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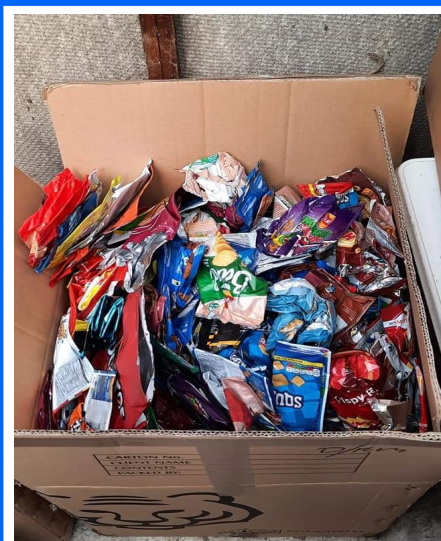
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WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!



Well done Christchurch! We've certainly got the recycling bug! Check out page 7 to see exactly how much rubbish we have stopped going into Landfill.

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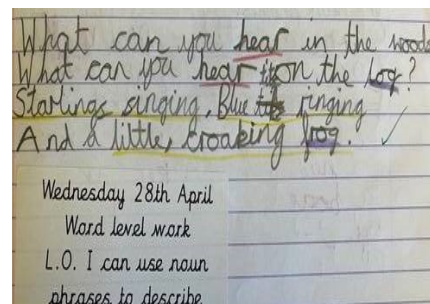
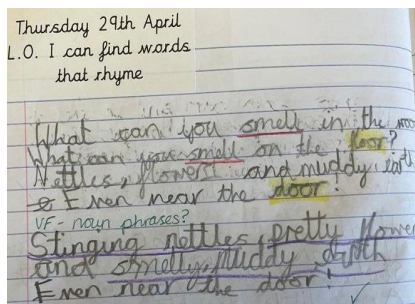
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Remember that our website has lots more information about school.

I start with some sad news this month; our wonderful ABC Dog, Ollie passed away at the end of April. We had been unable to see him due to Covid. We will sorely miss him; he certainly made a huge difference to many of our past and current children. We trust you will join us in sending his owners Sam and Rob all our love.

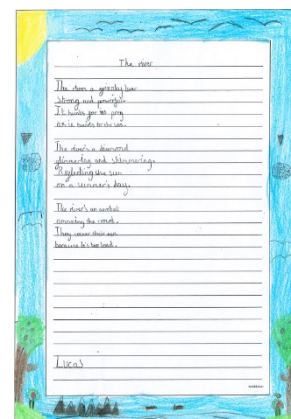
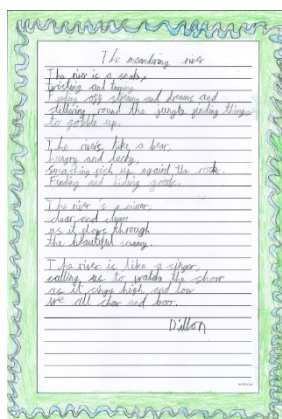
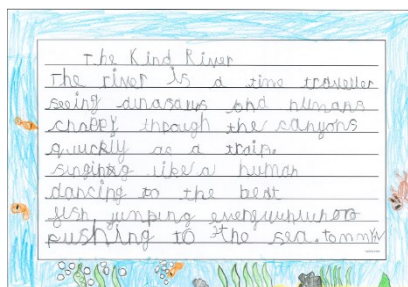


Hawker Class have also been creating art work in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. Here is some of the beautiful work that year 1 and year 2 produced.



In Hawker Class the children have been writing poetry about Nature, based on the poem 'In the Garden', by Moira Andrew. The children went on a nature walk to our forest area to get inspiration and use all of their senses. They saw, heard, smelled, and felt lots of different things. Then, the children wrote a stanza about each of these four senses and the forest.

