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**“Don’t talk to me about
‘affordable housing’
at £300K!”**

~ Penelope Keith



Local Heroine ~

**Penelope Keith has been exploring
Britain’s Villages – now she says**

“We must do more to support life outside our cities!”

See article Page 8

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DIARY DATES

In an attempt to get more information about each event (where supplied) we are going to try using abbreviations 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:

Nov 2 nd	Christmas Craft Fair - Upwell Hall 10.00am - 4.00pm
Nov 2 nd	Upwell Jazz Club - Lauri Jacobs (sax) & John Pinney (guitar) TH - 12.30pm
Nov 3 rd	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Nov 4 th	Christchurch Craft Club - Sugar Flowers with Val Ware - TS - 7:30pm
Nov 4 th	New Village Hall Committee Meeting - On Tuesday this month - Pavilion - 7:30pm
Nov 7 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
Nov 7 th	Mobile Library - visits lay-by Upwell Rd - 3:00pm to 3:40pm
Nov 9th	Remembrance Service - Parish Church - 9:30am
Nov 9th	Film "War Horse" Cert 12a showing TH 14.00pm prompt - £2 per person
Nov 10 th	Christchurch Parish Council Meeting - Sports Pavilion - 7:30pm - All Welcome
Nov 10 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Nov 11 th	WI - Dorothy L Sayers - TS Dining Hall 7:00pm - Open Meeting - Non Members £3
Nov 12 th	Christchurch Resident's Association meeting - 7:30pm - The Old School
Nov 14 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
Nov 16 th	Film Project Training Day TH 9:45am for 10:00am to 4:00pm
Nov 17 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Nov 21 st	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
Nov 24 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Nov 28 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
Nov 29th	Parish Church - Christmas Fayre - 2:00 - 3:30pm - in Church
Nov 29 th	Film Project Training Day TH 9:45am for 10:00am to 4:00pm
Nov 30 th	Upwell Jazz Club-TH-Derek Chepshaw Mike Clifford Helen Emery Tom Melvin 12.30
Dec 2 nd	Christchurch Craft Club - Christmas Table Decorations & Nibbles - TS - 7:30pm
Dec 6 th	Film Project Training Day TH 9:45am for 10:00am to 4:00pm
Dec 9 th	Christchurch WI - Trekking through South East Asia - TS Dining Hall 7:00pm
Dec 14th	Film "Skyfall" Cert 12a showing TH 2:00pm prompt - £2 per person



A new vicar was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house, it seemed obvious that someone was at home but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. So he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the letter box.

When the offerings were collected the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. On the back was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10".

Reaching for his Bible to check out the reference, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked".

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.

EDITORIAL

"The North wind doth blow, and we shall have snow,
And what will poor Robin do then – poor thing!?"

Well it was actually the tail end of hurricane Gonzalo blowing up from the south; could have been much worse for us, worst we experienced was hail stones I think? Unless any of you know better? Such weird and extreme weather patterns we experience these days. Last year's mild winter, then this year's prolonged sunny spring, then bouts of extremely heavy rain, with floods in some parts yet again.

Several villagers were flooded out, with power cuts at the same time! Nightmare! One poor soul had water flowing in the back door and front door at the same time; though, thankfully, with substantial floorboards this did all dry out eventually. Another villager had to rip up the entire floor of the lounge and dining room. It being made of chipboard and swollen beyond belief this has since had to be replaced with floor tiles! And a very nice job was made of it too!

Myself, and several others, developed quite severe leaky roofs due to the huge amount of water that fell over a very short period. Normal drains and gutters just couldn't cope with the instant deluge! But we've all survived these difficulties being resilient Fenland dwellers!

Cambridgeshire County Council organized a drop-in at March Library where advice was offered on flood protection for the future. More on this next month as we're short of space this time. Meanwhile any questions, or, suggestions from our readers, or, your own experiences would be of interest to us all. Please contact me via details on the front page.

At last we are able to show you the outline plans for the New Village Hall together with the latest up to date information on this project. Please see page 10 and 11 for details.

Our lead article is very relevant to villages like Christchurch. I read about this in Radio Times and thought it would be of interest to you all. I hope you agree? This is particularly relevant with the start of work on the New Village Hall becoming imminent, and also with the various applications for house building developments within the village, of which there are currently five!

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Letters to the Editor



Hi Richard

I wonder if you would mind putting a "Thank You" in The New Heron for FOTS (Friends of Townley School). We had an anonymous donation given to the school and pre-school, and a rather substantial one at that! We wanted to be able to say a HUGE "thank you" to our benefactor.

The Friends of Townley School and Pre School would like to say a "MASSIVE THANK YOU!!!" for the very kind and generous donation we received this month from an anonymous source. It is very much appreciated. This put us a huge step closer to reaching our target for the Swimming Pool Fund. We would also like to say another thank you to Christchurch Villagers and local community for their help, support and donations received so far. We have raised an amazing £8,130 since April this year - through fund-raising and donations - specifically for the School Pool Fund". THANK YOU"!!!! all so very much! Spurred on by the fantastic support you have all given us so far. We shall keep on fund raising and hopefully provide further entertainments and catering events for your delectation in the future.

Thanks again, and in anticipation of your continued support

Elaine

FOTS Committee

Dear Richard,

I would like to say a big thank you to all my neighbours and friends for their thoughts and good wishes during my recent stay in Papworth Hospital, and subsequently Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Also I would especially like to thank all those who supported my wife Margaret in so many ways during this very difficult time.

William Beswick

Continued from previous column

We have been busily working on a Constitution for The New Heron for the past couple of months and hope to have this completed soon. We are asking you to get involved see Page 27. When completed this will be available online at

www.theheron.info.

Be careful with those fireworks! See page 11 'Till next month.....

My goodness! It's nearly Christmas!!!!

Richard 3

Community Information

Mobile Library: visits each month

Friday 7th Nov in the Lay-by Upwell Road 15:00

Mobile Post Office: visits Mon - Fri

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

Flu Jab Raffle result:

The Patient Participation Group were able to donate £600.00 to The Hunter Rowe Trust for the benefit of patients, as a result of the raffle.

McMillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all who helped and participated in the coffee morning.
We raised £398.10p Sandra

Andrew Murray asked us to print "a quick thanks from the 99 Sqn Cycle Team to Townley School and parents for the warmth of their welcome and to the 'Friends of Townley' for the delicious food." - Watch out next month for a more detailed article about the event.



Parish Church
Christmas Fayre

Saturday 29th November

In the Parish Church, 2pm-3:30pm

Various stalls Cakes

Raffle Games



We hope Father
Christmas will visit us
from around 2:15-3:15

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 please.

MORE CUTS WARNING - Street lights could go out!

We've not seen the worst of it yet and the Parish Council may need to pick up the tab!

This was the coded message given to the Christchurch Parish Council meeting in October by County Councillor Fred Yeulett.

The County Council needs to make more than £5 million in savings. "By savings we should be clear, this really mean cuts" said Cllr Yeulett. All the easy targets have already been cut. In the past two years £74 million has been saved. The new cuts are now expected to fall on the more difficult areas.

Areas affecting the safety of ordinary people such as road gritting in severe weather, may no longer be affordable. Street lighting could be turned off, and if communities object they could be asked to pay for it. Social Care will also become a target as the Government

applies the squeeze still tighter. One suggestion Cllr Yeulett made was that such services could be devolved "down" to Parish Councils.

Parish Councils could be expected to pick up this shortfall since they are allowed to raise money through the Parish Council Precept, and that is free of Government interference, unlike the Council

Tax which is capped so County and District Councils can't exceed what the Government decides it can charge.

Cllr Yeulett was critical of the amount of money coming from central government being made available to councils like Cambridgeshire. He went on to explain, "We get only £497 per person in Cambridgeshire, whilst as a comparison, a person living in Tower Hamlets, London will merit over £1000 being paid to that authority". How can that be fair?



