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Well! Here we are again!

It's mid-summer and the weather has been pretty good on the whole; with a few showers to help the crops, and keep the gardens green. The harvest has already begun in earnest. I've really begun to understand and appreciate the seasons a lot more since moving to the Cambridgeshire Fens in 2008. And don't the time fly!

So, with two 'Special Editions' behind us it's back to 'normal'. Whatever that is? Because we could have made this a "Summer Special" really with all the photos and reports gathered from all the various events that have been on. We just didn't have space to fit them all in but they are ALL available online (see the foot of this page) and in colour! There was the 150th Celebration Weekend with the Festival of Flowers of course, but there's also been the Treasure Hunt, and Dog Show, to raise funds for Townley's new swimming pool. The Dog Show was fantastic, though I am a little biased, and we hope that this will become a regular annual event as we are such a dog loving village. There was a huge turn out! I must confess that I was very proud of my "Dubh" who got two 3rd place rosettes, and a 4th! Totally unexpected. Not to mention the 'goodie bags'. Not bad for an eight year old Border Collie x GSD. Then, of course there was the WI's recent "Open Gardens" event which raised over £200. What a busy village we are!

Hopefully, our Diary Dates page has kept you all up to date and well informed so you didn't miss any of these events. Why not cut-out or copy the Diary Dates page and stick it on the fridge, or some other prominent position at home, as a reminder. Maybe the useful telephone numbers page too!? For those of you who missed out on any of the above we've tried to include as many photos as we could illustrating these events in this months New Heron. Don't forget to let us know in good time of any events that you may be holding in the near future.

We hope that you continue to enjoy your new community magazine, with its many new features. Do you have any other ideas or suggestions? Meanwhile! Enjoy!

'Till the harvest's safely gathered in!

Richard

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DIARY DATES

If you have any important up and coming events let us know for inclusion here:

Aug 1 st	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome - see Page 9
Aug 8 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome - see Page 9
Aug 12 th	WI - The Work of FACET - Townley
Aug 15&22 nd	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome - see Page 9
Aug 26 th	Christchurch Garden Club – SUMMER BUFFET for members - Townley School
Aug 29 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome - see Page 9
Sep 2 nd	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall - All Welcome - £5 per session
Sep 3 rd	Christchurch Craft Club – Corn Dollies
Sep 5 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome - see Page 9
Sep 9 th	WI - Cookery Demonstration - Townley
Sep 9 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall - All Welcome - £5 per session
Sep 12&19 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome - see Page 9
Sep 20 th	"HeronAid" - Concert - Townley School - 7pm - All welcome - see opposite page
Sep 16 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall - All Welcome - £5 per session
Sep 23 rd	Christchurch Garden Club - Talk on Fushias by Tim Jellis - Townley School
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No 'money back on the bottle' these days - but recycling is more important than ever. In Christchurch we have a choice - we can put glass bottles and jars into our 'blue bins' OR we can take them to the village bottle bank for any glass items. It's in the Bowls club car park. **If you use the bottle bank it brings in some income for the Parish Council, and so benefits the village.**

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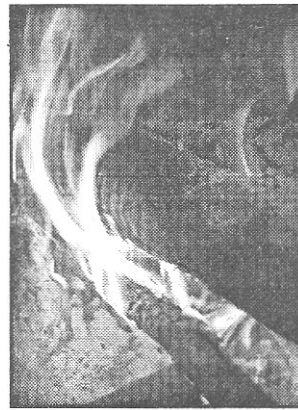
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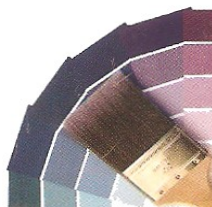
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Dear Richard,
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Thank you

Thanks for the offer. I hope that one or two Christchurch villagers might take you up on it! – Ed'.

Dear Richard,
Following the letter from A Concerned Chicken last month, I would like to speak out about the poor working conditions suffered by us racehorses. In fact I'd like to propose a nationwide strike until our demands are met! Well look at how well human athletes get treated. They are pampered beyond belief with special diets, massages, etc.

How do you think Mo Farrah would feel if he was continually, and repeatedly, slapped across the backside every time he won a race, had his face rubbed all over, was force fed sugar lumps, and then locked up in a box which got towed away by a Land Rover. I don't think he would be very impressed – Do you?

So one out, all out, I say. Come on all you nags and nagssies! Stop this race-ial abuse! A Concerned Thoroughbred

Well! I always thought you guys loved your racing! However, if you're not happy then something should be done about it! There's always the knackers yard or the meat pie / burger option if you prefer? – Ed'.

Dear Richard,
I would like to thank all the Christchurch residents who have signed our petition regarding the blind exit at Jackson's Corner. With the petitions held in The Little Local and The Dun Cow we so far have over one-hundred signatures. Thank you so much! That's brilliant! We should now be able to get something done about this. I will hold the petition open until the end of this month and then send it off to FDC / Highways with a covering letter. Thank you for your support and I hope that some of the rest of you who haven't yet added your names to the list will find time to do so before the end of August.

Sara Russell

Brilliant! I hope we can get a few more signatures before the end of the month. - Ed'.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Richard

Could we please let everyone know through The New Heron that the "Friends of Townley School" would like to say a huge thank you to the Christchurch children, parents and villagers - and our neighbours and traders in the local community - for their raffle prizes, donations, support and attendance at their events this term. Thanks to you, to date, we have raised £4,625.00 towards the Swimming Pool Fund.

We thank you most sincerely. FOTS

Fantastic support especially for the auction and the dog show which was brilliant. But a deserved "WELL DONE" to the FOT organisers - we couldn't have done it without you! - Ed'.

Dear Richard,

Please could you print the following thank you in the Heron next issue?

Church Festival of Flowers

Thank you to all who supported Our Festival of Flowers Celebrating 150 years of Christchurch Parish Church.

Total raised was £941.81 an excellent and rewarding amount for the Church Funds.

There was very little interest in the bunting competition, which was won by Natalie Paine of Green Drove Christchurch, therefore answers will not be printed but are available on request.

So many people gave their time freely, not only arranging flowers, but doing all kinds of tasks to make it such a success.

Our sincere thanks to you all.

Daphne & Margaret

Well done to all who took part and especially to the organisers, Daphne Symons and Margaret Sparrow. We can only hope a couple of able folks can fill their shoes next year, as we don't want to lose the Flower Festival. - Ed'.

*100 WAYS FOR A CHICKEN TO TRAIN ITS HUMAN ~
No 8 - Pot-a-doodle-do!*

On one of your escape jaunts around your human's garden; you'll note that they plant things in containers just for your convenience. You can easily select what is nice to eat without worry about boring old weeds. These other delicacies were served with a bit of style in a nice terracotta pot.



FACET (Fenland Area Community Enterprise Trust) is a truly local charity based on the Marwick Road Industrial Estate in March, Cambridgeshire. They work with adults with learning and other disabilities from across the Fenland area to give them the same opportunities in life as everyone else in the local community. The charity was launched on 7th June 2002 as a community-based social training enterprise, providing just 15 placements weekly and has now grown to work with more than 100 students every week, which makes them the biggest provider of its kind in the county.

