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Community Magazine

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July 2014

100 years since WW1



Commemorative Issue

70 years since D-Day





WWI -



Has History been hard on Douglas Haig?

Was Field Marshal Douglas Haig an incompetent who sent thousands of brave Tommies to their deaths, or a brilliant military strategist who won World War I? That's a question that has been exercising the minds of historians ever since the signing of the Armistice.

What can't be disputed is that Haig was among the most influential Allied commanders of the conflict. He was made commander-in-chief of British forces on the Western Front in 1915 and ordered the infamous offensive on the Somme in 1916.

It's the carnage of the Somme offensive for which Haig has drawn the most criticism. Yet Haig's advocates argue that this offence took pressure off French forces elsewhere, and that he

was key in masterminding the advances that eventually won the Allies the war.

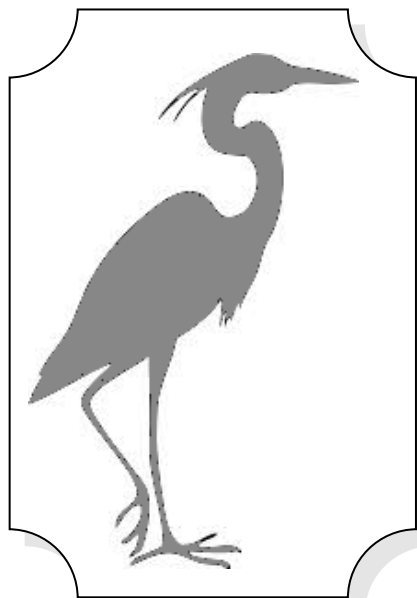
Whichever is true, Haig was awarded the title of Earl in 1919, and when he died in 1928, thousands lined the streets of London to pay their respects. Much as they did with Lady Diana.

Why do we wear poppies as a sign of Remembrance?

The story begins with the death of a young soldier, Alexis Helmer, at the second Battle of Ypres in 1915. Helmer's demise inspired his friend, Lieutenant John McCrae, to pen the poem *In Flanders Fields*, which references the red poppies that blanketed the fields. McCrae's poem struck a chord with people across the combatant nations. It certainly had an impact on American Professor Moina Michael. So moved was she by the lines "*In Flanders fields the poppies blow ... between the crosses, row on row*" that she soon launched a one woman campaign to have the poppy adopted as the official symbol of remembrance. The



campaign was hugely successful for, by the early twenties, poppies were being worn across France, America and - thanks to the support of Field Marshal Haig, co-founder of the Royal British Legion (RBL) - much of the British Empire. Today, the RBL produces over 40 million poppies a year, raising funds to support veterans and active members of the armed forces alike!



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Well!...Last month's souvenir edition was well received. Thank you all for your kind comments.

As you all know, Thursday 6th June was the anniversary of *Operation Overlord* and the D-Day Landings some 70 years ago (though it was delayed from the 5th because of bad weather). Also this year sees the 100th anniversary of the beginning of WW1. So we couldn't pass by these facts without some acknowledgement of the many sacrifices made by our boys and girls in the armed services. It was impractical to combine all this in the same issue as the Church's 150th, so we hope you appreciate this month's war retrospective black & white wrap.

Whilst striving to maintain a high standard in your community magazine we are ever mindful of the cost of printing such lavish issues. But it had to be done; as such opportunities don't come around too often. However, having done our sums we have made a considerable loss with these last two issues. In August we shall have to cut down to 24 pages unless some additional financial support can be found. The June issue actually cost us 84p per copy to produce, and July's nearly £1.00! Don't worry you are all still going to receive a FREE copy delivered to your home, but the additional copies we offer for sale at Upwell Health Centre, Upwell Post Office and, of course, our own Little Local will now be 75p (73p to produce) starting with next month's August issue.

We have received several small donations from villagers, and of course the advertising helps. But we don't want to swamp the magazine with ads. and feel we've got the balance about right at present; so any of you out there with deeper pockets? We would be most grateful for a little extra help if any of you feel you could manage it!? (see page 16)

Meanwhile, we hope you think this commemorative issue appropriate? Thank you for your support, and keep those letters coming in, and any details for the "Diary Dates" page of up and coming events. Please all have a go at the prize crossword too, as even the small income from that will help us. The more who take part, the merrier we'll be!

Till next month

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DIARY DATES

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

July 1 st	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall
July 1 st	Christchurch Craft Club – Bring & Make or Cards
July 2 nd	Upwell Village Hall – “Lincs Ladies Fashion Show” 6.30pm
July 5th	Dog Show - Friends of Townley - details page 23
July 5 th	BATTLE PROMS - Picnic Concert - Burliegh House - bookings www.battleproms.com
July 6th	WI Open Gardens event from 1:30 to 4:30pm - All Welcome - details page 25
July 6 th	St.Clement's Cake Ritz Tea
July 7 th	Parish Council Meeting - The Pavillion - 7:30
July 8 th	WI - Development of the English Silver Spoon
July 8 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall
July 9 th	Christchurch Resident's Association Meeting - 7:30 The Old School
July 11 th ~13 th	ELY FOLK FESTIVAL
July 12 th	St.Clement's Cake Stall in Beaupre Home
July 13 th	Upwell Playing Fields Summer Fayre 10.00 till 4.30
July 15 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall
July 17 th	Adult Support Drop-in Event - Ely Library- Your Life, Your Choice 10.00 till noon
July 18 th	Healthwatch Cambridgeshire at St. Neots Priory School 2pm - 4:30pm
July 20 th	Upwell Playing Fields Wisbech Greyhound Dog Show
July 22 nd	Christchurch Garden Club – Trip to Tamar Nurseries, meet at Bubble's 6.30pm
July 22 nd	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall
July 23 rd	Acorn Club Summer Cheese & Wine Evening 6.30
July 26 th	St.Andrew's Church Car Boot Sale 8.30 to 11.30am
July 27 th	Upwell Jazz Club – Three Holes Village Hall 12.30pm
July 29 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall
Aug 9 th	St.Clement's Church Cake Stall 9.30am in the Church
Aug 12 th	WI - The Work of FACET - Townley
Aug 20 th	Adult Support Drop-in Event - Ely Library- Your Life, Your Choice 10.00 till noon
Aug 26 th	Christchurch Garden Club – SUMMER BUFFET for members
Aug 30 th	St.Andrews Church Car Boot Sale 8.30 to 11.30am
Sep 3 rd	Christchurch Craft Club – Corn Dollies
Sept 6 th	Upwell Village Hall – British Lions Race Night 7.30pm
Sept 7 th	Upwell Playing Field Charity Dog Show 10.00 till 4.30
Sep 9 th	WI - Cookery Demonstration - Townley
Sep 18 th	Adult Support Drop-in Event - Ely Library- Your Life, Your Choice 10.00 till noon
Sep 23 rd	Christchurch Garden Club - Talk on Fushias by Tim Jellis - Townley

“EGGSASPERATIONS!!!”

2 You may remember from earlier editions we published secrets from Diane Parker's book “100 Ways for a Chicken to Train its Human!” - well the next two are somewhere in this issue of The New Heron.





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A THANK YOU - I would like to thank everybody for the cards and get well wishes during my recent stay in hospital. I'm pleased to say that I'm feeling stronger every day now; thanks to David's wonderful care. What a lucky lady I am to have such a wonderful husband and friends. Wendy Yates

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Ads in the New Heron do Work!

Many thanks to Liz Crinson of Tipps End
who answered our ad for a copy typist.

Liz joins the team on a voluntary part
-time basis. Thanks Liz for making
life a lot easier for us "one-
finger" typists! A great
relief! - The Team.



You may also have seen in last month's
New Heron, the ad in the small personal ads,
selling an oil tank. Well this was sold within a
week of the publication date. Also, we
understand, the six Koi Carp fish advertised
in the same issue are now re-homed
successfully.

Let us know if there are items you'd like
to sell.

Check Page 25 for the rates and conditions!

