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METEOR STRIKE IN CHRISTCHURCH

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**What does this man
know of the tragedy
which was averted in
the village nearly 65
years ago?**

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DIARY DATES

Abbreviations for commonly used venues:

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

UH = Upwell Village Hall, WH = Welney Village Hall

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

Oct 2 nd	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
Oct 4 th	Mobile Library visits - Upwell Rd Lay-by 3-3:40pm - you can join here as well
Oct 4 th	Christchurch Harvest Festival Service 11am
Oct 5 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30pm TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Oct 6 th	Christchurch Craft Club - making marzipan figures - TS - 7pm
Oct 9 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
Oct 11 th	Welle Film Project "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" - TH - 2pm
Oct 12 th	Christchurch Parish Council Meeting - Sports Pavilion - 7:30pm - All Welcome
Oct 12 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30pm TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Oct 13 th	WI - The History of the Tulip - Speaker Dr. David Wilkinson - 7pm - TS
Oct 14 th	Christchurch Residents Association - 7:30pm - The Old School
Oct 16 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
Oct 17th	Parish Church Harvest Tea - TS - 3-6.30pm - £5 pp Helen 638092 or Karen 638781
Oct 19 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30pm TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Oct 23 rd	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome
Oct 26 th	Pilates for all ages - 6:30pm TS - All Welcome - £5 per session
Oct 27 th	Christchurch Garden Club - talk - Restoration of Ramsey Abbey Walled Garden
Oct 28 th	Christchurch Book Club - 7:30pm - to be confirmed
Oct 30 th	"Cake, Coffee and Chat" Parish Church 2-3pm - All Welcome

PLEASE NOTE!

CHANGE OF DATE

due to prior
commitments at the
school

Christchurch Gala now to be held on **Sat 2nd July 2016**

Parish Church Services

Oct 4 th	11am	D Symons, A Day	Harvest Festival in Church
Oct 11 th	9:30am	Rev D&J Penny	Holy Communion
Oct 18 th	3:30pm	V Smith	Evening Prayer
Oct 25 th	11am	Rev G Mann	Morning Prayer
Nov 1 st	11am	H Chappell, A Day	All Age Worship in Townley School

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

The New Heron Deadline

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

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

Letters to the Editor



Dear Richard,

I would like to congratulate Sandra Kay and her team for organising a very successful village yard sale on Sat 5th Sept. And a big thank you too to Paul and Viv Haresnape who put up all the signage and produced the maps.

What a shame one parasite refused to pay the registration fee yet was quite happy to be 'the flea on the camel's back', so to speak. Anyway a great day, lots of new faces, and great support for the New Village Hall. Well done all!

William Beswick

Dear Richard,

nice article re the Vajra/dorje, very well drawn together.

Thank-you.

Jan

Hi

At Eddie's we are having huge difficulties finding new volunteers to support the increasing number of adults with a learning disability that require our services. Over the summer months we have sadly had to say goodbye to a number of volunteers due to ill health or moving away from the area. We are really struggling to find new volunteers more so now than ever, however, the demand for our services is at its highest.

At Eddie's we are due to embark on the next round of training for new volunteers in the coming few weeks. All the training we provide is free and many of our volunteers have gone on to gain employment within the care sector.

I would be very grateful if you could print the article attached about volunteering with Eddie's so we can try to meet this huge demand.

If you have any further questions I would love to hear from you.

Many thanks,

Suzanne Lombardo

Volunteers Support Co-ordinator

Fenland Befriending Scheme

(See the article on Page 21)

Recycling madness!

Apparently when Cllr Jill Bliss was checking all the re-cycling banks in late September, she found that some bright soul has almost filled the paper bank with 25kg size plastic sheep feed bags.

Please can people using the recycling facilities ensure they put only the correct materials in the correct receptacles!



EDITORIAL

As for the Meteor Strike in Christchurch – well I admit we used a bit of poetic license there. Interesting story though on pages 5&6, and, wouldn't you know it, our grand old stager – Wolsey Rolfe was involved again! How we miss his jocularly. He'd appreciate the pun! The Wolsey Cup was presented for the first time at this year's Dog Show for the best Classic Car and, of course, will be awarded again at next year's Gala. **Please note the change of date for this event to Saturday 2nd July.**

We are pleased to report a successful Village Yard Sale on the 5th September, a very successful MacMillan Coffee Morning on the 25th, and a most successful Hogroast raising funds for The New Heron. Thanks to everyone who attended these village events, and of course to all the helpers. You make it all worthwhile. It's been a busy month ain't it? You can of course read the reports on these events in the pages of this months New Heron.

Then of course there's all the usual features plus a few interesting extras (we hope!), some of which may prove useful. Please let us know your news or details of future events you may be holding whilst the weather is still behaving itself.

Richard

Internet Links in The New Heron

All internet and email links indicated in the New Heron by an underline [like this](#), will be live links and will work by clicking on them in the online version of the magazine - at www.theheron.info

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Community Information

Mobile Library: first Friday each month

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

Mobile Post Office: visits Mon - Fri

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

Norfolk Dial-a-Ride Bus

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Community Car Scheme

Door-to-door transport for; medical, shopping, or social trips for those who cannot/don't wish to drive themselves. Call the trip co-ordinator on 01354 638448 or 01354 638758.

A contribution towards the cost of the journey is asked and paid to the driver.

The scheme is looking for more volunteer drivers.

Fuel Oil Saving opportunity

As summer fades into memory and the nights begin to draw in once again, it's a good time to consider your heating oil requirements for the colder months ahead. Heating oil tends to be cheaper in the early autumn months and deliveries made faster than once the winter sets in, so now is a good time to think about ordering.

If you rely on oil to heat your home, community building, church or business premises, you might like to consider joining **Cambridgeshire ACRE's community oil buying scheme**.

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The annual membership fee for domestic users is £20 and that covers as many oil orders as you need during the course of a year. We find that members need to order around 1000 - 1500 litres a year to achieve sufficient savings to justify the membership fee.