In Emerald, our topic this half term is 'Flow' and we have learnt about rivers and the water cycle in Geography. We have linked our Geography work to our English and over the last four weeks, the children have looked at poems describing the water cycle and talking about rivers. We have learnt about stanzas, rhymes, rhyming schemes, personification, metaphors and similes. The children's end of unit task was to write their own poem based on the poem 'The River' by Valerie Bloom and include elements of what had been taught in class. They worked tirelessly and came up with fantastic ideas. Some of the children shared their poem with Early Years, via a video link and others performed their work in front of their peers in class. We are very proud of the work they have produced but most importantly, the children are very proud of their poems and wanted to share some of them with you all. Who knew we had so many poets at Townley?



We have arranged a **Bags2School** collection at 9am on the 18th June. If you have any old clothes, soft toys, bags or shoes you are willing to donate please put them in a bin bag and drop them off at school. Alternatively, call us and we could collect from you. We are paid by the weight of the collection.

Do you have a child soon turning two? Our Nursery has a few sessions available this term, so please register your interest soon for September on the school number at the top of this page.

Community Information

Mobile Post Office:

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Tuesday and Wednesday - 16.10 to 17:00

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Use it or lose it!

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Please remember that no dogs are allowed on the playing field. Thank you. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Annette Russell, RIP



We, at the Heron, were saddened to hear of the death of a long-time resident of Christchurch, Annette Russell, who died in May. She was a real "village girl", and along with her late husband Alan, was a loyal supporter of The Heron. She also used to enjoy attending the Church Fundraising Coffee Mornings, and was very supportive of the Church here in Christchurch. There will be many who will remember her here in the village. She will be missed.

We send our sincere condolences to Annette's family and friends as they mourn their loss.

How's your Spanish?

Así de sencillo.



Translation on Page 30

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Bouquets or Brickbats? Come to our AGM - July 5th 2021, 7pm in the CCC.

The Executive Committee of Heron Publishing holds an AGM every July. This is an occasion for **anyone in the village** who would like to, to attend and listen to what has been going on during the last 12 months. It is an opportunity for anyone to put forward suggestions and ideas. The Executive Committee deals with finance, fundraising events and other Constitutional matters. Check out the Constitution on the web site www.theheron.info

The Executive Committee is elected at the AGM for the following year. The present Executive Committee: Officers - Chair, Ms Annie Nason; Secretary, Mrs Sue Norman; Treasurer, Mrs Elaine Reed-Hughes; Committee members – Mrs Peggy Warby, Mrs Sandra Kay and Mrs Sheila Day.

The eagle-eyed amongst you may notice that these people are also the Heron Editorial Committee, the team that puts the magazine together. That is fine, constitutionally, but we could do with more folks to lighten the load. To be able to be on a team, and/or to vote at the AGM you will need to sign up as 'A Friend of The Heron', if you haven't already done so. This involves no cost. It's just an administrative procedure.

Please do come along! Enjoy a glass of something and some nibbles before the meeting starts. If the Covid rules change and we cannot meet in the Community Centre, we will let you know.

The Minutes of the last AGM (which was fully Postal, because of the Lockdown rules) will be on the website mid-June, along with the summary of the Audited Accounts and Officers' Reports.

If you would like a copy of the 2020 AGM minutes etc and cannot access the website, give Annie a call on 638088 and she will get you paper copies.

Editorial

Welcome to our 'Midsummer' Edition - we seem to be a month out when it comes to the weather, having had the April showers in May! Let's hope we get some nice summer weather this month. Many gardens in and around Christchurch are coming into bloom. Everyone is doing their best for the bees (see page 31) and what a result with the recycling (page 7)! Well done to Nate. 👍

You will have noticed that we have 4 extra pages this month. That's partly because of the great response we have had from our local small businesses taking up the special offer announced in the May edition. Check out our centre pages for their adverts. It's wonderful that there are so many small enterprises in our area. All the best to all our new advertisers and here's hoping we can generate some new custom for you all!

Things will soon be looking up in the village when it comes to activities and clubs starting up again in the Community Centre. This is, of course, subject to Government Guidance with regard to June 21st. Things will hopefully now start to return to some sort of normal. All things pass, as they say.... But it's been a long time coming!

Hope you enjoy this month's offering.

