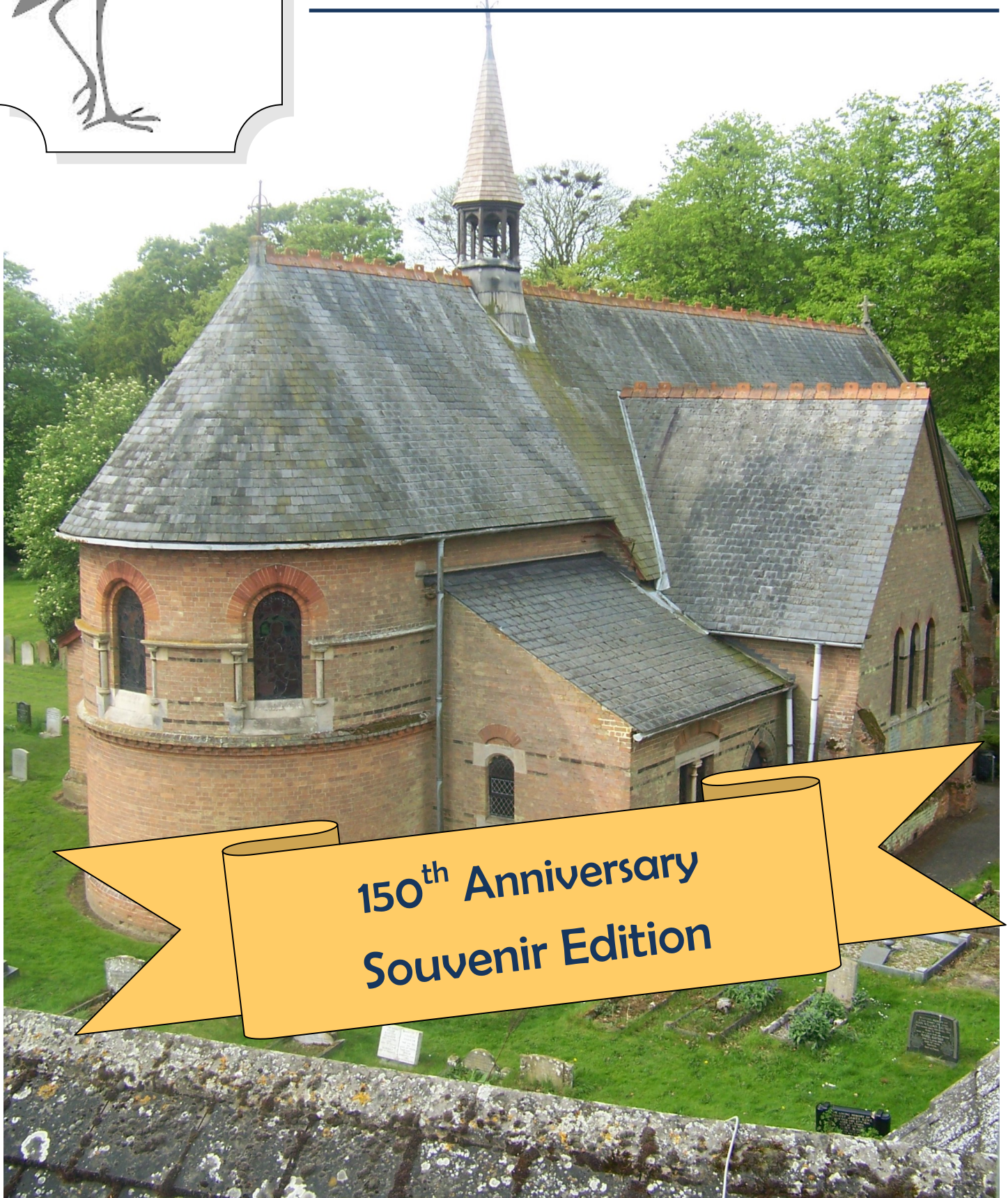


NEW The Heron

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**150th Anniversary
Souvenir Edition**

The Spirit that Saved the CHURCH (without which there'd be no 150th)

By Roger and Dorothy Davies, late of "The Master's"

During the interregnum following Rev. David Spencer, dry and wet rot were discovered in the nave of the Parish Church. Repairs were to cost many thousands of pounds.

A public meeting was held on January 4th 1995 in the church itself; it was presided over by the Archdeacon of Huntingdon. It was agreed action must be taken. Reports, surveys, estimates and a 'Faculty' should be obtained. Then, Roland Singleterry stood up and said that if he could start next week he could get all the manpower free of charge! Any later the men would be out working the fields! The reply from the chair was 'In view of that you'd better start on Monday!' The Faculty would have to come later!

Monday, January 16th came, tractors, trailers, vans and cars lined up in Church Road. Dust started to fly in all

directions; pews were removed, floorboards

carted away, bricks were laid and joists renewed.

During the following weeks the ladies of the village headed by Connie Symonds and members of the P.C.C. brought scones, cakes and energy packed goodies twice a day to keep the workforce in good heart.

Within a couple

of months the pews and carpet were laid on the new flooring and the quality job that will last for 'many a year' was in place.

When completed in April 1995 a 'thank you' party was held at 'The Masters' on the lawn of the Old Rectory. Thanks were expressed to everyone. Later a 'Thanksgiving and Rededication' Service was held in the church. The event also had a slot on Cambridgeshire Radio's Sunday programme.

They were unforgettable days. A great job was achieved in a remarkable way in a spirit of cooperation, camaraderie and

sheer hard

work. It has been a real joy to relive and remember such a momentous event.

These momentous events were captured on video by Dennis (Denny) Russell, on this page and the inner wrap back page, are some stills taken from the video. Several copies of the video were bought by residents. If there's a demand The New Heron team could supply copies on DVD for a donation to the New Heron.

Grateful thanks from the New Heron team for the copy of the Video and the newspaper articles to May Reader and Margaret Sparrow

FRONT PAGE PICTURE - An unusual view of the Church taken from the roof of the Old School. This shows the renovation of the new tiles, completed in the Summer of 2011 on the hemi-conical roof which had to be cut individually both sides to fit the form. Also the newly refurbished bell tower with its chestnut shingles finished in late Summer last year 2013.



Some of the Team taking out the pews



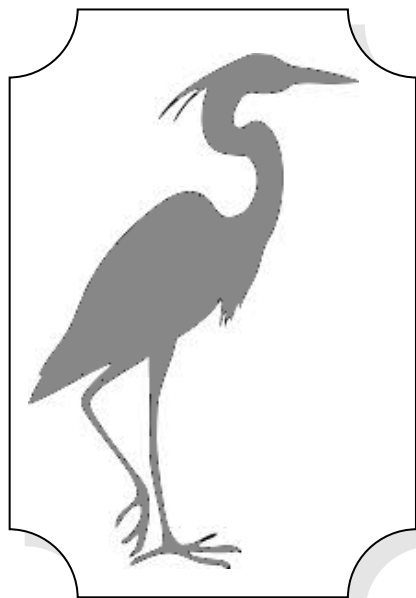
with the rotten floor removed



Dorothy Davies with the stacked pews



Wes and Roland cut the new beams



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Firstly, a very big thank you from the team for all your words of encouragement and appreciation. We shall strive to keep up the standard in future issues too!