Following a letter last month from a concerned resident regarding the plight of the New Village Hall. Having attended my first meeting as a newly elected member of the New Village Hall Committee; I can report the following as my best answer. Any Christchurch villager or other member of the general public is allowed to attend the Parish Council Meetings and meetings of the New Village Hall Committee. All non-committee members will still have the opportunity to speak at these meetings during 'public time'. In addition there are monthly reports and updates at both these meetings as to how matters are proceeding regarding the proposed New Village Hall, so, in short any concerned or interested parties should attend, and speak if they wish. I hope this answers your query. - Ed'

Dear Richard,
In trying to help you fill the pages of the Heron I have scribbled the enclosed down as it came into my head, if it is any help. Use as much, or as little over a few months if you like. I have to ask your forgiveness in my handwriting but I have difficulty holding a pen and sitting for long periods of time.
I have a few more items to 'divulge' sometime in the future so perhaps we can talk sometime.
Edit it in sections if you will, or discard it all at your discretion.
Regards
Alan Russell

Thank you very much Alan for your detailed missive on the history of Euximoor Drove, I myself found it a fascinating read. I hope our readers will agree as we are planning to serialize it in the New Heron over the next four months in "The Alan Russell Column". You can see the first extract from Alan Russell's potted history on page 15. I hope we'll be able to look forward to many more in the future. - Ed'

Dear Richard,
I wish to express my sincere thanks to Phil and all his staff at The Dun Cow. I had over 20 guests at my recent birthday celebrations there and the food and the service were truly excellent. All in all it made for a wonderful birthday. Thank you all so very much for a wonderful day.
Mary Rolfe

I must agree; having eaten there with friends recently. Great food, good service, and all for a very reasonable price. - Ed'

Letters to the Editor



Dear Richard,
For many years the problems of the blind exit at Jackson's Corner, from Upwell Road onto the 16ft Bank have been a bane to the lives of many. It is only by chance, or pure luck, that there has not as yet been a serious accident there this year so far.
With the increased traffic along our roads, and even through the village, the dangers have greatly increased. Do we really have to wait for another, more serious, accident to happen before anything gets done? There have already been several serious accidents over recent years. Surely prevention is better than cure? I hope that many other villagers will agree with me.
For these reasons I would like to propose we put a petition forward to FDC / Highways Dept. requesting that something is done to alleviate the problem, so that any vehicles exiting Christchurch from Upwell Road at Jackson's Corner would at least be able to get a view of any oncoming traffic, from the blind side, where the barn stands right on the corner. This barn obscures driver's views travelling in virtually every direction and allows for no visibility splays as required by current Highways legislation.
I will hold the petition in our village shop - The Little Local - for any villagers to sign who think this a worthwhile cause.
Please come in and sign up!
Help us to make a difference!
Sara Russell

Sounds like a good idea to me! Even a mirror opposite the turning would help. I for one never leave the village via Jackson's Corner. It's a terrible blind exit. I take the Nordelph turn and go via Three Holes if travelling to Upwell or Wisbech. Though I happily return to Christchurch via the turn at Jackson's Corner. I hope that as many villagers as possible will support your petition Sara. - Ed'

Dear Richard
It's been wonderful to read how your magazine has finally realised we are intelligent creatures and are accepting our training (of YOU!). However, there does remain a major issue of concern to us as pointed out by those paragons of ironic wit at www.thedailymash.co.uk; the contents of whose latest blog we would like to share with you:-
"Chickens have thanked consumers for their concerns over methods of slaughter, and asked if that goodwill could be extended to just leaving them alone! (Continued on next page...) 5

Letters to the Editor Continued

As Pizza Express have now confirmed that all their meat is 'halal', Britain's favourite birds have stressed that being stunned before having their throats cut was 'small consolation', and that, ideally they would prefer to just live out their days in an orchard.

Velda Wickam, a four-month-old Barnvelder from Cambridgeshire, said: "If I were a Pizza Express customer I would probably want to know if they were using religious methods of slaughter, but it's a moot point; because I'm not a huge fan of pizza and I'm a prisoner in this massive shed!

Still, it's nice to know, that before you shove me and all of my friends into your fat faces, that you're terribly worried about how we spend our last moments. You're an amazing species and our admiration for you in boundless!"

Ms Wickham added: "Perhaps one day we'll all live together in a big orchard, and you can give us corn and we'll give you eggs, and no-one needs to actually die!"

A Concerned Chicken

I have to admit to some pangs of guilt on this one having sat one teatime watching the antics of my newly acquired birds whilst eating chicken and chips! Even though I did, belatedly, attempt to shield it from view! - Ed'

The New Heron Online

Have you had a look at the New Heron Online?

Perhaps you know folk around the world that would like to keep up with what's going on in Cambridgeshire? Or perhaps you yourself would like to see it in full colour.

If so go to www.theheron.info and click on the link "to view the latest Heron online".

You can also see many of the recent Herons in the online archive as well as resources (such as the Stonea road closure map and picture from last month) that we cannot find space to publish in the print version. We've also been asked to publish the Parish Council minutes as soon as they are available on the website



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Film Review

War Horse –

A poignant and topical story of survival against all the odds. But be warned! You will definitely need a box of tissues to hand. Stephen Spielberg's adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's 1982 novel emerges as an old fashioned crowd pleaser. It is a moving odyssey that outlines the suffering of WW1, and the loss of life, whilst still, somehow, managing to remain family friendly.

Sold to the cavalry, thoroughbred Joey is captured by Germans, hidden by a French peasant, whilst tracked by the Devon farmers son who trained and nurtured him. Full of spectacle and excitement, this is a story of great insight on many levels. Don't miss out on one of the best films of 2011.

It will never age!

It would be very special to see the stage play sometime too, with that magnificent full-sized puppet horse operated by four men!

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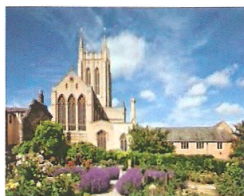
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Rev Kevin Fitzgibbon

Commemorating the Centenary of the First World War & D-Day landings of 70 years ago

Why should we spend time remembering terrible events from such a long time ago? Would it be better to let them lie or try to forget them? I have some sympathy with that view as sometimes a re-lived trauma can be traumatic in itself, but remember we must, not least because these momentous events shaped the life and history of our Nation and the World, and we really should try to reflect on and learn what lessons we can.

Another very significant reason to remember is the fact that these events affected many of our families and most certainly had a big impact upon the life of our village communities. I never got to meet my Paternal Grandfather; he was a professional soldier serving in the British Army at the outbreak of the First World War and lost his life fighting on the beaches of Gallipoli. When I looked into this campaign it seemed to me to be a hopeless mission in which thousands lost their lives for little or no strategic advantage or reason, perhaps a sign of the futility of war and I still feel that loss.

Again, each year it strikes me as we conduct our Village Remembrance Services and we read out the long lists of names of the young men of the villages on our War Memorials, how very many of our young men never came back from war, and never got to fulfil the potential that their lives could have had in our communities. It seems such a tragic waste.

Of course the noble valour of so many, and the price they paid to stand against evil and secure our

freedom, gives us much cause to remember and be thankful.

So what might we learn that could form for us a good legacy, now and into the future? Perhaps first to try to live our lives with an attitude of gratitude, to be thankful for each day of life and the freedoms that we enjoy to choose our way, thankfulness too for all the opportunities that life brings us in peace and stability. Again we can daily be grateful that we can be with our families and friends, valuing the loving support of our personal relationships and being a part of a supportive community free from tyranny and oppression.

We all need to ask God to help us to be people of peace, with forgiving and gracious hearts, who try to show kindness, understanding and Love to those around us and to those with whom we share his world. We would do well to pray to God to maintain for us the peace and freedom that we enjoy and ask that this blessing may come to all. My final thought is that we seek the courage to stand for Righteousness, Truth, Justice and Peace, and with the help of God, be people who aim to make the world a better place for everyone. Some of the lessons I want to try to learn.

With best wishes for a restful summer,
Rev Kevin Fitzgibbon. Parish Priest



Rev Kevin Fitzgibbon

Parish Church Services

6 Jul	11:00	Rev K Fitzgibbon	All Age Worship
13 Jul	09:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Holy Communion
20 Jul	18:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Evening Prayer
27 Jul	11:00	V Smith	Morning Prayer
3 Aug	11:00	H Chappell, A Day	All Age Worship

Andrew Day and Daphne Symons

Many thanks to the members of the Parish Church for the lovely plant after my stay in hospital. Also to May for the chat when she brought it round.