Over time the charity has developed to become a major provider of health and social care services which parents and carers have come to depend on as for many this is the only form of respite available to them. Over time the charity has had to become almost entirely self-supporting. Only by the sheer determination of Board members and the management team has the charity continued to thrive. It now has a reputation of which it is immensely proud thanks to a dedicated staff team of over 30 plus around 20 volunteers who provide invaluable support.

Offering an amazing programme of 17 different forms of training each week including things like Basic Skills, IT, Catering, Horticulture, Woodwork, Art and Craft, Sport and Leisure, Healthy Lifestyles, Music and Movement, Drama etc. the charity also delivers accredited training in Employability Skills and Retail. This enables



students to undertake paid or voluntary work in the local community and to live independently or in supported living as opposed to spending a lifetime in residential care.

The charity's premises house a large woodwork shop, equipped with the full range of power driven machinery. Work is done with local schools to produce play equipment, and also with local businesses. The charity's horticulture project boasts four polytunnels and a large greenhouse. In addition the charity has three charity shops, two in March and one in Chatteris, which offer a furniture recycling service, with collections and deliveries being made throughout the Fenland area.

Readers can help support our charity either by purchasing our plants and woodwork items, donating goods to our charity shop or perhaps by carrying out some voluntary work for us, all of which would be greatly appreciated. So if you think your friends or family might benefit from the range of services offered by FACET please contact Linda Ingram, CEO, Tel: 01354 655080, Mobile 07740 286154.

Parish Council News

Funding was again on the agenda at July's Parish Council Meeting. This time over how to pay for proposed improvements in the junctions to the 16 Foot Bank road. The "Local Highways Improvement Bid" was up for discussion. It was explained that only one scheme could be put forward each year. It had been the intention of the Council to propose the improvement of the two junctions, by reduction of the speed limit leading to and onto the 16 Foot Bank road. However, following an item brought from the public time at the beginning of the meeting, for a similar reduced speed limit on Euximoor Drove - this alternative scheme was also a possible candidate, so should be considered. Following some debate a further scheme was also

mentioned - to change signage to prevent Heavy Goods Vehicles coming through the village. With a range of options on the table the Council decided to ask if other proposed schemes could be identified and requested if there were any they should be emailed to the Parish Clerk before the August Meeting. Using: christchurchcambpc@googlemail.com The Council deferred its decision until the August Meeting.

Following the CRA meeting a suggestion was made that all of the above issues should be considered under one 'umbrella bid' – "Make Christchurch safe!" -Ed'.



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Cherry Tree Recording Studio, of Euximoor Drove, joined in the magical music festival that is The Willow Festival held on the embankment in Peterborough. This free, three day festival served up a complete mix of over 150 acts including rock, folk, country and everything in between!

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The stage at the Willow Festival, Peterborough

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and we look forward to attending again next year!



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11 Aug	09:30	Rev S Tooke	Holy Communion
18 Aug	18:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Evening Prayer
25 Aug	11:00	Mr SE Tooke	Morning Prayer
1 Sep	11:00	Rev K Fitzgibbon	All Age Worship



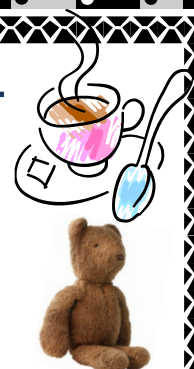
We have started a weekly open event called "Cake, Coffee and Chat". It runs from 2-3pm on Fridays. It is NOT a fund raising event. **ALL WELCOME.**

Wolsey and Doris would like to thank all the kind people who sent them cards and presents for their recent 90th birthdays. They all made a wonderful day

An invitation to all



On Saturday 10th August, we are holding a coffee morning in our beautiful church building, from 10am to 12 noon. There will be stalls, games, a raffle and goodies for sale to eat. **Please come along to this informal occasion and support us.**



Editor's Interview with Connie Symons

Memories of the Old Toll House - Part 1



Connie clutching her "treasured" Anniversary Issue!

I first met Connie in the summer of 2008 shortly after I moved to Christchurch, and at a time when Upwell Health Centre still used to run a satellite surgery on Wednesdays in the old village hall. This was how I first got to meet many of the villagers like Neville, Walter, Mary Rolfe, Doris Ted Rolfe, Wolsey and Doris, Lol and many others. Anyway, on this particular occasion, Dr. Millard (Oh how we miss him!) was running rather late, and Connie had been continually glancing at her watch.

"Are you alright?" I asked, "You're looking a little worried"

"Well I'm frightened I'm going to miss me dinner down the pub!" she exclaimed.

We were the last two waiting.

"You go in first, and I won't be long. So I'll walk you down to the pub as soon as I come out." I replied.

"Well that's very kind", said Connie, "I look forward to being escorted by a nice young man!"

"I haven't been called that in a long time!" I replied (I was 56 at the time and Connie was 91, though she didn't look it – but she had a few years on me).

And so it was, a little while later that Wednesday, that I escorted Connie down to The Dun Cow for her OAP's lunch; two courses for a fiver; a tradition

that continues currently. Connie never forgot this kindness, and on other occasions, when our paths crossed, I was always referred to as her 'gallant escort'. We had become good friends. Connie endeared herself to everyone.

Well, time has moved on now and after a period of illness Connie now resides at Ashville House, a lovely old folks home just alongside the railway at Downham Market. She is happy there and has many close friends; two especially, Bridget Carter and Sheila Young.

When we produced our 150th Anniversary Souvenir Edition of The New Heron, I'd thought it a good idea to present Connie with a copy as she had been Churchwarden at the time of the church restorations back in 1995. Pauline Hutchins visited Connie regularly on a Friday (still does!) so I asked her if I might accompany her on her next visit. She agreed and thought that Connie would appreciate our idea.

Connie was born in September 1917 in Sutton St. James. When she married Sydney Symonds they had moved into The Old Toll House on Halfpenny Toll in 1938 which also had ten acres of farm land with it. Their son Roger was born there and later Pat their daughter came who became a District Nurse. The family moved to Hillboro on the corner of Halfpenny Toll road in 1952. Sydney died in 1984 but Connie went on living at Hillboro until she became ill in 2012 and later transferred to Ashville House.

Sydney's father Walter Symonds had owned half of The Old Toll House prior to he and Connie moving in, the other half belonged to Mr and Mrs

The New Heron Online

Have you had a look at the New Heron Online?

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Brookes. Though it was originally all one building The Old Toll House had been divided to make two homes some years prior to Walter taking on his half. Though the buildings still on the site of The old Toll House were later sold Connie's son Roger still owns eight acres of land surrounding it, including Hillboro Field.

The Halfpenny Toll road finally became a 'free' road on Monday October 12th 1908, after being in the possession of Victoria Lodge of the Oddfellows for ten years and kept by Mr. G. Brookes. It was situated more or less on the Cambridgeshire / Norfolk border. There is still a hump across the road that defines this.

