on Firework Safety, visit: www.hse.gov.uk
- Always consider animals and wildlife nearby when holding a firework display
- Always consider the location of a bonfire or firework display, smoke drifting near or on to surrounding roads can have devastating consequences.

Bonfires:

- Do not light bonfires in unsuitable weather conditions, particularly when windy
- Do not leave bonfires unattended
- Keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe handy just in case
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire
- Never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, batteries, etc
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away.

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Bus Shelter Makeover

A small party of volunteers comprising Richard and Sandra Lloyd and Geoff Harper, ably assisted by Manos (one of the users of the shelter whilst awaiting transport to school) continued the long awaited improvement of the Bus Shelter on the Green outside Christchurch Cottage.

The construction had previously been covered in a trellis and planted with climbers in an attempt to screen the controversial building.



The work involved repairing the

damaged wall, filling the pock-marked inside and painting over the years of graffiti and damage as well as tending the garden area around it. All this in preparation for the arrival of the 'Millennium Bench', donated by Christchurch Horse Show some 17 years ago, from storage. It is hoped we may be able to bring the unveiling ceremony and the 'inaugural sit' in a future issue.

(top) Geoff and Richard (photos by Sandra) (left) Richard and Manos fix the wall (right) the finished result





WI at a Jigsaw Competition

It was all hands on deck as Christchurch WI Jigsaw aficionados took on all comers from other WI groups in the area at Littleport Village Hall in October.

Pictured below are Viv Haresnape, Jan Harper, Ann Atkinson, Elaine Reed-Hughes, Kay Miller and Peggy Warby. Also attending was Sandra Lloyd (taking the photographs)

"It was a very enjoyable morning. The Christchurch WI teams are very competitive," said Vivien Haresnape. Welcome refreshments during the morning were provided by the hosts, Littleport WI.







Friends of Townley Need Your Votes - Natalie Payne

The Friends of Townley School (FOTS) is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the **Tesco Bags of Help initiative, and YOU can help!**

Customers will be able to cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores - being awarded to local community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Friends of Townley School and Pre-School is one of the groups on the shortlist.

They would like to see improvements in the playground, and depending on the amount awarded the plan is to

develop the playground in the following ways:

Repair/replace trim trail and repaint playground markings in main school area, build a mud kitchen, sandpit and erect a sun-sail for the Cubtail



The Trim Trail as it is now



The Cubtail and Darter building

outdoor games and PE equipment for all the children to share. In addition we hope to repair and repaint existing fencing around the School.



Friends of Townley School and Pre-School is a charitable organisation set up to raise funds to provide extra facilities and equipment which support the schools and advance the education of the pupils.

Voting is open in all Tesco stores throughout November and December.

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered over £36 million to nearly 8,000 projects up and down the UK. Tesco

> customers get the chance to vote for three different groups every time they shop. Every other month, when votes are collected, three groups in each

of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding.

Alec Brown, Head of Community at Tesco, said:

"We are absolutely delighted to open the voting for November and December. There are some fantastic projects on the shortlists and we can't wait to see these come to life in hundreds of communities."



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Bags of Help is administered by Groundwork whose National Chief Executive, Graham Duxbury, said:

"We've been thrilled to see the diversity of projects that have applied for funding, ranging from outdoor classrooms, sports facilities, community gardens, play areas and everything in between.

"We're looking forward to learning the results of the customer vote and then supporting each group to bring their project to life."

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organisations can apply online. To find out more visit www.tesco.com/baqsofhelp

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Friends of Townley School (FOTS)

The FOTS held a meeting last week. They have had a number of new volunteers come forward and are now going to be able to hold a Christmas disco and party. To get things started, they organised what was possibly their most successful cake sale to date! They raised over £125.00.

Keep an eye on their Facebook page for ways you can help.

Governors

Would you like to give something back to your community? Do you have a few hours to spare? We need new governors from our community to become school governors.

If you think you might be interested please contact the school to arrange an informal meeting with our Chair of Governors,





Harvest Service

We were delighted with the number of people who joined us for our harvest service at the village church, Rev Lynda Brady and the church make us feel so welcome. We hope you enjoyed coming back to school for tea and cake too!

It was a wonderful afternoon, meeting friends old and new.

Diary Dates — these are events which we would love you to join us in.

10th November — 11am Remembrance Service at War Memorial.

13th December — 2pm Christmas Play (Tickets to be ordered from the school office)

18th December — 5.30pm Christingle at Church.



Neighbourhood Watch

Following last month's report of a robbery from the housing development site on Church Road/Green Lane – We said they'd be back! - On Tuesday 24th October at around 10.10pm, two individuals were seen lurking by a tall hedge at a property in Padgett's Road.

It appeared as though they were snooping around a works van that might contain tools. They were disturbed when caught in the headlights of a car coming up Padgett's Road. The evidence is retained on a security camera system. The same evening a suspicious white van was seen parked in Church Road at 11.30pm opposite premises where there are known to be a lot of tools.