Angela Sadler



An Interview with Walter Chamberlain - Part 2

By our Cub Reporter - Morgan Chappell



As mentioned in the last instalment, Walter worked at Frank Scott's farm for six years and it was a job he returned to after the war. During the Second World War Walter moved to Kent and took an active role helping both with the take off of planes, by putting out flares, and also running information between airfields. He



also spoke about being able to 'see and hear doodlebugs and wondering where they would land'.

After the allies began to liberate parts of Western Europe Walter again moved but this time it was to the continent. He regarded that as a bonus saying 'Glad I went, so long as I came back alright' and that it was 'Hard to go away and leave my wife behind'. None the less he ended up in the cook house in Germany until after the war when he came home which he said was the 'best part'. Despite having to uproot so many times Walter is actually grateful for the experience as it meant he had the opportunity to visit parts of the world, especially when most people didn't really get to see outside their local area, which I found interesting as I didn't expect him to have enjoyed being moved



around a lot and drafted to Germany. Although, I can imagine seeing the sights in London and Germany was quite enjoyable as well as getting to 'come home on a boat' which must have been a fairly new ordeal.
Thanks to Walter for chatting to us! -Ed'

On 3rd June we had a demonstration of Art Dominoes by Tanya Wanstall from Manea. Tanya does several different crafts but on this evening it was making brooches or keyrings out of dominoes; with the aid of stencils, paints, and various stamps, plus glitter and coloured stones. Some lovely brooches and keyrings were made by members during the evening.

Apologies were received from Wendy who was unable to attend due to her recent stay in hospital. She has been making a slow recovery and is hoping to be home soon. We wish her all our very best.

Next month – 1st July – Bring & Make, or making cards with felt attached. There will be no August meeting.

Do feel free to join us anytime. Entry £1.50 plus tea or coffee 20p, and the usual raffle – 50p per strip. Any enquiries to Peggy on 01354 638339.



Christchurch Residents Association

Our meeting of 11th June at The Old School was attended by 22 member, and a talk was given by Howard Newton our local Community Fire Safety Officer. Once again PCSO Dave Russ did not turn up to the meeting despite promises, and without even doing us the courtesy of letting us know he couldn't make it! We will be logging an official complaint with local MP Steven Barclay, and the local Police Commissioner.

Richard, our Chairman, gave us an update on the recent Christchurch New Village Hall Committee meeting he had attended (see first reply in Letters to the Editor). He confirmed that the latest updated plans had been approved, and later ratified by CPC. There would now be a formal planning application submitted to FDC. All being well work should be able to start in late August early September. It was, however, pointed out that a qualified Project Manager would be required to see the project through to completion.

Sara Russell had proposed that a petition be signed drawing FDC / Highways attention to the blind exit problem at Jackson's Corner. All members attending signed up and the petition will be held at our local village shop – The Little Local, for other residents to do the same if they are in agreement. One will also be held at The Dun Cow.

Members were reminded about the three week closure of the 16foot Bank by the Golden Lion. The New Heron was hopeful of getting photographs and an update on current progress.

Neighbourhood Watch was again discussed and it was pointed out that there would be an appeal for co-ordinators in this months New Heron (see page 24).

Recent fuel thefts up Scot's road, in the early hours of the 6th June make this an urgent priority! A partial registration of the vehicle involved was obtained and passed on to March police.

The recent planning application F/YR14/0369/F for 2x 4 bed., and 2x 5 bed. (3 storey) homes was discussed. Concern over the 5 bedroom homes being 3 storey was alleviated when it was pointed out that the third storey was effectively in the loft space with no extra windows visible from the front of the properties. There were no real concerns over this development in principle, save that it was felt there was more of a need for smaller, affordable homes to encourage more young families into the village.

Howard Newton, our local Community Fire Safety Officer, gave us an informative illustrated talk on fire safety in the home; the need for carefully positioned smoke alarms etc. His talk was entertaining and detailed with many questions being asked by our members at the end, to which Howard had ready answers. He was much appreciated and thanked for his time with an appreciative round of applause.

In connection with the above Irene Brown of Euximoor Drove queried the positions of any available fire hydrants near her home. One of our members, Johnathan Christmas, who works for Anglian Water, said he would check current position on his map, and he and Richard would go up to Euximoor to locate them with Irene.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.30pm though much discussion carried on after this. Our next meeting will be on July 9th, 7.30pm at The Old School. Any other interested Christchurch Residents are welcome to attend.

Recipe of the Month

BAKED BROCCOLI CHEESE BITES

This is really easy to make with only 4 ingredients and oh so yummy.

16 oz. pack of frozen chopped broccoli,
thawed and drained of liquid
(I used fresh steamed broccoli - you could
also use cauliflower or Romanesque for this)
1 ½ cup of grated cheddar cheese
3 eggs
salt & pepper
1 cup of seasoned Italian breadcrumbs

Mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl.
With your hands, form small patties and lay on a
parchment lined baking sheet.



Bake at
375F for 25 minutes, turning the patties after
the first 15 minutes. Let cool and enjoy!

New Heron Deliveries

Why not come and join our fun team, if you can spare the time just once a month. More exhilarating than the gym, or combine it with walking the dog! And its all FREE! Volunteers please contact Sandra on 01354 638478.

“QUADROPHENIA” ~ Alive and Kicking!

Tippis End residents were delighted when our latest ‘Mod’ delivery boy turned up fully kitted out in his ‘parka’ on his Union Jack liveried scooter. They said, “What a delightful way to deliver our magazine! It brightens our day!” Watch out for Colin around the villages when he’s delivering the latest issue of The New Heron. Give him a wave or a ‘toot’ of gratitude because he gives up his time freely as a volunteer to get your community magazine out to you on time.
Thanks Colin!



Colin pictured here with Sandra Kay who kindly organizes all of our deliveries!

WARTIME MEMORABILIA

Whilst we were taking the team photograph (opposite) Colin happened to mention that he had some interesting WW1 memorabilia. We took the opportunity to snap this 18 pounder shell case lovingly engraved by, presumably, some poor Tommy in the trenches as he wiled away the hours prior to being pounded by the Bosche.

Colin also had a cigarette case that was handed out to “everyone wearing the King’s Uniform and serving overseas”. Princess Mary



the seventeen year old daughter of King George V and Queen Mary invited contributions from the public to a “Sailors and Soldiers Christmas Fund”. They were overwhelmed by the response and commissioned these boxes to be made for Christmas 1914. What was in them depended on who you were - officers and men on active service afloat or at the front received a box containing a combination of pipe, lighter, 1 oz of tobacco and twenty cigarettes in distinctive yellow monogrammed wrappers. Non-smokers and boys received a bullet pencil and a packet of sweets instead. Indian troops often got sweets and spices, and nurses were treated to chocolate.



The Alan Russell Column



A History of Euximoor Drove - Pt 1

When I read a petition for a 30 MPH speed limit for Euximoor Drove, (I am so pleased you have used the correct spelling) I could not help a 'wry' smile coming on when I thought of what my forefathers would have said to it. Yes, if these speeds are reached down there as said, which they are and more on the section of Upwell Road where I live, then something ought to be done. We have lost numerous cats and dogs which have been knocked over in the years we lived here, but to go back to Euximoor in general.



I was born on 8th January 1938 in the end two-up, two-down cottage in a row of twelve cottages named "Happy Row". Euximoor had many more houses in those days. I can recall at least 28/30 houses when it was said, "if you don't like someone, leave them an old house in your will!" No doubt referring to the cost of bringing it up to a reasonable state for habitation.

The original bridge into Euximoor Drove was somewhere near the present *Poulters Drove* entrance. When the sixteen-foot river was deepened and widened after the Second World War, the main posts of the bridge were lifted out. My father obtained two and had them cut into small posts to make a bullock yard and I believe a local farmer has a section of one built as a mantelpiece in his lounge.

A drove 20 yards wide with huge bushes and a dyke on either side ran from the "cut bridge", the new one that crosses the sixteen foot heading into Upwell, and then turned towards the old original bridge, but as land became more valuable with the necessity to crop every foot of land during the war, this drove was cleared and incorporated into neighbouring fields.