The Steve Waye Column

Cinema Comes to Three Holes

The next time you check your ticket for the Health Lottery and once again find your luck wanting, perhaps take heart from the knowledge that not only are you supporting The Alzheimer's society, Mencap and many more charities and organisations but also local activities like The Welle Film Project. Launched on September 13th this year at Three Holes Village Hall, the project which has been funded to the tune of £18,792.00 will over the next two years be screening films once a month at Three Holes Village Hall on Sunday afternoons, between 2.00pm and 6.00pm at a cost of £2.00 per person. The program will be made up of block busters, classics and local history productions. It's worthy of note that transportation can be arranged. Please contact Hilary on 01945773710 In addition to the screenings The Film Project also offers free training days in the black arts of video cinematography and editing, using professional cameras lighting and sound equipment, a must for all you would be film makers of any age. You Tube awaits your talent!



100 WAYS FOR A CHICKEN TO TRAIN ITS HUMAN ~ No 14 - Fireworks

The day after bonfire night can be fun. Head over to where they had the bonfire. There will be plenty of left over food for you to sample, as humans are careless and drop stuff all the time. The ashes are fun to scratch in. Just make sure the fire has completely gone out first.



This month we welcome Steve Waye to the New Heron Team. Steve lives in Tipps End and is widely respected on the music scene. Some of you saw him perform at "HeronAid"! He will be writing a monthly column featuring Music and the Arts in the local area.



Upwell Jazz Club

The team who will be running the training days were in evidence this past weekend filming a Jazz concert promoted by another long-time resident of the hall, Upwell Jazz Club. In a show that featured the considerable talents of Nigel Portass on piano and Nigel Smith on drums supporting a three horn line up of Chris Kirk (trumpet and Flugel Horn) Myke Clifford (Saxophone and Flute) and John Wilmot (Saxophone) who played a large selection of standards and well known tunes to an enthusiastic audience.

The music was hot and the camera and sound crew unobtrusive. The results of the combined efforts of musicians and film makers will hopefully be available to film goers in the near future. If you get the chance to see it, I highly recommend that you do.

The success of both the Jazz club and the film project will eventually stand or fall on their ability to attract an audience and for that they must rely on you the public.

To paraphrase "if you don't use it, you lose it!"

The artist pictured adjacent is international jazz star Pete Neighbour playing recently at The Upwell Jazz Club. The next gig at the Jazz club is on November 2nd and features Laurie Jacobs Saxophone and John Pinney Guitar. The gigs are usually the last Sunday of the month. Please check out the Diary Dates page 2 for future screenings, training days and jazz events. Should any of our readers know of any artists or venues that I should feature please let me know.

Well that's my first column for The New Heron. Hope you enjoyed it and found it informative and useful. I'll be back next month with more Music from the area.

Recipe of the Month

Cheese & Ham Bread Pudding

260g wilted spinach (either pierce the bag & microwave for 1 minute or wilt with a tablespoon of water & small knob of butter in a frying pan)

300ml semi-skimmed milk

4 medium sized eggs (or 3 large)

15g (approx.) chopped chives or parsley

1 tsp smoked paprika

10 slices (medium) white bread, cut into triangles

100g chopped/sliced ham

2 tomatoes thinly sliced

125g grated mozzarella cheese (or 100g cheddar)

100g bag of Italian style salad (or other)

Preheat oven to 200C (180C fan). In a large bowl, whisk together the milk, eggs and most of the chives, half tsp. of smoked paprika and some freshly ground black pepper.

Butter the inside of a 1.5litre ovenproof dish and line with the bread triangles; interleaving with most of the ham and spinach. Pour over half of the egg



mixture. Repeat with a second layer and add remaining mixture. Top with the remaining ham and spinach, spread sliced tomatoes over the top, and add final sprinkling of cheese, paprika and chives.

Bake for 20-25 minutes until set and golden. Serve with the salad.

This dish is fun for kids to help make, or for older ones to make themselves. The mild flavours are delicious either as a light lunch, or, as a main meal with larger portions (serves 4). Enjoy!

[N.B. We would love to receive any recipe suggestions from our readers!]

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Oh for the Good Life! - Britain's Vanishing Villages!

Britain's rural way of life will soon be coming under the spotlight in next month's new TV series, to be shown on *More4* – *Penelope Keith's Vanishing Villages*. As many of you will no doubt already realize many politicians, Westminster's elite, or so they think, actually have rural constituencies. Others, County, District, or, even in some places, Parish Councillors, own vast tracts of countryside which they are likely to try and develop, for their own financial ends, without stopping to consider the effects such development might have on local village communities. Do they and any politicians in their far flung 'ivory towers' truly understand the needs of those who live there, or, in their rural constituencies.

Penelope Keith (*To the Manor Born* and *The Good Life*) has recently returned to her own quiet rural corner after a peripatetic month filming her new three-part series – *Penelope Keith's Vanishing Villages*. Apparently, according to this series, and not surprisingly, the answer to the question as to whether those mentioned above 'truly understand the needs of rural communities' is a resounding "No!" Ms. Keith went on to say, *"It was the cry I heard everywhere I went! The same one I hear all the time, even in places really near to London: 'They don't know what life is like for us! They don't know and don't care!' Time was MP's and County, District, and Parish Councillors considered themselves 'representatives of the people'. Now of course it's either a career in itself, and/or, they have their own, self-serving agendas!"*

Ms. Keith's roles in two of TV's most popular sitcoms established her career and gave it longevity in the hearts of millions. During the recent filming of her new series she was, seemingly, cheered by the way in which rural-dwellers (crucially, among them the young) are rising to their various challenges. *"If my travels, for this series and beyond, have taught me anything it is that people are remarkably resilient and also creative where their communities are concerned."*

National headlines are generated by those major external threats to the environment; such as the proposed HS2 train line as it forges its way north, or the latest government backed horror of 'fracking', but, Ms Keith fears an ongoing deterioration in the quality of life elsewhere goes unnoticed. *"Local village shops close down because many people with cars drive to supermarkets on the edge of nearby towns."*

(One wonders what devastating effects the giant new Tesco in Chatteris will have on the local shops - Ed'.)

8 *Village Post Offices and pubs close too! These are*

all important social hubs which are vanishing week by week!"

Penelope Keith, now 74, though she looks nearly twenty years younger, generated quite a few column inches herself last year by suggesting that property prices were being inflated by so-called 'silver splitters'; i.e. divorcing couples with the means to disperse into two separate homes instead of remaining in a shared one. Similarly, second-home owners provoke mixed feelings too! *"They may bring in money, but if young people cannot then afford to stay where they have lived all their lives.....And don't talk to me about 'affordable' housing at £300K. Whose inflated idea of affordable is that?"*

Rural Britain remains a dream destination for millions. Fuelled by such TV programmes as *A Place in the Country*, and even *Midsommer Murders*, which, despite its phenomenal death count, has its influence with the appealing nature of a close-knit village life with all its altruistic aspects. (I can vouch for that here in Christchurch - Ed'.) Ms. Keith notes - *"I love the appeal of such rural programmes and the thrill of seeing so many of my contemporaries appearing in them."*

But what's her advice for townies who are actually contemplating moving out into the rural countryside? *"Ask not what your village can do for you, but what you can do for your village! Look to get involved! Go into the Post Office, if there still is one! Support your local shop, even if it's only for those odds and ends like bread, milk, butter or cheese, local or national papers, magazines, and of course the Radio Times!" she chortles. Find out what's going on and join in with various village clubs, or even start one up yourself. Start up and/or support your local community newsletter. (Think we've got that one covered - lol -Ed'.) There is a support network in most villages, albeit mainly voluntary. My parish magazine is absolutely full of information of all kinds including special interest groups, up to and including line dancing! That's 'line' not 'pole'! Well not yet anyway!"*

