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Popular Christchurch couple tie the knot!

Any idea who?

For full story - see inside

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DIARY DATES

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

Oct 3 rd	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome - see Page 9
Oct 3 rd	Mobile Library - visits lay-by Upwell Rd - 3:00pm to 3:40pm
Oct 4 th	Flu Jab at Upwell Health Centre - Last chance for those qualifying
Oct 6 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall - All Welcome - £5 per session
Oct 7 th	Christchurch Craft Club - AGM & Making Stars for Christmas - 7:00pm
Oct 8 th	Upwell Hall - Ian King, Watercolour Artist - 6:30pm
Oct 10 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome - see Page 9
Oct 11 th	Christchurch Parish Church Harvest Supper - 6:30pm
Oct 11 th	Upwell Methodist Church Harvest Festival - 2:00 - 4:00pm
Oct 13 th	Parish Council Meeting - 7:30pm - Sports Pavilion - Public Welcome
Oct 13 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall - All Welcome - £5 per session
Oct 14 th	Christchurch WI - Games Evening
Oct 15 th	Christchurch Resident's Association meeting - 7:30pm - The Old School
Oct 17 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome - see Page 9
Oct 18 th	Upwell Playing Field - Pumpkin Ball
Oct 20 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall - All Welcome - £5 per session
Oct 24 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome - see Page 9
Oct 25 th	Family History Fair - Girton Glebe Primary School - 10am to 4pm - Free entry (Pg 25)
Oct 26 th	St Clements Church Harvest Lunch - 12:30pm
Oct 27 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30 Townley School Hall - All Welcome - £5 per session
Oct 28 th	Christchurch Garden Club - Talk on Wildlife by Jeff Harrison
Oct 31 st	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome - see Page 9
Nov 2 nd	Christmas Craft Fair - Upwell Hall 10.00am - 4.00pm
Nov 2 nd	Upwell Jazz Club - Three Holes Village Hall 12.30pm
Nov 4 th	Christchurch Craft Club - Sugar Flowers with Val Ware
Nov 7 th	Mobile Library - visits lay-by Upwell Rd - 3:00pm to 3:40pm
Nov 18 th	Greenfingers Gardening Club AGM
Nov 26 th	Acorn Club Open Meeting - Chocolates for Christmas
Nov 28 th	St. Clements Church - Cheese & Wine
Nov 29 th	Parish Church - Christmas Fayre - 2:00 - 3:30pm - in Church
Nov 30 th	Upwell Jazz Club - Three Holes Village Hall 12.30pm
Dec 6&7 th	St. Clements Church - All About Christmas
Dec 7 th	Christmas Bingo (Fire Fund) - Three Holes Village Hall
Dec 10 th	Acorn Club - Christmas Lunch



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EDITORIAL

Wow!

A huge thank you to all of you who supported HeronAid 2014 on Saturday 20th September both from us and the FOTS (Friends of Townley School). They produced an extensive but reasonably priced menu as proven by the fact that they took over £400 on the night, which, after costs, should mean they'll clear at least £350! A big thank you from us to them too! To Garth and Claire and all their helpers for doing such a marvelous job with the catering.

We sold 75 tickets, a third of them on the door, which means we've made £375 for the New Heron, plus £30 in donations bringing it up to £405! Fantastic! Thank you all so much for your continued support. Steve and I had a great time, but, more importantly, so did you all judging by your response on the night with all the audience participation; singing, dancing up the back, and a few polite heckles! See the feature on page 22

Doris (Ted) Rolfe, Mary Rolfe and many other village elders stayed up way past their bed times, as by the time the concert was over and we'd done the raffle it was approaching 10.50pm. Even Florrie who was heard to say, "I've got to get home quick now! My carers will be in at 7.00am!" And at the other end of the scale.....Weren't the children from Townley brilliant and very brave for opening the show. Something for everyone! Maybe we'll do it all again next year?

As of next month Steve Waye will be writing a regular music column for the New Heron which will include local events and bands. Looking forward to you joining the team Steve! I expect you'll all work out who is featured on the cover eventually! But who is the little pageboy on the opposite page? We've included all the usual features.....As usual!!! Plus some important new information on the Local Highways Improvement Initiative which we are sure will be of interest. There's also a feature from Trevor Bevis our well known local historian, and a tried and tested recipe from Alan Russell's wife Annette!

All in all 32 packed pages we hope you'll all enjoy!?

'Till next month!

P.S. Apologies to Euximoor folk who got their New Heron late last month.



Letters to the Editor



Dear Richard

I read Jackie Wood's letter re: dogs in the Dun Cow and laughed.

For don't dog owners get precious about their dogs, I for one applaud Phil.

Dog owners seem to assume that others like their dogs sniffing them and covering them in dog hair and most of us are to polite to say keep your dog with yourself and pet them because they don't want to offend the dog owner who half heartedly says "come here rover".

Phil, I suggest you put a sign outside the pub saying "Dogs welcome but not inside the pub".

An ex dog owner.= (name and address supplied)

Whilst I appreciate your points you leave out the owners of trained dogs who behave themselves! Surely there must be some convenient/appropriate times when dogs could be welcomed - Ed'.

Dear Richard,

With reference to the banning of dogs from The Dun Cow (from last months NH); this decision has not been taken lightly but after very careful consideration and talking to the Food Standards Authority. The decision is that the only dogs allowed in the pub will be guide dogs for the blind. But please don't all try putting sun glasses on and pretending you're Roy Orbison 'cos it won't work!

I am fighting hard to keep The Dun Cow viable and the pub will not survive on beer sales alone. I am not only trying to protect my own interests but also those of my four brilliant members of staff. Every week, in this country 30 pubs close their doors for the last time. I'm not prepared to let that happen to The Dun Cow! It is a known fact that if a village loses its public house property prices drop by an average of 20%!

Food trade is an important part of the pub trade these days and I intend to develop this over the coming months. Regrettably, dogs and pub dining don't mix! I am truly very sorry if this decision has caused upset to both villagers and other customers. This was in no way intended. Thank you to all my customers for their continuing support.

Phil

Thanks for your response Phil! We understand the difficulties and are truly grateful that you are fighting for The Dun Cow's survival! But may I just ask about dogs frequenting the pub at the tables outside? And what about registered 'Helping Hand, Service or Assistance Dogs'? - Ed'.

Letters continued...

Dear Colleague

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire Board Meeting

Our next Board meeting will be held on Thursday 18th September from 7-9pm at Red2Green, Harvey's Barn, Park End,

Swaffham Bulbeck, CB25 0NA.

The meeting is held in public and you are welcome to attend.

Full details, including an agenda, can be found on our website here:

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Regards

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire

I hope some readers will be interested enough to go to this and please give us some feedback for next month! - Ed'.

Did anyone respond to the Recycling Services survey? If so please let us know!

Please Note:

Pilates For All in October is changing from Tuesday to Monday still at Townley School Hall, 6:30pm - All Welcome

A Dog Park? Perhaps not!

