

# NEW The Heron

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# DIARY DATES

In an attempt to get more information about each event (where supplied) we use abbreviations below for commonly used venues:

TS = Townley School, TH = Three Holes Village Hall, UH = Upwell Village Hall,

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

Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christchurch Parish Lunch - TH
Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pilates for all ages - 6:30pm TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christchurch Craft Club - Ribbon Weaving - TS - 7:00pm
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	Molly Dancing Workshop - 12noon - 2pm - The Forum, Barton Rd, Ely
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch Parish Council Meeting - Sports Pavilion - 7:30pm - All Welcome
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates for all ages - 6:30pm TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	WI - Working with Crystals - TS Dining Hall 7:00pm
Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch Resident's Association meeting - 7:30pm - The Old School
Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	Health and Fitness Event - TH - 10am onwards - All Welcome - FREE - see page 8
Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates for all ages - 6:30pm TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pilates for all ages - 6:30pm TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch Garden Club - "Summer Bulbs" - 7:00pm TS
Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christchurch Book Club - 7:30 - 07946 635908 for details
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates for all ages - 6:30pm TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pampering Evening - 7:00pm to 10pm - TS - Ladies Only - Pre-book - 638229
Apr 24 <sup>th</sup>	Molly Dancing - 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Welney Village Hall - FREE - drinks from 6pm
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Molly Dancing - 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Welney Village Hall - FREE - drinks from 6pm

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

With Parish Council Elections being held alongside the General Election on the 7th May 2015. We would like to encourage you all to use your votes. There are seven places on the Parish Council so you are each entitled to vote for seven candidates who you feel will best represent village interests.

Details of all the prospective candidates (where provided) will be published on The New Heron website immediately after the closing date for nominations.

The Closing Date for nominations is April 9th – We will also publish a full list of candidates in our May edition

(See also pages 7 and 9)

**Please use your votes!**

### The New Heron Deadline

The 25th of the previous month is the deadline for all copy. However, due to the amount of copy we are getting, if you leave it till then, we may not have space. So - AS EARLY AS YOU CAN

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

# Letters to the Editor



Dear Richard,

We read with interest your article about your visit to the Health & Fitness expert, and how your mobility has improved and also lost 8lbs too. We were even more interested when we read that you had achieved this at the same time as eating delicious takeaways, which you named.

Come on now! Let us know your secret, please!

Thank you and the team for The 'New' Heron. It is a very interesting and enjoyable read.

Yours sincerely

A and A Russell

*Hmmmm! Slight confliction I suppose. However, let me say that on EVERY occasion the takeaway is a meal replacement NOT an add-on! Plus, again on most (if not every) occasion, my takeaway would actually provide TWO separate meals. This, combined with abstaining from crisps, or any other nibbles, that one might have tucked into during the evenings TV, works well. So, overall, smaller portions, combined with the new exercises Steve gave me, which I endeavour to do at least once a day, twice when I can manage it, are all seemingly having their effect. No one should ever use the excuse of having an 'under- active thyroid' which causes weight gain because, in nine times out of ten, it is down to having 'an over-active knife and fork!' Ed'*

Hi Richard

Can I please advise you that, as Clerk to the Parish Council, I will be attending a pre-election briefing, at Fenland District Council on 25th February but I am not sure whether the packs will be available then or not. At this point in time I expect to be made aware of the timetable involved and the dates the packs will be made available. This information will be shared at the Parish Council Meeting on 9th March 2015 so it may be a good idea for any candidates to attend that meeting (just so that they are aware). I would also like to take this opportunity to point you to the Electoral Commission (website) as there are a number of DO's and DON'T's for Candidates involved in elections, and any publications they produce, which by LAW must be adhered to. There are some very strict rules on what MUST be contained in any literature (whether leaflets, adverts in newspapers etc) and I would hate the New Heron or the candidates to fall foul of any laws with regard to this matter.

I have also copied this email to all the current Parish & District Councillors so that they may be aware of the plans of The Heron, with regard to your April edition.

Regards

Jacquie Richardson

Clerk

Christchurch Parish Council

*Thanks Jacquie for your sage advice. However we have already thoroughly researched this. So hopefully we've got the all bases covered.*

*Many thanks - Ed'*

## EDITORIAL

Well! It seems I may have done a bit of a Michael Fish in reverse! Because we seem to have escaped the predicted bad weather - so far that is!!! Maybe we still need to have those hatches ready to be battened down for a while yet!?

Sadly we have another obituary this month. Peter Hearnshaw passed away on the 8th February 2015. He had previously served as a Headmaster of Townley School for many years until 2000. He achieved a lot for the school during his tenure. Please see the obituary on page 9.

As most of you will know there is a General Election on May 7th, but also your Parish Council is to be elected for its next tenure. All seven places are up for grabs but it expected that some members will be re-elected. However, there are definitely at least two vacancies, with several new nominees. More next month. (please see opposite)

Some more important new Community Information too, with details of the West Norfolk Community Transport Project which serves Welney, Tipps End, Lakes End, Christchurch, Lotts Bridge, and Three Holes, to March every first Wednesday of the month, and King Lynn all other Wednesdays. You do need to become a member, but that is free (we have the forms - please ask), and you can use your Concessionary bus pass, if you have one. All the details about services and membership on page 3. Plus all the usual features for your enjoyment and Lizzie Harvey-Hawes Scouting experiences on p 18

'Till next Month!

*Richard*<sup>3</sup>

# Community Information

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## Mobile Library: first Friday each month

in the Lay-by Upwell Road 15:00 - 15:40

## Mobile Post Office: visits Mon - Fri

in the Lay-by Upwell Road 16:15 - 17:00

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Start 9:30am Return 1:00pm Cost:£6.50

£3 return for members with Concessionary Travel Pass

The Dial-A-Bus number is 01553 770310

You need to be a member which is FREE

The New Heron has the forms - ring to request

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## Support for Fenland Groups

The next Advice Surgery for voluntary and community groups in Fenland will be on Thursday 19 February at the Rosmini Centre, Wisbech from 09:30 - 15:30

Book an appointment if you would like to:

- find out getting about funds for your group
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- want to review or update your policies
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## Neighbourhood Watch

Have asked us to let you know that if you want to contact anyone with any concerns you may have, you should call your street representative, who's phone number is on the Useful Numbers list on 4 the back page. - Ed'

## Strange Fruit

Some years ago I used to walk down Green Lane track to exercise my creaking knees. It was a hazardous walk, avoiding the dog faeces. I would invariably arrive back needing to hose down my walking boots before they were stowed.