While the travelling life of an actor has seen her perform or film all across the UK, the filming of *Hidden Villages* introduced her to the new splendours of *"Anglesey? Quite beautiful. And Norfolk, which I also didn't really know. So many wonderful places, I'm loath to single out any personal favourites – but if you insist....."* Find out Penelope's favourites next month on *More4*.....Keep your eyes open for details!..... *(When we know when we'll let you know! - Ed'.)*

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Christmas Dinner CHRISTMAS DAY



Canapés

Olives, Nuts and Cheesy Biscuits

Starters

**Carrot and Coriander Soup with bread
or Prawn Cocktail**

Main

Roast Beef or Turkey

Roast Potatoes

Brussels Sprouts

Red Cabbage

Carrots

Stuffing and Gravy

Desserts

**Christmas Pudding or Sponge Cake with Custard
or Lemon Sorbet**

Nibbles

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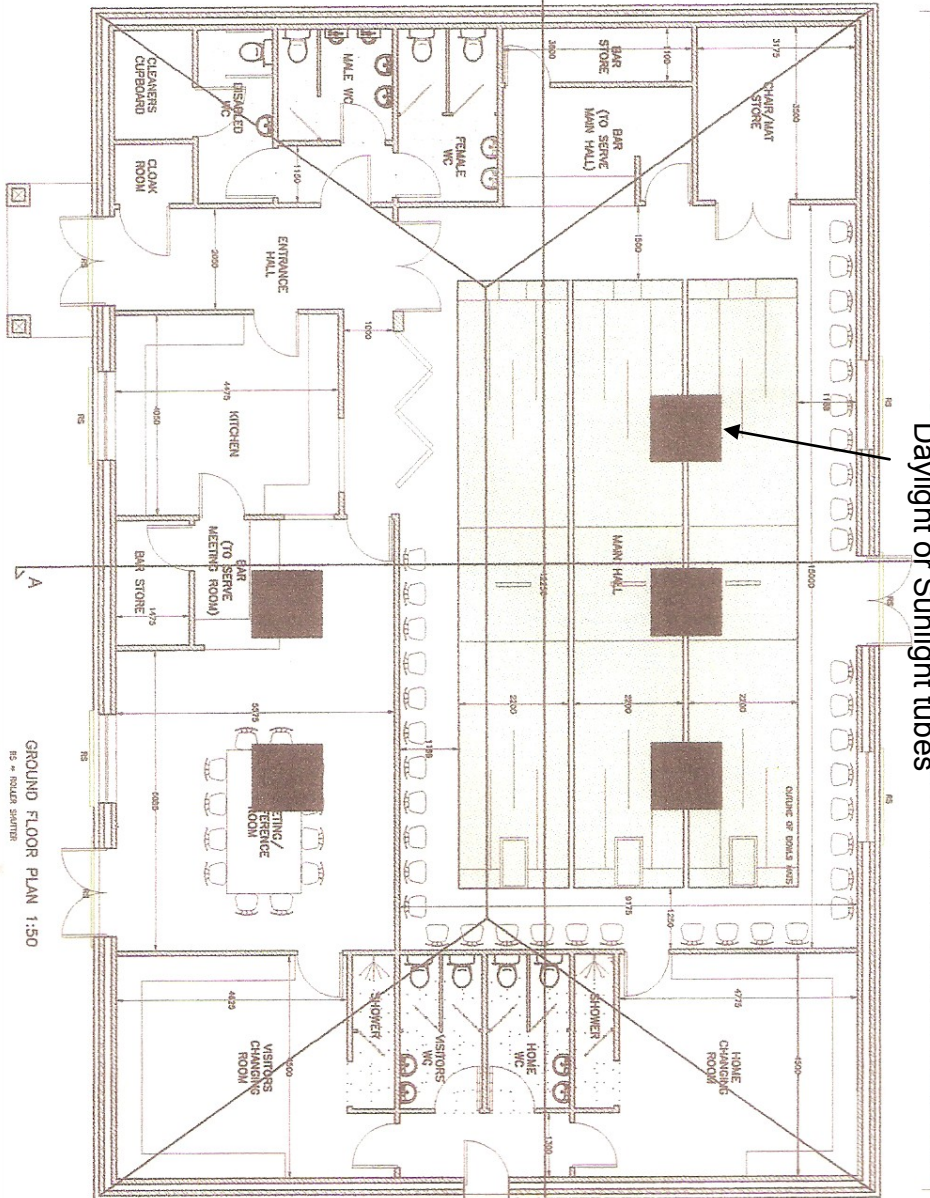
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New Village Hall Plan and Elevations



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PROPOSED LHS ELEVATION ~ 1:100

PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION ~ 1:100

PROPOSED RHS ELEVATION ~ 1:100

Site Plan - Layout

New Hall location



New Village Hall Update

At a meeting of the New Village Hall Committee on Monday 20th October the following items were discussed:

All monies from the sale of the three building plots had now been received and the £100,000 from FDC had been reserved for our usage though not yet received.

The planning application for the New Village Hall (see opposite page) has been passed subject to various caveats and restrictions. Some of these have to be dealt with prior to the commencement of construction; i.e. Landscaping, some or all of which may already be present. has to be shown on plan drawings. Once this and various other requirements are met, the FDC funding will be released.

Part of the dyke in front of the site has now been in filled with large bore land drainage pipe beneath this to facilitate the completion of a footpath on Upwell Road up to the first sold plot.

Two out of the three building quotes required had now been received, but due to the amount of content and detail within these it was decided that our Parish Council Clerk Jacquie Richardson would copy the content to all committee members so they could be discussed more easily in detail at our next meeting on Tuesday 4th November.

Several other villagers were present at the meeting and, speaking during Public Time, made some very pertinent points; most notably the need for the proposed Project Manager, ex-clerk to the Parish Council, Mr. Steven Cowell be invited to all future meeting that we may both benefit from his expertise, and, keep him directly informed of relevant issues and developments.

It was also agreed to publish the New Village Hall plans as passed by FDC in the November issue of The New Heron in order to keep Christchurch villagers updated as to the current progress of the New Village Hall project. The meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

FIREWORKS and bonfires can be plenty of fun for all the family to enjoy. The fire service recommends going to an organised firework display instead of holding one at home. However, if you do use fireworks or light a bonfire at home, we would ask residents to take on board our safety advice to ensure it is just their fireworks that go off with a bang:

- Keep fireworks in a closed box and always follow the instructions.
- Light them at arms length using a taper and stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Don't light bonfires in unsuitable weather, particularly in windy conditions.
- Don't leave bonfires unattended.
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, fences and hedges.
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire, and never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, and batteries.
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE





Upwell Health Centre

- by Dr Paul Williams

In the six months since our last newsletter we have completed the planned changes I mentioned to the district nursing service. I believe there are still some vacancies at NCHC which means they are not yet offering the full range of services that they are contracted for, but I am sure things will improve soon.

Our nursing team is now offering a full practice nursing service in the surgery and we are catching up with our clinics which had got delayed by staff shortages. Our nurses now have an additional burden due to the withdrawal of the Fenland Anticoagulation Nursing Service (FANS).

Bearing in mind the old adage "If you want a job doing properly" we decided to offer the service ourselves. Angela Mills, our chronic disease specialist nurse went on a course and visited other sites where the service was already offered and led the team in setting up the service. It is now run mainly by Jackie Croxford who has been promoted from within the nursing team to be our practice nurse manager. So for the patients there has been little change, other than we can be a little more flexible with appointments as we are not limited by when the FANS staff are in the surgery.

By the time you read this the flu clinics will already have happened but we will of course be continuing to offer the vaccine throughout the autumn and winter. Remember if you are 65 or over you should have the vaccine. Also anyone with chronic diseases such as diabetes, COPD, asthma, heart disease, lowered immunity etc. If you have any doubt about your eligibility please just ask us. This year the age range for non injection flu vaccine for children has been increased to cover all children aged 2,3,or 4 on September 1st. We can also use this vaccine for children with one of the qualifying conditions, especially asthma, up to the age of 10. This vaccine is supplied by the government and it was not available until mid October. We have sent letters out to children we think should have it.