At the September meeting of the Parish Council a number of people came to support the idea of establishing a Dog Park in the village.

What is a Dog Park you may be thinking, especially if, like me you are not a dog owner? Apparently it is where dogs can be walked, and because of the fencing around it is safe to let them off lead. To run about, perhaps chase a ball as well as socialising with other dogs.

The proponents of the idea asked the Parish Council to consider designating an area where this could happen, perhaps a part of the Recreation Ground behind the football goal?

It was suggested by CPC Chair, Cllr Russell that grass cutting the track on Crown Drove would be a more achievable option, most seemed to accept that - if it could be maintained.

A more radical proposal was that the Recreation Ground in full could be made available again for this purpose, but it was generally agreed that policing the "dog mess" by fellow dog owners would probably not work in practice.

PVH

MOBILE LIBRARY - Books for all!

Did you know that there's a mobile library that comes to Christchurch every month?



It stops in the lay-by in Upwell Rd from 3pm to 3:40 on the first Friday of each month.

The dates are now in the Diary Dates page of The New Heron, so

it's easy to check. Whether you enjoy Romance, Crime, Historical fiction, or books on Cookery, Craft, Health, Local History or Biography, to mention just some of the sections there are, there is something for everyone! There are children's and young adults'

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See you there!

Vi vien

What is it? (From last month)

It was a bit tricky from the photo in the print version, but for those who said a wasp's nest. Well Done!

We understand they were "black wasps". Any entomologists out there who can tell us more?

100 WAYS FOR A CHICKEN TO TRAIN ITS HUMAN ~
No 12 - The Odd Egg or Two



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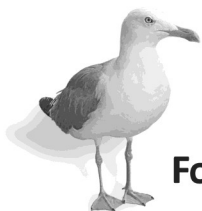
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Recipe of the Month

MARROW TART

Marrows are in season this month, so if you are looking for something new to do with them, we can recommend Annette Russell's marrow tart recipe!

6oz sweet short crust pastry

2 large eggs

4 oz sugar

1 medium sized marrow

good pinch of cinnamon, nutmeg or ginger.

3 oz sultanas

1. Line a deep flan tin with pastry

2. Beat the eggs and sugar together

3. Add the diced marrow, milk and spice, and sultanas

4. Turn into the pastry case and bake for about 15 mins. in a hot oven (425F-220C ~ 450F-230C) Gas Mark 6-7.

5. Lower the Heat to moderate (375F-190C) -Gas Mark 4) for a further 20 mins until pastry and filling are cooked.

When Annette sent it to us, we had to try it ourselves - strictly in the interests of research, you understand! And very nice it was too.

Vivien



Yep! I agree - Ed'.

Christchurch Parish Lunch Committee

are holding a

Sausage Supper and Dance

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One of the UK's last remaining independent record shops celebrated its 40th anniversary last year.

Lewks Music and Movies, a family business, opened in Wales Court, Downham Market in July 1973 and is now the longest established independent music store in East Anglia.

Owner Lawrence Welham said: "It's all changed over the years but we've changed with the times. There are a lot of record shops that haven't survived and now we see how high street chains like HMV are gone!

We've seen how music has changed over the years from records, to cassettes and eight-tracks, to CDs to digital downloads and the resurgence back to vinyl.



It's interesting that after all this time, we still stock Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon 40+ years after its release and that we still sell it on vinyl.

The record store has been serving customers locally for 41 years and during that time has attracted visitors from across the country with the range of music on offer.

Despite the emphasis being on digital now, a great number of people, especially those over 30, still like to have a physical product. They like to buy CDs for a better quality of music and to have something they can keep. And there's nothing better than a vinyl with its magnificent artwork – it's not always just about the music.

We stock everything across the board, from classical, to country and western music, to 50s, 60s and 70s, rock and roll, to the very latest chart stuff."

LEWKS is part of Record Store Day, an international celebration which sees independent record stores come together with artists to celebrate the art of music by releasing special very limited editions which become collector's items.

Last year there were people queuing outside the door from midnight, some of them had travelled very far including one guy from Texas (OK so via RAF Lakenheath, but that's still pretty impressive!) They queued for over 8 hours to get their hands on the limited edition records they wanted. We offer a mail order service for people across the UK and the world, for those who can not get into see us.

See their ad opposite - Ed'.

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Parish Church Services

5 Oct	11:00	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Harvest, All Age Worship
12 Oct	09:30	Rev K Fitzgibbon	Holy Communion
19 Oct	18:30	V Smith/A Carlin	Evening Prayer
26 Oct	11:00	Mr R Holding	Morning Prayer
2 Nov	11:00	Rev K Fitzgibbon	All Age Worship



Every Friday afternoon, 2-3pm, there is "Coffee, Chat and Cake" in the Church.

Advance notice. Saturday 29th November, 2:00-3:30 in the church there will be a Christmas fayre - more next month.

The church would like to publicly thank the late Mr Ronald Osler for his very generous donation which has enabled us to undertake the repair of the wall and (soon) the Lych Gate.

The 'Great Wall of Christchurch'.

As most of you have probably noticed the 'brickies' have been doing sterling work on the front boundary wall of the churchyard. The wall will be capped with engineering bricks of a similar style to the originals for increased protection from weathering.



The architects deadline for completion of the project is the 17th October. John Redcar and Richard Waters have been the principal builders and have done a grand job so far of reusing any serviceable old bricks on the outer skin, whilst confining any new bricks to the inside of the wall where they are less visible. Weather permitting John and Richard see no reason why 'The Great Wall of Christchurch' shouldn't be finished on time, or, possibly, even ahead of schedule!

Christchurch Parish Church

Harvest Supper

11th October 2014 - 6.30pm
Townley School Hall

£6 adult



£4 child

Menu

Ploughman's, Fisherman's or Herdsman's Supper

Choice of desserts

Coffee or tea

Followed by light entertainment

Soft drinks will be provided. You may like to bring your own alcoholic beverages.

To book a ticket and to make your choice of main course, please phone

Helen - 638092 or Karen - 638781 or Ruth - 638419

Editor's Interview with Doris and Wolsey Rolfe

Their life together

Two of the most well known village elders, Wolsey and Doris Rolfe, both celebrated their 90th birthdays back in July of this year within a week of each other. Whilst we had always planned an interview with them at some point, mainly because they had been so involved in the life of the village over the years, now seemed particularly timely, with them both joining the ever increasing band of nonagenarians in Christchurch.



Wolsey and Doris had first met as infant school children nearly 85 years ago. In those days The Old School (now my home) was still operating. Apparently Doris didn't really like Wolsey very much at first, but their paths kept crossing over the years. They both moved on to Townley School at the age of 6 and by the time they had reached the age of 10 or 11 they had become Head Girl and Head Boy. Gradually over the years their affection for one another grew; largely due to Wolsey's persistence and Doris eventually giving in.