We offer an easy, online ordering system and send out email reminders each month so you'll never forget to order oil again.

To find out more about the Scheme, please visit <http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/community-oil-buying-scheme.php> or call Alison Brown on 01353 865029.

Police Report U-Turn

Despite being told there are to be no more Police Reports, the meeting of the Parish Council in September was read one from Dave Russ. Dave is apparently covering for Sue Clarke who it now transpires is on secondment. You remember Dave - he's the one who was never seen when he was "our Bobby". The report states there had been a theft of a canoe from a garden, in Christchurch. Also a theft of a computer screen from a locked and secured combine harvester on Sixteen Foot Bank. Unsurprisingly both offences were perpetrated by "unknown offenders"!

Christchurch Parish Church

Harvest Tea

Saturday 17th October 2015

Townley School Hall

3.00 - 6.30ish

Entertainment followed by a buffet tea.

£5.00 per person

Please ring

Helen 638092 or Karen 638781

to reserve a ticket.

There will also be a raffle.

All funds raised will be for the Parish church.

Meteor Crash - Nightmare destruction avoided by brave Pilot's lightning reactions! - Editor's Interview

So it was on Thursday 26th August that I went into the Cambs Times office in March to discuss some advertising for forthcoming village events when Caroline said, "It's amazing that you happened to come in today! We've just had a telephone call from a chap about a plane crash in Christchurch which happened in 1951. He wants to make some sort of presentation to the village school!"

They furnished me with the gentleman's details, one Tony Kiddle of Wisbech. So it was, a few days later, I telephoned Mr Kiddle to arrange a meeting. He apparently had a number of photos concerning the plane crash, and events associated with it, but they were very precious to him so he would rather not lend them out. Understandable. So we arranged for him to come over to The Old School on the following Tuesday so that, after a brief interview, we could pop round to Paul's and scan Tony's photos directly into the New Heron computer archive. Here is Tony's story.



Tony Kiddle - Meteor engineer

Tony Kiddle was a gas turbine engine fitter on the RAF's first combat jet – the Gloster Meteor. These saw service briefly at the end of WWII and later with the Aussies in Korea. Tony had initially trained on gas turbines which were unique at the time. He had actually trained under Frank Whittle the inventor of the turbojet engine and original designer of the Meteor which was the only operational jet engine fighter in the second World War.

Tony was attached to 56 Squadron at Waterbeach who will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary next year. He was the flight engineer who signed off the Meteor, that crashed in Christchurch on that fated day, as being fit to fly. Tony's memory of this event was jogged by a talk by Deputy Lieutenant Mrs. Angela Morris at the RAFNS in March.

The first Tony Kiddle knew of there being a problem with the aircraft was when an admin. orderly came to collect the 700 form that he had signed having done all the pre-flight checks. Then, when Flight Sergeant Johnson from Downham was organising the 'crash guard', Tony volunteered his services. Any form of 'volunteering' was unheard of in the RAF, and Tony was refused due to his involvement. There was a Board of Enquiry held the very next day. It was made clear that the plane had been 'fit to fly' and that the crash had been due to 'pilot error'. The pilot was John Atkinson who had been taken to the military hospital at Ely after the crash.

The Board of Enquiry concluded, together with later information gained from the pilot, that the following had occurred. The Meteor Mark 8 Serial No. WE950 crashed in Christchurch on November 8th 1951 at 15.05hrs narrowly missing Townley School and other village homes. It landed in the field

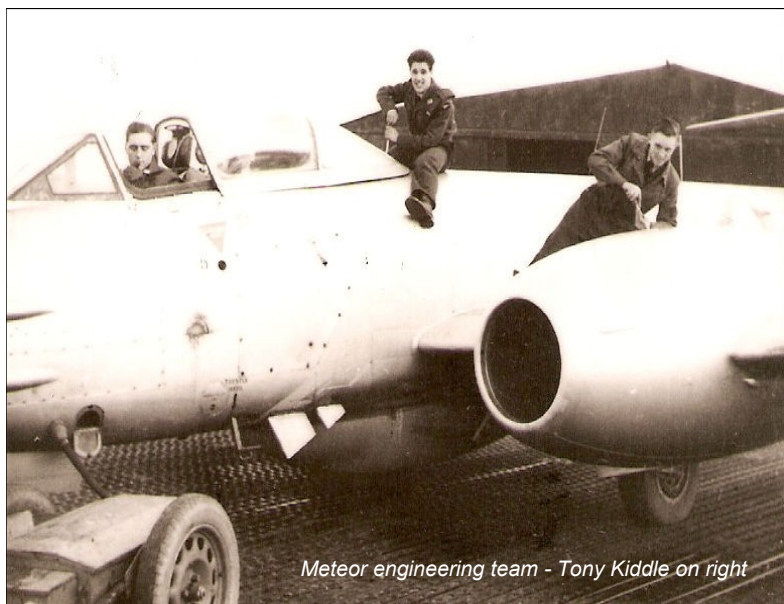
"Townley School and much of the village could have been lost ..."



PC Osland watches over the broken Meteor

to the rear of The Old Rectory. The pilot was Sgt. John Atkinson 578987. The apparent reason for the crash was a 'double-extinction'; meaning that the burners in both engines had gone out. This was caused by the throttle being opened too quickly. Due to inexperience with this particular aircraft, and the fact that he had entered cloud immediately after the 'extinction', the pilot did not fully realise what had happened and had made no attempt to re-light the engine.

It had only been due to the flying skill of the pilot that he had managed to avoid hitting the school and any other Christchurch homes. Otherwise Townley School and much of the village could have been lost in the crash. As you can see from the photograph, though the plane was a write-off, the Meteor was relatively undamaged in the crash save for the loss of its undercarriage and tail. The pilot's skill meant that he survived the crash and was helped from his plane by Mr Wolsey Rolfe who ran the village garage at the time.



Meteor engineering team - Tony Kiddle on right

police guard was placed overnight at the crash site. We had a great view when they came, the next day, to take the wreckage away as it came off the field and down Green Lane where I lived with my parents at the time."