Those of you who are 64 or over should also have one pneumococcal vaccine in your life.. We usually offer this when you attend for your flu vaccine. Please ask for this if you have not had it as it protects you from pneumococcal pneumonia which can be a very serious illness as we get older. It is also

the second year that the select few can get a shingles vaccine. Essentially this is for people aged 70, 78 or 79 on September 1st.

This is an increase on last year as 78 year

olds did not get it then. We will be offering this when you come for your flu jab but for those who do not wish a flu jab but would like either a pneumococcal or shingle vaccine please make an appointment with the nurse.

Stephen Reeves is now firmly established as our new Practice Manager and he is getting to grips with the job. Like all new brooms he is making changes and I am sure you will all see improvements as a result of his initiatives, internally there have already been many changes, invisible to patients, which are having beneficial impacts on the practice.

This year the Friends and Family patient satisfaction survey is being extended to general practice. These questionnaires are now available in the surgery for you to complete. They are very short and the information gathered from them will help us to maintain and improve our services for you. We all hope you will be sufficiently pleased with the service we offer to say that you would be extremely likely to recommend us to your friends and family!

Those of you over 75 should now all have been informed who your named GP is, if you have missed out please tell us. Amy, one of our nurses, has also worked hard on our care plans for people who are at an above average risk of requiring hospital admission. This list will be continually under review to ensure its effectiveness.

Finally I would just like to add my support to the efforts of our Patient Participation Group in their efforts to control parking outside the surgery. We have a lovely spacious car park just a few yards from the surgery entrance. Despite this some people insist on parking on the road opposite the entrance, sometimes even blocking the dropped kerb for people with wheelchairs who have used the car park. Please don't do this!

Meanwhile let's hope for a mild, flu free winter and I hope you all have a healthy and prosperous 2015.



Parish Church Services

2 Nov	11:00	Rev K Fitzgibbon	All Age Worship
9 Nov	09:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Act of Remembrance at War Memorial followed by Holy Communion
16 Nov	15:30 not 18:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Evening Prayer
23 Nov	11:00	S.E. Tooke	Morning Prayer
30 Nov	10:00	Rev K Fitzgibbon	United Service at Welney
7 Dec	11:00	H Chappell/A Day	All Age Worship
14 Dec	09:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Holy Communion
21 Dec	15:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Carol Service
25 Dec	10:00	S.E. Tooke	Holy Communion
28 Dec	10:00	Rev K Fitzgibbon	United Service at Welney



Every Friday, 2-3pm Coffee, Cake and Chat in the Church building

Thank you to the staff and pupils of Townley School who raised £70.39 from their school Harvest Festival service.

The Harvest Supper was held on 11th October. Thank you to Helen, Karen, Ruth and their young helpers for providing such a delicious meal. Thank you to James Trundle for the entertainment. And finally thank you to all those that came and supported the occasion.

A reminder that on Saturday 29th November, there is the **Christmas Fayre** from 2-3:30pm in the Church, see separate notice for further details.

Heads up for Christmas services: Carol Service - Sunday 21st Dec 3:30pm Parish Church
Christingle- 24th Dec 2:30pm at Manea, Midnight Mass - 24th Dec 11:30pm also at Manea,
Christmas Day 10:00am Christchurch Parish Church

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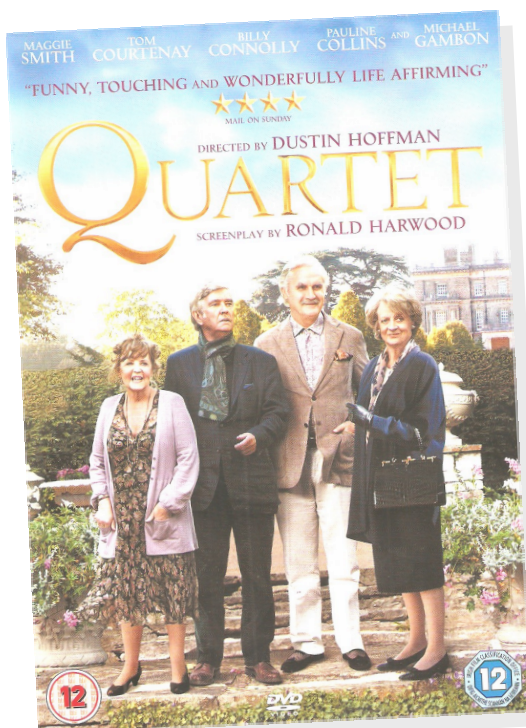
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Film Review

QUARTET – BBC Films / Headline Pictures – 94mins



Ultimately a heartwarming film, especially for those of more mature years, but of great appeal to all, and full of humour and observations; not unlike *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* I reviewed in September's NH.

Lifelong friends Wilf (Billy Connolly – equalling his role in *Mrs. Brown*), and Reggie (Tom Courtney), together with former colleague Cissy (Pauline Collins), are all residents of Beecham House – a home for retired musicians. Every year, on Giuseppe Verdi's birthday, the residents unite to give a charity concert to raise funds for the home. However, when Jean Horton (Maggie Smith), a former '*grande dame*' of the opera, and Reggie's ex-wife, moves into Beecham House, much to everyone's surprise, the plans for this year's concert start to unravel.

There is intrigue and lost love from past lives, and passion in all their respective musical heritages, both of which amalgamate and entwine to produce a most endearing and satisfying finale. This film will undoubtedly raise your spirits, and focuses on the good things in life that can often be resurrected from the most difficult of circumstances.

You won't be disappointed. A must see film from 2013.

Directed by Dustin Hoffman.

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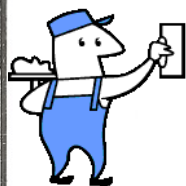
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The Alan Russell Column



16 Foot Road and River on Middle Level Main Drain

This month I was musing on the 16 Foot Road and River on Middle Level Main Drain.

I have mentioned deepening and widening in the fifties to improve flow. Along the 16 Foot Road there have been many accidents with vehicles going into the river sometimes with tragic consequences, one of them being a young Doctor Dodds-Brown one icy morning.

I have campaigned for a barrier for many years, my main concern being the school bus when my children went to March School and it still is for today's children. The worst place in my mind being near the Wheatsheaf Bridge where there is no edge at all! Like any others I donated to Mr Chappell's appeal for a barrier - to see all that



Graham Chappell looks on as engineers perform a "push-pull" test on barrier posts prior to the installation of barriers on the sixteen foot road

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had been raised, totally wasted in my opinion, on the barrier on Bedlam Bridge. The one place where nothing was necessary to be done!

I would dearly love to see a barrier of some sort along the 16 Foot but at the ridiculous cost of the work recently done at Bedlam Bridge - it will never happen.

The reason that "not enough people have been drowned" seems very harsh a reason not to do anything!

When Dr Beeching was earning his pay many miles of disused track was available. It was suggested by a local councillor that these lengths of track could be cut up and about 15ft hydraulically pushed in every few yards and lengths of rail could be bolted to them. This would have had a small cost at the time compared to today. If this had been done and the sort of rose hedging that adorns the central reservations of French motorways planted there. It would have made an attractive hedge which, in time, must have grown into a barrier to stop most vehicles, or at least given drivers a chance to keep on the road!

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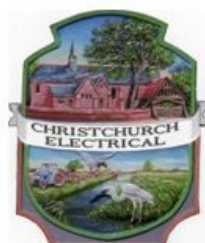
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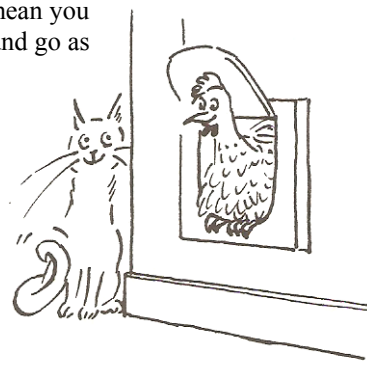
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Christchurch Residents Association

At our meeting on 15th October Richard gave us an update on the New Village Hall. The plans have now been passed by FDC, though there are certain caveats and restrictions attached. Three initial quotes for construction have been received and would be considered by the New Village Hall Committee on Monday 20th October (*There is a report on this meeting on page 11 – Ed.*) Further updates in due course.