Recently I've taken to doing the same walk, to help again with my health. However the difference is that the track seems much cleaner. A credit indeed to the various campaigns and the dog walkers who are behaving more responsibly.

Last month, however, I was rather shocked to see this little package hanging on one of the trees.



What's that all about? At least you could say it shows I didn't need to keep my eyes looking on the ground. I did think perhaps some walker had left it there for collection on return, but no! It was still there the next time I walked the track!

**COME ON YOU DOG OWNERS!**

PS it's still there nearly a month later

PVH

There is a bud that's hung for months  
In the trees along Green Lane  
And all that pass have some vain hope  
That it won't be seen again!  
What can it be, up in the air?  
A type of "forget-me-not", or such  
Whoever it was that left it there  
Their memory's not up to much!  
For hanging there, still hanging there,  
They clearly did forget!!!  
But this package, oh so delicate,  
Still hasn't flowered yet!

# Parish Church Services

<b>1 Mar</b>	11:00	Rev K Fitzgibbon	All Age Worship
<b>8 Mar</b>	09:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Holy Communion
<b>15 Mar</b>	15:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Evening Prayer
<b>22 Mar</b>	11:00	R Holding	Morning Prayer
<b>29 Mar</b>	11:00	Rev K Fitzgibbon	United Service at Christchurch



**Every Friday** 2-3pm Coffee, Cake and Chat in the Church building **except Friday 6th March**

The APCM will be held on 29th March in church after the united service.

The Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held Friday 6th March, 2pm at Manea Methodist Church, all are welcome.

Will and Linda Sutton's daughter Louise married Chris Webb on Valentine's Day, Saturday 14th February. It was second time around for both the bride and groom. Chris has Nicole and Sophie from a previous marriage, and Louise has Francesca. As a result the happy couple went on a "Funnymoon" to Centre Parcs, because they took all the kids with them! We wish them all a happy future together.



*Chris and Louise Webb, with Mum and Dad - Linda and Will Sutton*

## How are we doing? - we need your views

**What our readers think of our efforts.** This is what the New Heron editorial team have set out to determine.

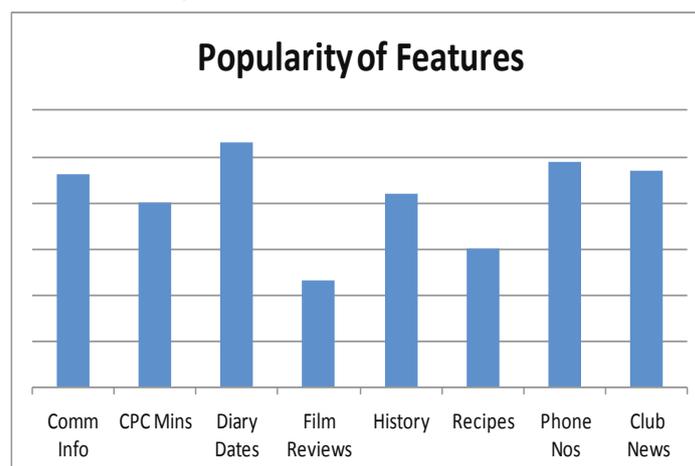
As an "open and responsive" organisation it is important that such views are clearly understood. To begin this process, at the Constitution launch in February a questionnaire was circulated to collect views on a limited range of topics.

Currently we do not have enough filled in questionnaires to make clear judgements of what the general views are on all the topics. However there are one or two themes we can report on as

being likely to represent the views of most: It seems likely that the readership is happy with the style of text that we use in the magazines; the size of the text is less clear, but it looks likely that most of you don't want to reduce it. Most of you seem to be happy with the features

we asked about, but fewer valued the Film Reviews and the Recipe of the Month. There was one individual comment which may need a little explanation: It was regarding the fact that the Parish Council information is always too late. The New Heron is aware of this and has tried to persuade the Parish Council of the issue, but are limited by the law. The minutes are not publicly available until they have been agreed at the following meeting. We do publish them on the website almost immediately after that meeting.

In order to make clearer judgements we do need



more questionnaires to be filled in. If you have not been able to fill one in yet, **please get in touch at one of the numbers on the front cover and ask for one.** It will only take a few minutes to complete and will help us manage the New Heron more effectively for all our readers.

# New Road Layout to Curb Speeders

Work began at last on Monday 16th February on the pavement widening scheme in Upwell Road. Not only will this greatly improve access for pedestrians, and especially those with wheelchairs or disability vehicles, but it is hoped that the narrowed, now single track road, would also act as a traffic calming measure for vehicles, which would otherwise be speeding into the village.

By Wednesday the new curb was already in place and drainage was being completed. The workmen involved seemed to think that the project was a great idea. They hoped to complete it by Friday.

Friday came and by the end of the day the project just needed 'topping out' with tarmac and levelling, and new road signage and markings added. Tarmac was laid and the job completed with temporary signage by Tuesday 24th Feb. Hopefully this would all be completed later in the week, or indeed by the time you are reading this? It is further hoped that a 'SLOW' road marking will be added on the northern end to further aid the slowing up of traffic entering the village.

Earlier in the planning application, Christchurch Residents Association had expressed concerns that the 'give way' feature would potentially block access and exit from Crown Road, particularly at school 'drop off' and 'pick up' times. Waiting traffic would effectively block the end of Crown Road, and could be potentially hazardous to pedestrians wishing to cross. We await with interest the outcome of this new innovation and its future practicality.



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## Christchurch Village Resource Centre Re-launch

A fine spread of nibbles, and ample supplies of tea and coffee greeted the hardy souls who attended the relaunch of the Village Resource Centre when the Editorial Team of the New Heron, presented the new Constitution.

The Team explained why a written constitution was needed, and how it would work.

The evening began with the assembled villagers giving their views on how the New Heron was doing, by filling in a short questionnaire. See Page 4

Cllr Will Sutton welcomed everyone, and outlined how he had tried to keep the Heron alive after the last editors could not continue. He also announced that he had nominated the New Heron for an award under the Fenland Citizen's "Pride in Fenland" banner.

The Editor gave a brief thanks to those who had come and explained that the evening was to distribute the new constitution document.