Sometime after the crash, back at Waterbeach, Tony Kiddle heard a familiar voice call him. It was the pilot of the crashed Meteor, Flight Sergeant



Sgt Atkinson on his way to Ely RAF Hospital

John Atkinson. After some friendly chat and back-slapping John gave Tony his white silk pilot scarf which is now in the squad museum at RAF Waddington (near Lincoln). Out of the 3,947 Meteors that were built, 890 were lost in service together with the loss of some 450 of their pilots. Meteors were finally replaced by the Hawker Hunter in 1954.

It is hoped that Tony will be able to present a framed photo of the crashed Meteor to Townley school following a brief assembly about the event. We shall of course report on this in due course.

Doris, Wolsey's wife, remembers the event clearly. "Wolsey and the boys were working outside at the time and we all saw the plane come over very low, narrowly missing the school. Wolsey said, 'It's going to hit the church!' and shot off in the works van, following it into the field to the rear of The Old Rectory. My sister-in-law, another Doris (Doris Ted Rolfe) worked there at the time. Wolsey helped the pilot from the plane and immediately rushed him back to his mother's house where he was still living at the time as we were not yet married then. Wolsey's mum was a fully qualified First Aider and patched the pilot up whilst they waited for the ambulance and RAF authorities to arrive. They took the pilot to Ely hospital. A



Thanks to all who came to the Macmillan coffee morning. Thanks for your raffle prices and donations, all gratefully received. Thanks to all who helped by making cakes and all the people who worked to make it happen on the morning. We raised £430.14. Thank you very much. Sandra Kay

The Old School 150th Anniversary raises money for The New Heron

The food was prepared and laid out, the raffle arranged, the music began and the villagers came. What a splendid spread, enjoyed by all those there!

It was 150 years ago, in 1865, and the local benefactors, the Townley family of Beaupre Hall recently had the new church building consecrated and the village began to be known as Christchurch. The Townleys knew that a community needed education to thrive, and had



built a new village school alongside the church, to bring that education to the residents. Later, in 1912, they brought piped water all the way from Marham in Norfolk. The family gave the village its Rectors and one, Charles Townley, gave his name when the school was rebuilt on the present site in 1932

What would Rev Charles Townley think of the party held in the grounds of his school to celebrate the 150th anniversary? Would he have thought a "hog roast" for the villagers, with the secondary objective of supporting the New Heron, be a suitable celebration? Who can tell? We don't have any records of the views he held but I like to think



of him as a kindly man who was happy to support the village people in fostering friendships and communication. I like to think he'd have approved!

Yet again the village came together to support the New Heron. Thanks are due to the team, led by Richard Guilford who arranged and carried it all off. Also thanks for those who came and enjoyed the roast pork sandwiches and salads.

After the event we learned that your community magazine had benefitted by £250 after expenses were deducted. A splendid sum which will help keep the New Heron afloat. The Editor and team expressed thanks to all who helped, and all who came. I'm sure the Rev Townley would think that a community event for a community purpose was a



Health and Fitness

with - Stephen Aish



Calories and Nutrients

When working with clients that want to lose weight it is important to consider the amount of food consumed and also the nutritional quality of that food. The quality is always more important than the quantity.

Many people actually over-consume calories and are undernourished through poor food choices. They are eating what the body requires and need excess because the quality of food is quite low.

Think of it like this –

If a plate of delicious single ingredient, whole foods is around 600 calories, then most of those calories will be nutritious and can effectively be used by the body during the digestive process.

Now take your average microwave ready meal of 600 calories and possibly half of that meal has any nutritional benefit. In order to fuel the system efficiently and meet the nutritional demands of metabolism, movement and cognitive processing you will need twice the amount of food in order to meet the nutritional requirements.

What usually happens is these inferior food products are either doubled up, or topped up with sweets, crisps, biscuits and whatever else is lying around because after eating them, people still feel hungry.

The best antidote to empty food is to add a lot of colour and variety as many of these are regarded as superfoods such as the list below –

Berries Nuts Seeds Beans Oats Lean mince Mackerel Salmon Eggs Spinach Kale Peppers Dark green leaves Quinoa Broccoli Cauliflower Cabbage Colourful veggies Avocado Tomatoes

Poor food choices mean that you are just consuming empty calories that rarely satisfy hunger. The body continues to send hunger signals and so more calories are consumed in an attempt to meet these demands.

This has a great impact on weight loss, energy, motivation and many other areas.

The best advice would be to change your processed, long-life and ready meals for Riverford organic whole foods for 2 weeks and feel the difference.

You are not what you eat, but what you can actually digest, process and use once it is broken
8 down to the constituent nutrients.



Information or Mis-information?

Where do you find out about events? If you are running an event how do you make sure people can find out about it? Well I hope the answer is that you use the New Heron, but there are other ways that SHOULD help!

Of course there's word of mouth – mostly by talking to each other, but these days what we know as "Social Media", Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat (other services are available) are used successfully. However lots of our readers prefer to see the information in "hard copy", printing or handwriting.

What about the Village Notice board? When did you last look in there? Perhaps, like me you don't know how to get your event in there? Or perhaps you think it would be a waste of time! Clearly even those that look after the notice board don't actually read what's in there. If they did, they'd think the notice about the Car Treasure Hunt to be held on 29th June 2014 might not be any longer relevant, or that the notice informing us that Simon Freeland has resigned as a Parish Councillor and asking for nominations for a replacement may have outlived any usefulness!

It seems to me that event organisers are forgetting the potential of the Village Notice Board to those of us not "IT connected", Perhaps the irrelevance of some of the content may foster this stance!

Paul Haresnape

The Welney Wader – a living fossil from the Jurassic?

New evidence of a Jurassic creature which was thought to be a myth, rather like the monster of Loch Ness, has been discovered after years of investigation by local historians. For the moment both their names, and the precise location of the find, remain a closely guarded secret. The Gatomorph is believed to be an unusual form of pliosaur; a type of short necked plesiosaur; with a u-shaped snout, instead of the more usual v-shape, broad webbed feet, and claw-like, partially webbed hands. It's scaly body resembles a plump humanoid seal.