There seems to have been a little confusion over issues of The New Heron being sold for 50p. Let me reassure you that ALL Christchurch, Euximoor and Tipps End residents SHOULD receive an issue each month FREE and delivered through their door. Other spare copies are offered FOR SALE at Upwell Post Office, Upwell Health Centre, and Navrady's, as well as our own Little Local of course. These are intended for visitors, passing trade, or those not living within our current delivery/catchment area. We would hope to expand this in time, and when funds permit.

Sincere apologies to Tipps End residents who did not receive a copy of The New Heron last month. This was because of a historical misconception that we don't deliver to homes in Norfolk. Now corrected!

Sorry that some of you found last month's Prize Crossword a little difficult. This month's is much easier (see page 26). Please have a go and support us!

Finally, our thanks once again for the many notes and telephone calls saying how much you had enjoyed our first issue last month. Such kind words make our job worthwhile and are very encouraging. We have also received several articles, from villagers which we will publish over the coming months as well as several kind donations. Thank you all!

But we would like to encourage you once again too, to write a brief note, question, express an opinion, or even write an article on some pet subject. Don't forget to send in events for our "Diary Dates" page too! Thanks for those who have already done so.

This month we celebrate 150 years since our village church was first built. Please see further details on the colour wrap and pages 7 to 10 of this issue. For this reason some items we promised for inclusion this month we have had to hold over until the July issue.

We hope you enjoy this special souvenir edition!

Till next month!

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DIARY DATES

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

June 1 st	Upwell Jazz Club – “Tenor Mayhem” Myke Clifford, Heinz Hunt, John Wilmot 3 Holes Village Hall 12.30pm to 2.45pm – Bar and snacks
June 1 st	All Age Worship - 11:00 - Parish Church
June 3 rd	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall
June 3 rd	Healthwatch Cambridgeshire at Rosmini Centre, Wisbech 1pm - 6pm
June 3 rd	Healthwatch Cambridgeshire at Lighthouse Centre, Ely 1pm - 6pm
June 3 rd	Christchurch Craft Club – Altered Art Dominoes with Tanya Wanstall
June 8 th	Holy Communion - 09:30 - Parish Church
June 9 th	Parish Council Meeting - The Pavillion
June 10 th	WI - The Work of the Macmillan Nurses
June 10 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall
June 11 th	Christchurch Resident’s Association Meeting - 7:30 The Old School
June 14th	A Night at the Races - 19:00 - see page 6
June 14 th	St. Andrew’s Church, Outwell - SUMMER FAYRE
June 15 th	Evening Prayer - 18:30 - Parish Church
June 17 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall
June 19 th	Healthwatch Cambridgeshire at Ely Market 9am - 3pm
June 21 st	Upwell Village Hall / British Lions RACE NIGHT 7.30pm
June 21 st	Healthwatch Cambridgeshire at Wisbech Market 9am - 3pm
June 22 nd	Morning Prayer - 11:00 - Parish Church
June 24 th	Christchurch Garden Club - Talk on Butterflies with Nick Greatorex
June 24 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall
June 8th~29th	“Festival of Flowers” - Parish Church - 150th Anniversary
June 28 th	St. Andrew’s Church, Outwell - Car Boot Sale 8.30am to 11.30am
June 28 th	Healthwatch Cambridgeshire at Cambridge Central Library 9am - 5pm
June 29 th	Upwell Jazz Club – “The Alan Norris Big Band”– 3 Holes Village Hall - 12.30-2.45pm Bar & snacks
June 29 th	150 th Anniversary Service of Celebration - 15:30 - Parish Church
June 29 th	Car Treasure Hunt & BBQ - Friends of Townley - open to all - details page 24, 25
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 24, 25
July 6 th	WI Open Gardens event from 1:30 to 4:30pm - All Welcome
July 8 th	WI - Development of the English Silver Spoon
July 8 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall
July 11 th ~13 th	ELY FOLK FESTIVAL
2 July 29 th	Christchurch Garden Club – Talk on Pelargoniums with Tim Jellis – plants for sale



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"EGGSASPERATIONS!!!"

You may remember from the May Issue we published the first three secrets from Diane Parker's book
4 "100 Ways for a Chicken to Train its Human!" - well the next two are somewhere in this issue of The New Heron.



Stonea 16ft Bank Road Closure

Dear Richard,

As some people may be already aware, there has been some instability in the embankment along the Sixteen Foot, Stonea. Over the past few months we have been working on a scheme to rectify the situation.

It is proposed that on the 9th June, we will be completely closing the Sixteen Foot (24 hours a day), near to the level crossing, for a period of around 3 weeks. The date and duration are subject to change, although we are confident they won't.

I am sending you a plan of the diversion route and photo of the damage. [available at www.theheron.info Ed'] Obviously there will be disruption and this will cause inconvenience, but unfortunately a full closure is unavoidable. We will be sheet piling along the section shown in the attached photograph and the plant/labour force present means that vehicles will not be able to pass. Residents and businesses will have access, but may have to enter via a certain direction. We will keep them as informed as possible and we have already been in contact with the Public House. Working with Network Rail, we have agreed that their level crossing gates will be closed during the works as people cannot pass. This will also create a safer working environment for Highways and Rail.

While on site we will be taking the opportunity to resurface the road, improve signs and lines in the area and undertake any other works that are required.

A letter drop will be delivered to premises along the Sixteen Foot and a press release will be issued to highlight the forthcoming works. I have tried to send this to as many people as possible but feel free to forward this information on.

Kind Regards

Matthew Pickering

Cambridgeshire County Council

0345 045 5212

Dear Richard,

Glad to see our village magazine back. It has been missed by so many.

I'm wondering if any readers have photographs they could loan us, or copy, for the "Flower Festival" to celebrate the 150th birthday of our Parish Church?

Letters to the Editor



Katy and Lizzie are going to be decorating the font and would love ~ "Pictures Through the Ages" ~ e.g. of christenings, those hats, 80's haircuts, etc.

We're also hoping for photos of service men and women from all the armed forces. If you can let us borrow them, please supply names and dates too where possible, for identification purposes. These will also be part of a display covering the last 150 years.

Thanks, and keep up the good work

Alison Hawes

Call me on 07910 987489 - 10 Crown Avenue

Thanks Alison for your words of encouragement. We hope our readers will support you in your endeavours and help with the Church's 150th Anniversary celebrations on the 28th and 29th of this month. It is a truly unique building and well deserving of its grade II listed status. Its hemi-conical roof and post and beam structure over the dais are unusual architectural features. You should pay a visit for these reasons alone even if you don't have religion –Ed'.

Dear Richard

When I heard that this month's New Heron was to be an anniversary edition featuring the renovations and restoration that took place by a willing band of villagers back in 1995.....I got to thinking!

What a shame that more than 12 years on we still don't have our new village hall, or should I say Community Centre. Fit for purpose and for use by all.

How sad that the same community spirit that existed back then in 1995 doesn't seem to be around anymore. Back then they just, got together, got on with it and got the job done! If they hadn't we wouldn't still have a church, and the way things are going, we run the risk of losing our funding from FDC and not getting our new building at all!

Why has it taken so long?

(name and address supplied)

I'm afraid I can offer you no real answers on this one. Though I very much agree with you about the 'community spirit'. I can only ask that the Parish Council and / or New Village Hall Committee might proffer some kind of an answer next month. I will put it to them. Ed'.