When I handed the 150th Anniversary – Souvenir Edition to Connie having explained why I was there, and what it was, she was delighted, and, with her usual room illuminating smile, she said:

"Oh thank you so much! I shall treasure this!"

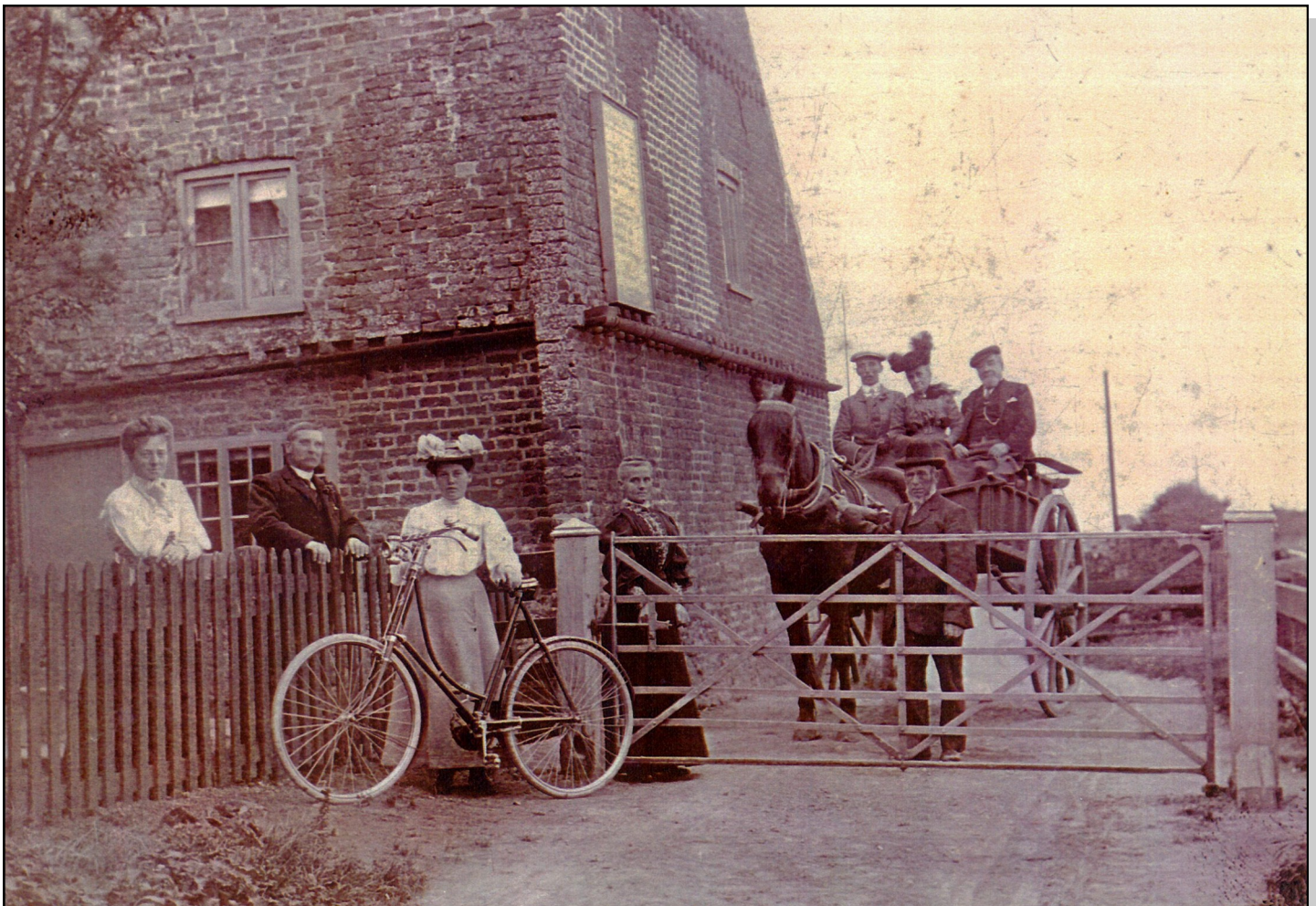
It was still proudly displayed, on the table next to her, in her room, when next I visited.

We had chatted about many things on my first visit. Her involvement with the Church, of course, but also her many other activities including being a

member of St. John's Ambulance, and the many amateur dramatic productions she had produced over the years, and floats in the days of the Christchurch Gala. Something she would dearly love to see revived.

We talked about old photographs that were now in safe keeping with her son Roger and his wife Carol who had moved to the original Crown Lodge in Crown Drove when they married in 1973, and are there still. Prior to that the family had had to leave The Old Toll House in 1952 when the gable end facing the road collapsed following a heavy storm. Despite a protracted argument with Norfolk planners they had been refused permission to rebuild. Roger and Carol later provided me with a collection of photographs that would act as an 'aide-memoire' for Connie. One particular photograph Connie had remembered hung on their wall was a large A3 sized photo of The Old Toll House (see below!) complete with a rather well dressed young lady on her bicycle. I would take this and the other photos over to Connie on my next visit.

(Part 2 next month) - Ed'.



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Film Review

The Monuments Men – Fox/Columbia

Well we are now post D-Day, the Germans are on the run, but they are determined to take anything of value with them; looting art galleries and museums, as well as private collections (often Jewish) for valuable, often priceless, artifacts. In the post-war chaos of the 'clear-up', such a task is relatively easy, and the Germans are very organized; whether working on behalf of The Fuhrer, or for their own personal gain. What they couldn't take they burnt.

Based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history, The Monuments Men delivers thrilling action, and priceless performances from an all-star ensemble cast of George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, John Goodman, Hugh Bonneville, and Cate Blanchett. With Jean Dujardin and Bob Balaban adding some local colour, all are marvelous and believable in their unusual roles.

When a team of unlikely – and woefully unprepared – heroes is sent to the front lines of WWII to rescue artistic masterpieces from the Nazis, the race against time; - before everything disappears without a trace; to protect more than a thousand years of culture, begins. The rag-tag band of curators, architects, artists and historians, may not stand a chance... but they're the only chance we've got to protect and defend mankind's greatest artistic achievements.

Somehow they manage to bridge the horrors of the war but not the devious wheeler dealings that seemed to underpin it; especially during the withdrawal. All in all a historical roller-coaster ride through events that actually happened during the closing days of WWII. Underground treasure houses are discovered, some containing more than 16,000 artifacts. It seems that the Nazis thought more of, and took more care of, such items than they did of people.

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The Methodist Chapel

The old brick chapel together with the Sunday school room on the side was the home of a really staunch Methodist congregation. Two services on a Sunday and two or three meetings in the week together with the Sunday school were always well



The old Euximoor Methodist Chapel as was!

attended. The Sunday School Anniversary would be held to an overflowing congregation and on the Monday afternoon the organ would be lifted onto a horse drawn lorry and the choir and children would climb aboard and journey up to Christchurch and return singing hymns and choruses whilst 3 or 4 boys would go round on cycles collecting from houses and very often run over fields to workers hoeing sugar beet etc. Sometimes for your effort some of the less inclined workers would give you a penny. A thriving male voice choir used to go to other churches up to 20 miles away to give concerts during the winter months.