Again we encourage vigilance.



Secure outbuildings and house doors. If you don't have security cameras we encourage you to have them installed. A four camera system can be obtained for just over a hundred pounds.



On another reoccurring problem, dog owners are legally required to clean up after their dog in public spaces. One tall gentleman (and I use the term loosely!) was seen to allow his long haired German

Shepherd to defaecate outside a property in Church Road.

If you know where this person/dog lives please call us on 01354 638990 so we can get FDC to send out the appropriate warning letter.





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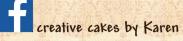
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Green Aiders - Get your garden under control for free

Ex-service personnel living in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can call the Green Aiders to clear their garden this autumn.

The Green Aiders is a free, one-off garden clearance service run by community charity Groundwork Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, and there is still funding for more veterans and their families to benefit from the scheme.

It is funded by The Royal British Legion through its External Grants programme and is available to vulnerable or disabled ex-Service personnel or their spouses, partners, widows/widowers, children or dependants aged 65 plus.

Through a one-off visit, dedicated volunteers led by Groundwork staff make gardens more manageable, safer and more pleasant to spend time in. At the same time, clearing overgrown gardens makes it harder for criminals or fraudsters to identify occupants as potential targets.

Gary's father James recently benefited from a Green Aiders visit. Gary says: "Dad is happier now – the fact that someone did something for him makes a difference. Green Aiders is the only gardening support that he's had and they've done really well for him. It's made me feel better, too, as I don't need to worry – I know it's under control now."

Head of Social Policy & Grant Giving at the Legion, Steven Baynes, said: "We're pleased to have awarded over £43,000 to Groundwork. The grant demonstrates the Legion's continued commitment to working with other organisations to provide the best support possible to our beneficiaries. It will also enable Groundwork to use its expertise to make a real difference to those veterans struggling with the upkeep of their gardens."

If you or someone you know could benefit from a Green Aiders visit, **contact Groundwork**Cambridgeshire & Peterborough on 01480 587141.

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Book Club - Sheila Day	07946 635908
Craft Club - Wendy Yates	01354 638448
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Simon Freeland - Upwell Rd (South)	01354 638802
Richard Guilford - Area Co-ordinator	01354 638990
David Harrowing - District Co-ord.	01945 870963

And Finally...

Well!? Indian Summer? On and off I suppose. Some lovely sunny days recently but the temperature has definitely dropped. Especially at night! Last opportunity to snuggle up together outside at one of those firework parties before Winter sets in perhaps!



STAY SAFE! Is there anybody out there even reading this stuff? Why no response to the Halloween Colouring Competition? Doesn't anybody colour anything in anymore unless it's on a computer?



Oh well! We'll keep on trying these things and hopefully WILL get a response!? Please! Please! Please! Come along to Christchurch Food Fayre - Sunday December 3rd where there will be a whole wealth of produce on sale, as well as hot and cold refreshments; including a "HOGROAST". What more could you want? And it will be open from 10.00am till 4.00pm with the Grand Raffle to be held at 3.30pm. With lots of foodie prizes and vouchers! See you there!?

'Till next time - Ed'.

Jazz Club Review - Alan Norris Big Band - Steve Waye

Alan and his band made a welcome return to the Jazz Club on Sunday 29th October. The band contained quite a few new faces, as well as the stalwarts who have been with Alan for many years. They kicked off the first set with an arrangement of "Malaguena", which suffered from some early timing issues and never really settled into to the groove. Some less than perfect pitching was also evident and altogether gave the band a rather shaky start. The capacity audience (I've never seen so many cars in the Community Centre Car park) however were in a forgiving mood and the resultant applause seemed to settle the musicians down, so that when male vocalist Tom swung the band into a Nelson Riddle arrangement of the classic "All or Nothing at All" the musicians played like a well-oiled machine.

There followed many highlights during the afternoons performance such as the Baritone sax and Trombone Duet, a Flugel Horn led "Eleanor Rigby" and a tune new to me called Sax tutor provided more harmony riffing.

As well as Tom on vocals the band also featured two female vocalists Clair and Kerris. Clair was first up with an old classic "The Man Who Got Away". She has a warm soft delivery, unfortunately a bit too soft on this occasion, as her vocals disappeared into the mix. While this was rectified to a large degree in the second set her vocals do err on the side of softly, softly. Kerris, at

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bathroom awaiting thanks to Daddy. We wish you all the very best for the future! -Ed'.

sixteen years old was very nervous on her first outing with the senior band, but showed promise with her two numbers "Loving that Man" (titled in less enlightened times as "Loving Dat Man") and "Why Don't You Do Right?" As Alan said, "You just have to try to bring on the young people and introduce them to this music." Amen to that!