Until now knowledge of this creature had passed into myth and then all but disappeared. A dedicated group of local historians and enthusiasts have dedicated their time and staked their reputations on the find. Peat is a remarkable natural preservative and the creature's body found remains almost complete. One of the group, a Cambridge University professor has spent the last five years investigating this piece of fenland history in his own time. In doing so he has uncovered new evidence, in and around the marshlands of Welney, of a creature that previously virtually nothing was known about.

It appears, according to the latest discoveries and research that these gatomorphs had a symbiotic existence with the Thrys goblins. The creature, whilst venerated as a god-like figure, was also controlled by the goblins, to a certain extent, in targeting prey. The Thrys had always been renowned as hunters, and the so called Welney Wader seemed happy to utilize their skills to obtain an easy meal. The Thrys on the other hand were guaranteed an efficient and easy kill by the speed and power of the creature, who apparently didn't mind

sharing larger kills with his hunting companions.

Known to some locals as the Welney Wader this swamp dweller (*Palus venator*) is thought to have

originated from the Jurassic period around 160 million years ago. It hunted in the marshlands of the fens, and scattered fossil remains, discovered previously, have now been confirmed as belonging to this creature, following the latest find. Working with Welney Wetland Trust, permission was granted for a number of archaeological digs in prime targeted sites around Welney. The creature, a sub-aquatic reptile, stood the height of a very tall man at around seven feet; though mostly it adopted a swimming or crawling habit, crouching and striking rather like a snake when attacking on land, and catching and rolling its prey in the water like a crocodile. More modern creatures, apparently, tend now to be between five and six feet. Scientists are insisting that all the evidence gathered so far points to the fact that this animal is still around and not yet extinct. Sightings remain rare as the creature is well camouflaged, often covered in slime, naturally reclusive, and protected by the cunning of the Thrys. Like a crocodile, once it has fed, it is thought that the Welney Wader may go without another meal for several months, on occasions, even as long as a year.



Thrys~

Standing only around 3'6" to 3'9" tall, the Thrys, a Fenland goblin, gets its name from the staff it carries which is called a thrysus, or thrysos. This is a staff or wand of giant fennel covered with ivy vines and leaves, and always topped with a pine cone. These wands are sometimes wound with bulrush ribbons and/or dried tapeworms (originally dried eels). The Thrys, originating in the Cambridgeshire area, were thought originally to live underwater, but more likely live within the dyke banks. Particularly around sluices, where the ground is better supported by the brickwork, and they can work their mischief playing around with the water levels. Possibly the legend of 'Tiddy Mun' was actually derived from these little mischievous 'boggerts'. There is believed to be a large hive of them within the Welney Washes area. These faerie folk love the taste of human blood and used to sometimes attack humans, who were walking on foot, in foggy weather. These days they are more likely to lure road vehicles into the local waterways like the 16 foot bank. In recent times this activity has increased again because they have consumed all the eels that used to be prolific there. Whilst no one has proved the existence of the Thrys, neither have they been proven to be extinct due to the mysterious disappearances, and accidents that continue to occur.

Continued overleaf

Unique to this species is its third 'all seeing eye' on the back of its head. It would spend most of its time almost totally submerged; only its eyes, and nostrils, which are high on the head just before the front pair of eyes, would be above the water. Any passers-by would think it just a piece of driftwood or clump of weed. There it would lay in wait for its prey, sometimes pulling in animals even larger than itself like horses or cattle. We know that modern day crocodiles are capable of taking down wildebeest, or even water buffalo.

Over the decades rumour and occasional sightings have fuelled the mythological status of the Welney Wader, which may just have survived the extinction of the dinosaurs; just like crocodiles and alligators. The earliest recorded sighting was around AD43 at the time of the first failed Roman invasion of Britain. A terrifying written account from a general in the 3rd Augusta Legion tells of a 'mysterious phantom waterbeast', and 'scaly creatures which dragged men to their deaths as they crossed the marshlands'. The entire legion later disappeared entirely, the area around Welney becoming shrouded in mystery. The Romans never returned to the Welney area again.

Up to around ten years ago various sightings described the creature striking at night pulling smaller mammals such as foxes and deer into the river's depths. There was even one more recent worrying account of an attack on a group of molly dancers out for a late night rehearsal. As many as 3.25 sightings per year used to be reported; mainly by the same Welney resident after he was kicked out of the Lamb & Flag at closing time. More recently, ironically since the recent archaeological disturbances, sightings are on the increase again. A spokesman for the project said recently; "Who knows if these creatures still exist or not? We can't say for sure but current evidence points to them still being around. There are many species of crocodile that have survived for millennia, so why not these gatormorphs. We are delighted to have found conclusive evidence

for their existence at last. How much longer

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they survive depends, as much as is possible, on keeping locations secret." More detailed information on *Palus venator* can be found on the Cambridge University – Centre for Palaeontological Studies website.



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The Alan Russell Column



This month Alan completes his series on village land work, particularly the role of women in the 40s, 50s and 60s.

I was too young to get involved in 'gleaning' the harvest fields, (picking up loose ears of corn) for winter grinding, but during the war and after, I can remember mum and Annette's mum helping to 'SHOCK' the corn

up – putting the sheaves of corn bottom downwards into small v shaped clumps to dry ready for collection by horse and cart to put into stack yards to be threshed at a later date. Women would sometimes be used to catch and carry the chaff from the threshing machine. How



people like my mother, and to a lesser extent Annette, ever managed to do all this work, along with cooking on a coal fired range, washing by hand and all the other housework to do, I really don't know - but as farm wages were so low it was the only way for many to survive. There was no electricity available in the village then, to help make any of these jobs a little easier.