There was a short presentation of the history of the Heron as far as was known, and an explanation of what the Village Resource Centre was. Villagers were asked to sign up to become members. Members would form a "Reference Group" which would be used to guide further development of the New Heron, but also launch other initiatives which would increase the village activities and amenities.

Members were asked to note the first AGM would be held on 21st May. Only signed up members would be eligible to take part.

We would welcome more members - if you live in the Parish - use one of the numbers on the front page - ask for a form - IT COSTS NOTHING!

## Time to decide!

**The country goes to the polls on May 7th!**

There is a General Election. At the same time, the whole Parish Council will be elected. I'm sure there's many of you wondering why you should care about this. So I hope this little article may help you decide that it's worth doing.

We've just commemorated the centenary of the start of the First World War, many of our grandfathers, and grandmothers would have been involved. Are you aware that most of the men who were fighting did not have the right to vote? It was only after the war in 1918 that those who were 21 years old would be given the vote. The women coping back on the "home front" would only be granted the vote when they got to 31 years old! It was not until 1928 that they got parity with men.

For many many years before, ordinary working people had been thought of as being unworthy of the responsibility and the right to choose who was to run the institutions in charge of the country. Only those owning land and property, and only the men had that privilege!

Ordinary people were struggling under all sorts of oppression, injustice and lack of representation for many years. Until they won, against all the odds, the right, at first for all men, then after the First World War, all women. It cost many of them dearly, some had their lives taken, the lucky ones, their lives ruined, by prison and deportation across the seas. All to secure their children and future generations the chance to choose who will represent them in the "halls of power".

Let us not disrespect the cost to them, by failing to cast that hard won vote!

One further point. The registration for voting has changed in June last year, so each individual needs to ensure they are registered. Previously this was done by the "head" of the household. But no longer. You can register online at <http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

Please do, and use it on May 7th PVH

*We will provide space next month for a short statement from each candidate standing for the Parish Council - Ed'*



Women are significantly less certain than men on whether they will vote. According to a survey conducted on behalf of BBC's Woman's Hour. 65% of men say they will definitely vote, compared to 55% of women. And almost 1 in 4 women aged 18-34 (24%) are unlikely to vote in the election. Over a third of women (35%) don't know who they will vote for in the general election, which is 10% higher than men (25%). Women under 34 are the least certain about how they will vote, more than 4 in 10 don't know.

Nearly half (48%) of all women with children claimed they did not vote in the last election. A third of women without children claimed to have not voted in 2010.

Around six in ten men and women know definitely which party they will vote for. And, nearly 4 in 10 men and women may change their mind on who they plan to vote for.

# Health and Fitness

with - Stephen Aish



## Successful weight loss

Many factors contribute to successfully losing weight. To be honest, it is not actually weight loss you want, but fat loss. The ideal goal is a reduction in body fat percentage which will translate in to a better physique, more energy and a smaller wardrobe.

Three big factors work hand-in-hand to successfully achieve fat loss and they are as follows

1. Managing stress
2. Nutrition
3. Exercise

There are other, smaller, factors; but these are the main ones and stress is first for a very good reason. When you are stressed your body produces increased levels of adrenaline and cortisol. What was an acute response that faded as soon as the potential threat was over is now for many a chronic response with stress mechanisms that rarely fully reset due to our hectic lifestyles. Address this as a health priority and learn to relax.

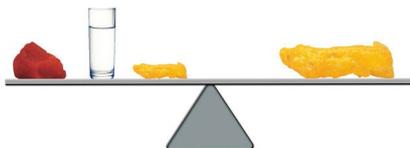
Nutrition is paramount to health. You are what you eat is a little inaccurate. You are what your body can properly digest and make use of as a fuel source. Many people have digestive issues that they are unaware of as well as food intolerances so get some basic tests done and take away the guesswork and discomfort.

Exercise is one of the best medications for health and research has shown that the most important factor for successful fat loss is the frequency of exercise. Those training 3-4 times a week had much better results than those with less frequent sessions.

When you are able to successfully manage stress, eat healthy with good food choices and exercise frequently, changes will begin to happen and your efforts will be rewarded.

Please don't forget our FREE event at Three Holes Village Hall on Saturday 14th March from 10am. Plenty of health and fitness information for all levels and we will answer as many questions as we can!

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# Ex Head of Townley Dies

*The sad death of Mr Peter Hearnshaw was announced last month.*

*Peter, or Mr Hearnshaw as he was more properly known to many, died suddenly on 8th February 2015, aged 74 at his home in March. He was Head Teacher at Townley School for many years, retiring because of ill health in 2000.*

*The village and the school has much to thank him for as these memories indicate: Ed'*

One of Mr Hearnshaw's great loves was the Christingle. It was always a privilege for the year 6 to lead the service with bible readings. The tradition of the Christingle still continues today but in a slightly different format. Due to health and safety concerns the younger children no longer hold a lighted candle but take part acting the story of the first Christmas.

His other great love was computers. Setting up an e-mail link to keep in touch with the residential trip alternating between the Isle of Wight and Weymouth. This was a shared trip with Wimblington school that he introduced during his headship.

He also introduced the year six barbeque to celebrate the end of their time at Townley. This has now become the friends of Townley Annual end of year barbeque.

During his headship the school had strong links with the community taking part in the annual pancake race. The Heron was edited and printed in the school. The school collected produce and the older children delivered small parcels to the older residents as part of the harvest celebrations. At one time the school kitchen prepared and served dinners to the Senior Citizens - I'm not sure if this was once a month or more often, volunteers also delivered hot meals or brought those unable to get to school. This was at the time of meals on wheels. He was also part of the team that fund raised and raised grants to enable the village to have a minibus - The Croft Carrier. The school used this regularly to go to the George Campbell in March for swimming lessons.

Mr Hearnshaw was interested in conservation and along with Charlotte Whitting developed part of the field into a conservation area.

Also during his headship the school underwent extensive extension due to the large number of pupils and small classrooms.

For many years the school entered a float in the Rose Fair. They also ran a medieval banquet to raise funds.

As a born and bred Welshman, he was known for his love of rugby. The children waited with anticipation for an England v Wales encounter.

Then during the School assembly on Monday morning when, if Wales lost, the friendly banter began!!

Later on with his daughter Rosie he developed a passion for horses

and entered the village horse show on his horse Harley.