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June 28th & 29th

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Followed by a service of Celebration and Thanksgiving at 3.30pm

Led by the Archdeacon the Very Venerable H. McCurdy

Tea/Coffee and Homemade Cake will be available on both days

from 12 noon

Cost £2 50 including a refill of Tea/Coffee

There will be a bottle stall on both days any donations of bottles would be gratefully received at the church on Friday 27th June

Andrew and Daphne
Church Wardens from
2012 and 1996
respectively



Parish Church Services

1 Jun	11:00	Rev K Fitzgibbon	All Age Worship
8 Jun	09:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Holy Communion
15 Jun	18:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Evening Prayer
22 Jun	11:00	Mr S E Tooke	Morning Prayer
29 Jun	15:30	Very Ven H McCurdy	150 th Celebration

Archdeacon of Huntingdon & Wisbech

1864 And All That – (Whatever else happened thereabouts)

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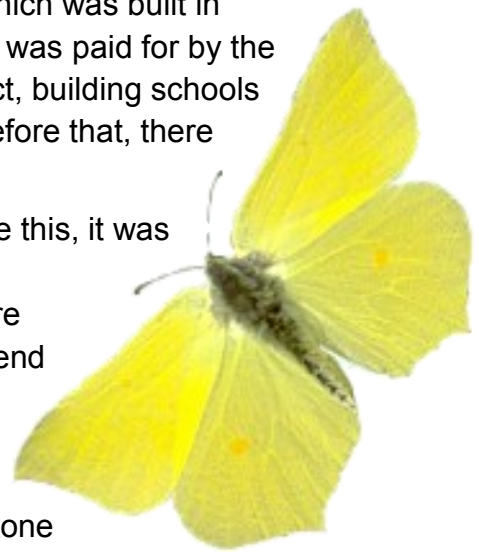


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Witches, Butterflies and Sulphur - by Viv Haresnape

This month sees the 150th anniversary of the village church, which was built in 1864/5 at a cost of £3,500. (over £200,000 in today's money) It was paid for by the Townley family of Upwell, who did so much to benefit the district, building schools and churches, as well as the Suspension Bridge at Welney. (before that, there was only a ferry boat across the river)

The village changed its name after the church was built. Before this, it was part of the parish of Upwell, and was known as Brimstone, or Brimstone Hill. Brimstone is the old name for sulphur. There are various ideas about why the village was called this, An old legend apparently says that a vicar of Upwell chased the devil, disguised as a witch, from the tower of St Peter's church in Upwell across the fen until it disappeared in a cloud of fire and brimstone! Another theory is that it was named after the brimstone butterfly, which would have been common in the area. You can make your own mind up!



Upwell was a very big parish, and included Welney, Three Holes, Lakes End and Tipps End, as well as Brimstone Hill and Euximoor. This dated back to medieval times, but the population must have increased (I expect there would have been many more people working on the land after the draining of the fens) because in 1846 by a private Act of Parliament, the parish was divided into three, so that Welney and Brimstone Hill could become independent. It didn't happen straight away. The idea seems to have been that the parish would remain as it was until the death of William Gale Townley, who was rector at the time. He died in 1862, and so our church was built soon afterwards. Welney already had a church building, so only a house for the Rector was needed, and this was also built in 1864. Three Holes, Lakes End and Tipps End remained part of the parish of Upwell.

The new church at Brimstone Hill was not dedicated to a saint, as many are, but was called the Church of Christ, or Christ Church. People must have begun to refer to the village as Upwell Christchurch, or just Christchurch, and the name stuck. Perhaps they also thought that Christchurch was a nicer name than Brimstone Hill!

There was a tower on the church until 1883, when it had to be demolished because of subsidence - sadly a common problem in the fens! Can anyone tell us where the tower was - in the centre of the building or at the west end?

On a table at the back of the church there are folders with the records of baptisms, marriages and burials at Christchurch, going back to when the church was built, so if your family lived in the village, you can research some of your family history. They are worth a look even if you aren't local. At the forthcoming Festival of flowers we are hoping that we will all be able to find out more about the history of the church and village, so don't forget to come along!

100 WAYS FOR A CHICKEN TO TRAIN ITS HUMAN ~ No 4 - Free Range

"Free range" means you have the right to roam. However you choose to do it, escape on a regular basis and refuse to return until you are ready.



Editor's interview with "Kev the Rev"

Q. What did you do before you became a priest?
A. I was an Engineering Technician in the Water industry and before that a Draughtsman in the Petro-Chemical industry.

Q. When did you become a Christian / Priest?
A. I became a Christian in 1971 through my marriage. I did not have any church upbringing but when we went to book the church the vicar invited us to a study course (a bit like the Alpha course which wasn't available at the time). This course was where I came to know that Jesus is alive and active in the world today. I was Ordained in 1981.

Q. Were you a priest elsewhere before coming to Christchurch / Welney / Manea benefice
A. Yes in Eaton Socon which is part of St. Neots and before that in Newborough on the north east of Peterborough. I did my initial ministerial training in a parish in Corby, Northamptonshire.

Q. You now oversee a second benefice making 6 churches in all. Can you tell us a little about this?
A. Multi Church Leadership is becoming the norm as numbers of clergy continue to reduce. This means that clergy now have to work in a different kind of way and the gifts of lay members of the churches need to be recognised, developed and deployed. So church leadership and work is now much more a team enterprise with, as you rightly observe, the clergy exercising more of an oversight and enabling role.

Q. You used to work for another Christian organisation too. But I presume, now you are looking after 6 churches, that you had to discontinue this?
A. My original post at Christchurch, Manea and Welney was deemed to be a half time job and in addition I worked for The Church Pastoral Aid

Society as another half time job. I ceased the CPAS role when I took over Doddington with Benwick and Wimblington in 2011

Q. What is your view on falling numbers in church congregations? Or do you see an upturn at all?

A. The Church of England is the only Christian denomination that still tries to maintain a Church presence, and usually a church building, in every parish and community. We are here for everyone at the most significant points on life's journey; we have helped this community for 150 years to make sense of events and history. We also have records and evidence of the local families of Christchurch. While there is still a reservoir of goodwill towards the church very few members of the village actually attend church so that makes the present a struggle and the future a big question mark.

Q. As a matter of interest how do congregations compare across the 6 churches? Are numbers attending similar in each or are some catchment areas bigger than others?

A. Our villages are of different sizes and levels of community vibrancy and so are the church congregations, some are doing reasonably OK and some are struggling to keep going, I don't think we could say that any of them are vigorous.

Q. Pressure of work spreading yourself around the six parishes must make life difficult. How do you cope?

A. It is a struggle but you have to make sure that your output does not exceed your input. Working excessive hours as the norm means that you have to find space to recharge. For me that means taking a day off each week, trying not to fill every slot in the diary, making time for family and friends having an annual holiday and finding time each day for quiet reflection and prayer, often for me walking the dog in the great blue yonder. As I said above working as a team is essential.

Q. Presumably you have similar support teams at each church?

A. Sheila our Retired Priest and husband Stephen our Licensed Lay Minister are the linch pins of the team together with our Churchwardens in each parish (Daphne and Andrew here in Christchurch). Each church also has its own Church Council and various others who help with pastoral ministry, leading worship and administration.