The chapel still had a decent size congregation when after a bad storm the side next to the dyke fell to the evil of "fen subsidence". By this time electric light had replaced the carbine plant and lighting and even a flush toilet had been built. When we were kids we would go into the store holding a carbine plant and put small pieces into a tin with a tight lid and you could make it explode blowing the tin to pieces.

[Hmmm! Should we have printed that? -Ed']

I purchased the large banner stating, "God is our refuge and strength" which was hung above the pulpit and have it hung in my ex-potato store. When the chapel had to close most of the congregation started to use the new Methodist chapel in Upwell. A lovely marble christening font donated by my grandparents family, Earnest and Edith Russell, in their memory to Euximoor Chapel was taken to be used at Upwell but unfortunately after a few years it was stolen and never found again, whether it was just a youthful prank who knows? Because it was heavy some people searched the river running by, but no trace of it was ever found.

As an aside, in my Grandparents bedroom hung two pictures, "The Broad & Narrow Way" and "The Pilgrims Journey" to the celestial city with reference and texts from the Bible and they always fascinated me when I was allowed as a small child to have them down and look at them.

When my grandparents passed away in about 1950 the pictures were given to the Sunday school for others to enjoy as my grandfather has been a Sunday school teacher and Superintendent there for many years and when the chapel closed about 40 years ago I asked if I might purchase them back but when I went to collect them only one was there. The "The Broad & Narrow Way" and for the next 40 years I have searched hundreds of car boots, flea markets, antique shops, charity shops and lately on the internet to no avail until I went into a private museum in Shropshire 3 years ago and there laying with a lot of other 'junk' was the picture I had spent hundreds of hours over 40 years looking for but the lady owner would not part with it. Earlier this year while we were touring around I called at the Museum and took a chance and encouraged by my wife offered a sum she felt she could not refuse after all these years I felt as if I had won the lottery and could not wait to get it cleaned and reframed which my daughter paid for as my birthday present.

The chapel, like many of the houses, was built right on the road side on parcels of "pinched" land but has been demolished, and nothing remains but an overgrown plot and a few photographs of the inside and outside of the building.

Many years ago one of the "Hell, Fire and Brimstone" local preachers got so enthusiastic in his sermon he fell down the pulpit steps and shook himself up badly. The stewards asked if he would like to close the services so they could take him home, he used to cycle everywhere to preach but declined saying "I've got half way through my sermon and gotten Daniel in the Lions Den and if I leave off now the lions will probably eat him!"

A well liked member of the congregation, the late Mr. Leslie Russell used to recite wonderful monologues at some services and knowing I used to enjoy them I can still remember some of my anniversary pieces; his collection of them were given to me. I intend to learn them one day.

Memories are made of this!!!!

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HEALTH RISKS OF SNORING

Part 2

By [Madeline Vann, MPH](#)

Reviewed by [Lindsey Marcellin, M.D., MPH](#)

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Injury

This is one of the more serious dangers of sleep deprivation caused by snoring or sleep apnoea. Daytime sleepiness can be so intense that it puts you and the people around you at risk, says Doghramji. If snoring or sleep apnoea is leaving you exhausted, you run the risk of falling asleep, perhaps while driving. An analysis of health information and driving data for 618 adults over 10 years showed that the sleepier people felt during the day, the greater their risk for a car accident. The risk was also greater if people were driving alone.

Mental Health Issues

Sleep apnoea can affect your mental well-being, leading to issues from crankiness from a lack of sleep to serious depression, Doghramji says. In fact, the link between sleep apnoea, snoring and depression is well established. A recent study of 74 snorers showed that the more daytime sleepiness people report, the greater their chances of also having mild depression or anxiety symptoms. Researchers are still untangling this relationship, but treating sleep apnoea does seem to help ease depression.

Headache

Do you often wake up with a headache? It's not just from your spouse complaining about your snoring. According to a recently published study of 268 people who were habitual snorers, researchers found a connection between frequent morning headaches and sleep disorders including insomnia and sleep apnoea. Snorers with frequent headaches reported a lower quality of life than those whose heads did not hurt.

Nocturia

Getting up to use the bathroom two or more times a night is a condition called nocturia. For some people, this includes a loss of bladder control. It is also linked with snoring in both men and women. Research suggests that men over the age of 55 who wake up often to urinate may have both benign prostate enlargement and obstructive

sleep apnoea. Another study showed a strong link between the two conditions.

Less Sexual Satisfaction

A study of 827 older men found that the more and the louder they snored, the more likely they were to report lower levels of sexual satisfaction, even though a clinical analysis of their health did not show physiological signs of reduced sexual response. Many people are so affected by their snoring that they don't have the desire for intimate relations with their spouse, explains Doghramji. Treatment for sleep disorders can usually get you back into the game.

Foetal Complications

Snoring during the last trimester of pregnancy is usually due to weight gain. Of greater concern, says Doghramji, is that this snoring is also accompanied by an increased risk for foetal complications. The connection isn't clear yet, but it might not be surprising given the way that interrupted sleep appears to negatively affect almost every aspect of health. Women who snore loudly during pregnancy should talk to their family doctor or obstetric gynaecologist.

Excess Weight

Half of overweight people also have sleep apnoea, says Doghramji. This is partly because of the extra weight that collects around the neck, making it harder to keep breathing at night. The good news is that losing weight improves symptoms related to sleep disorders. If you're overweight and your spouse or other family members tease you about snoring, talk to your doctor about a referral to a sleep specialist. Whether your snoring is light and lovely, or orchestral, treatment will get you (and your family) back to sleep.

“Half of
overweight people
also have sleep
apnoea....”

Did you know?

Some of the lumps and bumps in the Fenland landscape are known as "roddons". A roddon (or rodham, roddam or rodde) is the dried bed of a fenland watercourse where surrounding peat lands have dried and shrunk leaving the silt-filled river bed and banks as a raised ridge. Roddons make good firm land for buildings and roads, and Silt Road which runs from Lott's Bridge to Nordelph did not get its name by accident.

Christchurch Residents Association

Our meeting on 16th July was attended by 13 members as many were away. For this reason it was decided that we would not hold a meeting in August.

Our Chairman gave us an update on the New Village Hall. It was noted that a formal application for the build had been lodged with FDC Planning on the 19th June though this was not yet showing up on the FDC website. It was hoped that it would be by next week and the plans available to view. Richard had a phone call earlier in the evening from John Elworthy, Editor of Cambs Times, to say that he had been contacted by the leader of FDC confirming that £100,000 had definitely been earmarked and set aside for the new building. John was currently preparing an article on this subject which would be available online by the next day (Thurs 20th) and published in next weeks Cambs Times.