Annie Nason

Letters to the Editorial Team

The Editorial team welcome letters from its readers. Please email letters to: editor@heron.info or post them to *The Editor of The Heron, Grasshopper Cottage, 5 Upwell Road, Christchurch, PE14 9LF.*

PLEASE NOTE: Letters will only be considered for publication if they are accompanied by name and contact details - names will be published, but not contact details. The Heron will not share any contact details unless given permission.

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Hello Christchurch!

I weighed our recycling today prior to it being collected. Here are the figures:

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Babybel	– 1 box total weight 2kg
Ring Carriers	– 1 box total weight 500g
Ferrero Rocher	– 1 box total weight 1kg
Cheese Wrappers	– 1 box total weight 800g
Burts Bees Beauty Products	– 1 box total weight 6.9kg
Oral Care Products	– 1 box total weight 6.30kg
Cake & biscuit wrappers	– 1 box total weight 4.30kg
Sweet wrappers	– 1 box total weight 2.2kg
RB home hygiene wrappers	– 1 box total weight 5.30kg
Personal care & beauty products	– 1 box total weight 4.40kg



Total weight of waste not going to a landfill 105.7kg... On top of this I shipped out over 100 ink cartridges.

What an incredible amount! I will post in a few weeks how much we earned from it all, but just think! That is a serious amount of waste that will get recycled and turned into new products. You're all doing your bit for the planet. 😊

Nate Lansdell

Parish Council Snippets

The May meeting was held in person, in the village hall, after the government time limit for allowing virtual meetings expired. Social distancing was ensured with each PC member sitting at their own table.

One councillor was absent due to illness.

The chair (Peter Owen) and vice-chair (James Hughes) were re-elected after confirming they were willing to continue in those roles.

Under matters outstanding:

- Due to time commitments, Cllr Miller has stepped down from the bus shelter project, this place to be filled as soon as possible.
- The trees on Green Lane are starting to interfere with both the power and telephone lines; since ownership of the trees is unknown (likely highways), it seems likely the PC will need to bring in a contractor to trim these back.
- There has been no progress on the path outside Field Lodge, with the builder waiting on Highways and Highways waiting on the builder. The clerk is investigating further.
- Street light repair and installation is proceeding, albeit slowly.
- The clerk will chase Fenland to see when the rest of the roadside drains are to be cleared. Cllr Harper reported concerns that some of our elderly

residents are liable to flooding whilst these drains are ill-maintained.

- The Community centre canopy is complete, and repaired after the recent vandalism. CCTV is installed and operating and covering the entire area.
- As no Fenland or District councillors were present (Cllr Sutton had sent apologies as he was in another meeting), there were no reports forthcoming.
- The clerk reported on a number of issues, the main one being that the Ouse Washes project has delayed the installation of the Welney barrier until 2022, as they are running behind due to the bad weather.
- Under finance, the clerk reported on the Internal Audit Report, the Annual Governance statement and the Accounting Statements for 2021. All were agreed by the PC.
- Under residents' concerns, Cllr Gladwin reported that he had been contacted by a resident on Fen View who was worried about the impact on her house of piling on the development behind Syringa House. Cllr Hughes has agreed to collate an Annual Report that will be published to residents as, whilst the activities of the PC have been severely curtailed due to Covid, there is still some worthwhile news to pass on.

James Hughes



Christchurch Gardening Club

As I sit at my desk to write this month's column, the rain is pounding at the windows and summer seems a long way off. However, all things must pass, and this weather will do the same eventually and we can maybe think about visiting some of our favourite outdoor gardens.

Some while ago the Gardening Club undertook a trip to Cambridge University Botanic Gardens, where we spent a very pleasant time wandering the gardens and displays.

The gardens are situated in the centre of Cambridge and if you haven't yet been there, it's well worth a visit. It has the added advantage of easy access to the shops if you so desire.

As with most places open to the public lockdown has had an effect, so here are some of the things to bear in mind should you wish to visit.

At the moment pre-booked tickets are all that's available. These can be booked on the garden's website www.botanic.cam.ac.uk and go on sale each week on Thursday morning at 10 am. Prices are as follows Gift Aid Adult: £7.00 Standard Adult: £6.30

Children from 0 to 16 go Free, but must be accompanied at all times by an Adult. Friends of CUBG go free on production of their membership card but must pre-book.