Their paths were ever crossing as happened again when they became choirboy and choirgirl under the Rector Serial Evans who was an exceptionally good singer. Members of the choir were paid fourpence a week and practiced weekly in The Old Rectory. Wolsey led the cricket team, mainly made up of choirboys who, in those days, regularly played against the choirboys of Ely. Who usually won is now lost in the mists of time.

Since the age of 9 or 10 most of the village girls did crafts and knitting etc. with Mrs. Selina Evans. Doris was always good with her hands at these

skills. The Evans' also set up and ran the Good Friends Society, which supplied tea and scones, made by the Evans' maids, and ran games and competitions for the children. Later came garden parties which included the adults as well.

In the early years courting couples would frequent Green Lane, at the top end of which there used to be gypsies, and also Wayside before the houses were built there. Along with their friends Hilda and Eddie they remembered their presence being given away by the dogs barking. Youngsters from the chapel used to take a walk around to the Sixteen Foot Bank one way, but churchgoers, including Wolsey and Doris, used to go the other way via The Dun Cow and up Green Lane every Sunday. Between the ages of 17 to 18 Doris used to play the organ at Sunday School when it still used to be held in The Old School. Wolsey was only in the army reserves at this time as running the Garage business, where the scrapyard now is, was considered a protected occupation.

Also at this time there used to be a blacksmiths in the village on the corner of an old track, or cart road, which ran through to Crown Road from where Mae Reader now lives, and also

another at the far end almost opposite the church lych gate run by Mr. Hyams that you used to be able to cycle through to. Behind the barn which still stands there is an old workmans hut on wheels from when the church was built, and beyond that Beatrice's old wooden house. Abe Russell also had a carpenters shop next door to the blacksmiths, and on the corner there was another chap who used to deal in car batteries and the like. As a matter of interest, also in this era there used to be a bicycle repair shop, run by Harry Sparrow, up Church Road near Walter Chamberlain's house, in the large old shed which has only recently been pulled down in order to accommodate a new garage for the house.



Opposite The Old School in what is now called The Cottage, where Johnathan Christmas and Katie Green live, there used to be a small sweet shop run by Mrs. Malt. The village shop was then Cawthorn's General Store. You could also then get bread, groceries, and sweets from The Farmers Boy, at the top end of Church Road.

In the war years Wolsey was finally called up and



served in the Royal Engineers from 1942 to 1945. He became an excellent nail-maker after taking a blacksmiths training course using big power hammers down in Kent. During the last few years of the war metal, mainly iron, became an important resource for munitions and as a result The Old School and similar buildings lost their original railings as they were commandeered for the war effort. The rector in Christchurch at this time was still Serial Evans. Wolsey had also been a footman at Lilford Hall which had fourteen servants all of whom lived in. During this time Doris lived at Kimberley Cottage where the family ran a smallholding and corn stackyard. The threshing tackle and binders were driven by horsepower originally. The old fashioned combines in those days were driven via a steam engine run by Mr. William Sparrow.

Wolsey and Doris married in 1949 and lived in Crown Avenue for 22 years whilst running both the garage and the blacksmiths businesses. Most of the work was MOT's and repairs. Doris worked on the land at a smallholding dealing in strawberries and beetroot. They had two



children Malcolm and Monica who attended the weekly garden parties held by the Good Friends Society in the churchyard. Their children too went to Townley School. Sadly, Malcolm was killed in a road accident at the young age of 17 years. Wolsey and Doris purchased a sanctuary light for the church as a memorial to their beloved lost son. When Jack Rolfe, Mary's husband, closed the garage and blacksmiths business Wolsey became a postie for four years, serving Christchurch and Welney, before Alvar Smart took over.

Post-army Wolsey joined the PCC (Parochial Church Council) and, along with Ron Osler, ran the village football team. Even then Ron had talked about leaving a legacy to the church. True to his word,

after his recent death, this he did, and part of it has been used to



pay for the rebuilding of the front boundary wall of the churchyard (see page 9). Ron was also a leading member of Christchurch Fire Service, as pictured in last months New Heron. Wolsey used to organize the Christchurch Galas along with Connie Symons and others. Up to just earlier this year he was still a member of the PCC.

In 1971 they had a bungalow built in Upwell Road where they have now lived for the last 43 years. Wolsey gave up his PCC work and being a representative on the local synod in 2014 only due to failing health. Also, when I first moved to the village in 2008 he was still heavily involved in all the church events, being MC and DJ at the Christmas Bazaars and Summer Fetes, always full of fun and laughter along with his very happy wife. I did help out once or twice at these events but was never up to Wolsey's jovial standard.

So, married since 1949, and still very much in love, Wolsey and Doris celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary a few years back, and, now both in their nineties, are still together! That's got to be several records rolled into one these days! Both pillars of the community over the years, and much loved by all. We'll have to get that Christchurch Gala going again won't we?

Film Review

After Earth ~ Columbia Pictures ~ 1hr. 36mins.

When I first read the write up for this movie I was not impressed. Oh! Here we go again; another movie star making a vehicle to get his kid into the business! Especially when the original story was written by Will Smith himself! I was wrong! Very wrong! If you don't like a bit of sci-fi then you may not like this movie. However, apart from a few, high quality, CGI creatures this is far from typical sci-fi fare. In terms of its quality, believability, and investigation into the human condition of a son wanting to prove himself to his father, and all that that entails, this screenplay is on a par with Avatar.



A crash landing leaves Kitai Raige (Jaden Smith) and his legendary father Cypher (Will Smith) stranded on an old Earth 1,000 years after cataclysmic events had forced humanity to evacuate the entire planet and escape to a new world. With his father severely injured with two broken legs Kitai must embark on a treacherous journey to retrieve a signal beacon so they might engineer a rescue for themselves. They must learn to work together, and trust each other, if they are to stand any chance of returning home. But young boys don't always do what there previously absentee father tells them do they!? Even if he is the Prime Commander in the space force.

Thrills and spills, excitement, a few shocks, and one or two interesting twists, make this a very watchable movie. If you give it a chance it will grab your attention and hold it until the end. Personally, I think I could watch it all over again. Probably will!

Directed by M. Night-Shyamalan – Say no more!

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The Alan Russell Column



A History of Euximoor Drove - Pt 4

Strawberry Villa I mentioned previously was once a public house called The Snipe and Duck but closed before my time.

Euximoor Drove when I was young consisted of two or three main farms, Mr. H Day, his brother Mr. F Day, Mr. B West and small farms Mr. F Russell and Mr. N Poole. The rest consisted of 20/30 smallholdings. Most people had an allotment either Parish Council or one of the Odd-fellows ones.

Most had one or two cows and a sow or two. Everyone had strawberries and as many as a dozen or so merchants came to collect them every night in the season, From mid June to end of July was the only time you saw strawberries then not like today when tasteless red things in a punnet are offered in all the shops and supermarkets! Many of these small holders went on to farm bigger holdings and I believe it is fair to say that there are not many hamlets in the UK that produced and sold as much money's worth totalled together, in the years following the war until farming changed unbelievably these past 30 years.