The petition re Jackson's Corner had so far gained more than 100 signatures from the village and Sara Russell would hold it open until the end of July and then send copies to FDC and Highways together with a covering letter. Work on the 16 Foot Bank had now been completed though it overran the original schedule by a week.

Despite an appeal in The New Heron for more co-ordinators for Neighbourhood Watch no additional persons had, so far, come forward. So it was agreed that we would start the scheme just in Church Road to start, with the four volunteers we so far have, and hope that this would, eventually, encourage other parts of the village to participate.

Several residents complained about the over zealous nature of the recent "village inspection" by councillors. Unnecessary letters had been sent out causing unneeded and avoidable angst to some residents.

Richard had been contacted by Steve Wayne regarding fundraising for The New Heron. He had

suggested a concert and kindly volunteered his services – "HERONAIID" (see page 3) will be held on Saturday September 20th in Townley School Hall from 7.00pm and food will be available during the interval thanks to Friends of Townley.

Terry Symons gave us an update on the proposed development F/YR14/0023/ for two new houses, south-east of The Paddocks in Green Lane. He read out correspondence that he had been having with Sheila Black of FDC Planning. This was very jargonistic and contradictory. However, Terry would continue the fight and hoped for a meeting with Sheila Black in due course.

Finally, and in conjunction with the above, our Chairman related a detailed telephone conversation he had had with Susan Bull, Planning Liaison Manager for Anglian Water. She had not been able to attend our meeting as she had only just returned from holiday but she had promised to look into CRA concerns re the number of current planning applications that had been granted for Christchurch considering that the sewage plant that serves the village is already under-capacity for the homes it currently serves. The system is already 'overloaded' and cannot cope. There have already been a number of sewage related incidents in the village. Susan Bull has promised to provide a full and detailed response to CRA by the end of the month.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm. Next meeting 10th September at The Old School 7.30pm. Any other villagers are welcome to attend.

(see p7 for another issue discussed)

Craft Club

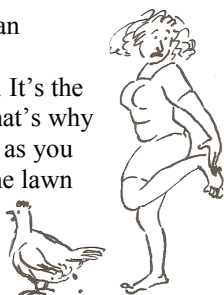
A very laid back and pleasant evening was had last month with each of us doing our own thing; knitting, sewing, or just chatting. Some did a bit of everything. Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 2nd September at Townley. Hopefully this will be on Corn Dollies. Hope to see you all then. Meanwhile, hope you all have a good holiday!

Wendy



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Minutes of the
Monthly WI Meeting
on July 8th 2014

Peggy welcomed members, her aunt Jessie and Anne, a new member.

Apologies were received from Margaret H., and Anne.

Correspondence:

The centenary baton timetable.

W.I. Life

Other Matters

One of our oldest members, Doris W. Rolfe celebrated her 90th birthday on July 9th. Two cakes were made by Peggy and Val and her health was toasted with a glass of wine. She was presented with some flowers.

Our speaker, Neil Callan, gave a fascinating talk on the development of the English silver spoon. He was a very accomplished speaker and his enthusiasm for the topic was infectious.

Birthdays

Florrie and Val

Next Month: The work of FACET - Linda Ingram

Competition: Collage using scraps of material

Raffle Prize Rota:

Tracy, Marion, Sue. N, Beryl, Wendy, Aunt Jessie

Competition Results:

Tracy, Susan Q, Sue N, 5pts, Margaret S, Doris W, 4pts, Val, Sandra K, Sandra L., Beryl, Peggy and Wendy 2pts.

Open Gardens

The weather was kind to us as visitors spent a pleasant time wandering around the gardens. Peggy thanked all members that had helped in any way.

Competition Winners

The name of the flower was "lily of the valley". There were 8 correct entries. The entry drawn was Pat Haresnape who received a ten pound Goldings voucher.

The sponge weighed 2lb 1oz. This was won by Alva Smart.

The number of sweets in the jar was 199, won by Emily Lombardo.

Many thanks to all those who supported us by visiting the gardens.



Helloooh! At last we had our trip to Tamar Nurseries which had previously been rained off.



Boy Oh Boy!!! What a wonderful evening we had! John Huibers, the owner of this truly wonderful 26 acre site, with its amazing kaleidoscope of so many varieties of plants, in so many different stages of growth; guided us through the magnitude of plant life. All of course expertly grown – to perfection! They had previously won a environmental award for their rainwater harvesting and recycling. Certainly the biggest and best outdoor set up we have ever seen with its four man-made reservoirs. Two of which are being enlarged next year.

We were very fortunate in being allowed access to areas not normally seen by the public. Keeness and dedication were there in abundance. Not just from John but all his staff too, who were all very pleasant and helpful. A really interesting evening, everything being controlled by computer so that each variety of plant got just what it needed. Some of the larger trees took up to 12 years to grown on before they would be released for sale. A real commitment!

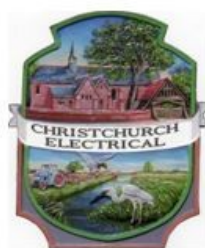
We finished off with tea and coffee to warm us up and our usual raffle. Amazingly John Huivers the owner won the home-made cake which he was delighted with. The staff were going to have a treat the next day! They too all enjoyed our visit and said how friendly we all were. Some of us also bought quite a few plants. Such bargains at wholesale prices with a special extra 10% discount just for us. How could we resist!?

All members please note: "The Summer Buffet" is our next club meeting on August 26th at 7.00pm at Townley. **You will need to bring with you:** plate, dessert dish and spoon, your own wine, cordial or whatever and glass of course. The club will provide knives and forks. If you would like to contribute any food for our table of delicacies please contact Marion, our most efficient secretary, on 01354 638230. She is doing a grand job for our club. We will of course have our raffle and any contributions for that would be most welcome too!

Have you a hat that's special? Perhaps with a special memory attached to it? Please bring it along – you will not have to wear it – I promise! Also make a note in your diary for a special concert – "HeronAid" – to be held on Saturday September 20th at Townley School – 7.00pm. This promises to be a worthwhile event not to be missed.

Meanwhile – enjoy your garden – keep well – and don't forget to give us a 'toot' as you pass by! Any queries contact Bubbles on 01354 638024.

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CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 9th June 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

Present	Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); J Bliss; S Freeland; R Gladwin; W Poole; F Yeulett (CCC); M Tanfield (FDC); W Sutton (FDC) J Richardson (Clerk); and 5 members of the public	
Apologies for Absence:	Cllr Beswick and Cllr H Poole	
Declarations of Interest	Councillors to declare any interests under the Local Code of Conduct in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:-	
	a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest)	R Gladwin (Item 036/14) W Poole (Item 039/14)
	b) Non-Pecuniary Interest)	Cllr Russell (Item 039/14)
	c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest)	

19.32-19.50 Public Time

The issues of Euximoor Drove were raised, and a request for the update on the Highways meeting was received. This is covered on the Agenda at Item 031/14 a).

Resident informed the Council that his hedge has now been cut and this was not possible earlier due to birds nesting.