These are just a few memories of Pete's time at Townley. Yvonne Chenery & Maggy Ford - Townley School



Peter and Daughter Rosie

## NOTICE FOR PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEES

With the forthcoming elections for Christchurch Parish Council coming up on May 7th, at the same time as the Parliamentary Elections, we would like to offer all candidates for the Parish Council the opportunity of promoting themselves in next month's New Heron. Submissions should be no more than 200 words, together with a passport type photo. We would suggest, a brief synopsis of your background, together with a brief statement of what you believe you have to offer the village.

The Closing Date for nominations is April 9th – Details of how to obtain the information packs will be posted on The New Heron website as soon as we know! So keep your eyes open. (Please also see pages 2 and 7)

# Who's Who? - Richard Guilford

Are you a Whovian? A follower of Doctor Who? I must confess I have been since the halcyon days of William Hartnell, with his rather abrasive attitude, right up to today's latest manifestation via Peter Capaldi.

When Who was in its infancy, with Mr Hartnell, its shakey sets, and monsters that were quite evidently men in costumes which were not terribly convincing; still in a child's imagination, which suspended credibility, the stories were fascinating, and often, quite frightening to a youngster. Many a time I joined the hundreds of other children hiding behind the sofa. Not all at my house you understand.

Since the return of The Doctor, after a 16 year hiatus, in the form of Christopher Eccleston, in March 2005, Who has entered a new era; with movie quality production values, excellent storylines from Russell T Davies, Stephen Moffat, Mark Gatiss and others, plus the benefits of modern film and TV technologies like CGI, I have become an avid follower again.

For some reason I never really warmed to Patrick Troughton as the second Doctor. For me, the Doctors of my era were John Pertwee and Tom Baker. Two of the best. Again, for me, subsequent Doctors; Peter Davidson, Colin Baker, and Sylvester McCoy were not right for the part, had no real presence or strength of character, and for that period, before the hiatus, I also felt that the scripts had become weak and predictable. I became a lapsed Whovian for that period. Now both the characters, and the scripts, are in a different league. The programmes have become riveting to watch, and, no matter how fantastical, believable. Even the recent pastiche of Incredible Journey, when the Who team were miniaturized and went inside a Dalek, really worked.

Peter Capaldi's Doctor has the abrasiveness of the original Doctor – William Hartnell, the stylishness of John Pertwee – the third Doctor, and the eccentricity of Tom Baker's – fourth Doctor. He

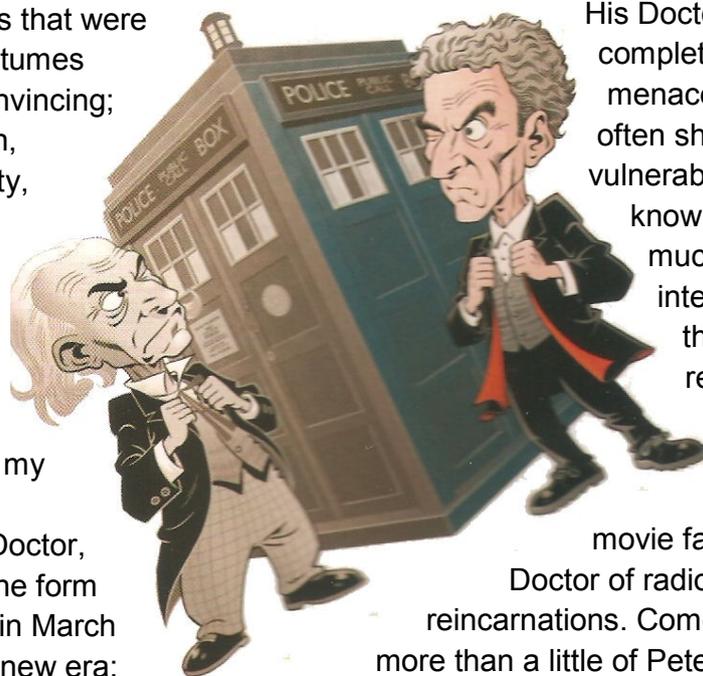
has brought back that touch of darkness, and ageless mystery to The Doctor that before the more recent incarnations of David Tennant, and Matt Smith, had been missing almost entirely. But Peter Capaldi has redeveloped these sides of the Doctor Who character to a much greater extent.

His Doctor is much more solid and complete. He has a dash of menace, a dash of mischief, and often shows an eccentric vulnerability when he admits to knowledge that he lacks. A much more complex and interesting character now, but then Peter Capaldi's Doctor represents the character's 13th reincarnation. I say 13th because I include Peter Cushing's Doctor of movie fame and Paul McGann's

Doctor of radio, not just the TV reincarnations. Come to think of it, I can see more than a little of Peter Cushing's Doctor in Peter Capaldi's version.

Next month I shall tell how I myself was fortunate enough to work at the BBC during the mid-seventies, on The Two Ronnies, and, on Doctor Who when John Pertwee was in charge. That was for a series of episodes under the heading Planet of the Spiders. An archive which I thought had never been reissued on DVD and seemed to have been lost. Fortunately, for my recent 63rd birthday, Jennie, my other half, found out that it had now been released, and got me a brand new copy from Ebay. Anyway, more on that next month.

Richard



# The Steve Waye Column

## It Don't Mean a Thing



You know how it goes; It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing!

So says Alan Norris founder and leader of The Alan Norris Big Band.

Alan started the band in 1993 and for the last twenty two years this twenty piece group of talented musicians has played and gigged its way around the region, expertly recreating the sound of the greats like Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Woody Herman and Glen Miller. A large horn section featuring saxes, trumpets and trombones aided by a tight rhythm section of piano, bass and drums ensure a big sound with Ed Ling from Ely hitting the high notes on trumpet.

Two singers add vocals, and completing the line-up is Alan's acerbic wit and conducting skills.

Not content with just one band, in 2013 twenty years after starting the big band Alan turned his attention to the Fenland Youth Swing band which gives young people (the average age is approximately 16) the chance to grow as musicians and also acts as a feeder for the big band, as they acquire the skills required to move up to the main unit. Aply supported by Sarah Garforth and Kevin Steward, Alan and the band have played at St Peters Church in March in aid of the Help For Heroes Charity and are due to perform at the March Park Music Festival this coming June.

At the time of writing Alan requires musicians for all instruments, they need to be grade six and above. He is also in the process of raising money for equipment. So if you play or can help to fund raise he would love to hear from you.