Until mechanization, with the tied cottages etc., and no modern conveniences, like we all expect today, in the home, working on the land with the constant threat of eviction was for many a hard life. I can remember seeing as a child a family turned out onto the roadside with all their provisions for a few days until another farmer took pity on them. Thankfully times have changed, as does everything, but I do think village community life has suffered. People were more content with life whatever their lot and not like today, when most people strive for more and more, with some getting into a great deal of debt to achieve this. People said I was never ambitious enough but it suited me to be as I was. I was fortunate to have my own rented farm when farming times were good – but I did have my own bike! – So you did see a farmer on a bike!

Love of family and work, and time, changes everything. But - The Good Old Days? I'm not so sure! Thankfully for us all, and particularly women, most land work is mechanized but although not working directly on the land many women are employed under good conditions in pack houses etc. Villages started to empty as people moved into towns to seek employment, but thankfully for our village, school, church, pub and shop etc., families are seeking a different way of life. I do hope our villages will be left as such and people accept village life as it is and not to seek to change it into the town from whence they came. Nor should greedy local landowners cause too much change with overdevelopment. I know village life as we knew it has gone forever, but with new people and new ideas, springing up in the village, together with a New Village Hall, and The New Heron, there's a good chance that the village will keep its friendly identity for many years to come.

Finally, in discussions with the Editor I have decided that this will be my last column for a while. Hopefully others will take up his requests to submit articles to freshen up the New Heron with different angles on village life. One thing that fascinates me is - what is it, apart from the relative cheapness of housing, that has drawn people to come and live in Euximoor, Tipps End and Christchurch? So what about it? It would be good to see a few letters or articles on this subject.

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Christchurch Book Club

The Book Club is due to meet on Wednesday September 30th to discuss 'The Bonesetter's Daughter' by Amy Tan, which we have been reading this month. Our book for October is 'The Rosie Project' by Graeme Simsion, and for November 'The Life of Pi' by Yann Martel. As previously mentioned, we now have a group ticket from March library, so if you would like to come and join us, you just collect the next month's book at the meeting, and it will cost you nothing!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 28th. Please call Sheila Day on 07946 635908 to confirm venue, or for more details.

Christchurch Residents Association

Apologies were received from Shirley Knight, and Peter Owen who were both poorly. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and there were no matters arising.

Despite being told that there would be no more PCSOs or Police Reports, one had been received by the Parish Council from, ironically, our old friend Dave Russ, who apparently will be covering the Wisbech area re crime reports. The latest would be published in The New Heron. There followed a PC update.

Geoff Harper had been co-opted onto the Parish Council following Simon Freeland's resignation. There had been a query re- considerable additional costs being added to the piling for the New Village Hall. Only a partial payment was authorised to the builder until this was clarified. The project was on schedule and there had been no other problems so far. Next meeting of the Recreation Ground Charity was scheduled for the 23rd of September with all villagers being welcome to attend. Crown Road and Crown Avenue would both be being resurfaced in the near future under the next Highways bid, and there were also proposals for interactive signage to be placed on the approaches to the 16 foot from Padgett's Road and Upwell Road. It was hoped that a mirror could be trialled at Jackson's Corner and possibly a barrier with the support of the Fenland Road Safety Group, also within the 2016 bid.

The New Heron was still hoping for a couple more volunteers as backup to the current team, and there was to be a presentation by Tony Kiddle to Townley School on the 22nd of September concerning the 1951 air crash (*See article on page 5 – Ed'.*) [*Unfortunately the latter event has had to be postponed due to Tony going into hospital*]

The Village Yard Sale had been a popular success (*See article on page 16 – Ed'.*)

A letter had been received from loss adjusters Cunningham and Lindsey concerning the recent damage to historic buildings. It is hoped that this matter will now be resolved in due course following surveys of the affected properties.

Following a review of the plans it was agreed that the CRA would provide a letter of support to
14 Matt Lawrence who wished to rebuild The Old Tollhouse on its original site.

David Yates raised the issue of signs saying "Please Drive Slowly Through our Village" This matter would be referred to the PC in October.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm. Next meeting Wednesday 14th October at The Old School 7.30pm.

Shirley Knight (CRA Secretary)

Minutes of the Monthly WI Meeting held in the Dining Room of Townley School on the 8th Sept. 2015.



Peggy welcomed members and one new member.

Apologies:

Sandra L., Beryl, Margaret H., Michelle, Doris W., Elaine and Viv.

Minutes were signed.

Correspondence:

Welney WI invite to Harvest Supper

March St. Mary WI invite to Birthday Dinner

Care not custody campaign

Other Matters:.

There was a reminder about the jewellery collection and knitting for babies to be ready for the Federation meeting in October.

The card competition for a 100th birthday card closes at the end of September.

Quiz results: Answers given out. The winner was Richard Guildford who scored 33 out of 36. Well Done! He won the prize of £15.

Our speaker Melanie Missin spoke about .- From the beginning - My patchwork and textile art. She showed us numerous beautiful examples of her work and had members spellbound. An inspiring evening!

Birthdays:

Anne H., Sue N.

Next Month:

The History of the Tulip. Dr. David Wilkinson
Raffle Prize Rota.

Beryl, Marion, Peggy, Wendy

Competition Results: .

A knitted Square:

Sandra K. 4, Peggy 4, Sue N. 5, Marion 3, Alma 3, Anne A 4, Tracy 3, Val 3, Margaret S. 5

Vouchers for points gained in competitions were presented to : Wendy, Peggy, Sandra K., Val

Christchurch Garden Club



This month saw the members of the club steeped in history. Firstly when on Sunday 13th September a day trip was arranged to Cambridge Botanic Gardens. On one of those warm and sunny early autumn days the gardens were stunning. The planting scheme is such that whatever time of year one visits there is something to see. The glass houses hold interest with a tropical rain forest while the dry atmosphere of the cactus house offers the complete opposite. Many of the trees are very old with some unusual species featured.