The issue of Road Sweeping was raised and Cllr Tanfield informed the meeting that you can contact FDC (Street Scene) and request this. Earlier publication of Parish Council Minutes were discussed and due to constraints of legislation this is not possible.

025/14 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2014 had amendments proposed.

Proposed by Cllr Freeland to amend Item 08/14 to read "The climbing frame cannot be moved". This was not seconded and therefore cannot be amended.

Proposed by Cllr Freeland to amend 013/14 to read "Structural Engineer instead of Architect". This was not seconded and therefore cannot be amended.

It was Proposed that the minutes as written be approved by Cllr Russell, AGREED and signed.

Agreed

026/14 Matters Arising

Reply sent to FDC re Planning Application F/YR14/0293/F. No objections raised.

Gully cleansing to take place in the village on 30th June and 1st July 2014. Cllr Yeulett is to raise with FDC the possibility of having the roads swept prior to this.

Cllr Yeulett

Fenland Local Plan adopted 08/05/14

027/14 Police Matters

Two crimes reported:-

Euximoor Fen, theft of 3 wheelie bins

Scotts Road, theft of diesel

On-going issues are:- Euximoor Fen is covered by the national speed limit, and Speedwatch monitoring cannot be operated in this area as it can only be operated in areas of 30 or 40 mph. If the speed limit changes then training can be given.

The next Rural Forum will be held on 10th September in Friday Bridge at Maltmas Drove. The Horizon Outreach Vehicle will be there from 12.00 with a meeting to decide priorities starting at 17.00

028/14

County Councillors Report

Cllr Yeulett reported that under the new system at CCC he is on the Adults Committee and the Childrens Committee. At close of the financial year CCC underspent by £6M. There was a change to the taxi ranks in March last week. Work is to happen on the March bypass towards the end of June (Cllr Yeulett, post meeting, advised this is now Sept/Oct). CCC are looking at Childrens Social Care. There are moves to change the number of District Councillors from 69 to 63 and this could affect March area. Fenland do have a number of world leaders in business. Work is continuing on the Wisbech to March railway line and the business case is looking good, which should aid jobs in Fenland.

Cllr Yeulett

Cllr Tanfield reported there have been lots of changes at Fenland and she is dealing with Tourism, Leisure and Young People. At present everyone is settling into their new roles.

Cllr Sutton reported that the meeting at FDC on 06/06/14 re Concurrent Functions and Street Lighting produced various views from Parish Councils and Cllr Clark and Cllr Seaton have now gone away to discuss options and come back with an offer of resolution. The smaller village map has been placed in the Notice Board. Lots of work ongoing with the PAS review of the planning department, the action plan will go to a Cabinet Meeting tomorrow (10/06/14) the aim of Cllr Sutton is to achieve a gold standard for the Planning Department.

029/14

Recreation Ground

a) Recreation Ground Charity

The AGM of the Recreation Ground Charity will be held on 14th July 2014 at 19.00

b) Meeting was held on site with Playdale on 06/06/14. The Parish Council's concerns over the floor covering was raised and Playdale stated that it is as it should be, i.e. meets all legal and safety requirements. It was asked if any mowing advice was given and it was pointed out that Playdale mowed the area once it was completed. It was proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED that he contacts the grass contractor and instructs him to mow the area carefully and see if there are any issues.

**Agreed
Cllr Russell**

c) The Insurance Claim for damage to Pavilion Hall has been submitted.

d) Letter has been sent by the Solicitors to the Charities Commission regarding the merger of the Recreation Ground and Memorial Hall Charities.

030/14

Village Hall Committee

a) Village Hall Committee met on 27th May and Richard Guilford was co-opted onto the Committee.

The plans for a new build of a Village Hall were discussed and agreed subject to minor improvements being encompassed.

It was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Parish Council approves the recommendations of the Village Hall Committee to move forward with the new build plans for the Village Hall.

Agreed

Letter has been received by the Clerk re costing's to take the plans to the next stage, from Morton and Hall. It was proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Council accept the estimate of £2400 for this work.

Agreed

b) Email received from Nigel Eggar re construction of new footpath on Upwell Road. Cllr Russell to check if the Morton & Hall original costings involve the preparation of items regarding the new footpath. If this is the case then documentation is to be prepared for Highways in order to get quotes for the work.

Cllr Russell

Dyke still needs to be filled in near Pavilion Hall.

031/14

Highways

a) Update on Highways Working Party Meeting

Meeting held on 28th May 2014 report is:-

Letters sent to house owners on Church Road re overhanging hedges
Upwell Road, tree branch obscuring 30mph sign. Standing water on
junction of Halfpenny Toll Road junction

Euximoor Drove grip cutting place to place throughout and possible
scalping of some areas of verges

Scotts Road, potholes

Green Lane, request for No Through Road sign on Padgetts Road
end.

Sixteen Foot, meeting to take place 25th June to discuss

Church Road bush overhanging the drain is to be removed

b) Local Highways Improvement Initiative Bid 2015-2016.

Closing date for bids is September 2014. This will be placed on next
Agenda by the Clerk and Councillors are to identify possible items for
consideration.

Clerk

All Councillors

Street Lighting

a) Report received from FDC on the condition survey of the street
lights belonging to Christchurch Parish Council. The survey has
highlighted that the Parish Council has:-

CAT 1, beyond design life/replace within 12 months 4 lights

CAT 2, replace within 3 years 14 lights

CAT 3, resurvey in 5 years 14 lights

It is not known which lights are in which category. More information is
required and the Clerk is to contact FDC for clarification.

Clerk

b) The street light on Green Lane that is not working is outside
Kimberley Cottage. This light may be in Norfolk but it is understood
that for this instance the light is classed as Cambridgeshire.

Cllr Yeulett and Tanfield left the meeting

032/14

The Heron

The first edition was good and the second one is excellent, and a
good job is being done by all at The Heron.

033/14

Income & Expenditure

a) Members considered and **APPROVED** the following accounts for
payment:

APPROVED

J Richardson	Clerks Salary	£238.41
J Richardson	Office Expenses	£9.30
Christchurch Village Resource Centre	The Heron	£80.00
SUB TOTAL		£327.71

c) Clerk reported on the current bank balances at end May 2014:-

Community Account	113,383.85
Business Premium	8,186.82
Business Bonus	27,503.25
New Village Hall	689.21
BoS Corp Bonus	10,689.99
TOTALS:	£160,453.12