A letter had been sent to a local vet for his views on the dangers of dog faeces and urine regarding the future possibility of a Dog Park in the village. A very successful Dog Show had been held on Townley School field without any problems and similar events are held regularly on Upwell Village Sports Field. So surely something similar could be possible in Christchurch. It is hoped that our vets report will be able to allay any fears re disease and infection.

Funding for Neighbourhood Watch signage for Church Road has been listed for discussion on the agenda of the next Parish Council Meeting in December. Meanwhile Church Road residents will be canvassed and asked to donate £2 per household towards the cost of running the initial part of the scheme. It is hoped that the initial scheme will be in place by January 2015. We are still looking for more volunteer co-ordinators so that we might extend the scheme into other parts of the village.

Our Chairman will be meeting with Josh Rutherford of the

Local Highways Improvement Initiative, regarding the Pavement Widening Scheme, and installation of a 'Give Way' feature in Upwell Road. CRA members voted unanimously last month in support of our suggested revision to the scheme that the 'Give Way' feature be to the northern end of the site not the southern end as originally proposed by CCC. We understand that The New Heron has received several emails in support of the CRA proposal, and many other villagers have also verbally expressed their support. Josh Rutherford will also be attending our next CRA meeting in December following his site visit.

The success of HeronAid was again noted and the £400 raised would go some way in helping with future production costs. It was suggested that the event be run again next year.

An alleged proposal for yellow lines in Church Road was felt to be both impractical and totally unnecessary. The only place that some members felt they would be of any practical use was

immediately outside the village shop and around the corner into Upwell Road. It was felt that vehicles, including vans and, on occasion, articulated lorries created a dangerous hazard when parked there.

There was to be a 'drop-in' event at March Library on Tuesday 14th, held jointly by CCC & Anglian Water offering flood prevention advice, and how to cope with flood events in the light of recent heavy storms. Several villagers had suffered from flooding and damage to property. Richard would try and attend.

Members were shown the wreath obtained on behalf of the CRA by Sarah Craven. Colin Steenson would act as our CRA representative and lay the wreath at Christchurch War Memorial during the service on Sunday 9th November which starts at 9.30am. (*see Church Services on page 13 For further details – Ed.*)

The meeting closed at 9.00pm. Next meeting Wednesday 12th November at The Old School 7.30pm.

Jokes & Anecdotes

With Christmas just around the corner we would love to receive any Christmas/New Year jokes or anecdotes you may have (funny stories that have actually happened with friends or family) for inclusion in our Christmas issue for December.

Please either drop them through the letter box at The Old School, Church Road or email them c/o editor@theheron.info

Health Message

As I was lying in bed pondering the problems of the world, I rapidly realised that it's the tortoise life for me!

1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal
 2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water and is fat
 3. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years
 4. A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing, yet it lives for 450 years
- AND YOU TELL ME TO EXERCISE?
I DON'T THINK SO

Anon



Minutes of the WI meeting held on 14th October in the Dining Room of Townley School.



Peggy welcomed 13 members plus Anne, a visitor from March. Apologies were received from Sue Norman, Florrie Piper, Doris Wolsey, and Sandra Lloyd. Peggy also signed the previous months minutes.

Correspondence: An invite had been received from March St. Mary's to their annual dinner. A letter and brochure had been received from Care Network and we hope to book them for a meeting in the New Year. MAGPAS Christmas Raffle Tickets were available. There was also a reminder to members for the photo shot of the baton arriving at the village sign at 10.30am on 23rd October.

Our October meeting on the 14th was a games evening where members enjoyed a game of cards or dominoes. Lucky winners were: Susan Quail, Doris Ted, Wendy Yates, and Margaret Hayes, all received a miniature rose.

This month's competition was entered by eight members and was for an autumn arrangement in a pepper. Winners were: 5 points – Susan Quail, Sandra Kaye, Beryl Brooks, Tracey Day, Wendy Yates, Alma Hughes, and Peggy Warby. 4 points Val Parker.

Raffle winners: Sandra Kaye, Anne, Wendy Yates, Susan Quail, and Peggy Warby.

Next month is an Open Meeting welcoming ALL! Our speaker will be Peter Clayton MBE who will enlighten us on the subject of Dorothy L Sayers.

The competition will be for a handmade Christmas bookmark.

Raffle Prize Rota – Sandra Lloyd, Florrie Piper, Margaret Hayes, and Margaret Sparrow.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Do feel free to join us at our Open Meeting in November – non-members £3.00

October's meeting will have taken place by now but,

unfortunately, after The New Heron's publication deadline. But, knowing our members were looking forward to our speaker on "Cacti" for the evening I will do a full report on that meeting next month. Meanwhile, I feel confident in using our allotted space for some more general gardening points.

I expect all our members have been busy trying to keep up with such a rate of new growth everywhere! Our plants and shrubs don't seem to know if it's Easter or Christmas! We have so many surprises, currently, in our gardens. Our forsythia is showing flowers opening, and when Jean and I wandered around our 'patch' so many plants seem to be thinking it's Spring. Sadly, I fear they will soon be in for a shock!

I've been busy with a camera looking at our own surroundings each time we go out, and now see the developing colours of Autumn everywhere, despite the sun still trying to shine on and off! Just a quiet stroll around Christchurch is rewarding, so don't be alarmed if you see me taking photos of a bush or tree in your garden; it's for memories of a really mixed up set of seasons this year, later on.

Marion will be wanting 'members' names for our 'members only' Fish & Chip Supper on Tuesday November 25th. Choices will be: cod, haddock, scampi, chicken, or sausage, each with chips of course, but please bring your own drinks and condiments etc. Please let Marion know ASAP on 01354 638230.

Details of our coach trip for Christmas Shopping will follow soon. Hopefully the 'bush telegraph' will swing into action as per usual! As usual seats will also be available for non-members for this event. Enquiries please to Marion on 01354 638230, or Bubbles on 01354 638024. Hope to see you all soon!

 Bubbles



At last months meeting we had our AGM. Our committee stays the same. Beryl Brooks – Secretary, Peggy Warby – Treasurer, Sandra Kay & Sandra Lloyd – Committee Members, and me, Wendy Yates – Chairperson. Thanks to all those members who attended and voted.

We then got on with making our Christmas Stars – great fun. This was followed with our usual tea, coffee, biscuits and raffle. Next month we'll be making Sugar Craft Flowers with Val Ware. Why not come along and join us for an enjoyable and entertaining evening? Contact Wendy on 01354 638448

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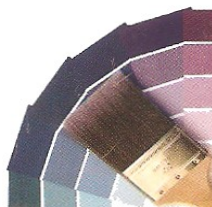
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Recently both Class 2 and 3 have been on school trips; Class 2 to Wisbech Museum where they dressed up as archaeologists to help with their Celts in Roman Britain project. Class 3 visited Flag Fen to help with their project on Stone Age, Bronze Age and iron Age peoples. As usual there are lots more photos on the website.



2015 Calendar

Townley needs a new swimming pool and we have been busy raising money. Year 5's have produced a calendar for 2015 on Christchurch then and now - all proceeds will go towards our fund. If you would like a copy of this calendar the children have produced, they will be on sale from 19 November 2014. An order form can be found on our website or pre order slips are available from reception.