The management have taken all the usual Covid precautions such as hand sanitiser stations placed at regular intervals around the garden. One-way systems as well as The Glass House Range is closed and take away food from the café. So, if you fancy a wander round a lovely garden this is highly recommended. Stay Safe.

Steve.



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Farming UK reports that a cross-party group of MPs and peers has launched a new inquiry that

wants to explore ways to boost the UK rural economy post-pandemic. The inquiry will explore why rural productivity is 18 percent below the national average and identify solutions to help bridge the divide. The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Rural Business will focus on digital connectivity, the planning system, land use, rural skills and the tax system. The APPG is seeking written evidence from the rural economy, including from the farming sector, and will run oral evidence sessions throughout the year. Julian Sturdy MP, who will co-chair the inquiry, said it was 'critical' to understand why this productivity disparity existed between urban and rural areas. The Country Land & Business Association (CLA), which is supporting the inquiry, said that closing the rural productivity gap would add £43 billion to the UK economy, in turn creating hundreds of thousands of skilled jobs.



TANNERS AND BOBS

Back in the days of tanners and bobs;
when Mothers had patience and Fathers had jobs.
When football team families wore hand me down shoes;
and TV gave only two channels to choose.
Back in the days of threepenny bits;
when schools employed nurses to search for your nits.
When snowballs were harmless; ice slides were permitted;
and all of your jumpers were warm and hand knitted.
Back in the days of hot ginger beers;
when children remained so for more than six years.
When children respected what older folks said;
and pot was a thing you kept under your bed.
Back in the days of *Listen With Mother*;
when neighbours were friendly and talked to each other.
When cars were so rare you could play in the street;
when doctors made house calls; police walked the beat.
Back in the days of Milligan's Goons;
when butter was butter and songs all had tunes.
It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea;
and your annual break was a day by the sea.
Back in the days of *Dixon of Dock Green*;
Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream.
When children could freely wear National Health Glasses;
and teachers all stood at the front of their classes.
Back in the days of rocking and reeling;
when mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling.
When woodwork and pottery got taught in schools;
and everyone dreamt of a win on the Pools.
Back in the days when I was a lad;
I can't help but smile for the fun that I had.
Hopscotch and roller skates; snowballs to lob;
back in the days of tanners and bobs.

Hungry?



This month instead of bringing you a restaurant/take-away recommendation, we are focusing on the challenges of eating on a budget.

Marcus Rashford has joined forces with the Michelin-starred chef Tom Kerridge to create a series of recipes and ideas designed to help tackle food poverty in low-income families.

Feeding a family on a budget has never been easy and the Covid pandemic has had a major impact on the financial situation of many, making this even more challenging than before.

Marcus, famous for his campaign to end child food poverty, campaigned for an increase in Healthy Start Vouchers which were given a boost in England and Wales at the start of April and now work out at £4.25 per child under the age of four per week, up from £3.25. (For more information about this go to <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/> - apparently only 50% of eligible families are accessing this benefit)

The project with Tom Kerridge is an instagram initiative offering 52 recipes (one per week) encouraging families to cook economical healthy meals together.

Tom Kerridge says, "We have set up the Full Time campaign to call 'Full Time' on child food poverty – supporting the nationwide initiative #EndChildFoodPoverty. We want to help give children and families the skills and confidence to cook good, proper food in their own kitchens, using the equipment available to them. Encouraging them to be creative, have fun and spend valuable time together cooking and eating."

There is a clear emphasis on families being able to cook these dishes with limited equipment and financial resources and there is no assumption of high level skills either!

"52, pocket friendly and seriously tasty recipes that the whole family can cook – dishes to fill hungry tummies. These recipes are simple and easy to follow with emphasis on limited equipment and inclusion of store cupboard goods with a longer shelf life."

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Policing Fenland

From fishing to drones... our Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT) had a busy few days!

Over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend, they teamed up with Environment Agency Fisheries enforcement officers to patrol our rural areas. The teamwork resulted in 8 offences being detected; 7 rod licence offences and one person caught fishing out of season on a river.