The original Botanic Garden opened in 1762 was in the centre of the city at a site now known as The New Museums Site. A small Renaissance Physic garden inspired by a similar garden situated in Chelsea London. It was used to grow herbaceous plants required for medical teaching. The present garden opened in 1841, owes its existence to John Stevens Henslowe who was professor of Botany at Cambridge from 1825 until 1861. Some of his ideas about variation and the nature of species were taken up by his protégé Charles Darwin. Regardless of history it's just a great place to be.

On Tuesday 15th September the monthly club meeting was visited by Jenny Windsor from Peckover House, who gave a riveting talk about gardens throughout the year along side an excellent slide show.

Peckover house is a Georgian mansion that sits on the North Brink in Wisbech. The house and 48 acres of gardens were gifted to The National Trust in 1943 on the death of the last surviving member of the Peckover family Alexandrina. The house had been in the family since her ancestor, Quaker banker Jonathan Peckover, first purchased the property in the 1790s. A large portion of the

grounds is let out for sporting activities while a two acre Walled Victorian garden still remains complete with hidden corners and paths. All year planting should make any season of the year a good time to visit.

Forthcoming events

Tues 27th October 2015 (starting time 7.00 pm)

Club Monthly Meeting. Including a talk by Jane Sills on the restoration of Ramsey Abbey Walled Garden.

October raffle prizes provided by: Wendy, Peggy, and Frank

Sun 29th November 2015

Christmas Shopping Trip to Taverham and Norwich (open to non-members)

For more details of trips or meetings or to join the club

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Hello everyone!

In last month's meeting we made ornamental crackers, which was a great success.

In this month's meeting we shall be making marzipan figures! There's no need to bring any supplies, as everything is provided.



the club's Christmas crackers

Have a lovely October,
Elizabeth Harvey-Hawes.

Yard Sale makes money for New Village Hall Furnishings

More than twenty nine stalls displayed their wares throughout the village of Christchurch on a beautiful Saturday last month.

Residents were invited to set up a stall to sell unwanted goods and the whole event would be advertised and co-ordinated by the committee responsible for managing the new village hall for which they took a £5 fee. Buyers were guided to the stalls by means of a map given to them at the first stall they visited

There was interest from one Tipps End resident who, understandably, decided not to go ahead with it because there were no others located there. Perhaps future Yard Sale Events may attract more stalls from Tipps End and Euximoor.

Despite some issues with publicity, there was a steady flow of punters travelling around. Most from outside the village had seen the adverts on the Sixteen Foot Bank and resolved to visit.



Sandra Kay with some happy stall-holders and punters

Sandra Kay, the organiser, said, "It seems that we all made some money and got rid of unwanted items. The committee are hoping to do another in the spring. So save all your unwanted things for then. We made £200 in all from the pitch fees, and some people gave donations.

Thanks to all who helped. The money will go towards the fitting out of the new Village Hall".

How many of you stayed up to see the Super Blood Moon?



A bit disappointing in black and white - see it in glorious colour online at www.theheron.info

Great British Trivia Quiz

1. Which actor has played the roles of; Sid Vicious, Lee Harvey Oswald, Dracula, and Beethoven?
2. In which century was William Shakespeare born?
3. Who was the famous sculptor son of a Yorkshire miner?
4. In what year did Manchester United sell David Beckham?
5. Where in the British Isles is the second highest tidal range in the world found?
6. Which British sports car chassis is still made out of wood?
7. In the War of the Worlds, what planet, forty light years from Earth, are the aliens from?
8. Who wrote the novel mentioned in 6 above?
9. The inventor credited for inventing the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, never called his wife or mother. Why?
10. Which British father-and-son duo both held world land speed records?
11. At its narrowest point, how wide is the English Channel?
12. Which gemstones featured in Princess Diana's engagement ring?

Answers on Page 26

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We have elected this years T.O.P.S. (Townley Official Playground Squad), and congratulation to Kieran, Jacob, Megan, Fern, Mollie and Angus, they are our fantastic playground helpers. Their role is to help staff maintain a positive, safe and happy atmosphere in the playground.



Welcome also to our new school council. This year we have Kieran, Ollie, Emily R, Amy, Rubiee, Coral and Thomas. We held our first meeting last Thursday lunch

Dates

- 7th October - Harvest 1.30pm at the church, followed by refreshments at the school
- 19th / 20th October - Parent's Evening
- 26th October - 2nd November - Half Term (children return on 3rd November)
- 9th November - School Photographer pm
- 11th November - whole school assembly at the war memorial.
- 12th November - Bedtime read
- 7th / 8th December - School Christmas Presentation
- 16th December - Christingle 6.30pm at the church.
- 17th December - whole school visit to the Pantomime
- 18th December - last day of term
- Spring Term opens - Tuesday 5th January 2015

PLEASE HELP!

We would appreciate if you could save your Happy Egg cartons. We need to save 100 to help assist our residential trip next year to be at Kingswood. Please take the complete egg box into school. Thanking you in advance!



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Top tips to enjoy an open fire safely:

- ♥ Sweep your chimney at least once a year and get brickwork inspected, especially the chimney breast and roof space.
- ♥ Do not bank fires too high or overload the grate, and remember to let them burn down well and check the hearth before going to bed.
- ♥ Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires.
- ♥ Do not place objects on or over the mantle-piece which may cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them.
- ♥ Burn only suitable fuels and avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up quickly.

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Walking for Health

A BRISK 25-minute walk each day can add seven years to your life, according to medical experts. Research has found that regular exercise reduces the risk of dying from a heart attack in your 50s and 60s by half.

Sanjay Sharma, a professor of inherited cardiac diseases in sports cardiology, said daily walks also slow down ageing and can prevent dementia.

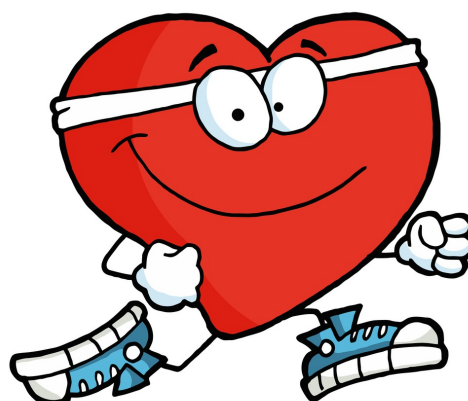
He added: "This study suggests when people exercise regularly they may be able to retard the process of ageing. We may look younger when we're 70 and may live into our 90s. Exercise buys you three to seven extra years of life. It is an anti-depressant, it improves cognitive function and there is evidence it may retard the onset of dementia.