The Methodist Chapel played a big part in many residents' lives with Sunday school and Anniversaries, Morning and Evening Services, Christian Endeavour meetings and Sisterhood meetings.

The week before the anniversary celebrations new outfits were bought, gardens and hedges trimmed to perfection, and farmers fields next to the road got a special clean up, as visiting families, friends and relations came to tea and to size things up!! Then you went to their village and did the same.

I do not know why but Euximoor and Christchurch never did really hit it off?

In those days they visited us and we visited Christchurch. That was about the only time of the year!

For a year or so Euximoor had its own football team and played on Mr. Dallidays rough grass field in so-called friendlies with Christchurch. But only one or two matches ever took place. I have a few other memories of Euximoor Drove but that's for another time.

Every year I help Annette to collect for the poppy appeal doing the outlying roads, farms and the Drove and sitting waiting for her I try to picture how it was, who lived where, who did I work for and when as I still remember the Steam engine belonging to Mr. W Sparrow with the threshing drum and jackstraw when each neighbour would help the next to thresh the corn out of the stacks - a hard and often dirty job.

Now a combine does as much in an hour as 12/14 men did in a day. But life changes and so must we.

THE SAYERS FAMILY AT CHRISTCHURCH

by Trevor Bevis.

Dorothy Leigh Sayers (1893-1957), earned an extraordinary reputation with some of the best, most amusing, and most intelligent detective novels combining snobbery and exact background knowledge in precisely the right proportions. Her creation Lord Peter Wimsey, impressively assisted by the ideal servant, Bunter, is one of the classic detective figures of 20th century fiction. Among the several books Dorothy wrote *The Nine Tailors* is a tour de force depending on knowledge of campanology, (bell ringing).

Dorothy was the daughter of the Reverend Henry and Helen Mary Sayers who came to Christchurch from Bluntisham. Both are buried in Christchurch churchyard. Their daughter frequently visited the village sometimes staying for several weeks. Her time at the rectory was used for forming ideas for her novels and she actually completed "Whose Body" at the rectory in 1923. Her opinion of the Fen country as "dreary" originated from the vast openness of the land around Christchurch, but she drew inspiration from the "three-quarter sky" and the rare sense of freedom in the



Dorothy L. Sayers

Possessed zeal to understand the Fens' great history

flatness, exemplified by the stoical qualities of fenfolk whom she admired! She wrote that the Fens was "the last place God made and he left out the stairs". The *Nine Tailors* arguably the finest of her novels, centred on the Fens, especially in times of flooding. It ran to 30 editions and received international acclaim.

The Rev. and Mrs Sayers came to Christchurch in 1917 vacating the large rectory at Bluntisham for

a much smaller building. They inherited a parish of uncommon challenge, one dominated by agricultural expertise. The church building cannot equal the fine medieval edifice at Bluntisham. At



Christchurch the church had a tower but it was pulled down to stop the rest of the building from sliding to one side, a common thing in the Fens.

Dorothy had her own sitting room at the rectory, now privately owned, and spent long hours

She wore a "fetching" dress and a wide brimmed hat and ... astounded them clenching a pipe between her teeth!

planning her novels. Her early years were challenging, but her time with a publishing company honed her ability as a wordsmith. She also worked away from the Fens and her parents sent her fresh eggs and also daffodils and budding twigs. She sent her

washing to the rectory to save having bills and tried to get a permanent job connected with her talent.

When Dorothy visited Christchurch she joined the church choir for services and, mindful of her time at Oxford University, she wore her graduate apparel. The "Oxford" presence tended to overwhelm her colleagues. She liked to walk in the rectory gardens and the surrounding countryside immersed in thought of future plots for her Lord Peter Wimsey series.

On one occasion Dorothy organized a garden party to boost church funds. She wore a "fetching" dress and a wide brimmed hat and mingled with visitors. A bit of a teaser Dorothy astounded them clenching a pipe between her teeth! Mixing with the elite at London taught her a few mischievous tricks and she tried them out on the villagers.

Dorothy hated cars but loved motorcycles. She eventually married and she and her husband visited Christchurch regularly. Dorothy even took

her mother on a short trip on her motorcycle and “she (her mother) was ever so sporting and enjoyed going fast”. Her husband, Mac, relished visiting the rectory; he was always impressed by the garden and really looked forward to the fine meals served there.

When the Rev. Sayers died, his wife went to live at a house at Witham, Essex, and she passed away a few months after her husband. Their burial at Christchurch is marked with a small plaque.

In her world famous *The Nine Tailors* (“more than a detective story, but a novel of astonishing virtuosity”) local place names are seen in the plot. Walbeach for instance is a combination of Walsoken and Wisbech. The story is a

perpetual monument to Dorothy Sayers and her *Knowledge of the Fens* and the stoical Fenmen. There are not many around nowadays. She mentions the magnificent angel roof at St Wendreda’s Church, March, in her novel. The verger who taught the writer to ring bells had met her there.

Dorothy Sayers died at her home on December 17th 1957 and her last manuscript was completed by her friend, Dr. Barbara Reynolds. The novelist, who also wrote serious works as a Christian apologist, and religious plays such as *The Man Born To Be King*, brought a nice slice of fame to the Fens, and especially to Christchurch.

Trevor Bevis is a native of Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire and moved to March at the outbreak of World War two. He



became a trainee journalist for a provincial newspaper company and gained experience in every printing department. Keenly interested in Fenland History he has written and published in excess of 120 books and booklets on many Fen subjects including most towns in the region. His hobbies are cycling and line drawing and photography and for 64 years he rang bells at several hundred churches and many cathedrals in the country. He took part in the setting up of the National Centre of Work Based Partnership at Middlesex University and still enjoys writing articles for magazines, as he says “Keeping his hand in”.

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Christchurch Residents Association

We did not hold a meeting in August but at our meeting on the 10th September the following items were discussed and three new members welcomed:

Concerns were expressed over the health of William Beswick, one of our members, who had recently had a heart operation when he needed a drain to overcome some internal bleeding. This had now been stemmed and his wound now sown up. He was now stable and slowly being revived. *Since this meeting I am pleased to report that Bill is not only conscious but now on a normal ward and walking about unaided. His wife Margaret can't believe how wonderfully well he looks! Best wishes from us all William for a speedy recovery! Keep up the good work!*

There was a brief update on the New Village Hall but there was not much to report as we have not yet heard if the plans have been passed by FDC. However, the work has been put out to tender, and it is hoped that construction of the new village hall can begin very soon.