Dates

- 3rd November - School opens
- 10th November - School Photographer pm (details to follow)
- 11th November - Special Remembrance Assembly at the village memorial
- 12th November—Bed Time Read
- 8th / 9th December - School Christmas Presentation
- 19th Dec, Autumn Term Closes
- 6th Jan Spring Term Opens



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The Gorefield Ghost

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On rare occasions, neighbours invited into the house did see or hear things, but most of these it seemed preferred not to believe the evidence of their own senses, perhaps because they found it too much to cope with, or because they did not wish to be branded idiots?

It was not long however, before whispered speculations started to circulate, concerning the weird house and its equally weird occupants – human or otherwise. Despite the stigma of being associated with such things or people, the consciences of a few were pricked, causing them to admit that what they had experienced was something more than just natural causes or mere imagination.

From that point on the phenomena escalated and life became a living nightmare for the family. Pictures were falling off the wall almost every day, until they thought to stop it simply by leaving the pictures standing on the floor propped against the wall, but the Poltergeist(s) continued to knock the pictures over.

Living in the house got rapidly worse, because poltergeist activity manifested itself both day and night. It did at least mean that neighbours, when invited in, braver in broad daylight, saw for themselves what all the family had told them really had happened.

Eventually an exorcism was performed and peace came to the house...or so it seemed?

The Ghostly Coach Crash

Some years ago my family and I found ourselves at Potter Heigham where we hired a boat for a week to explore the Broads. While we waited for the boat to be prepared, we got into conversation with a local man, and he told us of a remarkable experience he and some friends had shared one midnight on Potter Heigham Bridge; we were later to learn that over the years many people had at midnight every 31st March shared a very similar disturbing experience.

The legend has it that Lady Carew was taken away by two macabre looking skeletons, never to be seen alive again, and they forced her into a coach drawn by four black headless horses, driven by a headless skeleton.



This story has variations concerning points of detail such as; the horses had heads, and/or the skeleton had a head. However what is never disputed is that the coach has been seen by countless people over many years, driven erratically at great speed and then it crashes into the side of the bridge and tips over into the water.



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CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 8th September 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

Present	Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); J Bliss; S Freeland; W Sutton (FDC); J Richardson (Clerk); and 16 members of the public
Apologies for Absence:	Cllrs: W Poole; H Poole; W Beswick; R Gladwin; M Tanfield (FDC); F Yeulett (CCC)
Declarations of Interest	Councillors to declare any interests under the Local Code of Conduct in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) b) Non-Pecuniary Interest) c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest)

19.35-20.10 Public Time

A member of the public complained about the recent combining that resulted in dust in the atmosphere over the whole village.

Members of the public raised their agreement with a 7.5 tonne weight limit through the village and a speed limit on Padgetts Road and Upwell Road. It was reported that graffiti has appeared on the Skate Park, it was suggested that as the Parish Council already has the paint, the Community Payback team are to be contacted to repaint it. Rollers may need purchasing.

A member of the public reported that even though the trees around the Recreation Ground have been cut back there is still more work required as they are overhanging gardens. There is also rubbish in the way, which has been there for years.

Clerk

Comment was made that the grass is not cut short enough on the playing field.

This will be looked at by Cllr Russell and mentioned to the grass cutter.

Members of the public stated their support for a dog park in the village.

Residents from Euximoor Drove requested a "Drive Slowly" sign, this will be placed on next agenda.

Cllr Russell

Concerns were raised about the fires in the fridge plant in the village, by the residents. The recent fire was the third occurrence and this is of concern, due to the plant being in the village. The Parish Council will write to Mr Blake conveying the concerns of the residents. Also the fire service is to be contacted for a report.

Clerk

The verges down Crown Drove have been cut by the farmer which is much appreciated.

Clerk

Cllr Russell has spoken to local lorry firms regarding the speed that they travel through the village, and this was confirmed by Cllr Sutton.

Concerns were expressed about the LHI scheme proposed in Upwell Road.

The scheme was explained.

A request was made for access to the Recreation Ground for dogs to be reinstated with signs to ask for people to pick up after dogs.

The Heron thanked everyone for the support they are receiving.

Graham Chappell has been working with Councillors regarding road safety and supports the Parish Council with their bid for improving road safety at the Sixteen Foot junctions.

There is still a 50mph speed limit, which hopefully will have the signage reinstated along the Sixteen Foot. There is also a wish to install safety barriers at the junction which will be outside of the current bid to Highways. It was also stated that funding would be made available by Fenland Road Safety Campaign (Charlottes Way)

071/14

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2014 were Proposed for approval by Cllr Russell, AGREED and signed

Agreed

072/14	Matters Arising Letter sent re "Poole Field" Allotment	
073/14	Police Matters Crimes 31/8 Upwell Road, Christchurch. Arson the aggrieved went to his work address for a meeting. The aggrieved has come out of his office at 14.00 to discover lots of black smoke, then realising that the yard was on fire. 4/9 -5/9 Fifty Road, Tipps End, Theft Oil. Unknown person/s have stolen diesel from this tank in rural location Incidents 4/9 Crown Road, Christchurch. Suspicious CircumstancesBrown Rubbish Bin missing after collection date EMERGING ISSUES There have been a number of thefts of diesel and heating oil across the rural area in the past few weeks.	
074/14	County Councillors Report Cllr Sutton is hoping that the dates can soon be agreed for the Planning Training. A question was raised regarding the posting of planning notices and it was explained that this is covered in the statement of community involvement.	
075/14	Churchyard The donation for the upkeep of the churchyard in 2014/15 was discussed. The concurrent function grant for this has been cut by 30% in 2014/15 but it was proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the Parish Council donate the same amount as last year £122.50 twice a year. The Clerk will arrange for this to be done.	Agreed Clerk
076/14	Remembrance Wreath It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that a wreath be purchased and Cllr Sutton is to lay on behalf of the Parish Council. It was also agreed to have the War Memorial cleaned on Saturday 25 th October at 10.30 and The Heron is to advertise for volunteers.	Agreed Clerk
077/14	Recreation Ground a) A letter has been sent to the Charities Commission and now awaiting their response b) Playdale have been contacted and the inspection they carried out was in error. We now have an annual inspection outstanding on the whole site. The Clerk is to write to Playsafety to cancel their future inspections. There has been reports of damage to items in the Play Park and this has been rectified by Cllr Freeland. c) Still awaiting quote from Sharman Fabrications for the removal of fence, remove equipment, reuse of climbing frame, other quotes may still be required. From there further quotes will be required on an item by item basis for the installation in the other play area. d) Metal bin insert has been taken to Skate Park area. Councillor Russell is to ask if Sharman's can supply a new bin insert for the bin in the Play area. e) It was AGREED that the Recreation Ground Charity will be paying the electricity and water rate bills from September 2014, rather than the Bowls Club f) Bank Accounts are:- Current Account £5113.75 Saver Account £7249.31	Clerk Cllr Russell Cllr Russell
078/14	Dog Park This was discussed at length and a petition was handed in to the Parish Council. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that for the time being Crown Drove will be kept clear for the dog users in the village, but dog owners are requested to keep the area clean.	Agreed
079/14	Village Hall Committee a) There is no further information available on the planning application for the new village hall. The quotes for the building works are expected at end of next week b) The work on the new footpath on Upwell Road is still ongoing	

- c) The drainage rates payable for the area of land that has been sold off for building plots was discussed and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the Clerk write to the drainage boards to notify them of this.
- d) The sale of Plot 1 is now complete and the monies received

**Agreed
Clerk**

080/14 Village Litter Pick

The village litter pick will take place in conjunction with the cleaning of the war memorial and The Heron is to publicise this to request volunteers to help

081/14 Asset Register

It was proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the Asset Register is to be amended to reflect the sale of the land and also the purchase of the new Play Park equipment.

**Agreed
Clerk**

082/14 Meetings

It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the school be contacted to arrange for Parish Council Meetings to be held there when the Pavilion Hall is out of use.

**Agreed
Clerk**

083/14 Financial Regulations

It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED to adopt the proposed Financial Regulations.