RCAT's efforts didn't stop there! In Newmarket, they responded to local reports of large drones in the area. They checked three drones and their pilots, which resulted in one person being prosecuted for breaching drone flying regulations.

Not sure of the rules on flying drones and model aircraft? Read up on them here: <https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/drone-code>



A Point of View

Have you ever been a victim of bullying? Both adults and children can experience bullying. Some people think it's just a part of life. Read on:

A teacher bought two almost identical red apples and took them in to show her class. They all agreed that the apples were shiny and looked lovely, though one was a little smaller than the other and was slightly discoloured. She then dropped that one on the floor, saying it looked "gross", and passed it round the class, asking them to say mean things about it. They came up with "You are too small", "I bet you are full of worms", "your stalk is too short", "you are an ugly colour of red". When the apple got back to the teacher, it looked similar to what it had done before all the dropping. Then the teacher cut the larger apple in half. It was lovely and crisp and looked good on the inside. She then cut the other one in half. It was bruised, and was covered with mushy brown spots as the result of having been dropped. The lesson was, that every time a hurtful word or comment is made to someone, their pain may not show on the outside, but they will be bruised on the inside.

Taken from an article by Graciela Mareno, about a teacher of young children in the USA.



Looking for somewhere to chill out, now that restrictions are easing? Why not visit our local Wildlife and Wetlands Centre in Welney. (Remember to book first)

WWT is creating new pockets of wetland home for the black-tailed godwit to nest and feed in. We're controlling water levels and putting up anti-fox fencing to protect them. We are boosting chick numbers through a rear-and-release programme. Using artificial incubation and protecting the hatchlings through their first vulnerable days, we can fledge three to four chicks from each nest, five times more than the birds can manage themselves. We've placed tiny tags on some chicks and rings on others so that we can better understand their movements. We will be able to watch them follow in their parents' wingbeats, meet other black-tailed godwits and begin lifelong romances of their own. In 2018, we fitted ten new geolocators and collected two from birds tagged in 2017. One of these showed that a female godwit went all the way to West Africa and back, stopping off in Spain, Portugal and Norfolk on her way before returning back to the Fens to breed.

Research like this means that UK-based conservation teams can work with their equivalent organisations in other countries to ensure the birds have safe places to fly through or spend the colder months.

Key Achievements:

64 hand-reared birds have been released into the wild since the project began in 2017 - this boosted the output of the UK population by around 350%. Nine godwits, head-started in 2017, returned to the Ouse and Nene Washes in 2018. Two of them are known to have attempted breeding, and one of these breeding attempts was successful. Outside of the breeding season, birds from the 2017 cohort were re-sighted in France, Portugal and Belgium. Early signs suggest they are surviving as well as wild-reared birds. Three 2018 head-started chicks have been sighted in France as they head south for the winter.



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AN OLD ENGLISH SAYING GOES.....

"NE'ER CAST A CLOUT 'TIL MAY BE OUT" refers to the month. Clout is from an Old English word for cloth or clothing, and the saying was a reminder not to be too quick to shuck the winter woollies before the chilly days of May were over.



BEE LINE

In the past people believed that bees flew in a straight line to their hive. So if you made a beeline for something you went straight for it.

BEYOND THE PALE

Originally a pale was an area under the authority of a certain official. In the 14th and 15th centuries, the English king ruled Dublin, and the surrounding area was known as the pale. Anyone 'beyond the pale' was seen as savage and dangerous.

COCK A HOOP

This phrase comes from a primitive tap called a spile and shive. A shive was a wooden tube at the bottom of a barrel and a spile was a wooden bung. You removed the shive to let the liquid flow out and replaced it to stop the flow. The spile was sometimes called a cock. If people were extremely happy and wanted to celebrate, they took out the cock, and put in on the hoop on the top of the barrel to let the drink flow out freely. So it was cock a hoop. So cock a hoop came to mean 'ecstatic'.

FEET OF CLAY

If a person we admire has a fatal weakness we say they have feet of clay. This phrase comes from the Bible. King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a statue. It had a head of gold, arms, and chest of silver, belly, and thighs of bronze and its legs were of iron. However, its feet were made of a mixture of iron and clay. A rock hit the statue's feet and the whole statue was broken. The prophet Daniel interpreted the dream to be about a series of empires, all of which would eventually be destroyed. (Daniel 2:27-44).