Q. Thanks a lot Kevin for agreeing to talk to us, we hope that you enjoy the Celebratory Edition of the New Heron!

A. My pleasure, and I'm sure I will!



Rev Kevin Fitzgibbon



Kevin Fitzgibbon can be contacted
on 01354 680969

An Interview with Walter Chamberlain - Part 1

By our new Cub Reporter - Morgan Chappell



Seeing as it is coming up to the 150th anniversary of the church, it made sense to interview somebody who has been involved there for a long time. Walter Chamberlain stepped down as the final member of the choir at Christchurch Parish church last year after approximately 84 years. He was born in 1922 in Christchurch and went to the old school next to the church. When Walter was seven, the rector at the time came into the school looking for choir boys. Walter gave an account of being picked 'He came in and said I'll have 'you, you, you, you, you and you' and the final one was me.'

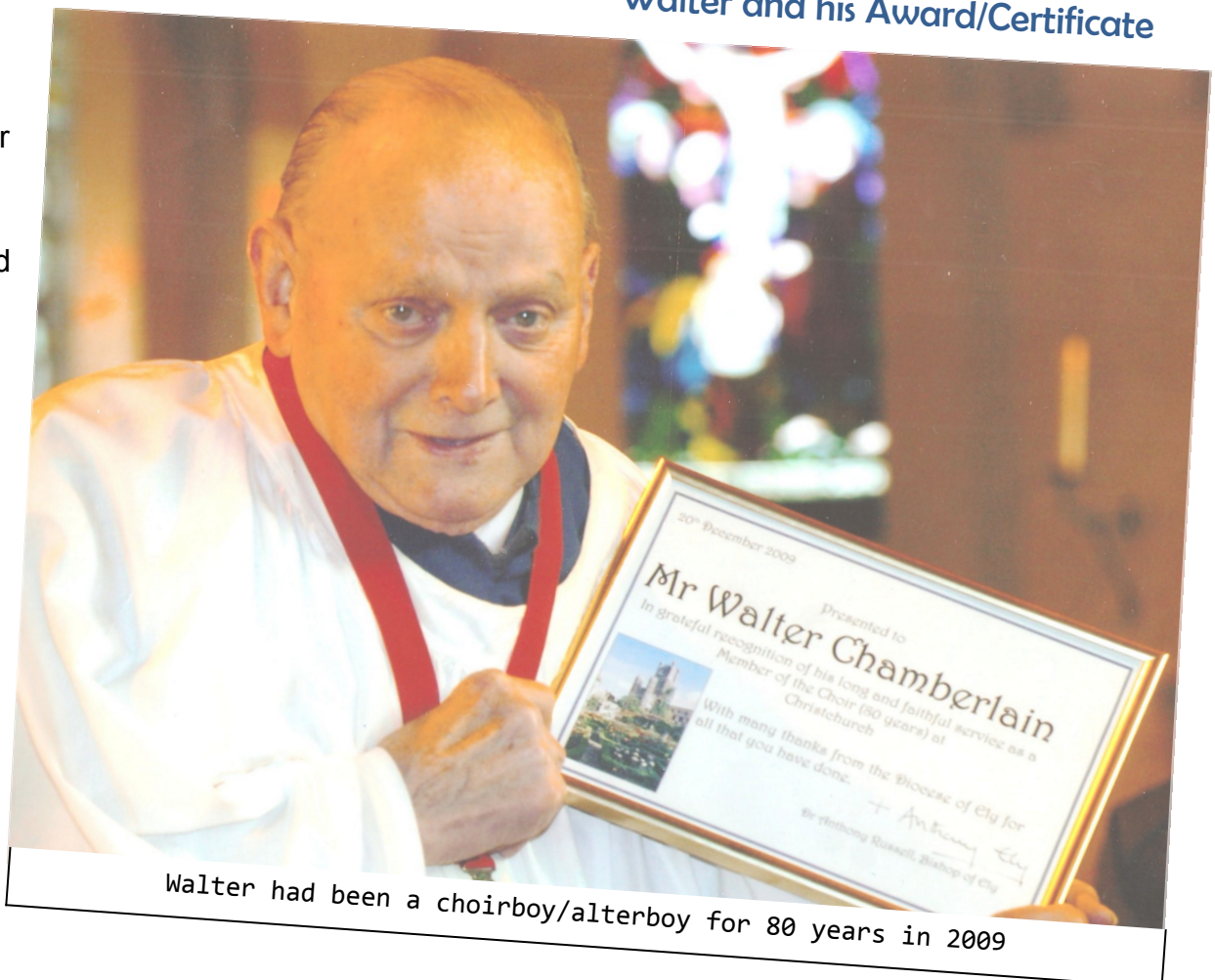
Walter then attended Townley School, until the age of fourteen, where he was champion at sports. The very cup he received is still held there. On leaving school at the age of 14 Walter said, 'I left on the Friday and started work on the Monday' and worked at Frank Scott's farm for six years which he returned to after the Second World War ended. At the same time he was in search of a house and the rector 'Evans' was looking for a gardener so Walter moved into the rector's house. Evans finished as dean of Gloucester. He also remarked that 'When I was younger there wasn't much room in the church... it was always full.' This was followed by 'there were only nine of us last week.'

Apparently there used to be three shops in Christchurch as well as a blacksmith's and two carpenters' shops. Walter has also been involved in grounds keeping at the church: cutting the grass for 30 years and digging graves for 20. He also remembers when all the seats were removed to replace the floor (see this month's colour wrap -Ed').

His other roles include cross bearer, sides man, bell ringer and church councillor. Walter received a award and certificate from the Bishop of Ely in 2009 for his services as a choirboy for 80 years.

Thanks to Walter for contributing to the extraordinary history of the church for so many of the past years.

Walter and his Award/Certificate



Walter had been a choirboy/alterboy for 80 years in 2009

Craft Club

The theme for our May meeting was Calligraphy. Rosemary Higgs from Sutton near Ely gave an interesting talk on the history and art of Calligraphy. Members were then able to have a go at it themselves and take their finished work home. Apologies from Wendy Yates who was otherwise engaged.



Next meeting – 3rd June – Art Dominoes with Tanya Wanstall, July – Bring & Make - Cards

Apologies for the wrong dates in last months New Heron. They will be updated each month.

Do feel free to join us. Entry £1.50 plus tea / coffee 20p. Usual raffle strip 50p.

Any enquiries to Wendy 01354 638448, or, Peggy 01354 638339. No meeting in August.

Christchurch Residents Association

Our May meeting was held on Wednesday 21st. After the usual formalities the Stonea – 16 foot bank road closure was discussed followed by an update on the problems being experienced by Euximoor Drove residents. Unfortunately, the Speedwatch equipment was not appropriate to alleviate the speeding vehicle problem because it only registers up to 60mph and we needed to go beyond that. There has, however, been a recent visit from PCSO Dave Russ regarding a certain white van and motorcycles using the farmers field as a race track. Dave Russ and Mike Hawkins are monitoring this situation and will attempt to note the vehicle registration number.

Neighbourhood Watch was briefly discussed once again. Despite several volunteer co-ordinators coming forward more are required before we could set up and run the scheme properly. There would be an appeal for help in July's New Heron.

Various concerns were expressed over the current position re the proposed New Village Hall and the possibility that FDC funding could be lost. Richard has managed to get on the New Village Hall Committee who are having an emergency meeting on Tuesday 27th May and he will report back on the current state of play.

Disappointment was expressed by residents over the recent planning application for two new houses in Green Lane being passed despite the fact that it broke two major rules in FDC's own Planning Strategy; namely the development of 'paddocks' and infilling in such a small village as Christchurch. There remain outstanding issues relating to this

proposed development, which are still being followed up by various parties who will report back in due course; hopefully by our June meeting.