A proposal had been put before the Parish Council on Monday 8th September for an open space that could be used as a 'dog park', due to the large number of dog owners in Christchurch. Whilst there are several walks available in the village and beyond there was no large open area that could be used for training, or ball and Frisbee throwing. One suggestion was that the playing field might be 'trialed' again and policed by 'responsible' dog owners, as

this facility was only lost due to inconsiderate owners not 'picking up' after their pets! Similarly, all dog owners had suffered due to one thoughtless owner who frequented the pub; resulting in a dog ban! It was also suggested that an area to the rear of the football field could be sectioned off and 'policed' as a self-help project. This matter would be looked into and discussed further at a future meeting. However, Chairman Nigel Russell was thanked for seeing that Crown Drove had been cut back to make it more practical for dog walkers. This was now to be maintained in the future too!

Due to a villager vacating Albert House on Church Road in the very near future concerns were expressed over possible future housing development on this plot. Whilst not necessarily being averse to this, residents expressed their concerns and we would keep an eye on the situation.

Residents present expressed their gratitude to Susan Bull of Anglian Water for her clear and concise response to villagers sewage queries, as published in last month's New Heron.

Richard expressed his apologies for not progressing the Neighbourhood Watch scheme as yet. Time had not permitted him to do so with his New Heron commitments, and rehearsing for and organizing HeronAid, which he hoped we would all be attending (see page 22). He hoped to be able to drum up support and collect initial donations towards the cost of signage over the weekend of

20th/21st September, and get the initial scheme up and running very soon.

"Make Christchurch Safe Campaign" was reviewed, as it had been discussed in detail at the recent Parish Council meeting, where Graham Chappell of the Charlotte's Way Road Safety Campaign had spoken in detail. *(PC minutes on page 15 - Ed').*

Local Highways Improvement Initiative had written to some Christchurch residents requesting their views on the proposed pavement widening scheme near the bus shelter at the beginning of Upwell Road. *(The scheme, and views expressed, are discussed in detail on page 24 - Ed').*

Terry Symons is continuing his dialogue with Susan Black of FDC Planning Dept. regarding the proposed housing development in Green Lane. Though residents views have been expressed little or no progress has been made so far!

It was proposed and agreed unanimously that CRA should provide a wreath for presentation on Remembrance Day. All those present agreed to put in £2 each towards this. Sarah Craven agreed to make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting closed at around 9.00pm but discussions continued long after.

Stop Press

News just in - Fenland District Council Planning have approved the plans to build the new Village Hall, following a delay in their timescale for making a decision. - More next month!

Minutes of the Monthly WI Meeting held in the dining room of Townley School on September 9th 2014

Peggy welcomed members and her aunt Jessie.

Apologies: were received from Florrie, Beryl, Doris W.

Minutes were read and signed.

Correspondence: (1)Hearing dogs for the deaf – a request to collect used stamps, each month. Our speaker for July 2015 will be a representative from this charity who will collect the stamps at the July meeting. (2) Gateways lace exhibition at Wisbech museum. (3) Organ donation campaign pack. (4).Invitation from March St Mary WI to their Harvest meal.

Other Matters: A list of proposed speakers for the next year was read out. All but one have confirmed.

Speaker: The speaker was Lorraine Davidson. She had made a number of small cakes and demonstrated how they could be decorated, some using fresh fruit and cream. She was thanked by Peggy who presented her with a plant.

Birthdays: Ann H and Sue N

Next Month: Games evening

Competition: An autumn arrangement in a pepper (No flowers to be used)

Raffle Prize Rota: Val, Sandra Kay, Doris T, Doris W

Competition Results: 6 Biscuits. Val(5), Sandra L(5), Tracy(4), Peggy(4), Margaret S(3), Marian(3).

The theme for our September meeting was Fuschias. It was a very interesting evening and well supported by members. Tim Jellis gave us a truly informative talk including the history of these wonderful plants and when they were first brought in to this country. We were lucky to be all very 'hands on' with the plants he had prepared for us. The fuschia world is very varied and everyone can grow these plants.

Tim was exceptionally explicit with each answer he gave to the questions asked, and as usual members were not in a rush to go home; too busy looking at Tim's sourced plants which he carefully showed us how to take cuttings from. A very good evening with most members buying plants, and taking cuttings home.

N.B. ~ Next Tuesday September 30th at Emneth Central Hall ~ another opportunity to visit the Fuschia Club who will no doubt amaze everybody with a speaker who is second to none! All of you are very welcome! £1.00 entry and get there 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Any enquiries ring 'Bubbles' on 01354 638024.

Our next Club Night is on October 23rd and we go to our Winter start time of 6.45pm for 7.00pm. Our theme has had to be altered but 'never fear – Marion is here! All will be well! Just another plant orientated moment – can members please make a 'Table Arrangement on an Autumn Theme'? Go on! Give it a go! Maybe just a posy, or, decorate a hat! Give us a ring if you like and don't be frightened, it's not a competition! Tra-la-lah!

See you next month.

 Bubbles



Our September meeting was Corn Dollies with Sue Quail. She supplied us with the ears of corn which had to be soaked overnight, and also instructions for each of our members to make their corn dollies. These were made from four ears of corn platted together in various ways. Also during the evening several members were able to try their hand at bellringing. The bells were brought along by Frank, a relative of Sue and Alan's who was staying for a short holiday. Lucky us! Next months meeting 7th October is our A.G.M. and we will also be making paper stars ready for Christmas.

Do feel free to join us. Any enquiries to Wendy 638448, or, Peggy 638339.

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Autumn term has started at Townley with the election of our School Council members for this year. Ryan - Chair, Toby - Secretary, Amy, Oliver, Elliot, Ashley, Roxanne and Emily, each representing a year group.



Dates

23rd September- 'Link Up' out

2nd October - Harvest Festival at the Parish Church (details to follow)

20th/21st October - Parent's Evening (details to follow)

24th October - Teacher Training Day

27th October -31st October - Half Term

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

We are again collecting the Morrison Lets Get Growing vouchers, if you wish to donate yours , our wheelbarrow can be found in the school reception area. Thanks to Joshua for Putting it together!



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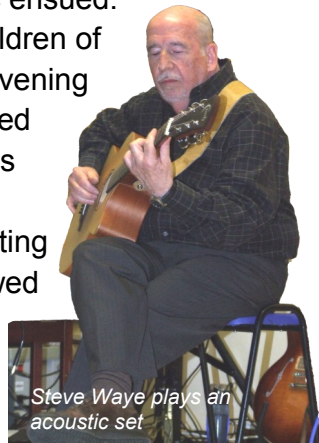
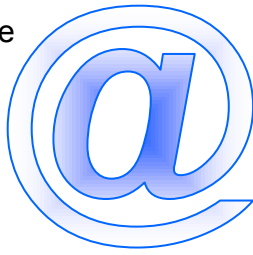
Steve Wayer, professional musician and teacher had suggested giving a concert to support the work of the New Heron. Richard Guilford, the editor, and also a musician, well known on the local scene as Richie Thorn, was keen to be involved and HERON AID was born!

A great evening of music ensued.