FLASH IN THE PAN

Muskets had a priming pan, which was filled with gunpowder. When flint hit steel it ignited the powder in the pan, which in turn ignited the main charge of gunpowder and fired the musket ball. However, sometimes the powder in the pan failed to light the main charge. In that case, you had a flash in the pan.

GO TO POT

Any farm animal that had outlived its usefulness such as a hen that no longer laid eggs would literally go to pot. It was cooked and eaten.

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(If we are unfortunate enough to get a bad weather day on that Saturday, we will automatically try again for the Sunday - but will make that decision once we have a more accurate idea of the weather forecast and keep you posted via the Christchurch Community Facebook Page.)

Heron Committee



A YEAR ON THE FARM – JUNE

Now we have passed through the coldest and driest April on record, we now in May have quickly caught up with the moisture deficit. At the time of writing, temperatures are not quite where they should be for the time of year and a ground frost is threatening for tonight in sheltered spots! As we are looking towards the end of May, we can certainly do without this!



Peas are growing away well despite pigeon, and to a lesser degree, crow damage.



Sugar beet is at the 6th leaf stage and looking good on the silts, but not quite so forward on the heavier land. A good leaf growth early will help against the aphid attack, which many farmers suffered with last season. Onions are growing well and are benefiting, as are all crops, from the showers (April showers, delayed somewhat!). Potatoes are now growing through the ridge, and in some sheltered areas, have suffered frost damage. This will delay growth and production by around 2 weeks or so; this is not good news for those farmers growing 1st earlies (as they are known in the trade). Main crop potatoes are now poking their noses through the ridges, but are around 2 weeks later than usual because of lower than usual soil temperatures at the time of planting and, over all periodically, ever since.

All the above crops have now had their 2nd dose of weed control spray. Wheats are now growing quickly and have had their 2nd fungicide spray, which will stop the usual diseases of Yellow Rust and Septoria. If no spray is applied for these, then the yield will be reduced by anything up to half.

All sprays are very expensive, but necessary, and if not applied can cause a loss of up to half of the yield, which in turn a shortage resulting in higher prices in the shops.

In the livestock industry, owing to the shortage of grass feed, with the added problem of hay and straw prices escalating, farmers are facing extra expense to feed their animals.

Potato sales continue to gather momentum as Covid restrictions are being lifted. Restaurants and other eating houses are re-opening, seaside visits are escalating, so fish and chip shops are regaining business as people are getting out and about again.

Let's hope we all have a "bumper season"- both producers and consumers, and Covid does not rear its head again to cause anymore 'Lockdowns' - fingers crossed!



That's all until next time.

Jill Bliss.



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2. Put disposable barbecues on bricks, do not place directly on grass.
3. Ensure cigarettes are completely out
4. Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows onto grass verges or vegetation
5. Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground, the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire

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HELP A HEDGEHOG TO STAY SAFE IN WINTER



In the Autumn of 2020, a number of residents in Christchurch and the surrounding area responded to this call from Kate Theobald, Head Nurse at South Essex Wildlife Hospital. Kate has been in that role for 18 years, and it is one of the largest and busiest veterinary facilities for wild life in the UK.

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Here are some updates from those who accepted Kate's challenge. She says that it is now Hedgehog Breeding Season, and is sure that, by the Autumn, there will be more hedgehogs needing homes.

Chris, from Tipps End says hers are still around and feeding. Liz, in Christchurch has named her 2 hedgehogs Huff and Prickles. They appear to have decamped to under the shed. Sandra, in Christchurch, says hers are around as she has seen hedgehog droppings in her garden. One of them disappeared quite early in the year, and the other one a bit later.



Jane and Gordy were very pleased to welcome two hedgehogs last Autumn. They had great hedgehog accommodation, full board. However, after only two days, there was no sign of the visitors. They are wondering whether it was something the dog said!




Former Christchurch resident, (Orchard House - May Edition - Page 27), Doris Allerton, nee Cawthorne, celebrating her 90th Birthday on 22 May 2021, at her home in Holland-on-Sea, Essex.