In relation to all the above issues contact has been made with PCSO Dave Russ, Community Fire Safety Officer Howard Newton, and Susan Bull of Anglian Water who will be attending future CRA meetings. Contact numbers for these people will now be listed in the 'Useful Numbers' section of The New Heron.

The New Heron had been met with great approval by all and Richard explained that at the last Parish Council meeting they had been granted a monthly donation of £80. Together with donations from Alan Russell of Crown Farm and Nigel Russell, who also proposed the £80 support from CPC, the future of The New Heron is now much more secure. Deliveries are to be extended up the entire length of the Halfpenny Toll and Sandra will see Gill Bliss about this.

Residents voted unanimously that The New Heron should keep publishing the full Parish Council minutes each month, however they also voted unanimously that the PC minutes should be "of the moment" and not nearly two months old before publication. Richard was to bring this up at the next PC meeting as Editor.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm but general discussions continued for sometime after. The date of our next meeting is 11th June 7.30pm at The Old School.

Funding Threat to New Village Hall - by Paul Haresnape

Gloomy predictions were voiced at the May meeting of the Parish Council. Prevarication over the many different options for a replacement for the Memorial Hall could well threaten the £100,000 funding which was offered from Fenland District Council, according to District Council member Will Sutton. Cllr Sutton, who for several years, himself chaired the Parish Council, said he was pessimistic that the lack of a programme with a timetable for the project meant that the District Council funding would be no longer available to the Parish Council. The allocation had been made available providing a suitable plan had been agreed within a two year timescale, which had expired some time since.

Other voices, predominantly lead by district and county councillor Fred Yeulett, and ex Parish Clerk Stephen Cowell suggested that an emergency Hall committee meeting could be convened to determine specific "milestones" for the project. This was hastily arranged for the following week. Parish Council Chair Nigel Russell, suggested that drawings could be ready by the end of June and work begun by the end of the Bowls Season in September.

Privately there were concerns expressed that a reduction in the proposed size of the new hall, to save money on the project could limit the range of activities available in the hall. During the meeting it was agreed that the Short Mat Bowls would fit into the proposed size.

New Play Park open for business

Newly finished and awaiting final inspection, the new children's play park was declared open for use at the May meeting of the Parish Council.

It was thought unnecessary to have any formal opening, but as seen in these photos the members of the Parish Council and the public present for the meeting took advantage of the late evening sun to give it a try-out.



Reach Fen

The great Saxon defensive earthwork known as Devils Dyke runs 7 miles across country from Wood Ditton to Reach Fen.

Local legend has it that it was built by Satan, or by giants.

In the 18th century, a man named Joe Badcock murdered his lover in Reach Fen.

Legend has it that he was hanged and gibbeted on the highest part of Reach Fen in full view of his victim's cottage door, so that her parents could take some solace in watching his corpse slowly rotting away.

My beer tastes funny?

1816, just 48 years before the village church was built, saw some very bloody riots that were brought about by the poverty and unemployment that followed the end of the Napoleonic Wars. In Littleport and Ely where the rioting was fiercest, many stories were told of gamekeepers and farmers that were murdered for prosecuting Fen men whose only way of getting food was to trap or snare it. Soldiers and other officials were also killed when they tried to round up poachers and rioters.

Five Fen men were hanged at Mill Pitts, Ely, on the 28th of June that year, and their bodies were buried in a single grave in St Mary's churchyard. Their names are recorded on a stone slab on the south side of the church tower.

It is said that the body of a butcher who supplied the cart to take them to the gallows was later found head downwards in his own cesspit.

The corpse of the carpenter who made the coffins was discovered in the pipe that took water to Ely brewery ... sales of beer fell dramatically after the discovery. *

* Sadly history seems to be repeating itself.

Recently in Upwell where a goose was found shot by a crossbow bolt, and a swan with two bolts in its neck still swimming down the creek. Unfortunately after an initial recovery, both animals had to be put down. Let's hope they catch the b*****s! Ed'.



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PS please don't think that you get a FREE PIZZA with the New Heron—it was the only clipart we could find at the time! -Ed'



CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 14th April 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

Present Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); J Bliss; S Freeland; W Beswick; R Gladwin; F Yeulett (CCC); M Tanfield (FDC); W Sutton (FDC) J Richardson (Clerk); and 10 members of the public

Apologies for Absence:

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) Cllr Russell (Item 016/13 (a))
c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest)

19.35-20.10 Public Time

Friends of Townley School requesting contribution towards swimming pool. Clerk to place on next Agenda, Cllr Sutton to find information on 106 monies being used.

Clerk
Cllr Sutton
The Heron

The Heron is planning for 1st edition at end April 2014. Email address for The Heron to be sent to the Clerk.

Euximoor Drove raised re possibility of funding of 30 mph speed limit and then enforcement of. Question of funding discussed. Residents complaint to be forwarded to PCSO and request assistance.

Clerk
Clerk

Highways to be contacted to attend next meeting and discuss further. Cllr Yeulett stated that pot holes in Euximoor Drove are on Highways list to be filled in.

Parish Council precept rise was explained due to the loss of money from FDC Concurrent Functions Grant.

F.A.C.T requested possibility of funding from Parish Council, to be placed on next Agenda. The extension of time spent at the destination should be communicated to the driver.

Clerk

001/13 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2014 were Proposed for approval by Cllr Russell, AGREED and signed.

Agreed

002/13 Matters Arising

Request received for explanation of various bank accounts, included as an Agenda Item

003/13 Annual Parish Assembly

It was AGREED to hold the Annual Parish Assembly on 19th May 2014 at 7p.m

Clerk

004/13 Play Park

Install will commence on 22/23/24 April 2014. The 50% deposit Invoice was APPROVED. Clerk to send cheque.

Clerk

005/13 Police Matters

One reported crime on Fifty Foot Road, person throwing bricks at property.

006/13 County Councillors Report

Cllr Yeulett reported on "City Deal" and hopes that there will be a benefit for other areas of Cambridgeshire e.g railway between Wisbech and Cambridge and A14 development. System of governance at County Council is changing from Cabinet system to Committee System. Paper to be presented on new methods of working with local communities with regard to adult social care.

Cllr Sutton reported that the current leader of FDC has resigned and this will have an effect on concurrent functions grant situation.

Padgetts Road now has sign up for floods to advise of depth of water.

Cllr Tanfield apologised for non attendance recently. Views speeding as an important issue, and education is needed in this area.