Steve and some of the children of the school kicked off the evening showing what they'd learned on Ukelele and Guitar. This was followed by Steve on Acoustic guitar demonstrating a range of styles. He showed great virtuosity and skill.

Richie Thorn then joined him on stage to play some folk and pop and ended the first half with a range of blues numbers.

During the interval Friends of Townley provided some excellent food which was greatly appreciated by the audience. There were jacket potatoes with a range of popular fillings, some delicious beef and coleslaw baps and a scrumptious range of cakes and puddings. After



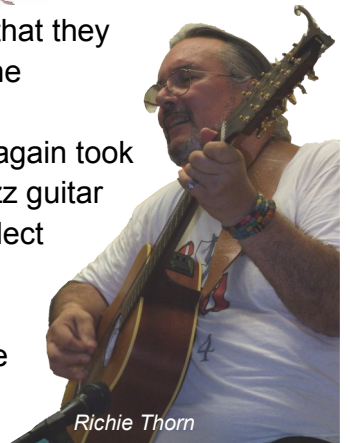
Steve Wayer plays an acoustic set

the evening they reported that they made a profit of £283 for the swimming pool fund.

In the second half Steve again took to the stage and played jazz guitar followed by numbers to reflect the development of blues through the ages. Richie and Steve then finished the evening with a blues and roistering rock and roll set which had the audience "rocking in the aisles" and enthusiastically joining in.

It was an evening that had something for everyone!

Over £400 was raised for the New Heron, which will enable the team to make your community magazine even bigger and better, with maybe even some colour pages from time to time!



Richie Thorn



The audience begins to fill the hall



Some of the "Friends of Townley" who provided the Interval food

Thanks to Steve for giving his time so generously and all who came along to support the New Heron. Thanks also to Townley School who kindly allowed the use of the hall and facilities for the evening!



Some studies of Steve
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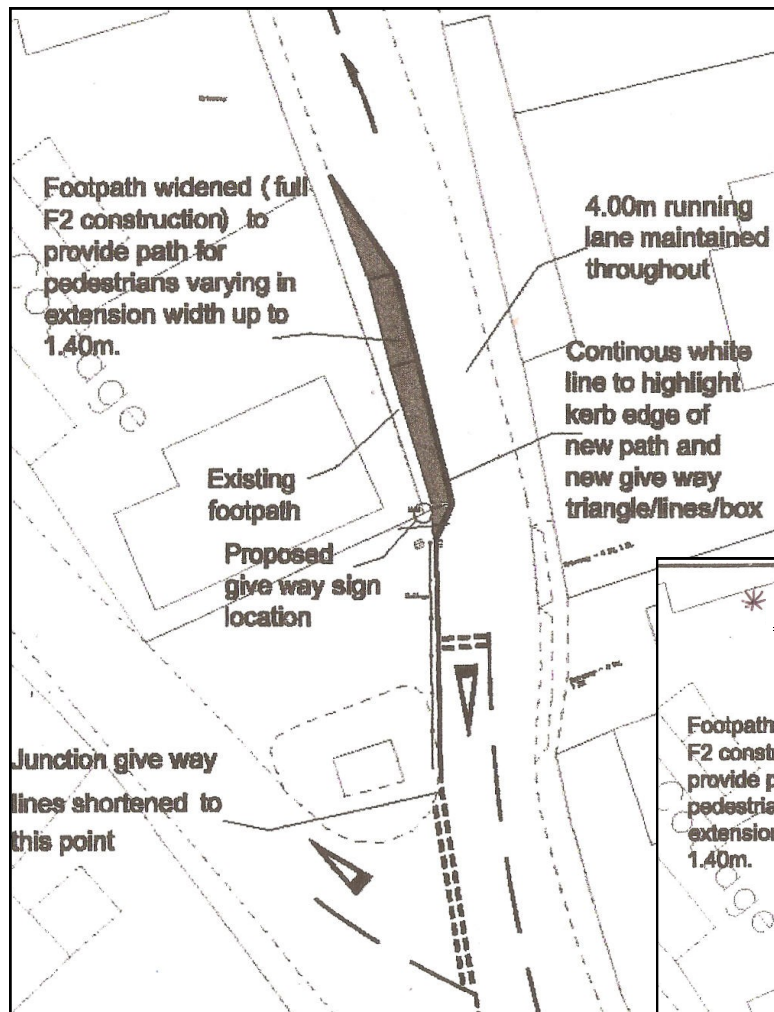
Local Highways Improvement Initiative

Some residents in Upwell Road have received letters and plans from Cambridgeshire County Council, concerning the above, with reference to the proposed installation of a 'give way' feature, and footpath widening, just to the north of the bus shelter. This will greatly improve the access for all pedestrians on the west side of Upwell Road,

CCC's proposal is shown at the top of the page and the CRA's preferred option is shown below. The later, lower proposal, would give preference to vehicles leaving the village via Upwell Road, and slow vehicles entering the village; which often do so at above the signed 30 mph limit! The proposal below was agreed to be by far the better and most

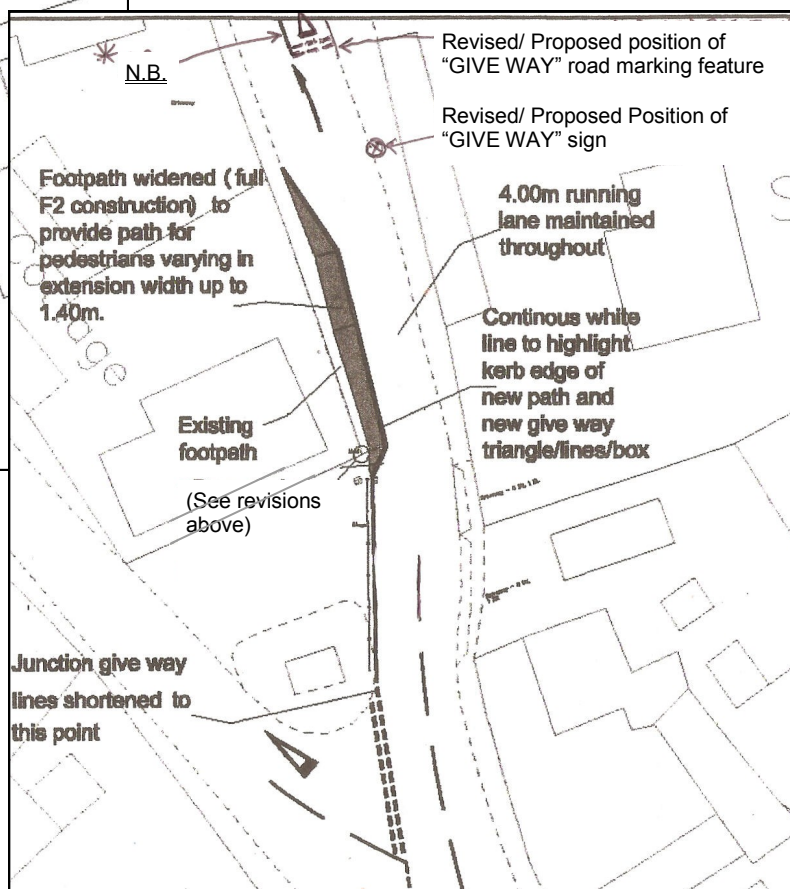
logical option as it would undoubtedly have a 'calming' effect on traffic entering the village via Upwell Road, and, therefore, be of greater benefit to the village as a whole. All CRA members including those living directly opposite the proposed scheme were in agreement with the scheme below. A letter with the alternative CRA proposal has been sent to CCC.