Footpaths etc.,

Children had to walk to Christchurch School when Euximoor School closed; one teacher for 5 to 14 year olds; incidentally I still have my father's reference from Mrs F Smith when I left. A footpath went across the fields, the *Ten Acre Footpath* from the road in Euximoor and came

out where Tracey Day lives. This footpath continued down *Crown Drove* and was hard surfaced along side the roadway complete with black and white marker posts and huge ash, horse chestnut trees, and blackthorn and hawthorn bushes either side into the village. Another footpath led across the field

halfway down Euximoor where workers on Johnson's and Clark's farms would cycle or walk to work. This joined with other paths that eventually led you into March. Further down at the turn in, a path took you to Mr. F Day's Farm and further still at

the side of "*Strawberry Villa*", a drove took you to a large old house where Mr. N Poole farmed, this continued through the large grass fields and the middle of the farm to a bridge, "*West's Bridge*", and on through to the next farm to join the main Upwell Road. Various other tracks led you to outlying field and yards. - (Part 2 next month)

150th ANNIVERSARY REPRINT

Demand for June's New Heron exceeded all expectations!

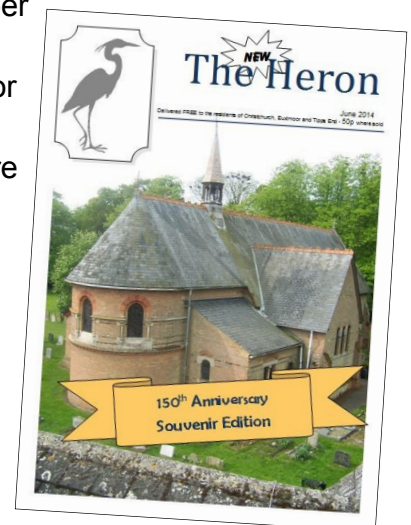
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these requests and arranging for a new print run. But we'll endeavour to meet demand ASAP! - Ed'.

NB Don't forget copies of the Church Restoration DVD are available at £5.00 each



The First Live Aid

(Held over from
the May issue!)

How many times have you heard *Handel's Messiah*, or at least parts of it? After 250 years it remains the most popular piece of choral music in the world. And it contains a melody – the *Hallelujah Chorus* – that's as recognizable as anything in music. But it was not always this way!

Handel's *Messiah* started life as an extremely controversial work and it took a remarkable concert to save it from obscurity. In many ways said concert could be seen as the original Live Aid; a precursor and prototype for Bob Geldof's career-defining charity concert of 1985 and all the issue-driven concerts that have come thereafter.

On May 1st 1750, the great, the good, and the chic of London crowded into the chapel of the city's new *Foundling Hospital* for the eagerly awaited most fashionable event of the day, the first ever public performance, in England, of Handel's *Messiah*; to raise funding for abandoned and, desperate babies. The concert was a rip roaring success, packed to the rafters and, so oversubscribed that a repeat performance had to be staged two weeks later to accommodate the demand. The performances so powerfully moved the congregations that the piece became seared into the nation's consciousness.

Handel's *Messiah* was performed as a fundraiser every year thereafter until 1770, raising over £7,000 for the charity – a huge sum, when you consider that, at the time, maids could be paid just £5 for a year's work. The Hospital made Handel a governor, in gratitude, and he conducted virtually every annual performance in the hospital chapel until his death in 1759.

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HEALTH RISKS OF SNORING

Part 1

By [Madeline Vann, MPH](#)

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

You may think of snoring as a sometimes annoying or embarrassing side effect of sleep. But before you discount your snoring as nothing out of the ordinary, consider this: People whose snoring is caused by severe sleep apnoea have a 40 percent greater chance of dying early than do their peers. That's because this sleep disorder is related to a host of health problems, from heart disease to depression, warns sleep medicine expert Karl Doghramji, M.D., medical director of the Sleep Center at Thomas Jefferson University and Hospitals in Philadelphia.

If you know you have sleep apnoea, or you snore, here are 4 conditions linked to snoring and sleep apnoea that you should know about. The rest in Part 2. If you're not sure, this should be the wake-up call you need to discuss your snoring with your doctor.

Stroke

An analysis of health data from one sleep study found that the intensity of snoring was related to the risk of carotid atherosclerosis -- narrowing of the arteries in the neck due to fatty deposits called plaque - and as a result, stroke. Simply put, the louder and longer you snore each night, the greater your long-term risk for a stroke. Protect yourself by getting help for snoring, especially if you experience daytime sleepiness, if your spouse says your breathing stops in your sleep (both signs of sleep apnoea), or if you have other health concerns, such as high blood pressure.

Heart Disease

"We know that sleep apnoea is linked to cardiovascular problems, such as high blood pressure and coronary artery disease, eventually leading to possible heart attacks," says Doghramji. In fact, data suggest that people with sleep apnoea are twice as likely to have both nonfatal heart disease events and fatal heart attacks. Treatment for this sleep disorder is effective: Clinical studies have also shown that treating sleep apnoea with continuous positive

airway pressure (CPAP) reduces your heart disease risk to that of people without sleep apnoea.

Arrhythmias

People with long-term snoring or sleep apnoea risk developing an irregular heart rhythm, or arrhythmia. Researchers have found that people with sleep apnoea are more likely to have episodes of atrial fibrillation, the most common type of arrhythmia,

than people without it or people whose apnoea is treated with CPAP. Apnoea may affect the conductive system of the heart, says Doghramji. Or it might be more common because obstructive sleep apnoea appears to enlarge the left atrium

over a long period of time.

GERD

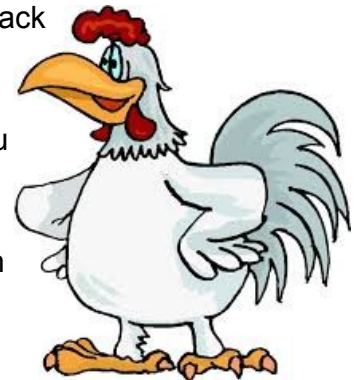
Gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD, is very common in people with sleep apnoea, Doghramji says. People who have sleep apnoea also may have GERD because of the disordered way in which their throat closes while air moves in and out during sleep, causing pressure changes that can suck the contents of their stomach back up into the oesophagus. Both GERD and sleep apnoea are related to being overweight and both seem to ease as people return to a normal weight.

(Part 2 next month)

sleep apnoea is linked to...
high blood pressure and
coronary artery disease

100 WAYS FOR A CHICKEN TO TRAIN ITS HUMAN ~ No 7- Home for Supper!

When you've had enough roaming for the day, make sure you only go back into your coop if your human bribes you with genuine food (even if you *want* to go back in!) Sometimes they will try to trick you by tapping an empty container. This is not acceptable, so if you are prepared to give up your freedom for the next few hours make sure the bribe is edible!



Hello Darlings!
As I said last month our plant sale this year was

Christchurch Garden Club

our most successful yet, everyone stayed behind for the raffle and to find out how well we had done. Well I can now reveal, thanks to Peggy, that we made £650, less a few expenses of course. Thank you again to all of you who supported us and of course to all our willing helpers. Marion our secretary had been busy printing and distributing posters with the help of her husband Steve. A big thank you to them, and to Richard who helped in so many ways, but especially for the superb cream teas no leftovers! And of course a big, big thank you to Peter and

Shirley Knight our hosts who made it all in all a wonderful day. They even managed to book the sunshine!

The trip to Tamar Nurseries was unfortunately rained off but we hope to rearrange a visit for next month (July).

Next it was Bubbles' regular visit (my 40th) to Chelsea Flower


Show. Did anyone else manage to

go? If so please let us have your views. Whilst I was there I saw an enclosed area for a "Butterflies" event. It was packed, so I gave it a miss because our next club meeting was on "Butterflies" with Nick Greatorex. We weren't disappointed when we saw these lovely creatures for a fleeting moment; so important to our gardens; another very pleasant Club evening once again, and very informative.

Our July meeting has had to be altered – the date at Townley School for July is 22nd, - NOT 29th - as shown on your yearly programme. This will be a trip to Tamar Nurseries which we missed last month. Meet at Bubble's house at 6.30pm.

The list for our "Members Summer Buffet" evening will be passed around as we plan yet another good feast for August 26th. PLEASE NOTE!!! – Do you keep a special hat? Whatever the reason, bring it to the "Summer Buffet" and put it on a table! You will not have to wear it – I promise!