007/13	Recreation Ground/Pavilion Hall a) Recreation Ground Quote of £180.00 + VAT received for pruning of trees was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED. The Clerk is to inform CGM that quote accepted. Cllr Gladwin is to discuss further and oversee this work. b) Pavilion Meeting of new village hall committee was held and only one quote received other still outstanding. Item to be included on next Agenda.	Clerk Cllr Gladwin Clerk																								
008/13	Highways/Street Lighting a) Green Lane to be included in Highways working group on next Agenda b) Google Maps authority to email Google Maps to get Church Road correctly identified at Street Level View c) Grass Cutting- Public Rights of Way currently underway if any not cut, please advise Clerk. Path from School to Sixteen Foot is not being cut. The Clerk to advise County Council d) Euximoor Drove to be on Agenda for next meeting	Clerk Clerk All Councillors Clerk Clerk																								
009/13	The Heron Discussion on Parish Council Minutes in The Heron was discussed and it was AGREED that they will be published in their full format.	Agreed																								
010/13	Income & Expenditure a) Cheque received from The Heron £2,798.34 (donation to new hall) FDC Precept received £4,473.00 b) Members considered and APPROVED the following accounts for payment:	APPROVED																								
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	c) Clerk reported on the current bank balances at end March 2014:- Community Account 127,071.67 Business Premium 8,185.80 Business Bonus 27,414.63 New Village Hall 689.21 BoS Corp Bonus 10,671.56 TOTALS: £174,032.87 Accounts are:- Community Account (Barclays) day to day account and plot sale monies to start new hall. Business Premium (Barclays) holds reserve monies. Business Bonus (Barclays) holds most of the section 106 monies. New Village Hall (Barclays). BofS Corp Bonus remainder of section 106 payments. d) Emailed council end of year accounts, still awaiting interest statement from B of S.																									
011/13	2013/14 Audit Paperwork is ready, notice published on Notice Board and will be sent to External Auditor by 9 th June																									
012/13	Concurrent Functions Grant Awaiting notification of date of meeting from FDC																									
013/13	Clerk SLCC Regional Conference attendance by Clerk APPROVED	Agreed																								

- 014/13 Notice Board**
Map can be reproduced at half size, Cllr Sutton to arrange **Cllr Sutton**
- 015/13 Parish Plan**
No items to discuss
- 016/13 Cllr Russell left the room and Cllr Bliss took over as Chair**
Planning Applications
a) F/YR14/0161/F No Objections
b) F/YR14/0181/F No Objections
c) F/YR14/0023/F No Objections
Cllr Russell returned and took over as Chair
Clerk
Clerk
Clerk
- 017/13 Correspondence**
a) Rural Network Services invitation to join Sounding Board (emailed 03/04/14)
b) CCG Public Consultation (emailed 19/03/14)
c) Invitation to Whittlesey Wind Ensemble (emailed 19/03/14)
d) CAMBS ACRE News Digest (emailed 03/04/14)
e) Estimate of £2K received for repair of roof in Pavilion Hall and Bowls Club would like it repaired. An insurance claim can be made, excess will need to be paid. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED to be done.
f) Upwell Charities representative was AGREED as Cllr Sutton **Agreed**
Agreed
- 018/13 Agenda Items/Next Meeting**
The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 19 May 2014. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 12th May 2014. **ALL COUNCILLORS**

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

Additional Notice from the Parish Council

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that people are allowing dogs and children to play in farmers' fields. Please can these activities cease as crops are being damaged and it could also be very dangerous. (some chemicals may be harmful! -Ed')

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Be cautious of traders who call at your door

Advice from Trading Standards

In the last 5 years it is estimated that £1 million has been paid to rogue traders by older residents living in Cambridgeshire. In most cases the rogue trader will have called at the customer's door offering to do work on their house or garden, and will have overcharged for unnecessary and shoddy work.

These are serious crimes, in some cases costing the customer their life savings and often leading to them being fearful in their own homes.

At Trading Standards we would like to make you aware of the telltale signs of rogue traders to help you avoid them. We would also urge you to pass this advice on to elderly friends and relatives.

Rogue traders typically:

- **Call at the door offering services** such as replacing a loose roof tile, roof or gutter cleaning, gardening, house maintenance, jet washing, driveway paving and tree felling.
- **Engage with the customer to win their trust** e.g. claiming to have been before, claiming they are working up the street etc. They will seem very friendly and chatty.
- **Start with a small job** such as gutter cleaning and then claim further work is needed. This subsequent work will not be quoted for and will run into thousands of pounds.
- **Make fraudulent claims** e.g. moss growth on a roof causes severe damage and needs to be washed off, painting a roof is necessary to protect it.
- **Fail to give you written notice of your right to cancel** which is required for most contracts agreed at home.
- **Use intimidation to extort money** and often take the customer to a bank or cash point to withdraw cash (a criminal offence).
- **Return again and again** demanding further payment for bogus reasons e.g. claiming that VAT has not been paid.

If you think rogue traders are currently at your property, are in the vicinity or are due to return, please contact the police on 999. If you think rogue traders have done some work for you but have left, contact our advice partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline, on 08454 040506 for advice.

Trustees Statement - Christchurch Memorial Hall and Social Centre (1001867)

The Memorial Hall finally closed its doors to the public in early January 2014.

Since then all outstanding utility bills, rates demands and insurance charges/refunds etc, have been settled. A full set of accounts has been produced and audited for the period Jan 2013 to May 2014.

Currently the Memorial Hall Trustees hold the following money/assets on behalf of the village.

- (1) Proceeds from Sale of Hall + interest = £ 103,096
- (2) Balance held in Memorial Hall Deposit and Current Bank Accounts = £ 24,663
- (3) A quantity of crockery and folding tables in long term storage.

After settling any future legal costs, all remaining money/assets will be transferred to the proposed new charity (new hall + sports field), following its creation and registration with the Charity Commission. The existing Christchurch Memorial Hall and Social Centre charity will then be wound up.

Dalek to defeat dangerous potholes

Motorists driven round the bend – and to repair centres – by the seemingly unstoppable pothole epidemic may have a new ally in the form of the 'Dalek'.

The new device, officially known as the road patcher but nicknamed after Doctor Who's most infamous adversary, costs £200,000 and can fill a pothole around 30 times faster than a conventional repair crew, all while the operator relaxes in the warmth of his truck cab.



Essentially a hydraulic arm, which can be fitted to the front of a lorry, the 'Dalek', or 'Pothole Killer' as it has been dubbed in America, is currently being trialled by Bedfordshire council and could soon be used to fix broken roads across the country.

In a report by The Mirror, local roads chief Brian Spurr said: "We're constantly investigating new ways to keep up to speed with road improvements and trying out innovative technology like this ticks all the boxes. The road patcher is going through a trial phase but could be another way that we can improve the service for residents."

Trials of the new technology that save time and money in road repairs cannot come soon enough, as a new report estimates that the cost of completely repairing roads in England in Wales will total £12billion.

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The trips have a booking deadline of 5 days before the trip. You will be contacted the day before the trip to confirm your approximate pick up time.

See last month's New Heron for registration form and other details

EAST, NORTH, NORTH WEST and CENTRAL areas

Destination	When	Return fare
Great Yarmouth	Tuesday 27th May 2014	£10.00
Skegness	Thursday 29th May 2014	£10.00
Hunstanton	Friday 30th May 2014	£10.00
Ipswich	Thursday 12th June 2014	£10.00
Milton Keynes	Monday 23rd June 2014	£10.00
Bedford	Monday 28th July 2014	£10.00
Hunstanton	Wednesday 30th July 2014	£10.00
Springfields OR Baytree	Friday 1st August 2014	£10.00
Cambridge	Tuesday 5th August 2014	£10.00
Fakenham and Wells-next-the-Sea	Thursday 7th August 2014	£10.00
St Ives	Monday 11th August 2014	£10.00
Cromer and Sheringham	Wednesday 13th August 2014	£10.00
Downtown Shopping Centre	Friday 15th August 2014	£10.00
Skegness	Tuesday 19th August 2014	£10.00
Aldeburgh and Southwold	Thursday 21st August 2014	£10.00
Lowestoft	Thursday 28th August 2014	£10.00
Hunstanton	Friday 29th August 2014	£10.00
Norwich	Monday 1st September 2014	£10.00

- Only book if you are prepared to pay the fare we are **UNABLE** to accept bus passes on these trips.
- We are unable to refund your payment if you cancel for a trip.
- A carer/friend/child/relative is able to travel with you, they will need to pay the full fare as well. Please let us know when booking.
- This service is subject to change dependent on demand.
- Drivers will wait a maximum of 5 minutes before moving on.
- You may take a scooter with you (if room), but you will need to pay an additional charge of £10.00 this is because we have to remove two "paying" seats
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Meeting held at the Octavia Hill
Birthplace Museum, Wisbech on
May 14th 2014.