Agreed

084/14 The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

A new act has gone through which means that members of the public will be able to film, record etc Parish Council Meetings. The changes to Standing Orders will be dealt with in October Meeting

085/14 Highways

a)

Local Highways Improvement Initiative Bid 2014-2015

Discussion took place on the proposal from Highways. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Parish Council accept the proposed scheme and this is to be notified to Highways.

**Agreed
Clerk**

Local Highways Improvement Initiative Bid 2015-2016

The proposed bid has been circulated to the Councillors and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the bid be submitted with the addition of a mention of the proposed works to the Sixteen Foot by Amanda Mays.

**Agreed
Clerk**

b) Meetings have already taken place regarding the 50mph speed restriction on Sixteen Foot Road and it was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that Christchurch Parish Council supports the reduction to 50mph along the Sixteen Foot.

Agreed

Street Lighting

a) No further update received

086/14 Income & Expenditure

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

APPROVED

J Richardson	Clerks Salary	£262.69
J Richardson	Office Expenses	£13.29
Christchurch Village Resource Centre	The Heron	£80.00
CCC	2013/14 LHI Contribution	£81.04
Morton & Hall	Building Regulations	£2640.00
	TOTALS	£3077.02

b) Clerk reported on the current bank balances at end August 2014:-

Community Account	£159,863.64
Business Bonus	£35,770.33
BoS Corp Bonus	£10,689.99
TOTALS:	£206,323.96

Agreed

Current earmarked reserved funds are:-

New Village Hall £187,871.59

Clerk

Recreation Ground £75.07

Mrs Spall Request £200.00

c) Bank Accounts are now on line and new reconciliation statements will be produced each month for signing

d) It was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the £25 standing order per month be cancelled and also that £100K be transferred to the deposit account from the current account

087/14 Concurrent Functions Grant

A letter has been received from FDC to request that all 12 Parish Councils meet to agree the amounts that they wish to receive in Concurrent Functions grant from a total pot of £41,700. It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that Christchurch request the same amount as in 2014/15 and Cllr Russell will attend the meeting.

**Agreed
Cllr Russell**

088/14 Planning/Development

a) F/YR14/0606/F Change of use of agricultural land to extend the residential curtilage involving the erection of stables, the formation of menage and the siting of a storage container (retrospective) on land NE of Side Acre, March Road, Tipps End.

It was Proposed by Cllr Russell, and AGREED, that the Parish Council have no objections to raise.

**Agreed
Clerk**

089/14 Correspondence

a) Rural Services Network bulletins (emailed 14/08/14 & 29/08/14 & 01/09/14)

b) CCC Budget Consultation Request (emailed 14/08/14)

c) FDC Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents relating to Resources Use & Renewable Energy (emailed 14/08/14)

d) Police & Crime Commissioners updates (emailed 14/08/14 & 18/08/14 & 29/08/14)

e) CCC Household recycling consultation

f) Invitation to FDC McMillan Coffee Morning

090/14 Allotments

No further letters have been received

091/14 Audit Report

The report from the External Auditor has not been received yet

092/14 Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 13 October 2014. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 6 October 2014.

**ALL
COUNCILLORS**

Meeting Closed at 9.23 pm

Important Statement from the New Heron Editorial Team

When we took custody of the Heron, which we now call the New Heron, in April 2014, we expected to find a constitution setting out how the Heron should be run, but we have not been able to trace one.

Like many of you I expect, I vaguely thought the Heron had been a part of the Parish Council or a Charity, but no, it comes under a totally independent body called The Christchurch Village Resource Centre with no requirement to report to anyone. We have begun to put together a plan for putting it under some democratic scrutiny, in which it could truly become a community responsive organisation.

Over the past few months we have been putting together a "constitution document" under which we will operate into the future.

What has this to do with me? I expect you are thinking! Well the answer is that if you are reading this, and live in one of the three communities we serve, then we want YOU to become involved. We will be asking for people like you to volunteer to become a member of the Christchurch Village Resource Centre Reference Group. The group will meet occasionally and advise on the organisation of the CVRC, which will eventually do more than maintain The New Heron.

Look out in the New Year, for the meeting which we will advertise to launch the new constitution. Please consider thoughtfully becoming a member of the Reference Group and get involved with this important work and your magazine. PVH

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 29th September 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

Present Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); J Bliss; R Gladwin; S Freeland; W Sutton; F Yeulett and J Richardson (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs: H Poole; W Poole and W Beswick

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) Item 093/14 Cllr Russell
c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest)

19.31-19.32 Public Time

A member of public has raised issues with a neighbor cutting trees down etc but this is not a Parish Council issue.

093/14 Allotments

Cllr Russell left the room and Cllr Bliss took over as Chair.
An update on the current situation was given. A letter has now been received from Solicitors and a response was discussed. It was Proposed by Cllr Bliss that a reply, which was discussed and AGREED, is to be drawn up and sent to Solicitors tomorrow by the Clerk

**Agreed
Clerk**

094/14 Insurance

It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the Parish Council Insurance renewal be paid at £760.80

Agreed

095/14 Income & Expenditure

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

APPROVED

E Mason	Verge Cutting	£420.00
Christchurch PCC	Cemetery Maintenance	£122.50
	TOTAL	£542.50

Meeting Closed at 8.00 pm

What Idiots!!!

Will some of you people never learn???

Nigel Russell has kindly seen to the clearing of Crown Drove to facilitate dog walking and how do some of you repay him??? By leaving dog crap absolutely everywhere!!! How short sighted and thoughtless you are! What will it take to make you realise that this is precisely why we lost the use of the playing field in the first place?

If this messing continues without being picked up then we'll end up losing this facility as it won't be maintained!

Be responsible!!! If you're not you shouldn't have a dog in the first place!!! You unfairly give us responsible dog owners a bad name too!!! With your slovenly behaviour!!!

YOUR EDITOR (from reports by other dog walkers!)

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CROSSWORD

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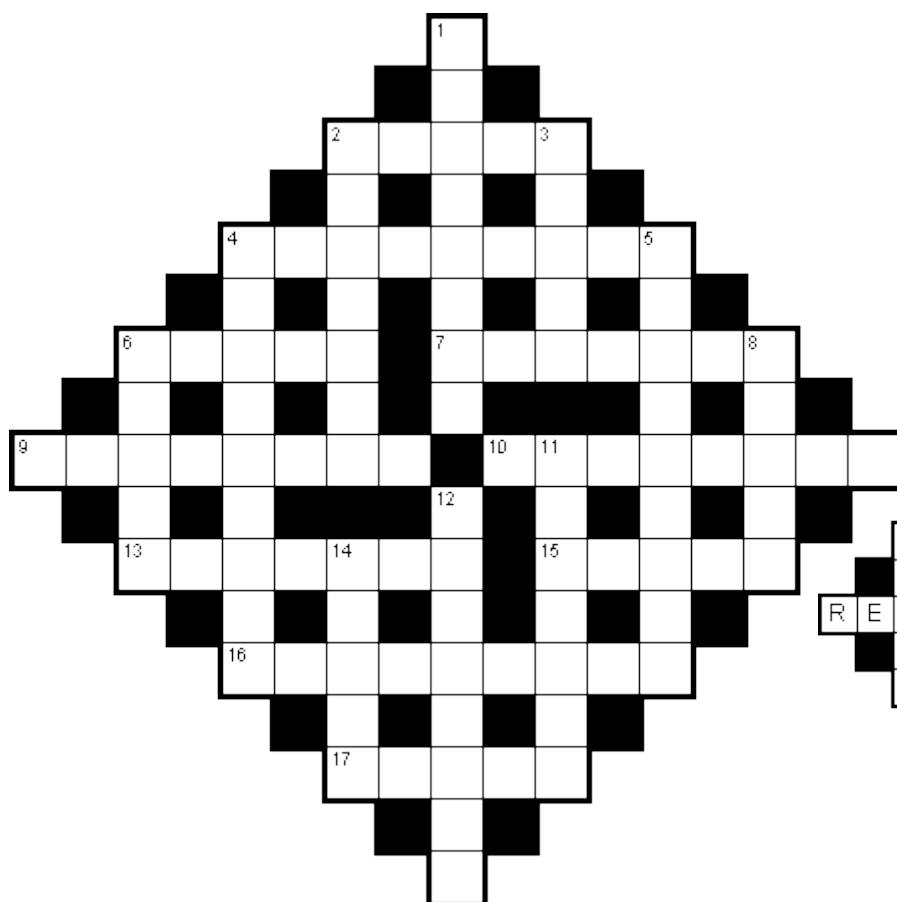
Let us know if you like (or don't like) the crosswords - another diamond one this month