"People with a heart condition shouldn't run but walk to a point where they can still speak but not sing."

Prof Sharma, of St George's Hospital in South London, said walking will bring benefits regardless

of the age when people start and whatever condition their health is in.

The study was carried out at Saarland University in Germany and presented to the European Society of Cardiology Congress.



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Training Opportunities Now Available

A local charity is looking to recruit new volunteers to join its team of Befrienders and Arts Assistants and take part in the upcoming free training.

Eddie's is a local learning disability charity that supports many adults across Fenland in a variety of ways. They are currently looking to recruit some new volunteers to start their next training block.

Suzanne Lombardo, Volunteers Support Co-ordinator said "At Eddie's we pride ourselves on the training opportunities we have available for new volunteers who are able to fit it in around work and home commitments."

You don't need any experience of supporting someone with a learning disability to volunteer with Eddie's as everything is covered in the training to help volunteers get started.

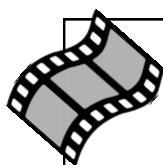
Volunteers are needed across two services; the Artworks day service as well as one to one befriending. One to one befriending provides the support and encouragement needed for adults with a learning disability to go out in the community and have an enjoyable social life. Volunteering with Eddie's is both fun and rewarding with volunteers and their befriendeds going to the seaside, to pantomimes, for meals out, to play bingo and so much more.

Eddie's reimburses all travel and out of pocket expenses so volunteering doesn't cost a penny. Volunteering with Eddie's can be flexible too and can fit around work and home commitments. There's an opportunity to suit everyone! Whether you have a couple of hours to spare one evening a month or you would prefer to volunteer weekly in the daytime.



The Artworks day centre is currently open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10am-3pm and we will be expanding our opening to Wednesdays in the very near future. Artworks is a wonderful environment and it gives people the

opportunity to enjoy arts and crafts whilst making friends and socialising with other members and volunteers. The group also takes part in music and drama activities so there is a wide-range of activities on offer. Members enjoy everything from sewing and painting to paper mache and much more. You don't need any arts experience to get involved either so why not get in touch to find out more.



Welle Film Project 1st anniversary



The recent first anniversary celebrations for The Welle Film Project (WFP) were "A great success!" said Hilary Ranger, project volunteer at Three Holes Village Hall.

"We had our largest-ever audience on the Saturday evening to see the premier of our own production, 'A Moment in Time' followed by 'Fifty Shades of Grey' and another large crowd, the day after, at 'The Theory of Everything'" continued Hilary.

At the WFP open morning the film-making team was pleased to recruit two new members keen to help make local productions. Planning also started for the making of a new Christmas production to be shown at the WFP's screening and older people's lunch on 13th December.

If you missed the opportunity to see the premier of 'A Moment in Time' featuring Steve Wayne's music you can catch it now on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JloZGFikUNY> Why not take a look and see how many local faces and locations you can spot?

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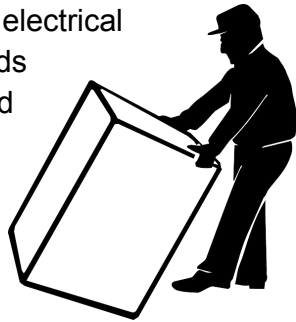
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#CleanForTheQueen

Keep Britain Tidy are proud to announce the Clean for The Queen campaign, in partnership with Country Life Magazine and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Clean for The Queen is asking everyone to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday in 2016 by helping to clear up Britain.

It will rally an army of volunteers across the country to clean up their local areas and will include a special clean-up weekend on March 4-6.

With the full backing of Keep Britain Tidy, the campaign already has the support of well-known national organisations as well as individual ambassadors.

Kirstie Allsopp, TV presenter and Keep Britain Tidy Ambassador said, "It's the Queen's 90th birthday and what better way to mark this momentous occasion than getting out there and having a great big tidy up?"

"I have campaigned against litter and litterers for years. I hate what litter does to our communities and our country and would love to see us all getting stuck in to do something about it!"

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Amanuensis

A young monk arrived at a monastery and was immediately assigned to helping the other monks in copying by hand the old canons and laws of their order.

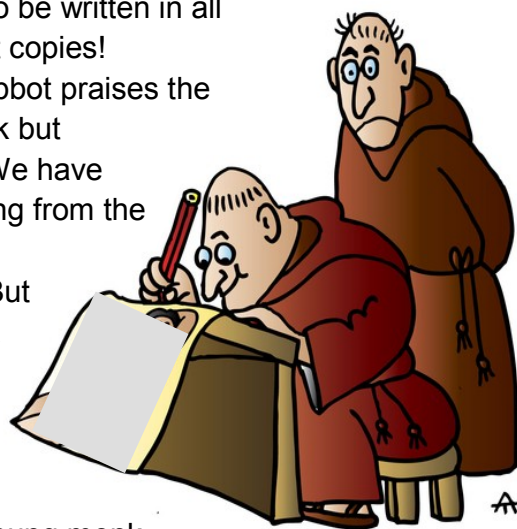
However, he noticed that all of the monks were actually copying from copies, not the original manuscript. So, the new young monk goes to see the old Abbot to query this practice; pointing out that if anyone had ever made the slightest error in the first ever copy, it would probably have never been picked up! In fact, it would likely be multiplied as it continued to be written in all subsequent copies!

The old Abbot praises the young monk but explains, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries! But you make a good point my son!"

The old Abbot then takes the young monk down into the dark catacombs beneath the monastery where all the original manuscripts and texts are archived. The locked vault had not been opened for hundreds of years, and they struggled to open the rusty old door.