In a change to our usual venue the WI had a trip to the Octavia Birthplace Museum. Despite its relative proximity to Christchurch, there were many members who had never been before.

Octavia Hill was born in 1838 and went on to lead and inspire a housing movement that would go on to create decent housing for the poor and underprivileged. She helped found the London Green Belt and the National Trust. The museum has recreated a series of rooms showing life in the 1850's. It was good to emerge from the "slums" into the secret garden – one of Octavia's outdoor sitting rooms.

Following an enjoyable evening we held our usual monthly meeting in a room at the museum. Peggy led a discussion on this year's resolutions which will be taken later this year to the National AGM in Leeds. The resolution read : **We call on every member of the WI to make their wishes regarding organ donation known to their family and friends.** After discussion the resolution was passed.

Next Month: Work of the Macmillan Nurses.

Competition: A flower from the garden.

Raffle Prize Rota: Sandra K, Doris T, Doris W, Sandra L.

Fund Raising: Along with many clubs and societies the WI is finding the cost of speakers (often £50 or more per evening) a heavy burden. There is a general feeling among members that they should raise some additional funds. Consequently, **the ladies of Christchurch WI would like to invite you all to an Open Gardens event on Sunday July 6th 2014 from 1:30 to 4:30pm.**

There will be stalls in some of the gardens – cakes, books, bric-a-brac etc. and of course refreshments. More details in next months Heron. We do hope you will come and support us in this venture. What could be nicer on a sunny afternoon than a leisurely trip around the village, visiting some lovely gardens on the way!

100 WAYS FOR A CHICKEN TO TRAIN ITS HUMAN ~ No 5
- the Chicks

You may want to start a family at some time. Humans are suckers for little fluffy things, and will go all silly and gaga over the sight of a mother with her chicks. They really will be putty in your wings.



1864 And All That –

Two years before the very first Crufts Dog Show.

The year in which John Brown, Prince Albert's loyal warden, was summoned to tend to Queen Victoria in her continuing distraught grief at the death of her husband. Her 'Highland Journals' were published 3 years later. 19 years later – John Brown dies of pneumonia and is buried with a full State Funeral.

Just two years later 'The Atlantic Cable' was laid and the first message was sent from Ireland to Newfoundland, via a cable under the sea – "Austria has made a peace treaty with Russia!"

One year later the American Civil War ended.

Just six years later – Fish & Chips became the most popular fast food.

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 referred to in the letter on page 5) that we cannot find space to publish in the print version.

Christchurch Garden Club

A collection of photos from our
"Plant Sale" day at "Four Seasons"
held on the 17th May

To see these pictures in
colour go to the New
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Bubbles our Chairman in conversation with Oukie and our hosts,
Peter and Shirley Knight



"The lull before the storm!"



Then they came ...



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There are still some "reduced" plants available at
The Old School until Sun 1st June.

Hello Darlings! Well here we are at last enjoying our 'Spring awakening' in our gardens. The month of May has come and gone and the hedgerows too are bursting with growth.

Some of our members went to an unexpected Orchid Show last month and an exceptional show it was, held by the Fenland Orchid Club at Terrington St. James. The tremendous beauty and huge variety of orchid species had to be seen to be believed. Members met again at the same venue on the following Wednesday 7th May for an excellent talk on all the ins and outs of orchid keeping by the very knowledgeable Mr. Ray Creek of "Ray Creek Orchids". He was very clear and unhurried with his instructions, remembering his own learning days, and answered clearly any questions from the floor; all in all a very informative evening. I am so pleased that we all went together as we did, in our own cars, as we do on these local trips. There is something very special about our club in its very open and friendly atmosphere created by our members.

Then it was time to get our "Plant Sale" ready for Saturday 17th May. Late April had been busy for us as we first got down to action behind our gates and in our greenhouses like 'Santa's Elves', getting ready for the big day. On the day, apart from all the many plants available, there was the table of prizes for the "Grand Raffle" to encourage a flutter, Strawberry Cream Teas, the pleasure of the ferrets, owls and hawk belonging to our hosts Peter and Shirley Knight to whom we owe a special thank you for the loan of their wonderful patio and garden! Something else rather special on the day was all the 'new faces' we saw, the many people who stayed awaiting the raffle results, and even longer for the final adding up to hear the outcome of the days takings. It was our best year ever! Thanks to all our many helpers and those of you who supported us on the day, digging deep in your pockets for all the plant bargains that were to be had.

On Tuesday 27th May we have a trip to Tamar Nurseries. More news on that next month.

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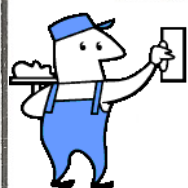
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Re-Cycling Open Day at Waterbeach

There will be fun for all the family at this year's Re-Cycling Open Day on Saturday 21st June at [AmeyCespa's waste management park on the A10 at Waterbeach](#).

With the Tour de France coming to Cambridge, there is a cycling theme to this year's event, with a cycle try-out around a recycled track and cycle-powered smoothie makers showing how to reduce food waste.

Visitors to the Open Day will be able to see a range of reuse, recycling and composting exhibitions, including cycle repair workshops from Opportunities Without Limits, the Sawston based charity that refurbish bikes. There will also be coach tours of the Waterbeach site to see how Cambridgeshire's waste is recycled, and walking tours of AmeyCespa's Mechanical Biological Treatment plant and Materials Recycling Facility.

There will be model-making activities using waste packaging and competitions, including the chance to win bike lights if you bring along household batteries for recycling at the DHL electrical recycling stand.

The Open Day is a joint venture between AmeyCespa and Cambridgeshire County Council. Entry is free and the event is open from 10am to 4pm.
For more information call (01223) 861010.



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As part of our first anniversary we are visiting lots of different places in Cambridgeshire, to talk to local people. Do come and say hello!

3rd June 1pm - 6pm Rosmini Centre, Wisbech
3rd June 1pm - 6pm The Lighthouse Centre, Ely
19th June 9am - 3pm Ely Market
21st June 9am - 3pm Wisbech Market
28th June 9am - 5pm Cambridge Central Library
18th July 2pm - 4:30pm St. Neots Priory School

We can help you find out what health and social care services are available locally, so you can make an informed choice about your care.

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<http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/>

1864 And All That –

One year before the Salvation Army was formed by General Booth.

Just one year later – the Rochdale Pioneers formed the beginnings of the Co-operative Society.

IN NEXT MONTH'S NEW HERON:

WWI - The History of the Poppy

Health - The Dangers of Snoring

The First Live Aid

Recipe of the Month

Film Review

Prize Crossword

and all of the usual -

Club and Society news!

TOWNLEY SCHOOL

Christchurch, Wisbech, Cambs. PE14 9NA



Email: office@townley.cambs.sch.uk

Website: www.townleyschool.org.uk

Tel/Fax: 01354 638229



Townley Win at Netball!