If you have any questions or comments regarding any of the above please contact: Joshua Rutherford-Technician 03450 455212 or local.projects@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Contact Christchurch Residents Association on 01354 638990



particularly those in wheelchairs or mobility scooters.

However, at September's meeting of Christchurch Residents Association it was agreed unanimously by all those present that the 'give way' feature should be to the north of the 'widened pavement' not the south as proposed by CCC.



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The Independent Living Fund (ILF) aims to support long term, independent living for severely disabled people by helping them to live at home instead of in residential care. In March 2014, the Government announced that it will be closing on 30th June 2015 when the County Council will take over responsibility for meeting the eligible care and support needs of ILF users. The County Council and ILF are working closely together to make sure the transfer of responsibility for funding arrangements takes place as smoothly as possible. The ILF website www.dwp.gov.uk/ilf includes more information about the programme's closure, or you can phone the County Council's Customer Services on 0345 045 5202 with any questions. The ILF is no longer accepting any new applications.

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 11th August 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

Present	Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); W Beswick; J Bliss; S Freeland; R Gladwin; F Yeulett (CCC); W Sutton (FDC); M Tanfield (FDC); J Richardson (Clerk); and 14 members of the public	
Apologies for Absence:	Cllr W Poole; H Poole; PCSO Russ	
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) N Russell (Item 069/14) c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest)	

19.33-20.10 Public Time

Member of the public reported that pot holes down Scotts Road are getting worse. The Clerk will report to Highways again.

Clerk

Member of the public informed the Council of a wish to place a 30mph sign in own hedge, to discourage speeding. Neighborhood Watch is in the process of being set up and this will also include Speedwatch, which may help.

Comments were received from members of the public with regard to the plans for the New Village Hall. Plans were available for viewing at the end of the meeting.

Concern raised regarding sewage issues, and assurance was given that this is not as a result of The Croft.

The Heron is hosting a concert and tickets are available. The Heron were thanked for putting this on and wished every success.

The issue of Planning Applications was raised with regard to the Parish Council not supporting the Parish Plan. The meeting was informed that Fenland District Council approve planning applications not the Parish Council. The meeting was informed that Fenland have a new Local Plan and training is to be arranged for Parish Councillors.

Clerk

A member of the public asked for a "Dog Park" to be raised. The Clerk will put on next agenda.

Member of the public asked when the verges on Crown Drove will be cut. This has been cut previously as a good will gesture by the Chairman who feels that he is no longer willing to do this. Cllr Yeulett will make enquiries with County Council.

Cllr Yeulett

Comments made with regard to people speeding down Euximoor Drove and through the village.

Discussion took place regarding HGV's travelling through the village, and the alternate route available. The meeting was reminded of an unsuccessful petition, to County Council, a few years ago to get HGV's stopped from going through the village. This issue could be compounded by the use of Sat Nav's. It is hoped that when the chicane is implemented by the Bus Shelter that may help this issue. Local lorry company has been spoken to on this matter.

Branch of tree hanging over the recycling bins needs to be removed.

The litter by the Skate Park is a disgrace. The Heron is to put a note in to encourage people to dispose of litter correctly, and it is hoped that more volunteers will come forward for a village litter pick.

058/14

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2014 were Proposed for approval by Cllr Russell, AGREED and signed

Agreed

059/14

Matters Arising

Highways have been informed of 2 kerb problems in Church Road, pot holes in Scotts Road and Green Lane and drain issues on Toll Road/ Upwell Road

060/14

Police Matters

21/7 Crown Avenue, Christchurch, Vehicle Nuisance 2 x Quad bikes riding up road and surrounding areas.

30/7 Padgetts Road, Christchurch Suspicious Circumstances 2 males selling FREE loft insulation, did not appear convincing, would not hand over leaflet, but gave business card containing numerous spelling errors. Male aged 40's driving black BMW.

Patrols will be undertaken in the area of Crown Avenue regarding the Quad bikes, whilst it is obviously difficult to stop off road motor cycles / quad bikes we have been successful over the past few months in seizing motor cycles / quad bikes causing anti-social behaviour.

There have been a number of thefts of ornate metal gates and railings in the rural area over the past few weeks. Whilst items such as these are stolen for their scrap value, currently it would appear that the gates being targeted are more ornate and are possibly being stolen for re-sale. It is a good idea to take photographs of gates and garden ornaments in order that we can circulate details to scrap yards, reclamation yards and for checks on internet sales sites.

Cllr Yeulett met with Nicola Fenton and Clerk to advise of dates when PCSO last attended Parish Council Meeting, for this to be raised.

061/14

County Councillors Report

Councillor Yeulett informed the meeting that County Council has decided to write to government re funding for older people to stay in their own homes. Electoral reform is to take place and the number of County Councillors will be reduced from 69 to 63.

Areas of deprivation identified and CC are to consider how resources can be best targeted in these areas, when considering projects etc.

Townley School has had a good Ofsted report.

Councillor Tanfield informed the meeting that the Fenland Youth Council are to have a campaign on Cycling Safety. This group will soon have a budget and funding will be able to be applied for by Youth Groups.

Flooding has been a problem in some of the Leisure Centres.

Councillor Sutton asked that The Heron checks facts prior to putting in articles.

Issue raised regarding the cost of Playdale Inspections. It was explained that this is for 3 annual inspections and this was included in the original quote. This will be put on next agenda and Cllr Freeland will discuss with Playdale.

062/14

Recreation Ground

a) Cheque rec'd from insurers for £2300 for damage to Pavilion Hall re Break Ins.

b) Memorial Hall solicitor has heard from Charity Commission and they are happy for the Solicitors to get together and draw up paperwork for submission.

c) Play Park Inspection says everything is good.

d) Meeting held with Sharman Fabrications and a quote is to be drawn up for the removal of fence, remove equipment, reuse of climbing frame, other quotes may be required. From there further quotes will be required on an item by item basis for the installation in other play area.

e) 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. People have been seen walking dogs in Recreation Ground.

There may be an element of vandalism on the fort in the toddlers play area and Sharman's to be asked for a quote to repair this, this has been made safe temporary.

063/14

Village Hall Committee

a) Highways have been spoken to, regarding the footpath on Upwell Road, but no further information available.

064/14

Highways

a) Local Highways Improvement Initiative Bid 2015-2016.