Alan took up the trombone almost by accident in 1957 when he went with a friend who was playing in the St John's Ambulance Brigade Brass Band. The bandmaster handed Alan the only instrument he had left, a trombone and asked him to try to play it. The rest as they say is history. In 1961 on leaving school he joined the military band of the First Battalion East Anglian Regiment (later to become The Royal Anglian Regiment) and was also a member of the Dixie Land group, Big Band and Dance Band that was contained within the military Band.

Combining music with a spell on the staff of Oundle School he was featured in the Neil Mitchell Band as well as the Peterborough Concert Band. Currently, (as if he doesn't have enough to do) Alan will on occasion deputise when required for the Huntingdon Philharmonic and the Norfolk Symphony Orchestra.

If you have never heard a large ensemble up close I highly recommend you give it a try, you can catch the Alan Norris Big band on the 9th May at Thorney also the 27th June at Waterbeach Marina and Upwell Jazz Club (Three Holes) on the 27th September 2015.

Musicians like Alan give a lot to the community and just showing up at one of their shows will mean a lot to the whole band, support them if you can.

Steve Waye

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# Film/TV Review

## The Casual Vacancy by J.K.Rowling – BBC ONE

Yes! I know it's not strictly a film but three one hour episodes add up to a film, and quite a long one at that. With the elections in a couple of months including those for Parish Council representatives this latest adaptation for the small screen (though they're getting bigger!) of J.K.Rowling's first adult novel "The Casual Vacancy" is both timely and, not to be missed. If you missed last Sunday's episode (and the one before that!) I urge you to watch on catch-up via BBC iPlayer, or whatever other player you may have. There are some intriguing and interesting characters and questions to be resolved as to why some are there at all.

The story centres around the various undercurrents and 'skeletons in cupboards' that begin to emerge following the sudden death of Parish Councillor Barry Fairbrother (Rory Kinnear) – the 'vacancy' of the title – and him only in his early forties. Having been introduced to various characters, their backgrounds and influence, or lack of it, episode one ended with Barry Fairbrother's voice threatening various 'exposures', from beyond the grave, of several skeletons in numerous cupboards, as his earthly body is slid into cold storage at the morgue. In Episode 2 some of the skeletons begin to emerge via a mysterious online blog. Who's writing it?



The Pagford village sign

The humour is pithy and accurate. Personally I can't wait to see next week's episode, which is bound to be full of yet more intrigues. Howard Mollison local delicatessen owner

(the great Sir Michael Gambon) is a complete 's...bag', trying to engineer support for his latest project from any quarter. "The Casual Vacancy" is great fun, but with more than a little pathos and I'm sure you'd enjoy it! Do give it a watch!



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## Local Molly Dancers get funding.

A group in Welney have been successful and won a grant of £2,000 from the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership (Heritage Lottery) to fund FREE Molly Dancing Sessions. Participants will learn the dances, stories behind the Molly Dancing and local folklore. Any age welcome.

There will be six Friday evening sessions, and two half-day get togethers (including lunch) in Welney Village hall, starting on April 24th. The course culminates in a performance at Welney's Water Gala on 18th July.

Contact Holly Trundle 01354 610592 for more information.

The group are also in process of getting funding from Cambs. County Council for a course of Molly Dancing sessions for the children of Townley and Welney schools.



**So – what exactly is Molly dancing?** Well, it can best be described as the local equivalent of Morris dancing – but if that conjures up a mental picture of handkerchief waving gentleman in spotless white garb, you have another think coming! Molly dancing is loud, energetic, and very colourful. It was traditionally performed by out of work ploughboys in the 19th century, often in the period between Christmas and the start of the spring ploughing season. They would tour around the village landowners, offering to dance for money, and if they refused to pay up they might well find a furrow ploughed across their lawn afterwards!

It has been suggested that the dances were a parody of the formal dancing seen at social events in the 'big houses' and the dancers would often hide their identities by blackening their faces. The last traditional Molly dancing died out in the 1930s, but a number of groups around East Anglia have revived it, and put their own modern 'take' on it with new dances, and colourful and often outlandish costumes. Some of the best known are Ouse Washes, Pig Dyke Molly, and Gog Magog from Cambridge. You may have seen them at events like Ely Folk festival, or Whittlesey Straw Bear.

Viv

## The Alan Russell Column



### Angling on the Sixteen Foot

**After the war** and up to the sixties every weekend coach loads of fisherman from Sheffield and District descended on the 16 foot for matches. They would throw so much ground bait in the fish were not hungry again until the next Thursday or Friday! The local hostleries did very



well out of them after the matches as did others, selling fresh fruit and vegetables for our visitors to take back to Sheffield. However, I'm afraid many of us suffered with them walking in crops or pinching strawberries, potatoes etc. Eventually, with increasing costs for them travelling down here, 20/30 coaches gradually wound down to one or two and finally none. I think some of them just enjoyed a "MERRY" day out as us lads would search the banks after they had gone and everything from floats to rods could be found left in the grassy banks.

Many local pubs had their own fishing clubs and, although pike fishing is still popular, fishermen seem to prefer the many private lakes filled with fish and catches of 50 lbs are easily achieved against 2 or 3 lbs in a match in the river.

Mr T Clarke, who had been disabled, lived in Happy Row and introduced me to fishing, which I enjoyed for many years, and many happy hours were spent with him catching Roach and Silver Bream especially beyond Cut Bridge, the last angled bridge before the left turn to Upwell.

Crown Road got its name by there being a public house called the Crown at the river end. Further down the river was the Old Wheatsheaf, now a pink house. Both were thriving pubs in their day, with both their own Darts and Fishing Clubs. Sadly, trade gradually diminished over the years. I have seen photos of their presentation nights and dinners at Christchurch; do you own any, if so let us know and we could feature them in The New Heron?

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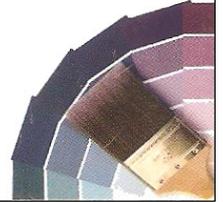
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# Recipe of the Month

## 33 CALORIE CHEESECAKE

You're going to want to share this one!! and it tastes VERY good.

### INGREDIENTS:

- ¾ cup non-fat cottage cheese
- ⅔ cup non-fat plain yogurt
- 1 tbsp flour
- 2 tbsp sugar
- ¼ tsp salt
- 4 egg whites
- Juice from ½ lemon
- ½ cup assorted fresh berries



### DIRECTIONS:

Place all ingredients except eggs and berries in a blender or food processor and whip until batter is smooth. If you don't have one of these...you can just whip it by hand...until smooth.