For any gardening questions or details of club nights etc. please contact

16 Bubbles on 01354 638024.  Bubbles



WI Meeting June 10th 2014

Peggy welcomed members and our speaker Harry Wade, who is the regional fund raising manager for Macmillan.

Apologies were received from Beryl, Wendy, Doris W. Minutes were signed. Peggy informed us that Wendy is now out of hospital and is recovering at home.

Correspondence: 10 week draw tickets on sale. Members were asked to indicate which possible events they would like to attend next year, if they were arranged by the sport and leisure committee.

The centenary baton will be with the Isle of Ely for a week commencing 21st October. All WI's are being asked to identify a location within the village, so that a photograph of WI members can be taken. The photo will then accompany the baton on its journey.

Other Matters: **A reminder about the Open Gardens event on Sunday July 6th. Any help would be appreciated.** See page 25!

Birthdays: Doris W Rolfe

Our speaker, Harry Wade, began his talk on Macmillan by giving us a short quiz on all aspects of cancer and the help that Macmillan can provide. This soon showed that in many areas we were not very well informed. Macmillan care was founded as far back as 1911 although nursing came to the fore in the 1970's. It provides all aspects of cancer care not just nurses. Donations can come in all forms. A cat, a fish and chip shop, a herd of cows have all been received by Macmillan as donations in the past. Harry Wade was thanked by Peggy for a very interesting talk.

Margaret read out the report from Beryl about the recent Annual General Meeting which had taken place in Leeds on the 7th June, for which Beryl was our delegate. The resolution was related to organ donation. There was a lot of support for the resolution including Beryl who spoke to the audience of 6500 women. The resolution was carried by a large margin. Later in the day other speakers were Sir Andrew Motion, Dr George Mc Gann and Bill Turnbull. In spite of the weather it was a very enjoyable day.

Next Month: Development of the English Silver Spoon. Speaker Neil Callan. July 8th

Competition: A fancy spoon.

Raffle Prize Rota: Florie, Margaret S, Margaret H, Susan Q.

Competition Results: A flower from the garden. Susan Q (5), Peggy (4), Sandra L (5), Sandra Kay (5), Tracy (3), Val (4).

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INSPIRING WOMEN

New Heron Print Costs

First of all, thank you to those of you who have given us donations towards the cost of producing the New Heron. As most of you will know, we receive a grant from the Parish Council (recently raised to £80 per month) This goes towards the cost of printing the Council Minutes, and also a few more pages. Apart from this, our main source of income comes from advertising. At present, we are not quite covering our printing costs, but we do want to continue to produce a quality magazine, and maybe have some pages in colour from time to time. So we are always grateful for any donations, whether regular or just now and again.

If you feel you would like to help us in this way, you can always drop a cheque (made out to Christchurch Village Resource Centre) or cash in to Richard, or to Paul and Vivien, or you can make payments by BACS - ask for details.

We plan to publish our accounts at the end of the financial year, as we want to be open about where and how monies are both obtained and spent!

Thank you. - Viv

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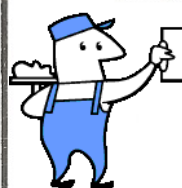
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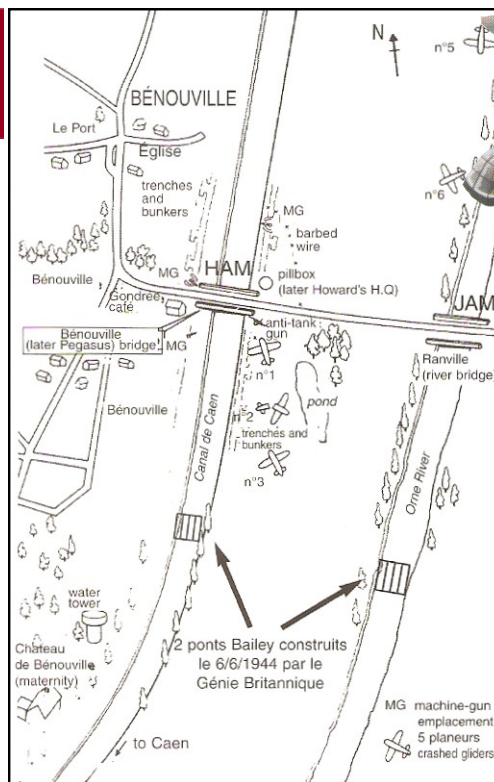


Arguably the principal mission of 6th Airborne Division was the hinge on which the D-Day landings of the Allied forces would pivot. They were to take up position on the left flank of the invasion beaches, in order to protect them from any German counter attacks coming from the East. This operation had to be carried out on the night of 5th/6th June before the amphibious landings. The soldiers of 6th Airborne Division were undoubtedly among the first Allied troops to land in Normandy on D-Day. They were towed from Dorset by Halifax bombers across the channel in six plywood and canvass Horsa gliders, a feat in itself. Then, released just before the French coast, they glided into their final destinations.



Within the left flank they were aiming for, three specific missions had to be accomplished, which were vital for a successful landing on Sword Beach.

1. To take and hold intact the bridges at Benouville, across the canal, and at Ranville, across the River Orne. Codenamed 'Ham' and 'Jam' respectively. The reinforcements arriving from Sword Beach would need them to cross the waterways. Their destruction would otherwise isolate 6th Airborne Division, which would be in grave difficulty from German counter attacks.
2. To destroy five bridges over the River Dives to prevent German armoured reinforcements from crossing from the East.
3. To silence the coastal artillery battery at Merville which would menace the amphibious landings on Sword Beach.



Incredibly, all these missions were carried out successfully under difficult and heroic circumstances; at night, and in bad weather. The cantilever bridge at Benouville became famous because it was liberated, along with the Orne bridge, on the night of the 5th/6th June by Major John Howard and his troops numbering just

181 men in six 28 man gliders. It was the first objective for the Allies on D-Day and the first bridge to be liberated on mainland France. Major Howard's glider landed within a few feet of the canal bridge. The bridge was captured after a fierce ten minute fire fight, the action all over by 0026, a full six hours before the beach landings.

So, just 90 minutes after taking off from RAF Tarrant, Rushton, Dorset, Major Howard was able to send the code words "Ham and Jam", indicating that both bridges had been captured. The strategic importance of these bridges can be easily seen on a map: (see back page) the only crossing points between Caen and the sea. On June 26th 1944, the canal bridge at Benouville was renamed Pegasus Bridge in honour of 6th Airborne's success; Pegasus being the emblem of the British Airborne Forces. A sign was officially inaugurated in 1948 by the French President, Vincent Auriol.

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CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 19th May 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

Present Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); J Bliss; S Freeland; W Beswick; R Gladwin; H Poole, W Poole, F Yeulett (CCC); W Sutton (FDC) J Richardson (Clerk); and 15 members of the public

001/14 Election of Chairman
A nomination for Cllr Russell was proposed by Cllr H Poole and seconded by Cllr Beswick. **Agreed**

The Chairman duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

002/14 Election of Vice Chairman
A nomination for Cllr H Poole was proposed by Cllr Bliss and seconded by Cllr Beswick. **Agreed**

The Vice Chairman duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

003/14 Apologies for Absence: Cllr M Tanfield

004/14 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)

005/14 Recreation Ground Charity Committee
The representatives of the Parish Council on the Recreation Ground Charity are:- Cllr Russell, Cllr Beswick and Cllr W Poole. This was proposed by Cllr Gladwin and AGREED

Agreed

006/14 Election of Committees, Working Parties & Representatives
New Village Hall Committee
The representatives of the Parish Council on the New Village Hall Committee are: Cllr Russell, Cllr Beswick and Cllr W Poole. This was proposed by Cllr H Poole and AGREED

Agreed

007/14 Internal Auditor
Ivan Cooper agreed to continue as Internal Auditor and this was AGREED

Agreed

008/14 Public Time
A request was made on further progress on Euximoor Drove, when will the highway engineers be approached to let us know their design concepts and costings. Other villages have been able to source individual contractors to do the work at much less cost (subject to Highways approval). Other interested parties may offer additional support if the Parish Council agree in principle to a 30mph. Speeding is still considered an issue by some of the residents. Overhanging hedges were reported on Church Road (Clerk to include for Highways Meeting).
Property reported on School Road re guttering and garage overhanging the Highway (Clerk to include for Highways Meeting).
Question raised as to whether any of the old Play Park equipment will be moved to the new Play Park areas as there are concerns that no small children's equipment has been provided. The climbing frame has been agreed to be moved.
Friends of Townley School auction planned for Monday 26/05/14.
Richard Guilford would like to put himself forward to go on the New Village Hall Committee.
The Heron thanked everyone for the support received, copy received and kind donations. The Parish Council and Cllr Will Sutton thanked the new Heron team for their hard work.
A request from the public regarding consideration be given to hard hearing people.