We recently took part in a Netball tournament and WON!

The team, Rosie as Captain, Toby, Ryan, Ellesse, Jodie and Lois, won all their three games against Manea, Wimblington and Doddington. Everyone who took part played well!

Thanks to Doddington for organising the event.

May 2014

Diary Dates

2nd June - Teacher Training Day - School Closed

10th June - School Sport's Day (details to follow) - Friday 13th June reserve date

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

Please continue to Collect the Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers!
Thank You

FRIENDS OF TOWNLEY SCHOOL

Fundraising Update and Forthcoming Events

Chilli & Quiz Night

We are delighted to report that we raised a total of £256.00.

Clothes Weigh-In

Thank you to all those people in the village who have donated their unwanted clothes. We have so far raised £51.70. We are still welcoming more so if you have a bag of clothes for collection, please ring Kelly on 01354 638407.

Car Treasure Hunt - Sunday 29 June (1.45 for 2.00 pm start) - The Dun Cow, Christchurch

Polish up your detective skills ready for a local treasure hunt. A fun afternoon of clue-solving and detective work for all the family. Treasure Hunt to start and finish at The Dun Cow, Christchurch. A BBQ will be available for all, from 5.00 pm in the Dun Cow Beer Garden. £2.00 per car to enter the Treasure Hunt Only. Food purchased separately on the day (subject to availability). For further information and to enter your car, please telephone Elaine on 01364 638310 (please leave a message if no answer).

If you fancy coming along for just the BBQ, you would be very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Small Personal Ads

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FRIENDS OF TOWNLEY SCHOOL - continued

*Dog Show – Saturday 5 July – Booking from 10.00 am –
Judging from 11.30 am*

Bring your pampered pooch along to our FOTS Dog
Show! A total of 14 classes open to all ages and all
breeds of dog welcome. Pre-booked classes - £1.00 or
£1.50 on the day. Hot dogs(!) and refreshments will be
available to purchase on the day. For an entry form or
more information contact Sarah Saywell on 07967
191673.

Money raised all goes towards the Townley School
Swimming Pool Fund. Your help, support and
attendance at these events is most appreciated.

Thank you.

FOTS Committee



Don't forget
"A Night at
the Races!"
See page 6
for details

PRIZE CROSSWORD

£1 per entry for a £20 PRIZE

Apologies for the difficulty level of last month’s competition. We hope you find this one a whole lot easier. We did have a number of correct entries, however our first winner in our Prize Crossword Competition was Sue Davies of Wayside Est. Christchurch. Here she is receiving a crisp £20 note from our Editor. (Sue has generously decided to donate it to the Friends of Townley towards the Pool Appeal - Great idea! - Ed’)

Our village shop “The Little Local” (see next page) has kindly again 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)

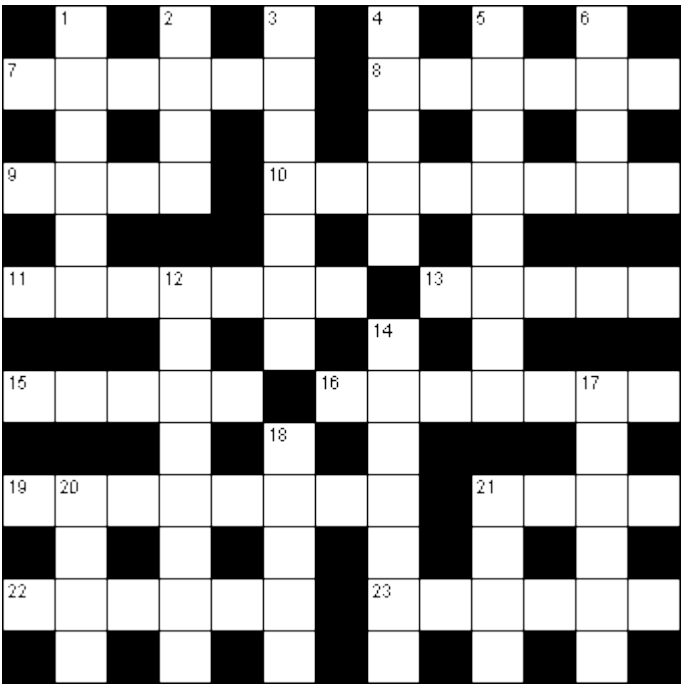
The theme this month is Cooking



Last Month’s Solution

- Across**
7. Dairy product (6)
8. Food store (6)
9. Breakfast cereal (4)
10. Cooking implement (8)
11. Edible marine mollusks (7)
13. Brew (5)
15. Indian dish, usually with rice (5)
16. Baked layers of pasta with meat or vegetables (7)
19. Clear seasoned broth (8)
21. Cut of meat (4)
22. Cooks on a grate (6)
23. Jam cake soaked in wine served with custard (6)
- Down**
1. Fortified wine (6)
2. Vegetable (4)
3. Sweet (7)
4. Baking ingredient (5)
5. Type of beverage (5,3)
6. Type of cheese (4)
12. Mexican pancake (8)
14. Edible hard-shelled seeds (7)
17. Ribbonlike strip of pasta (6)
18. Drinking vessel (5)
20. Gumbo (4)
21. Fried potato (4)

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Entry Form

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Parish Councillor - Roger Gladwin	01354 638583
Parish Councillor - Hannah Poole	01354 638622
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The team aim to provide a balanced view of village opinions where such views are expressed.

We reserve the right to edit any submissions where we feel this is appropriate.

(right)
finishing
after re-
placing
floor



(below) a well-earned tea break



Townley children place a time capsule



Refitting the pews



Laying the carpet

Reprinted here is the article
from the Fenland Citizen

By Wendy Nottage

CHRISTCHURCH villagers have pulled off a "miracle" by saving their parish church which was doomed to close because of dry rot.

When church workers found out in the autumn that almost £20,000 was needed to replace the rotten floor, they feared they were beaten, but Christchurch people proved they were made of sterner stuff!

By early January, Rural Dean The Rev Peter Baxandall had been given £3,000 in donations, with £13,000 promised over the next five years and countless offers of voluntary help. "It was a miracle," said Warden Connie Symons. "We walked into the meeting thinking we couldn't do it and came away overwhelmed by the tremendous response."

Now retired men, farmers and anyone with time to spare are digging up the foundations of the church, built in 1863, preparing it for specialist rot treatment.

Mr Baxandall said: "One side of the church is as normal with the pews but on the other side is a six foot deep hole." Mrs Symons said: "The atmosphere is great, the women are making countless cups of teas and the men, working under a trained architect, are labouring away. We could not have faced this task without their help." Last Sunday the morning service was held in the village's Townley School hall for the first time - and the hall looks likely to be a temporary church until at least mid-March. "We had the same number of people as normal, and it was a wonderful family atmosphere, warm and lovely; and we were able to take communion as normal," said a delighted Mrs Symons, who went on to say that the new carpet, that they'd had funds donated for, "would be the icing on the cake!"





Above - A sunny view of the main entrance porch



Left - The west window viewed through the lychgate



Left - view of the choir stalls and altar dais



Above - View of the inner roof of the church showing the vaulted ceiling and the unusual architectural feature of the post and beam structure over the dais.



N.B. And the most recent GOOD NEWS is that, thanks to a recent benefactor's legacy being donated to the church; the front wall and Lychgate will be able to be repaired and renovated in the very near future!