Across

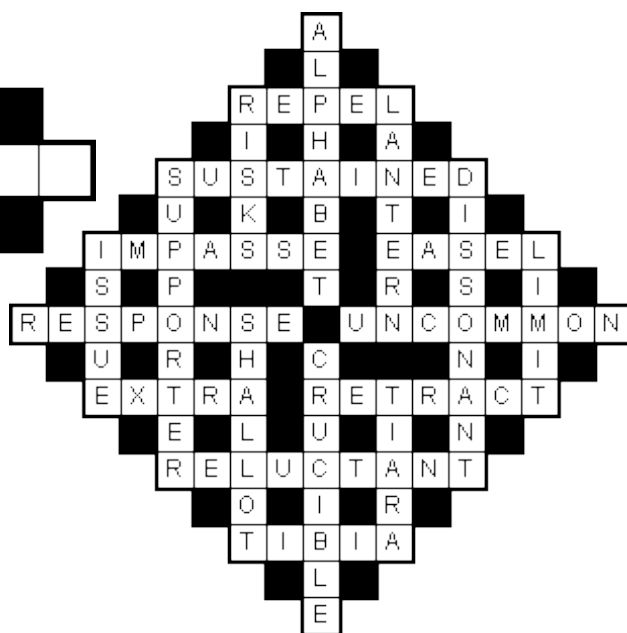
2. Sequester (5)
4. Egg-laying (9)
6. Inexpensive (5)
7. Allegiance (7)
9. First public performance (8)
10. Deduct (8)
13. Earnest (7)
15. Pertaining to birds (5)
16. Clarify (9)
17. Ridge (5)

Down

1. Appropriate (8)
2. Sea captain (7)
3. Tropical tree (5)
4. Compliance (9)
5. Card game for one (9)
6. Board game (5)
8. Hanker (5)
11. Unwitting (7)
12. Prompted (8)
14. Commensurate (5)



Last Month's Solution



"NEW HERON MERCHANDISE"

CD with collection of photos from events such as Garden Club,

Dog Show and Festival of Flowers etc. - £5.00

Film DVD of church renovations, celebration service and BBQ - £5.00

Souvenir HERON T-SHIRTS (pre-order only) - reduced to £15

HERON MUGS (pre-order only) - £7.50

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".



LONELY ARE THE BRAVE.

ROLL of HONOUR

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

WWI

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

WWII

RONALD FRANCE
NORMAN PARKER
PERCY MONEY
JACK BELLAMY
LEONARD WRIGHT
COLIN ROLFE

Terrors seize and torment my soul here
in this corpse filled hole.

Glowing death streaks overhead while
all around are silent dead.

Testimony to the folly of war their
friendly voices I will hear no more.

The Sergeant said, "Courage my sons,"
but I can see the tracer runs.

A companion no longer stands; blood
fountains from his mouth into the sands.

Back home the ones that started it are
fat and contented while we die in a pit.

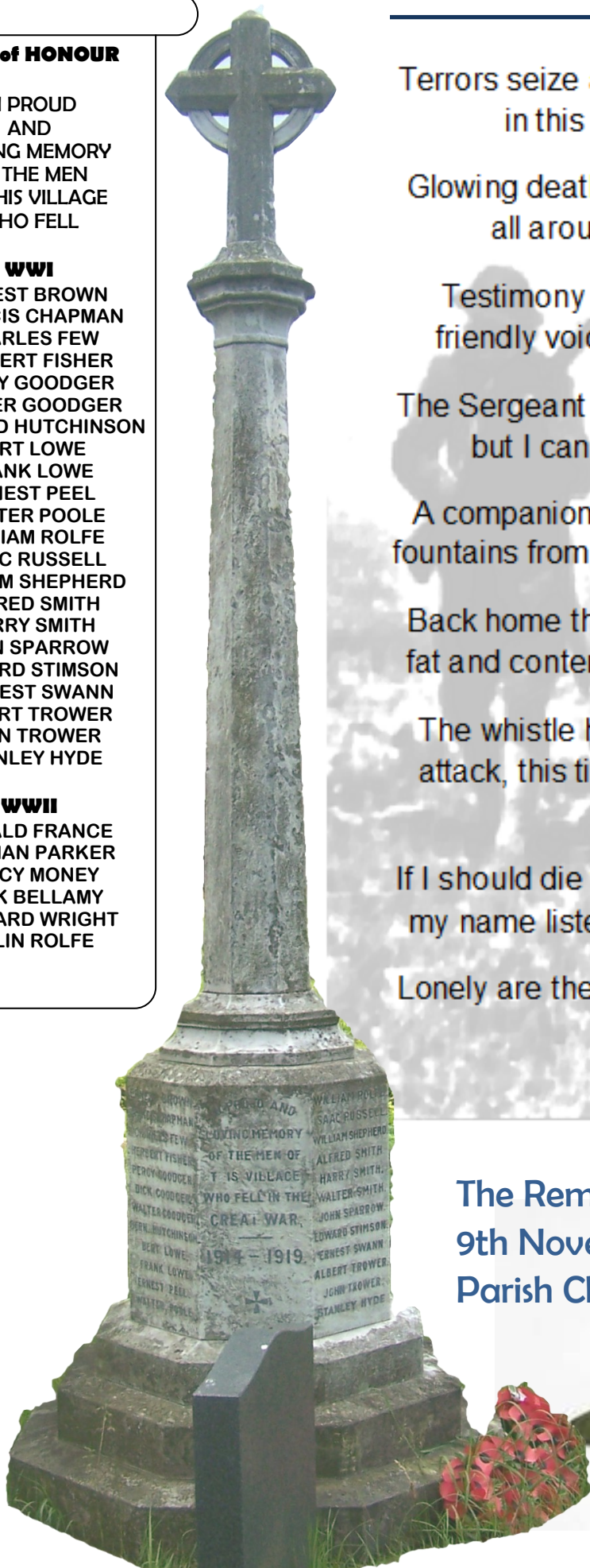
The whistle has sounded for another
attack, this time I may not be coming
back.

If I should die what shall be my reward -
my name listed on an honours board?

Lonely are the brave lying forgotten in a
grave.

George M Talbot

The Remembrance Service is on
9th November 9:30 Christchurch
Parish Church



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Anglian Water – Susan Bull	08457 145 145 101
Cambs Fire & Rescue	01480 444500
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Community Car Scheme (to book a journey)	07902 316360
Community Fire Safety Officer - Howard Newton	07717858166
County Councillor - Fred Yeulett	01354 653763
District Councillor - Will Sutton	01354 638025
Eastern Electricity	0800 783 8838
Fenland Association of Community Transport (FACT)	01354 661234
Fenland District Council	01354 654321
Fire Station - March	01354 652349
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Library - March	0354 0455225
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Parish Clerk - Jackie Richardson	01354 677856
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Parish Councillor - William Beswick	01354 638758
Parish Councillor - Simon Freeland	01354 638802
Parish Councillor - Roger Gladwin	01354 638583
Parish Councillor - Hannah Poole	01354 638622
Parish Councillor - Wesley Poole	01354 638622
Parish Councillor - Nigel Russell (Chair)	01354 638279
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Welle Pharmacy, Upwell Health Centre	01945 774081

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