009/14 Confirmation of Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2014 were Proposed for approval by Cllr Russell, AGREED and signed. **Agreed**

010/14 Matters Arising
Planning Applications F/YR14/0181/F, F/YR14/0161/F & F/YR14/0023/F
Parish Council comments sent to Planning (FDC)

To notify that the Village Grass Cut should be 30/04/14 and Verge Grass Cut 20/21 June 2014

011/14

County & District Councillors Report

Cllr Yeulett reported that communication has been received regarding the closure of the Sixteen Foot bank at Stonea from 9th June for 3 weeks, and this information will be passed to The Heron.

There are big changes at County Council and District Council levels with a new leader at FDC and moving to a Committee governance system at CCC. All Christchurch District Councillors have been appointed to cabinet positions at FDC.

Highways cannot attend evening meetings, but a new working party will be set up. It is important that this is a long term plan.

Fire hydrants were discussed and assured that they are charged. A chart showing hydrants being carried is to be raised further.

Cllr Sutton reported that the large map, from the Notice Board has been taken to the Comms Team to replicate as a smaller version.

Green Lane/Green Drove signage discussed (Clerk to include for Highways meeting).

Matt Pickering is to email with a date to meet for LHI, regarding the area near the Bus Shelter.

Section 106 monies question has been asked but no reply yet, regarding funding for the swimming pool at the School.

District Councillors were congratulated on their appointment to Committees.

Cllr Yeulett

Clerk

012/14

Recreation Ground Charity

a) AGM for Recreation Ground Charity to be organised by the Clerk

b) Concerns were raised re the standard of the installation of the new Play Park, especially the Safety surfaces. Cllr Freeland is to arrange a meeting on site with the Regional Manager of Playdale and other Councillors. The opening of the new Play Park will be placed on June Agenda

c) ROSPA report on the older parks identified issues with the gate, it was Proposed by Cllr Russell that the gate be removed and this was AGREED. Cllr Russell will remove it

d) Contact has been made to the Insurance Company regarding the claim for damage to the Pavilion Hall and concern was raised regarding the excesses that may have to be paid. The Clerk is to contact the Police to get one crime number.

Clerk

Cllr Freeland

Clerk

Cllr Russell

Clerk

013/14

Pavilion Hall

Two quotes received, met with Architect and builders of the lower quote. Discussed new build and extension of current hall and costs involved, and currently work is being undertaken to reduce the favored option of a new build. The timescales involved are:- rough plan by Friday, then a plan for builder and work can then start in August, however the bowls season does not finish till September.

A letter has been received from Fenland regarding the £100K funding, and they require details of the plans and timescales involved to secure the funding.

There will be a meeting of the Village Hall Committee on Tuesday 27th May at 7.30, and a report will be presented at the June Parish Council Meeting.

Clerk

014/14

Donations/Grants for 2014/15

It was Proposed and AGREED that no donation be given to F.A.C.T

Cllr Sutton is still progressing the possibility of a 106 payment grant for The Friends of Townley School

It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that an £80 per month donation be given for the production of The Heron

It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the Parish Council would continue to fund the Recreation Ground Charity as current

Agreed

Agreed

Agreed

015/14

Police Matters

Two crimes reported, one to a secure yard on Padgett's Road and a break in at the Pavilion Hall, Upwell Road.

016/14

Highways/Street Lighting

a) It was AGREED to meet with Highways, at the Pavilion Hall, on Wednesday 28th May at 10.00 to set up the working party. Items for consideration are:- Overhanging hedges on Church Road, Euximoor Drove, Green Lane/Green Drove signage, property on School Road overhanging guttering/shed, Sixteen Foot signage.

Agreed

017/14	Planning Granted																			
	a) F/YR14/0023/F Erection of 1 x 2-storey 3-bed and 1 x 2-storey 4-bed dwellings with attached double garages, and a 1.2m high (max height) front boundary metal fence. Land South East Of The Paddocks, Green Lane, Christchurch																			
	b) F/YR14/0181/F Erection of a single-storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling, involving demolition of existing extension. Hillcrest, Upwell Road, Christchurch																			
	c) F/YR14/0161/F Erection of a single storey side extension with garage/log store and detached tractor store and shed to existing dwelling. Willowcroft Farm, Upwell Road, Christchurch																			
	Applications																			
	F/YR14/0293/F Erection of a conservatory to rear and detached garage/store with 1-bed annexe over, to existing dwelling. Christchurch Farm, Sixteen Foot Bank, Christchurch. It was AGREED that there were no objections to this application.	Agreed																		
018/14	Parish Plan																			
	Nothing to report																			
019/14	Income & Expenditure																			
	a) Members considered and APPROVED the following accounts for payment:	APPROVED																		
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	b) Clerk reported on the current bank balances at end April 2014:-																			
	Community Account	112,880.92																		
	Business Premium	8,186.82																		
	Business Bonus	27,478.25																		
	New Village	689.21																		
	BoS Corp Bonus	10,677.70																		
	TOTALS:	£159,912.90																		
020/14	2013/14 Audit																			
	Report read from Internal Auditor. It was AGREED that the Audit report be accepted and sent to External Auditor	Agreed																		
021/14	Publication of Parish Council Documentation																			
	Agenda's to be posted in Notice Board and christchurchcams website																			
	Approved minutes to be posted in Notice Board, The Heron and christchurchcams website																			
022/14	Correspondence																			
	a)FDC Core Strategy Member Bulletin (emailed 11/04/14)																			
	b)Police & Crime Commissioner, Home Affairs Select Committee Report (emailed 09/05/14)																			
	c)Cambs Acre News Digest (emailed 09/05/14)																			
	d)Police & Crime Commissioner, Working with Young People (emailed 09/05/14)																			
	e) Great War Project Event, Hinchingsbrooke House, Huntingdon (emailed 09/05/14)																			
023/14	Motion to exclude Press and Public																			
	Clerks contract was discussed. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the Clerks contract be signed	Agreed																		
024/14	Agenda Items/Next Meeting																			
	The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 9 June 2014. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 2 nd June 2014.	ALL COUNCILLORS																		

TOWNLEY SCHOOL

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In History. Class 3 have been learning about 'Life in Britain since 1948'. We learned how and why the population of Britain has changed. We looked at shopping habits including the impact of supermarkets, refrigeration and the Internet. We drew a selection of artefacts from milk bottles to



plastic milk cartons; highly patterned Thermos flasks to sleek stainless steel flasks and candles in wine bottles to modern glass candelabras. We listened to music from the different decades and thought about how music and celebrity influence the fashion of the day. We also had a fun day when we dressed up in clothes from either the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, or 90s. Take a look at the photos.

Diary Dates

23rd - 26th June - Year 5/6 'Bikeability' Training (details to follow)

1st July - Year 6 - Neale Wade Sport's Day

3rd July - Neale Wade Induction Day + school 'Jump Up' day

22nd July - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly @2pm

23rd July - Whole School Visit + last day of term



TOWNLEY - FUN DOG SHOW

Organised by Friends of Townley

all proceeds go towards Townley School swimming pool fund.

Saturday 5th July 2014

Townley School Playing Field, Christchurch, PE14 9NA

Judge: Caroline Trigg

Booking from: 10am Judging: 11.30am

£1.50 per class on the day or £1 per class pre-booked.

For an entry form or more information contact Sarah Saywell on 07967 191673.

HOT DOGS AND REFRESHMENTS

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Pedigree Puppy | 8. Handsome Dog |
| 2. X Breed Puppy | 9. Prettiest Bitch |
| 3. Pedigree Adult | 10. Most Appealing Eyes |
| 4. X Breed Adult | 11. Waggiest Tail |
| 5. Junior handler | 12. Scruffiest Mutt |
| 6. Golden Oldie 8yrs up | 13. Best Rescue |
| 7. Head Masters Choice | 14. Fancy Dress |
| (15 Minute Break) | BEST IN SHOW |

The JUDGES decision is final, the organisers are not responsible for any injury, accident or damage to people, animals or property.