Add egg whites and give it a few pulses.

Gently mix in fruits with a spoon. Do not blend.

Spray bottom of your pan with cooking spray or lightly cover with oil. Pour batter in.

Bake in oven at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes, checking frequently to make sure it does not brown or dry out.

When done, serve super hot straight out of the oven, or chilled in the fridge. Enjoy!

About 20 members attended our February meeting where Margaret Sparrow came along to show members how to make button bracelets.



Members brought along their own buttons, some swapping or sharing with others. Margaret had brought along several examples of bracelets and necklaces to help give members some ideas regarding shapes and colours. These had all been designed by Margaret herself. Some beautifully colourful bracelets came to life during the evening, all ready to wear.

We had 3 birthdays this month; Sandra, Beryl, and Viv. Thank you to Sandra for bringing extra refreshments.

Next month: Ribbon Weaving. Please bring a needle and thread, pins, and a tape measure.

Feel free to join us – 7.00pm start, £1.50 entrance, Raffle 50p a strip, Tea/Coffee 20p

Any enquiries to Wendy – 638448, or Peggy – 638339.

February's meeting on the 24th was our A.G.M. attended

by all our usual happy group of stalwarts who were fortunately there for support.

The minutes were read from our 2014 AGM, agreed, and signed.

Steve took the chairpersons place for the election of a new committee. This was dealt with very ably by a unanimous decision for the same committee en bloc, duly agreed and we progressed on to our first meeting for 2015.

Our finances are good, no debts outstanding. Marion our Secretary, has been very busy and the programme for our coming months meetings already looks interesting; starting off in March with our speaker, Mr. John Walker from the "Taylor's Bulbs" company. He will be speaking on 'Summer Bulbs' and of course there will be a wonderful variety for sale. Having been making notes on this, I don't think I have ever seen such a huge variety of Summer Bulbs ever!

Make sure of the date, it is our next club meeting at Townley School, March 24th at 7.00pm prompt. The months to follow are on the new programme, which has the makings of another good year for us all. Pay us a visit. Go on, chance it! All enquiries to Marion on 01354 638230. Hope to see you there!

Christchurch  
Garden Club

# Christchurch Residents

## Association

At our February meeting, Richard pointed out that five of the Tender Packs for the New Village Hall had been returned by prospective contractors and, subject to a few clarifications between the parties, it was hoped that the final decision as to contractor would be made at the next New Village Hall Committee Meeting on 24th March.

Dog fouling continues to be a major concern in the village but with a new initiative being rolled out by Anne Marshall of FDC we were hoping for more help and support by being issued with dayglo spray paint cans for highlighting any offending piles (*see article on p.4 - Ed*). More posters would be going up and the one in Green Lane would be replaced as it had completely disappeared.

Two members put themselves forward for the coming Parish Council elections in May. We are still waiting to hear of the closing date for nominations and availability of candidate packs which Parish Council Clerk should find out at the election briefing meeting on Monday 23rd March.

Neighbourhood Watch continues to roll out up Upwell Road with supporters being asked for donations to help both with the cost of signage and running the scheme. The Parish Council would further be approached for financial help in this regard too as Church Road and Upwell Road were the main offending areas where Speedwatch would be put in place ASAP to try and slow offending speedsters.

Finally, in any other business, the issue of public footpaths and bridleways was raised. Many had been either blocked or planted over locally. This matter would be investigated and actioned over the coming months.

The meeting closed at approx. 9.00pm though discussions continued.

Next meeting Wed. March 11th



Minutes of the Monthly WI

Meeting held in the dining room of Townley School on February 10th 2015

Peggy welcomed members and visitors to our meeting.

Apologies: Doris W Rolfe

Speaker: Our speaker Pat Wallace-Pope gave a wonderful account of the history of tartan and hand sewn kilts, which she has been making for over 50 years. She is one of only a handful of kilt makers and her kilts are made entirely by hand using over 7 yards of material. She has made kilts for many celebrities and royalty. She had a range of tartans on display which she gave to members and explained how the names had been derived.

Everyone really enjoyed the meeting and also the competition – an article made from tartan. The fantastic array of 11 entries highlighted the skills of our members.

Competition results: Wendy 4, Beryl 4, Susan Quail 4, Peggy 4, Anne A 4, Sandra L 4, Val 4, Alma 5, Margaret S 5, Sue Norman 5, Sandra K 5.

During the evening Boots tokens were awarded to Alma and Susan Quail for achieving 50 points in competitions.

Other Matters:

NFWI demonstrators course letter.

Election of trustees was completed.

Details were given regarding the birthday dinner in April and also the Whist Drive to be held at Riverside Lodge later in February.

Next Month : Working with Crystals – Complimentary Health – Barbara Dronfield.

Competition : A spring flower arrangement.

Raffle Prize Rota: Sandra Lloyd, Margaret H, Margaret S, Sue Norman.

## Christchurch Book Club

The book club met on February 25th. We had been reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. There were mixed responses to the book, but most members enjoyed it. This month we will be reading 'The Time Traveler's Wife' by Audrey Niffenegger and

we will be meeting to talk about it on Wednesday March 25th at 7.30 pm at Pear Tree Farm, Padgetts Road.

New members welcome. For more information, contact Sheila Day on 07946 635908

# Scouting for Girls!

- by Lizzy Harvey-Hawes



The Scouting Association has always been in my life, although I have not always been a part of it. My brother was a Beaver (ages 6-8) and soon after he joined I became a Rainbow (ages 5-7). At this age the activities are fairly similar, Beavers and Rainbows both do a mixture of crafts, games and outdoor activities. I was extremely jealous of my brother as he went through scouting, he would come back with amazing stories of his adventures with friends.