Another tune that I at least was not familiar with was Sing, Song, Sung. This began with a solo drum pattern that was very reminiscent of the Sandy Nelson classic "Let there be Drums" and featured an energetic drum solo and funky horns. Alan's improvised humour and friendly banter ensured the crowd warmed to the musical endeavours of these dedicated musicians. A really good way to spend Sunday afternoon. Should you wish to catch the band live, they will be playing a free Christmas concert at the Braza club in March on the 23rd December and they will be back in Christchurch next year.

Next month the Rhythm Section step into the spotlight on November 26th featuring the superb bass playing of Len Skeat, the line-up utilising guitar and piano as the front line. One not to be missed. A new Jazz Club GCs has started and is on the second Sunday of every month at The Woodman's Cottage, High Road, Gorefield, Wisbech PE13 4NB. The regular group of Simon Gore (keyboards) Jose Canha (bass) and Graeme Culham (drums) are joined next month by vocalist Andi Hopgood. Starts at 7.30 on the 12th of November. Enjoy! Steve Waye

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Vild Plants Quiz -The Answers

God Speed the Plough

I For men do now need bread as much as ever. I Sunshine and rain will swell the grain

- I They make the best of weather
- Good crops shall come and harvest home
- Shall gladden every heart

And all the farmers come to Terry Symons Who gladly played his part!

The Utopian Dream - in the Fens - courtesy Cambs Times



The colony was the brainchild of Fenland farmer and Methodist minister, William Hodson, who wanted to create a community that aligned with the ideas of socialist, Robert Owen.

Hodson believed strongly in equality and so built a 'utopian' colony on over 150 acres of his own land in Manea in 1838.

A team of archaeologists who uncovered the mysteries of one of the strangest social experiments of the 19th century – the Manea Colony – have released a video of their findings (*link above - Ed'*). In September last year the Cambridge Archaeological Unit, along with a crew of volunteers, intricately searched deep beneath the marshy Fenland ground

that was once the home of a 'free-loving socialist utopia' community from 1838 to 1841. The dig, which uncovered ceramics, glass and some of the colony's foundations, was hailed as a success by site director,

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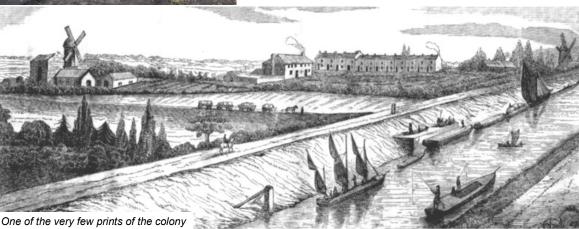
He set out to create a community where everyone would live equally, work together and a place where money and marriage were unnecessary.

The colony was initially a success, with people moving to Cambridgeshire from all over England. The village – built by the colonists themselves from locally-sourced materials – included cottages, a dining hall, a school, a communal kitchen and it even had its own newspaper printed on site – the Working Bee.

But, before long, conflict began to appear after many female members became offended by Hodson's ideologies and the practise of 'free love.'

Many colonists, especially those from the north, were unable to understand agriculture and needed help from locals to sell their goods. This, in turn, meant the colony struggled for money and just over two years after the colony was built, Hodson withdrew his financial support, blaming the failure of a local bank and within two years all the colonists had gone. Hodson stayed until 1846 before heading off to America where he became a founding member of a colony in Wisconsin.





It's believed that some of the colony's cottages were still occupied in the early 1900s - with a baptism taking place there in 1906 - but the colony finished as a community soon after.



AFC Christchurch The Magpies **Fenstanton Reserves**

Saturday 30th September report.

The Magpies were at home against Fenstanton Reserves in the League Cup. Luke McClean opened the scoring for The Magpies on the twentieth minute. By half time it was 3 - 2 to The Magpies. With 2 penalties to The Magpies and after 90 minutes full time it ended at 4 - 4. An exciting half an hour of extra time followed. But Fenstanton Reserves proved to be the stronger team in the final minutes of extra time eventually winning 7 - 4. It was a hard fought match with both teams battling till the final whistle. Well done The Magpies. Although we lost we are going from strength to strength.



Craig Martin

Dan Beaney

Daniel Cowell

Charlie Lawrence

- 4 Wicken First
- AFC Christchurch The Magpies
 - Saturday 14th October report.

The day started off nice and sunny turning chilly and blustery by the end which didn't stop The Magpies heading to the top of their league table. 3 - 1 up at half time and more goals were expected in the second half, a strong start with an excellent goal ten minutes in from just over the halfway mark putting the The Magpies 4 - 1 into the lead. Wicken pressured The Magpies and soon where to be awarded a penalty, a great save by Dan Beaney only to be followed up unmarked for Wicken to score (4 - 2). As the game went on the game got messy, The Magpies were starting to chase the ball more losing the width of the pitch they preferred to play, Wicken were looking to score their third goal, but 15 minutes from time The Magpies Dan Beaney saw an opportunity kicking a long range pass leaving a one-on-one into Wicken's goal area only to be brought down for a penalty taken by jimmy boxall making it 5 - 2 at the final whistle.





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Michael Rendell

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