All Dogs must be kept on leads, No bitches in season.

Any dog docked on or after the 6th April 2007 may not be entered for the show.

Please do not leave your dog in a hot car. Please clean up after your dog.

Neighbourhood Watch



NB In the light of recent fuel oil thefts in Christchurch on the weekend of 7-9th June, we need to get on with this ASAP!

As those of you who have attended recent meetings of Christchurch Residents Association will know, we are attempting to revive / set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Christchurch.

I successfully set up and ran a similar scheme when I lived in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire. The best way for such a scheme to work efficiently is by having a series of representatives / co-ordinators representing each road in the village; with some of the longer ones like Church Road needing up to three. There really is not a lot of work involved.

Each co-ordinator is simply a nearby, convenient, point of contact for neighbours to report any concerns as and when necessary. In practice this is rare, as once the Neighbourhood Watch signs are up this usually acts as, a pretty efficient deterrent to any petty criminals. All in all an invaluable aid to feeling more secure in your own home.



In order to fund the purchase of the necessary signs we would ask for a one off payment of £2.00 from each resident. These would be collected on a door to door basis by one of the co-ordinators, or myself as Area Co-ordinator. Previously we used to hold informal monthly meetings, but apart from an initial set up meeting these are likely to be more infrequent, or can be held as any need may arise.

For such a scheme to work we would need volunteer co-ordinators from each road in Christchurch. These would need to be in place before we get the signs and set up the scheme. So talk to your neighbours about this and give me a ring (01354 63899) or email me (richiethorn@aol.co.uk) once you've found your local co-ordinators, and I'll set things in motion. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information. You can also get in touch with Dave Harrowing the Chief Co-ordinator for the entire Fenland area on 01945 870963 if you so wish. Hope to hear from you soon so I can get things set up.

Richard Guilford

N'oublions pas

The Père Lachaise of Paris, keeps the graves of some of the most respected men and women ever known, but one of the most important parts of this cemetery is not only the grave of the famous poet, Oscar Wilde, but the holocaust memorials.

They stand side by side to represent the tragedies that repeatedly happened in each of the concentration camps. Each memorial stands for a camp that Hitler's regime put in place. Many

are covered with stones, as an act of respect; an old Jewish tradition. One monument is in the shape of



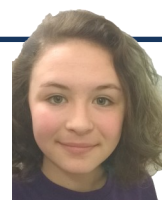
a triangle; it symbolises a segment of the Jewish star. Also on the monument is a small sign 'NN'. This is what the people who

were told they weren't good enough had to wear. It means they were less than human, and people who wore these badges were treated like dirt.

But at the entrance stands the biggest monument of them all. It marks the betrayal of 200,000 French citizens, and

every name is inscribed on the stone. The French gave up 200,000 of their own people, who opposed the views of the Nazis and did not fit into the society they were forcefully creating. Written in gold, 'N'oublions pas'. In English, 'Never forget'. The French have stayed true to it.

The 6th of June was D-Day, the 70th anniversary this year of the end of the worst persecution in history; remembering for seven decades, and the horror is still there.



Reporting from Paris is our latest Cub Reporter Lizzy Harvey - Hawes



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*samples: top ad opposite would be £4 per month, and the bottom
one £7 per month. (Check it with a ruler if you wish - Ed'.)

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Christchurch

W1 Open Gardens

Sunday 6th July 1:30 to
4:30pm

Inclusive entrance for all gardens
£1 per adult.

Tickets available on the day
(from 1:30 pm onwards) at the
starting point,
Doris Ted Rolfe -

6 Upwell Road, Christchurch.

Stalls include plants, bric-a-brac,
books,
ice cream, refreshments, etc.

Please No dogs!

PRIZE CROSSWORD

£1 per entry for a £20 PRIZE

Last month we did have a number of correct entries, however this time our winner is Rick Smale of Crown Road. Rick said "I'm so delighted with the New Heron, I would like to donate it towards production costs".

Rick, thanks very much, we're most grateful - Ed'

Once again, for this month's entries, our village shop "The Little Local" (see ad on page 19) has again kindly agreed to accept all the entries and fees for us; being a central point in the village that is easily located.

All correct entries will have an equal chance providing they reach the shop strictly by the 20th of the month of issue of "The New Heron".

NB Incomplete crosswords COULD still win (if none are fully correct)



Rick with his crisp £20 note

The theme this month is D-DAY

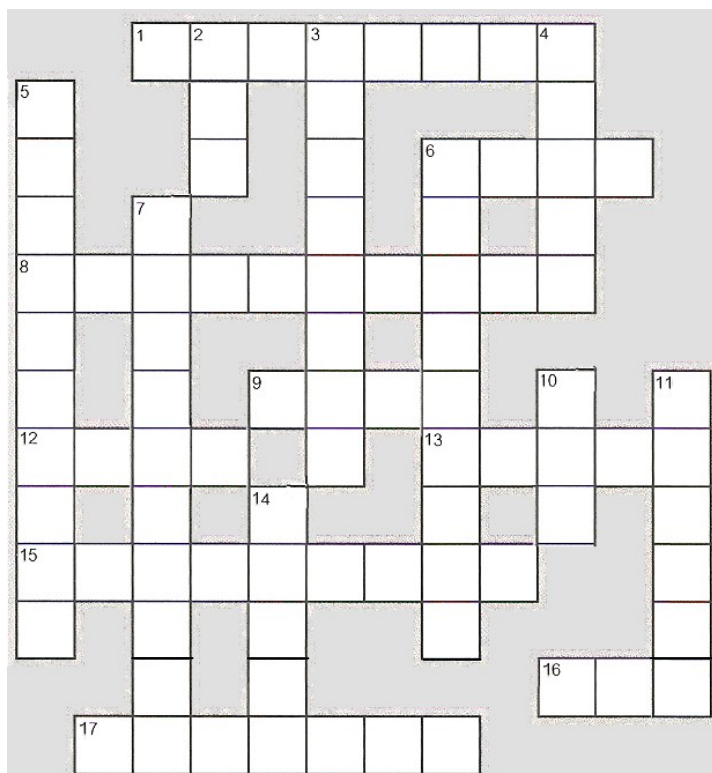
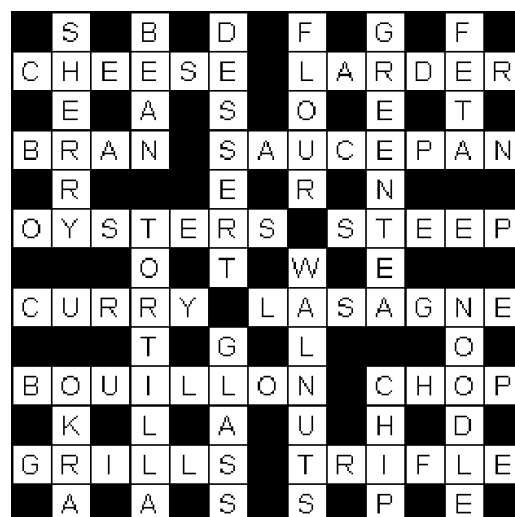
Last Month's Solution

Down

- 2 These can be "black" or "special" (*abbr*) (3)
- 3 Artificial harbour (8)
- 4 What the vanquished do in the end (5)
- 5 Took part in the bombardment, now a museum (1,1,1,7)
- 6 Main town on the Cotentin Peninsular (9)
- 7 _____ Circus - code name for the area in which the fleet assembled south of the loW (10)
- 10 "Troubles" and "Kit" should be packed in one of these (3)
- 11 Country whose troops landed on Juno beach (6)
- 14 Britons never x 3 shall be one of these (5)

Across

- 1 Area of France where the invasion began. (8)
- 6 Main objective to capture on D-Day (4)
- 8 Term used to describe what the Allies were trying to achieve on D-Day (10)
- 9 Curved strut in a boat, part of the hull (1,3)
- 12 Tommies were led into battle by the union _____ (4)
- 13 One of two beaches on which American troops landed. (5)
- 15 Director of "Saving Private Ryan" (9)
- 16 Closest ally - late arrivals at the "party" (3)
- 17 Dorset village (now deserted) where D-Day landings were practised (7)