When he went up to cubs (ages 8-10½) the things he did were more adventurous - the Cubs often went on camps whereas Beavers very rarely do and can only sleep for one night. I wasn't doing anything like that, not even when I moved up to Brownies (ages 7-10). I loved the crafts, baking, sponsored charity events but I was thrilled by the thought of camping. The nearest I got to camping was a massive yearly sleepover in Trinity church; I looked forward to it throughout my time as a Brownie. When it came to moving up to Guides (ages 10-14) I decided that I wanted something more exciting, I wanted to be able to tell stories just like my brother and experience the outdoors in a way I wasn't with Guiding. I moved up to Scouts - ages 10½ -14) in the summer and immediately went onto the week long camp. The first few days of the camp I was shy and scared, I was the only girl and I knew only two people. I didn't want to leave my tent in the morning in case I was the only one awake and also because there was a mosquito buzzing around by my door. When I found the courage (and energy!) to get out of my sleeping bag and into the hall where we ate, I discovered that I was the third one awake and luckily for me I knew those who were there. We split into groups and I made friends.

The camp was so exciting, I made my first fire and cooked on it, I cut my hand, a leader fell asleep in a bush whilst playing a scout version of hide and seek in the dark (we just



On the rifle range

call it manhunt) and whilst playing my brother (Chris) and his friend (Morgan Chappell) hid in a boat shed that was half submerged into the ground. They were not found and once they emerged, they crowned themselves manhunt champions. To this day they claim to uphold their self acclaimed title.

Throughout my time as a scout, camping was something I always looked forwards to and they are the memories I cherish the most. The last camp I had as a scout is by far my favourite.

Next time I'll tell you all about it.

*Great stuff Lizzy! Brought back many memories from my own scouting days. I was a Queen's Scout! - Ed'*



Lizzy under instruction on an Argo Cat at a recent camp

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## Class One's Snow Day

We don't get snow very often so Class One had to make the most of it! They enjoyed handwriting in the snow and formed the letters 'v' and 'j' beautifully! They had lots of snow playtime too. Baby snowmen, pattern making and snow ball fun! Take a look at the photos on the website!



## Dates

16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

4<sup>th</sup> March - Girls 5 a side Football Tournament - Wimblington

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March - Parent's Evening (details to follow)

24<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Careers Day (Neale Wade - details to follow)

25<sup>th</sup> March - 8 a side Football Tournament at Benwick

Class 1 have also been busy dancing like dinosaurs!

They have been working together to try and include travels, jumps, turns and gestures in their dances. Videos of the dances can be found on the class page on the school's website .



There are lots more photos and information of what our school has been up to on our website.

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# CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

- Present** Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); W Beswick; J Bliss; S Freeland; R Gladwin; W Sutton (FDC); J Richardson (Clerk); and 8 members of the public
- Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs: F Yeulett (CCC); M Tanfield (FDC);
- 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 ) Cllrs Russell Item 159/14
  - b) Non-Pecuniary Interest )
  - c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest )

## **A minutes silence was held in memory of Wolsey Rolfe**

### **19.35-19.45 Public Time**

A member of the public would like to remind people to use the internet in a responsible manner.

Matters raised were street lighting, trees on Crown Road, lorries speeding and dog fouling.

The Street light FPC7 is out on Upwell Road. Street Light FPC1 the boxes are all open (corner of Upwell & Church Road)

Can the Parish Council write to mobile phone providers to improve signal coverage.

The water leak at the Pavilion Hall has been looked at and it is felt that the leak is at the building end. Cllr Sutton will turn the water off and the Clerk is to advise the Bowls Club and Football Team

**Cllr Sutton  
Clerk**

Public Time Closed at 19.45

### **145/14 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were Proposed for approval by Cllr Russell, and AGREED

**Agreed**

### **146/14 Police Matters**

No crimes reported in December

### **147/14 County Councillors Report**

Cllr Sutton has chased CCC re the 50mph signs on the Sixteen Foot Bank and they are just awaiting confirmation from Mid-Level as to how the signs are put in the bank

### **148/14 Recreation Ground**

- a) No further update or response from the Charities Commission
- b) Cllr Russell is to contact A Sparrow to see if he could provide a bin insert
- c) Bank Accounts are:- Current Account £4722.24 Saver Account £7251.18

**Cllr Russell**

### **149/14 Village Hall Committee**

- a) 5 Tender Packs for Village Hall build have been sent out and replies should be back by 29/01/15
- b) Health & Safety Pre-Construction Information Package has been received ready for sending out to Contractors. The Invoice for payment of this work was Proposed by Cllr Gladwin, and AGREED, that the payment of £1020 be made
- c) The non material amendment for the building has been passed by Planning
- d) The response to Hetty Thornton at FDC is no longer required as she has left.

**Agreed**

### **150/14 Highways**

- a) Work on the 2014-15 LHI bid is due to commence in January 2015, weather permitting
- b) It was Proposed by Cllr Freeland, and AGREED, that the Parish Council have no objections to the plan put forward by Highways for speed reduction signs in Euximoor Drive

**Agreed**

**Clerk**

150/14  
cont

c) Highways issues as a result of the "walkabout" are:-

**Upwell Road,**

Standing Water at junction of Halfpenny Toll Road. (Jetting crew completed w/c 10/12/14)

Construction of New Footway. (Design drawings currently with Highways Development Control for vetting)

Signage at Upwell Road/Toll Road Junction damaged (Agreed temporary repairs)

Blocked drain **Reference:** NM-84076

**Date reported:** 12/01/2015

**Fault type:** Roads and pavement surfaces - Manholes and gratings

**Description of fault:** Email Received 12/01/15 It has been reported to me that there is an issue of a blocked drain overflowing on to a drive way in Christchurch. The drain in question is outside the cottage opposite side of the road to the bus shelter.

**Euximoor Drove.**

Potholes (20 ton of Road planings for Parish Self Repairs)

New signage for reduce speed (Email to be discussed at Parish Council Meeting 12/01/15)

**Green Lane.**

Request No Through Road Sign on the Padgetts Road End (COMPLETED).

**Crown Road/Crown Avenue**

Flooding outside No.18 Crown Avenue (Survey of full length of road ordered to reveal problems). Highways have suggested to Cllr Sutton this goes in as a proposal for thin coat surfacing to the list submitted for 2016.

Highways trees to be inspected by CCC Tree Officer

**Scotts Road**

BT box work reported to CCC (COMPLETED)

Proposed kerbing on Radius at junction of Padgetts Road

**Padgetts Road**

Potholes place to place throughout

**LHI BID 2014/15**

Programmed for early January 2015, weather permitting

d) Ponding of water outside 54 Church Road to be reported to Highways

**Street Lighting**

a) Signing of FDC letter was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, and the Clerk is to send back with a letter to cover the following items:-

FPC1 in Euximoor Drove to be removed, all other CAT 1 lights to be repaired (Proposed by Cllr Bliss, and AGREED)

FPC7 outside Church Gate which is listed as a CAT 2 has no light fitting.