034/14

Concurrent Functions Grant

Item discussed in County Councillors Report

035/14

Parish Plan

No items to discuss

036/14

Cllr Gladwin left the room

Planning Applications

a) F/YR14/0369/F. No Objections

Clerk

Cllr Gladwin returned to the room

- 037/14 Correspondence**
a) Planning Advisory Service – Final report (emailed 19/05/14)
b) Rural Services Network Bulletin (emailed 19/05/14)
c) Notification of Mayors & Civic dates from Fenland, Whittlesey, Chatteris and St Ives (emailed 19/05/14)
d) CAMBS ACRE News (emailed 02/06/14)
- 038/14 Donations/Grants 2014/15**
Cllr Sutton has had no response regarding the 106 monies that may be used to help fund the new school swimming pool.
The Chairman decided to bring the following items forward
- 040/14 CAPALC Membership**
Membership of CAPALC was discussed and copies of the leaflets were handed to Councillors for them to have a look at prior to the next meeting. The Clerk is to place this on the July Agenda **Clerk**
- 041/14 Fenland Tourism Update**
FDC provide a Tourism web site and would like details of any events being held in the villages
Cllr W Poole left the room
- 039/14 Allotments**
The entrance to the allotment needs to be piped 300mm, and filled in Cllr Russell is arranging this.
A letter has been received regarding the ending of the tenancy of “Poole Field”. The tenancy agreement was discussed and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED that the Parish Council should not give up the tenancy, and a reply with the correct wording is to be sent by the Clerk **Agreed**
Clerk
- 042/14 Agenda Items/Next Meeting**
The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 14 July 2014. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 7 July 2014. **ALL COUNCILLORS**
The date of the next Village Hall Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd June 2014 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 23rd June 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

Present	Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); J Bliss; R Gladwin; Cllr Beswick; J Richardson (Clerk); and 2 members of the public
Apologies for Absence:	S Freeland
Declarations of Interest	Councillors to declare any interests under the Local Code of Conduct in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) b) Non-Pecuniary Interest) c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest)

19.02-19.03 Public Time

Nothing raised

043/14 Income & Expenditure		
a) Members considered and APPROVED the following accounts for payment:		APPROVED
Playdale	New Play Park	£18,652.09
N Russell	Reimbursement of Planning Application payment for New Village Hall	£962.50
	TOTAL	£19,614.59

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Friends of Townley held a Fun Dog Show to help raise money for our Swimming Pool Fund. We raised approx. £1,000. Thanks for everyone's support.

Diary Dates

Thursday 4th Sep - School Starts



There are lots more photos and information of what our school has been up to on our website. Also lots more Dog Show Photos on the New Heron website too! And in colour - Ed'.

Are you a - Responsible Dog Owner?

I am a dog lover. In fact I'll go further than that. For the last six years I have worked as a rehoming inspector for a dog rescue centre which specialises in border collies and working dogs, but does have other breeds as well from time to time. My own dog "Dubh" - who you've probably 'heard' at The Old School - she does have rather a loud bark! - is a Border Collie x GSD; but is really very gentle and friendly. She used to be excellent at agility, though we haven't done it for a few years now. My other half also has two Border Collies "Ty" and "Tia".

In September last year I successfully rehomed a miniature spaniel bitch to a couple in Manea. She only had one eye and had been brought over all the way from Spain. She settled in brilliantly within a week and now rules the roost. Last March we rescued a beautiful 'blue merle' Border Collie from Woolwich, who is now called "Stormy" (very appropriate) and now lives with a young couple, Johnathan and Kate, who are my opposite neighbours in Church Road. So, though I may not know everything, I do know dogs.

Do you pick up after your dog?

Until recently I believed Christchurch to be a very 'dog friendly' village. People, even non-dog owners, and dogs, getting on well. We have had a large influx of new dog owners in recent months, particularly with some of the more unusual exotic breeds including: Blue Merle Border Collie, Japanese Spitzer, beautiful Borsoi, Cockerpoo, Blue Roan Cocker Spaniel, Chinese Crested, and even a Caanan. All the owners of the dogs I have mentioned are very conscientious and responsible dog owners. In particular they CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOGS!

Sadly, it seems that one or two other dog owners are either just plain 'lazy' or think it's perfectly OK to leave 'dog mess' outside other people's houses with no thought of clearing it up with a simple doggie poo bag. Only two days ago I had to take a bucket of water and stiff yard brush to a particularly 'squitty' mess outside a neighbours house, even though my dogs were not responsible. Those that don't 'pick-up' are alienating us all with villagers who are not dog owners; as we all tend to get tarred with the same brush! You can't blame them!

If you own a dog there are certain responsibilities that come with that. Number one being basic training of your pooch, and yourself, making sure you always have poo bags with you so that you can

easily turn them inside out, clear up, tie up, and not get yourself dirty in any way. OK! Leave the knotted bags to the side of the road for collection on the way back from your doggie walk. But, DON'T FORGET!!! Don't forget to have the necessary bags with you, and to 'pick up' afterwards!

Lazy and inconsiderate dog owners are giving the rest of us a bad name! It's not the dogs that are at fault but the owners. Saying that dogs are dirty is simply 'punishing the wrong end of the leash'!. It is the owners who are at fault! It's them that need the training. My own dog is trained not to do her 'number twos' on tarmac or pavement, so we never have any 'accidents'. She waits until we are past all the houses on Green Lane and reach the farmland. But I still have poo bags with me!

Please all you doggie people PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS before we are ankle deep in the stuff!

Does your dog bark too much?

All dogs bark, but if yours goes on all day or night, and the barking is upsetting your neighbours, it might be not only courteous, but also wise to take action. Dogs bark to communicate with each other and us, and no one should expect to have a completely silent dog. It is unreasonable to expect dogs to be quiet if there is a knock at the door, for example - it is their duty to tell us someone is there! And living in the country as we do, most people not only own a dog for the company as a pet, they are a very good early warning system to alert us to possible changes around us. However, problems can arise when a dog barks excessively. Some people cannot tolerate persistent sounds and not only just find them a little annoying but can become something that causes them extreme stress and upset. Eventually causing an issue even when the dog isn't actually barking, just the not knowing of when it will start again and not stop can become an obsession and very stressful! If you think, or have been told that your dog barks more than is usual, the first step is to consider why it is barking.

Is it uncomfortable, or in pain? Is it bored? Is it barking because it's been left alone and is trying to call you back? Or, if your dog is only left for short periods, has he or she become over-dependent on you?

- If your dog barks at things outside in your yard or garden, don't let it go outside on its own.
- Keep it away from windows, so it can't see people or other animals.

- If your dog barks at the same time every day, like when people in the house are going to work or school, try to keep it busy at that time.
- If it barks when it's excited, don't play with it at anti-social times like very late at night or at times when you think others might be enjoying a snippet of limited peace and quiet.
- Don't leave your dog outside if it's barking to be let in, or if it is trying to alert you to something.
- Having a dog as an outside burglar alarm isn't much good if you don't pay attention to the alarm, let's face it when your car alarm goes off do you ignore it and carry on watching the TV?
- See if you can get a friend or relative to look after your dog when you go out, or take it with you.
- Make sure your dog gets some regular exercise. A tired dog barks less.

Something to bear in mind

If you don't take steps to solve the problem, and your local authority receives complaints about the noise your dog is making, the authority has a legal obligation to investigate the complaint. Where mediation by the Local Authority is unsuccessful, and they are satisfied that the noise amounts to a statutory nuisance, they will serve you with an abatement notice requiring the noise to be reduced to an acceptable level. If you fail to comply with an abatement notice, you could face prosecution and, if convicted, a fine of up to £5,000 (and possibly further daily fines of up to £500 for each day on which the offence continues after conviction). **You may even be forced to attend dog training classes at your own expense!**

I hope that all you responsible dog owners will appreciate the following poem, and I hope that others might take note and learn from it!