Entry Form Cut out or copy the page and take to The Little Local with £1 to enter

Full Name: _____

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Cambs Fire & Rescue	01480 444500
Churchwarden - Mrs. D. Symons	01354 638352
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Community Car Scheme (to book a journey)	07902 316360
Community Fire Safety Officer - Howard Newton	07717858166
County Councillor - Fred Yeulett	01354 653763
District Councillor - Will Sutton	01354 638025
Eastern Electricity	0800 783 8838
Fenland Association of Community Transport (FACT)	01354 661234
Fenland District Council	01354 654321
Fire Station - March	01354 652349
Floodline	0845 988 1188
Library - March	0354 0455225
National Debtline	0808 808 4000
Neighbourhood Watch	01354 638990
Parish Clerk - Jackie Richardson	01354 677856
Parish Councillor - Jill Bliss	01354 638343
Parish Councillor - William Beswick	01354 638758
Parish Councillor - Simon Freeland	01354 638802
Parish Councillor - Roger Gladwin	01354 638583
Parish Councillor - Hannah Poole	01354 638622
Parish Councillor - Wesley Poole	01354 638622
Parish Councillor - Nigel Russell (Chair)	01354 638279
Police Community Support Officer - Dave Russ (mobile)	07921 094813
Police (non-emergency)	101
Rector - Rev'd Kevin Fitzgibbon	01354 680969
Telephone Complaints	0345 145000
Townley School	01354 638229
Trading Standards	845040506
Train Information	08457 484950
Upwell Health Centre (and out of hours)	01945 773671
Water Emergencies	08457 145145
Welle Pharmacy, Upwell Health Centre	01945 774081

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WWI -

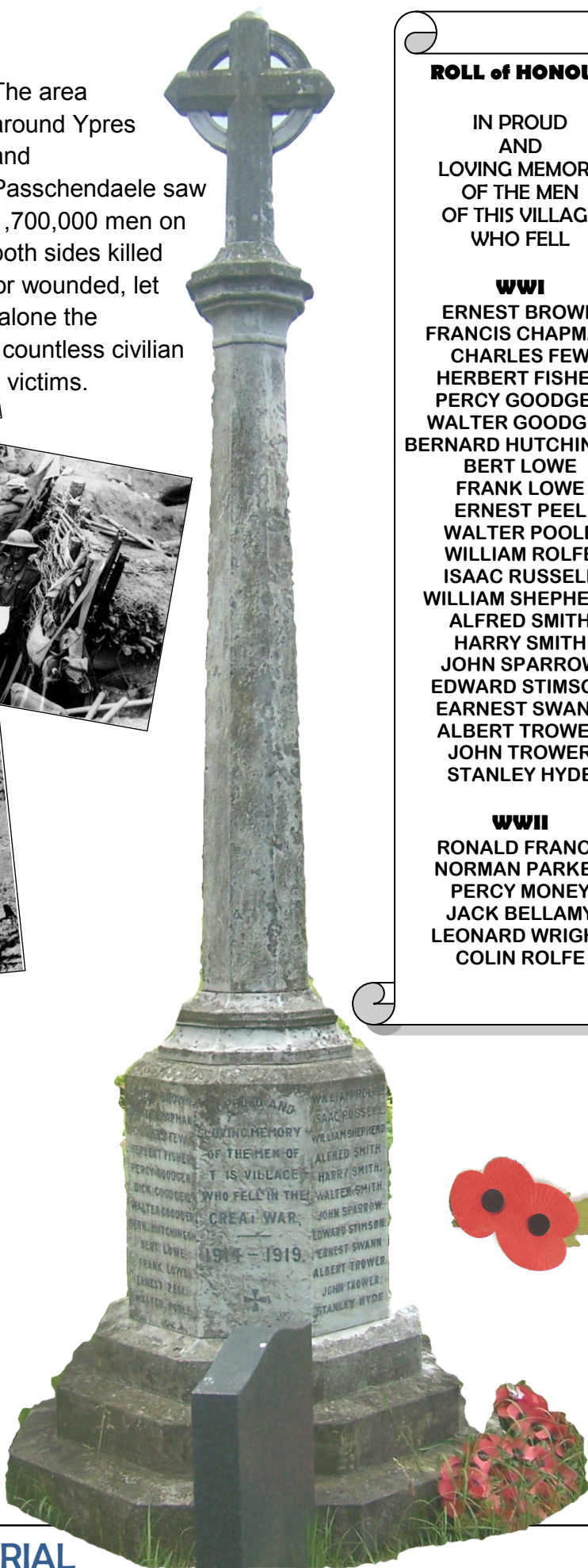


The area around Ypres and Passchendaele saw 1,700,000 men on both sides killed or wounded, let alone the countless civilian victims.

Some examples of the awful conditions our troops had to endure in the trenches. Absolutely intolerable! Yet they managed to keep on fighting somehow.



Overall the Battle of the Somme 1916 saw 420,000 British casualties including nearly 60,000 on the first day alone. Some as young as fifteen!



ROLL of HONOUR

IN PROUD
AND
LOVING MEMORY
OF THE MEN
OF THIS VILLAGE
WHO FELL

WWI

ERNEST BROWN
FRANCIS CHAPMAN
CHARLES FEW
HERBERT FISHER
PERCY GOODGER
WALTER GOODGER
BERNARD HUTCHINSON
BERT LOWE
FRANK LOWE
ERNEST PEEL
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WILLIAM SHEPHERD
ALFRED SMITH
HARRY SMITH
JOHN SPARROW
EDWARD STIMSON
EARNEST SWANN
ALBERT TROWER
JOHN TROWER
STANLEY HYDE

WWII

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CHRISTCHURCH WAR MEMORIAL

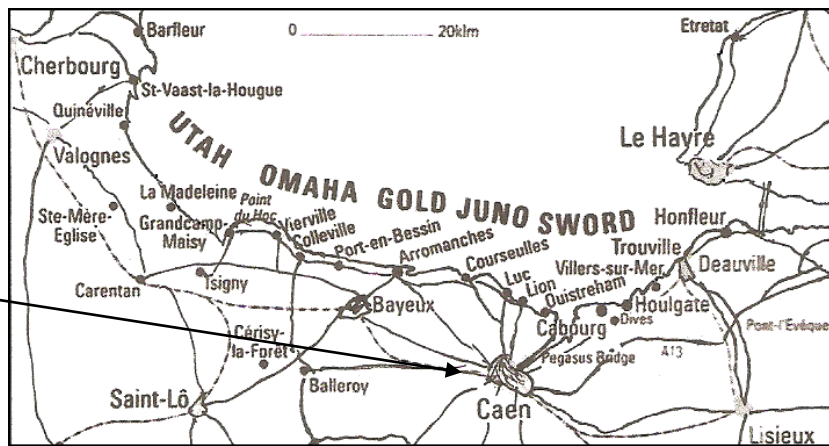
THIS ISSUE OF THE NEW HERON DOES NOT INTEND TO GLORIFY WAR BUT OUTLINES THESE EVENTS IN THE HOPE THAT SUCH HORRORS ARE NOT REPEATED....

WWII -

How did D-Day match up to the plan?

The main objective for D-DAY itself was to capture Caen

Caen, Normandy's largest city and an important confluence of roads, railway lines and rivers, was a key objective for D-Day. It lay 10 miles inland from Sword Beach - a significant distance, but not insurmountable, as the 1943 assault on Syracuse in Sicily proved (that Italian city was also 10 miles from British landings and was taken on D-Day). The principal force given the task of achieving this goal was the 3rd Division, an enlarged formation - but one burdened with the twin aims of taking the city and securing crossings over the river Orne. It was



an over-ambitious objective for the troops involved, and Caen was not taken until D+34 (10 July).

Montgomery had stressed that a pre-invasion map showing phase lines was no more than a guideline. Even so, by D+17 Allies had been expected to have reached at least 50 miles south of the

coast, having taken the Cotentin peninsula and Cherbourg. In the event, they were nowhere near. Yet by D+90, when plans anticipated progress as far as the river Seine and the river at Orleans, the Allies had progressed further - indeed, Paris had already been liberated. However slow the Allied advance may at times have seemed, the overall outcome was better than had been expected.



*"...at the going down of the sun,
and in the morning..."*

we will remember them!"