**Planning/Development**

**a) Planning Application**

F/YR14/0975/F

Erection of a 2-storey rear extension to existing dwelling at Jubilee House Euximoor Drove Christchurch Wisbech Cambridgeshire PE14 9LT. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Parish Council have no objections to this application

**b) Planning Granted**

F/YR14/0897/TRTPO

Works to a sycamore tree covered by TPO 09/1987 at Sycamores, Crown Road, Christchurch, Cambs

F/YR14/0852/F

Erection of a 2-storey 5-bed dwelling with detached double garage Plot 1 land north of bowling green and Pavilion, Upwell Road, Christchurch

c) Items to be communicated to FDC as possible Infrastructure requirements were Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, as Improved mobile phone signal coverage (High Priority) and Mains Gas to the village (High Priority)

**d) Tourism Signs**

The Clerk is to investigate further, with CCC, the possibility of a "brown" tourism sign for the Shop and Public House, no further information to date

Clerk

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151/14

<b>152/14</b>	<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b>		
	a) Rec'd £916.00 2nd FunctGrnt		
	b) Members considered and <b>APPROVED</b> the following accounts for payment:		<b>APPROVED</b>
	J Richardson	Clerks Salary	£309.05
	J Richardson	Expenses	£45.02
	Christchurch Village Resource Centre	The Heron	£80.00
	Morton & Hall	Drawings re Footpath	£1680.00
	Morton & Hall	Work & Planning Fees	£994.00
	E Mason	Grass Cutting	£540.00
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£3648.07</b>
	c) Clerk reported on the current bank balances at end December 2014		
	Community Account		£64,048.70
	Business Bonus		£146,498.40
	<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>£210,547.10</b>
	Current earmarked reserved funds are:-		
	New Village Hall		£185,321.59
	Recreation Ground		£75.07
	Mrs Spall Request		£200.00
	Remaining General Funds		£24,950.44
	d) Performance to date against budgets for 2014/15 is looking healthy		
<b>153/14</b>	<b>Budgets 2015-16</b>		
	Following the working party meeting it was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Precept for 2015/16 be set at £8488. This to be communicated to FDC		<b>Agreed Clerk</b>
<b>154/14</b>	<b>Timebanking</b>		
	It was decided to leave this matter until next month's agenda to enable Cllr Yeulett to inform the meeting		
<b>155/14</b>	<b>Dog Fouling</b>		
	a) Further research into Bye-Laws will take place		<b>Cllr Freeland</b>
<b>156/14</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>		
	a) Rural Services Network Bulletin (emailed 18/12/14, 30/12/14, 05/01/15)		
	b) Police & Crime Commissioners Briefing (emailed 18/12/14, 30/12/14)		
	c) CAPALC Bulletins (emailed 18/12/14)		
	d) Safeguarding adults newsletter (emailed 18/12/14)		
	e) CPERC Newsletter (emailed 18/12/14)		
	f) FDC Consultation on Developers Contributions (emailed 30/12/14)		
	g) FDC Corporate Plan consultation		
	Cllr Beswick left the meeting at 8.33 p.m.		
<b>157/14</b>	<b>Casual Vacancy</b>		
	Two casual vacancies now exist on the Council. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Council will not co-opt to fill these vacancies		<b>Agreed</b>
	<b>A motion to exclude the Press and Public was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED</b>		
<b>158/14</b>	<b>Clerk</b>		
	It was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Clerks Salary be increased, from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2015, in line with the National Agreement, £9.029 per hour, and the one off non-consolidated payment of £16.22 be paid		<b>Agreed</b>
	Cllr Russell left the room		
<b>159/14</b>	<b>Allotments</b>		
	An update on the current situation was reported and further actions Proposed by Cllr Gladwin, and AGREED, including the signing of the legal documents		<b>Agreed Clerk</b>
	Cllr Russell returned to the meeting		
<b>160/14</b>	<b>Agenda Items/Next Meeting</b>		
	The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2015. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2015.		<b>ALL COUNCILLORS</b>

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Citizens' Advice Bureau, Wisbech	01945 464367
Community Car Scheme (to book a journey)	07902 316360
Community Fire Safety Officer	07717858166
County Councillor - Fred Yeulett	01354 653763
District Councillor - Will Sutton	01354 638025
District Councillor - Michelle Tanfield	07908 707129
Eastern Electricity	0800 783 8838
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
Parish Clerk - Jacque 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 638538
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Train Information	08457 484950
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Editor's Choice - Best Takeaways	
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Indian - Outwell Tandoori - Outwell	01945 773322
Kebabs - Ali's Kebabs - Outwell	01945 773434
Pizzas - Leonardo's - March	01354 661131

Neighbourhood Watch	
Colin Steenson - Church Rd (East)	01354 638664
Sandra Kay - Church Rd (East)	01354 638478
Peter Knight - Church Rd (West)	01354 638779
David Yates - Church Rd (West)	01354 638448
Julian Swallow - Upwell Rd (North)	01354 638679
Jackie Wood - Upwell Rd (North)	01354 638679
Simon Freeland - Upwell Rd (South)	01354 638802
Richard Guilford - Area Co-ordinator	01354 638990
David Harrowing - District Co-ord.	01945 870963

## And Finally...

When we finally come of age – and begin our second year as the incumbent custodians of – The New Heron – we thought that we might celebrate with some of the mistakes we made. We've already found quite a few! So if you've already spotted some? – Or spot any more over the next couple of months? – Please let us know and we will include as many as possible in May's issue. But no making any up please! They have to be genuine 'typos', misspellings and the like!

Intriguingly, not mentioning any names, it was pointed out by one Parish Councillor recently that the fine for 'dog-fouling' is considerably higher than if a member of the public were to drop their trousers and perform the same act! We wondered how he came to know this? Is there something that we don't know about the nocturnal extra curricular activities of said councillor?

We should be told?

Following the recent questionnaires filled out by those attending The New Heron – Constitution Launch, it is apparent that not only we 'can't please all the people all of the time!' but that in fact we 'can't please some of the people any of the time!' Well come on now! Don't hide your light under a unit of volumetric measurement that we don't use anymore! Write us a letter! - Ed'.

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