The Kindly Canine

Boxer dogs aren't boxers,
Nor do terriers terrorise,
It's us humans that love bloodsports;
THAT's why the Pit Bull still survives.

Hare coursing and fox hunting
Are games made up by man,
And man's best friend will please him;
Any way he can.

So what of the dangerous dogs act?
~ One for dangerous owners too?
For a trained dog's a healthy brained dog;
Why not train owners to use THEIRS too!!?

So don't malign old four legs,
It's two legs that are bad!
It's OUR genetic manipulation
That makes those doggies mad.

Our cruelty by bullying
Is harsh beyond belief.
'Seems to me we're punishing
The wrong end of the leash!

Malamouts aren't malevolent
And Dobermans ain't daft;
If those German Shepherds he(a)rd you
They'd really have a laugh.

Rottweilers aren't rotten
Border Collies not borderline.
Why do we blame those canines, when
It's us humans; all the time!!!

What they do they do to please us,
So let's teach them right from wrong.
Put bad owners back in harness;
For that's where THEY belong!!!

St. Bernards are life savers,
Newfoundlands in the water;
For any breed with training,
Will be just what they 'oughta'!

Bloodhounds do their tracking
And labradors lead the blind.
It's our intelligence that's lacking;
Why can't WE be more kind.

...and the FOTs Dog Show

Some highlights from a very successful day!



*Donna Sutton won "Best in Show" with Ziggy her Akita x Samoyed
With Reserve Best in Show - Lab*

Beautiful blue Viernmanah

A short dog!



How to measure your dog?



"Dog-tired" after a wonderful day...

*These and more photos - in colour available on the New Heron Website!
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CROSSWORD

Sadly there were no correct entries last month. There have been very few entries for the Prize Crossword over the last three months so the competition has been running at a loss instead of raising funds for the New Heron. For this reason we are offering no prize this month so this is just for fun. Solution next month as usual.

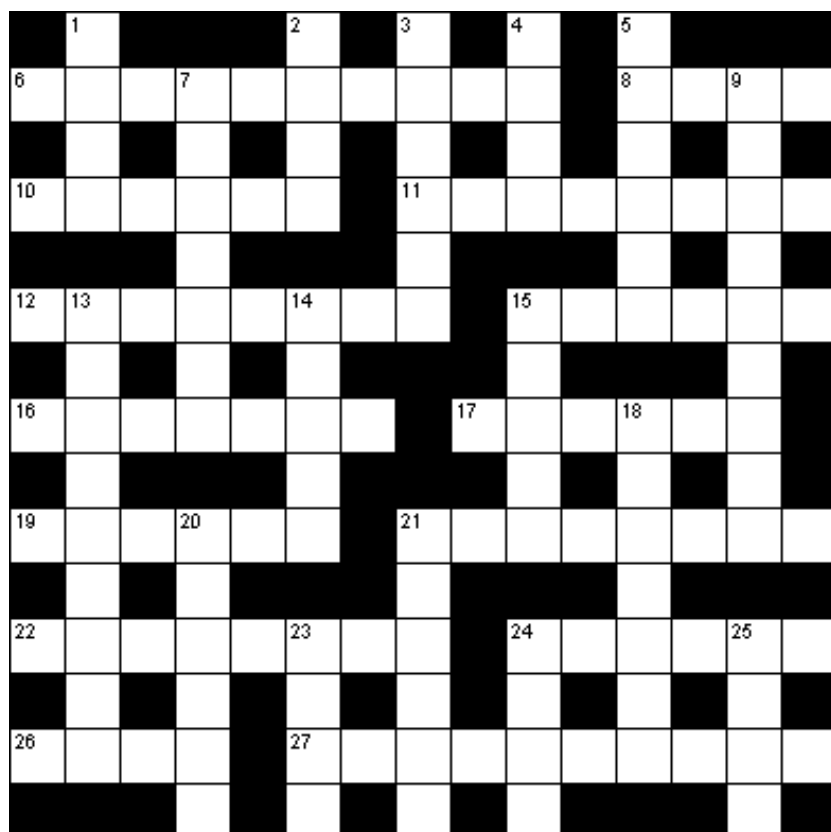
The theme this month is Gardening

Down

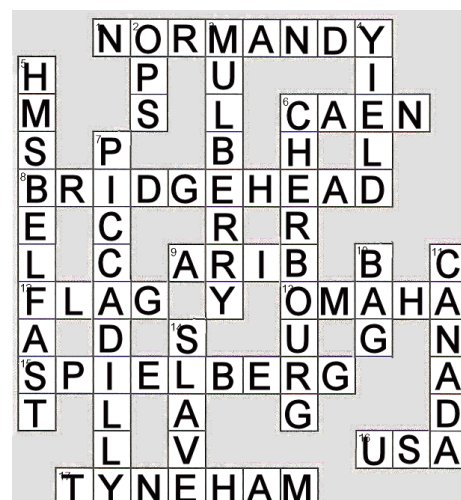
- 1 Deciduous tree - spread on the brassica plot? (4)
- 2 Footwear ruined by hose! (4)
- 3 Rhododendron, strictly speaking (6)
- 4 Heavy, sticky soil (4)
- 5 One *Ribes* variety is Candytuft! (6)
- 7 Modest countryside home giving its name to an informal type of garden (7)
- 9 Just one of Van Gogh's famous bloomers! (9)
- 13 Summer bedders make a mug stare (9)
- 14 Heather - or another girl (5)
- 15 This eastern country helps make mulch in abundance! (5)
- 18 Deciduous shrub: the species *gracilis* has pure white flower clusters (7)
- 20 With which rocks may be spotted (6)
- 21 Asher's broken trimmers (6)
- 23 A source of honey, some chives (4)
- 24 Vegetable grown to win prizes in Staffordshire? (4)
- 25 Holly's in Brazil, exploring! (4)

Across

- 6 A winter flowerer, which, we hear, has green-brown hue (10)
- 8/24 Engaged girl's popular summer bedder (4,6)
- 10 This weed can irritate the unwary gardener! (6)
- 11 Down-to-earth propagation technique? (8)
- 12 AA Travel can supply shrub with hollyhock-like flowers (8)
- 15 One sign of a worm and the French build a fortification! (6)
- 16 Half-hardy annual held by Jane, me, Sian (7)
- 17 White powdery coating of fungi, harmful to plants (6)
- 19 Hilda a variety of this showy perennial! (6)
- 21 Collection of stony figures in a formal garden (8)
- 22 Tool for the pushy sort of weeder? (5,3)
- 24 See 8
- 26 Small island hidden by arabis leaves (4)
- 27 Like leaves of e.g. *Euonymus fortunei* 'Silver Queen' (10)



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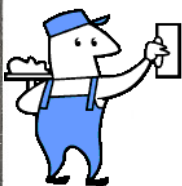
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