Eventually they manage to prize it open and, with only a candle each for light, begin to search for the original manuscript of the document that the other monks are currently working on. After several hours have passed, the young monk begins to hear a thumping noise coming from the far depths of the dark catacombs, where the old Abbot had been searching, and goes to see what is going on?

Eventually, the young monk finds the old Abbot banging his head with a heavy tome. The old Abbot began to cry out in anguish, "We missed the R! We missed the R! We missed the bloody R!" His head is now bruised and he begins crying uncontrollably. The young monk, after his shock, finally plucks up the courage to ask, "Whatever is wrong Father?" Eventually, catching his breath, and with a choking voice the old Abbot whispers agonizingly, "We missed out the bloody R! The word was CELEBRATE!"



Great British Trivia Quiz - Answers

1. Gary Oldman
2. 16th (1564)
3. Sir Henry Moore
4. 2003
5. The Bristol Channel
6. Morgan
7. Mor-Tax
8. H.G.Wells
9. They were both deaf
10. Malcolm and Donald Campbell
11. 21 miles wide (34km)
12. Sapphires and diamonds

Film Review ~

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

For those of you who enjoyed The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, joy of joys, we now have yet another delight, from the same team, The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. But, unlike it's title, this film most definitely isn't, because once again it's first class entertainment. Unlike many sequels, with this one, you most definitely won't be disappointed. It is equal to it's predecessor if not better, if indeed you consider that possible.

As the Sonny's first hotel has only a single remaining vacancy - posing a rooming predicament for two fresh arrivals - Sonny pursues his expansionist dream of opening a second hotel. There are misunderstandings, suspicions, hotel inspectors, investment difficulties, and Richard Gere. I thought he would be something of a mismatch but adds a lot to an already perfect blend. Bill Nighy is a delight, and his dalliance with Judy Dench continues that is until his wife, Penelope Wilton returns. Maggie Smith, Celia Imrie, and indeed all of the cast are at their



absolute best. If you enjoyed the first film you will absolutely love this one. Neither the script or the humour is stale; both being equally fresh and developed from the original. I cannot recommend this movie too highly. Due to be shown October 11th 2pm by Welle Film Club at Three Holes Village Hall. Don't miss this event on the big screen. At only £2.00 entry - an absolute bargain and with a licensed bar and snacks available too!

WI Quiz answers

The answers are all QUIZ or PANEL GAME titles from UK radio or TV

- 1) Patron saint of travellers, angered and interrogated? (Criss, cross, quiz)
- 2) How long does it take? (Just a minute)
- 3) What are the odds? (15 to 1)
- 4) A hit for The Sweet in 1972/1973 (Blockbuster)
- 5) Don't pay over the odds (The price is right)
- 6) _____ (Blankety, Blank)
- 7) Done at Cape Canaveral (Countdown)
- 8) In the middle (Bullseye)
- 9) Expensive cannonball (The Golden Shot)
- 10) Fowl crowns (Eggheads)
- 11) Short Question Number 7 (3,2,1)
- 12) College Wars (University Challenge)
- 13) Not Mensa (QI)
- 14) Cerebral Matter from our Shores (Brain of Britain)
- 15) Looking for something expensive (Treasure Hunt)
- 16) Silver won't do (Going for Gold)
- 17) King of cerebral matter (Mastermind)
- 18) Challenge personal statement (Call My Bluff)
- 19) Absolutely nothing wrong (Perfection)
- 20) One more thing, then disaster (Tipping Point)
- 21) Think hard (Concentration)
- 22) Need some help (Give us a clue)
- 23) Derby and Joan (Mr and Mrs)
- 24) Relative monopoly (Keep it in the family)
- 25) This puzzle is transparent (The Crystal Maze)
- 26) A hit for the Safaris (Wipeout)
- 27) This quiz used a tub of lard as a stand in! (Have I got news for you)
- 28) Don't get a draught in your eye (Through the keyhole)
- 29) Question relatives (Ask the family)
- 30) In hot pursuit (The Chase)
- 31) Don't lie (Tell the truth)
- 32) Class Swot (Top of the Form)
- 33) This should keep your valuables safe, but not in Hatton garden! (The Vault)
- 34) Sub-standard join (The Weakest Link)
- 35) Filthy lucre x2 (Double your Money)
- 36) Time abuse (Beat the Clock)

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Age UK Cambridgeshire	0300 6669860
Alzheimer's Society (Fenland)	01945 580480
Anglian Water – Susan Bull	08457 145 145 101
Cambs Fire & Rescue	01480 444500
Churchwarden - Mrs. D. Symons	01354 638352
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Parish Councillor - James Hughes	01354 638310
Parish Councillor - Peter Owen	01354 638847
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Police - Emergency	999
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And Finally...

Well that's another issue put to bed! But there was some other late news. At the rugby England lost to Wales in the last three minutes having led all game. But those side stepping Japs beat South Africa. What a second half that was! Nip and tuck one might say (lol). They displayed real 'samurai spirit' to the end. Now we HAVE to beat the Aussies to stay in the competition!

If at first you don't succeed ...try!...try! and try again! And boy do we need ALL those tries! We all know, of course, that rugby is played by men with funny shaped leather balls, but what about those 'bone-crunching' tackles we see in the modern game? How do their bodies stand it? Well the answer is quite simple – quite often they don't! When bones break clever cells known as osteoclasts and osteoblasts help them remodel and heal. Sadly I relive my rugby days on a daily basis now thanks to ongoing osteoarthritis caused by wear and tear to the cartilage at the end of the bones. My old injuries coming back to haunt me! I know that, sadly, many others of you are in a similar position. Not to mention all the positions we CAN'T get into anymore!

Lastly – Tony Kiddle (lead article) had a meteoric rise to fame this issue (lol), and there was the 'fentastic' news about the Welney Wader! Yup! A new word the NH has invented which can be applied in future to all good things that happen in the Fens (like next year's Gala!).

So, til next time, have a 'fentastic' time one and all!

Please let us know if you have any news for us or any suggestions for articles.

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