Discussion took place on the letter received from the Residents

Association regarding the Keep Christchurch Safe suggestions for the bid. There is a £10k maximum for this bid, and it was felt that this umbrella scheme would not be accepted by Highways. Meetings have already taken place regarding the 50mph speed restriction on Sixteen Foot Road.

Cllr Tanfield left the meeting at 20.50

It was felt that safety issues with the junctions onto the Sixteen Foot Road should be the priority.

Cllr Russell is to discuss the bid with Graham Chappell.

Cllr Russell

It was Proposed by Cllr Russell that Graham Chappell be spoken to regarding his bid and then put in a bid regarding safety issues on the Sixteen Foot and this was AGREED

Agreed

Street Lighting

a) The street light on Green Lane appears to have been replaced, it is a new light on the existing pole. This work has not been authorised by the Parish Council.

065/14

Income & Expenditure

a) Members considered and **APPROVED** the following accounts for payment, with the Playdale Invoice reduced to £156.60:

APPROVED

J Richardson	Clerks Salary	£231.79
Christchurch Village Resource Centre	The Heron	£80.00
Playdale	Quarterly Inspections	£469.80
Upwell Drainage Board	Annual Rates	£194.40
Mid-Level	Annual Rates	£252.72
Commissioners		
CGM Landscapes	Tree Pruning	£216.00
Morton & Hall	Fees for Planning Application	£1680.00
	TOTALS	£3124.71

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

Community Account	93,872.94
Business Premium	8,187.84
Business Bonus	27,553.25
New Village Hall	689.21
BoS Corp Bonus	10,689.99
TOTALS:	£140,993.23

Current earmarked reserved funds are:-

New Village Hall £120,422.80

Mrs Spall Request £200.00

c) Bank Accounts are to be amalgamated to one cheque account and one saving account. The online banking is in the process of being set up. The financial regulations will need to be looked at to support the new arrangements. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting

Clerk

066/14

Concurrent Functions Grant

Cllr Russell attended a meeting at FDC. Cllr Sutton believes that the Street Lights issue needs to be taken away from the Concurrent Functions Grant.

067/14

Planning/Development

a) F/YR14/0574/F Erection of a single storey building for use as a village hall involving demolition of existing Village Hall, Upwell Road, Christchurch. It was Proposed by Cllr Gladwin and AGREED that the application be accepted.

**Agreed
Clerk**

068/14

Correspondence

- a) Rural Services Network bulletins (emailed 04/08/14)
- b) Cambs ACRE News bulletins (emailed 04/08/14)
- c) Electoral changes (emailed 04/08/14)
- d) Police & Crime Commissioners Updates (emailed 04/08/14)
- e) CAPALC Bulletin (emailed 04/08/14)

069/14

Cllr N Russell left the room and Cllr S Freeland took the chair

Allotments

Another letter has been received from the land owners. Informal advice indicates that payment should be sought for vacating the plot. It was Proposed by Cllr Gladwin and AGREED that a reply be sent along the lines of the first reply but also to include a suggestion that the Parish Council may be willing to look at receiving a payment for giving up the tenancy.

Agreed

Clerk

Cllr N Russell returned and took the chair

Cllr Sutton expressed his sincere thanks to Cllr Beswick for rescuing a young lady, stranded on the Sixteen Foot Bank.

070/14

Agenda Items/Next Meeting

**ALL
COUNCILLORS**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 8 September 2014. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 1 September 2014.

Donations to Church

Venue of Parish Council Meetings during Village Hall build

Asset Register

Financial Regulations

Open & Accountable Local Government

Meeting Closed at 9.18 pm

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CROSSWORD

Solution next month as usual.

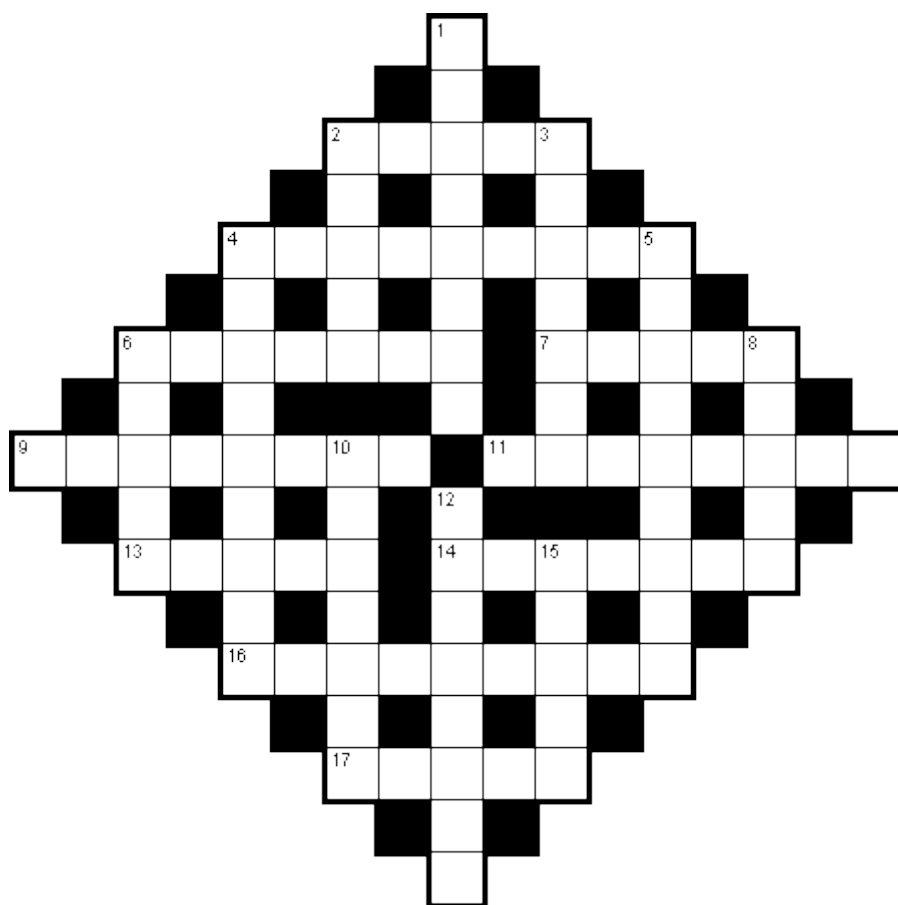
For something a bit different this month, why not try this diamond crossword?

Across

2. Repulse (5)
4. Prolonged (9)
6. Deadlock (7)
7. Tripod (5)
9. Answer (8)
11. Rare (8)
13. Additional (5)
14. Abjure (7)
16. Unwilling (9)
17. Shinbone (5)

Down

1. Character set (8)
2. Hazards (5)
3. Lamp (7)
4. Protagonist (9)
5. Discordant (9)
6. Publication (5)
8. Demarcation (5)
10. Type of onion (7)
12. Melting pot (8)
15. Crown-like headdress (5)



Last Month's Solution

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