How Observant Are You?

This photo was taken in one of our villages (Christchurch, Euximoor or Tipps End), but where?



Answer for last month:

The bridge which crosses the 16ft at the end of Crown Drove to Christchurch Farm - did you get the right bridge?

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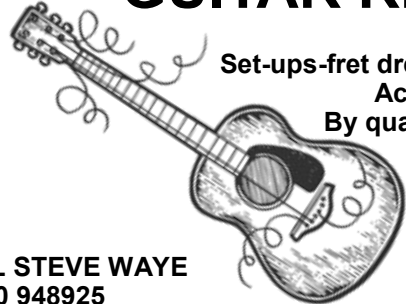
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Plant Sale for the Charity MIND in memory of Sean Kay.

A Plant Sale was held in the Dun Cow Pub gardens, under the willow trees, on May 8th. It was extremely successful and raised a massive total of £779.00.



Sean's mother, Sandra, organised it, with the help of Paul and Sue Simpson, of The Dun Cow, and other friends. It was a great occasion, and a lot of people came. Everyone was very pleased to be able to be outside in the company of others



once again, though being cautious all the same, of course. The weather held up nicely. The original plan was to hold it on Saturday May 8th, but the forecast for that day was awful so it was changed to 9th, Sunday. The Dun Cow served teas and cakes. Along with the plants, there was a raffle with prizes that people had brought along in support of the Charity.

Message from Sandra: "Thank you everyone for your help and support. It was a nice event."

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Film Crew Spotted in Three Holes

If, like me, you are a fan of the Amazon Prime series "Alex Rider", you

might be surprised to hear that some of the scenes for the latest series are being filmed around Mudd's Drove and Squire's Drove in Three Holes! Yes, you heard me! Apparently they are using a farm down Mudd's Drove as a base for the Production Crew.

Film crew and actors were spotted on 17th May all sporting ponchos and raincoats to stave off the horrible weather we had throughout May.



For those that don't know, 'Alex Rider' is a British spy thriller based on the novel series of the same name by Anthony Horowitz.

Adapted by Guy Burt, it stars Otto Farrant as the lead character, who is recruited by a subdivision of MI6 as a teenage spy to infiltrate places that others are unable to. Other actors include Line of Duty's Vicky McClure and Game of Thrones' Stephen Dillane and Brenock O'Connor.



Series 1 was certainly action packed, and being suitable for viewing for age 14 and above, it has all the action and none of the swearing and other adult themes which certainly makes it one to watch with the family as there's something in it for everyone.

The latest series is due to be released on Amazon Prime towards the end of this year/beginning of next. I, for one, can't wait.



Elaine Reed-Hughes

The 10-year-old boy who beat a chess grandmaster - but didn't want to boast.



By Angie Brown, BBC Scotland News

Frederick Waldhausen Gordon is just 10 years old and has already defeated a chess

grandmaster. But the talented young Scottish player did not share his excitement with his school friends because he thought it would be boasting.

Freddy started playing chess at the age of six - and within a week he was beating his parents, who both have PhDs in maths. He joined the Edinburgh Chess Academy and started practising two hours a day after school and four hours a day at weekends. He watched the best players on YouTube and picked up tips from his chess teacher and a family friend. Freddy became the under-10 British champion, one of Scotland's top graded juniors of all time, and is currently the country's top under-18 player. And in March this year, he defeated grandmaster Bogdan Lalic on his way to winning an English Chess Federation Prix Rapid Event. He faced adult opponents in his six matches, but said the 30-minute contest with the 57-year-old Croatian was the most exciting game.

Freddy, a pupil at George Heriot's School, said: "I was very nervous, but I thought whatever happens I will learn from it so as not to put too much pressure on myself. He played some moves that I would call a bit inaccurate and I took advantage of them. His little inaccuracies became a big thing as it went on. We had both taken the same number of pieces but the ones I had taken were more valuable.

I was then in a position where I was close to winning, so he resigned."

The championship was held online, due to Covid restrictions, so he played from his father's study.

HE SAID: "I CAN'T HAVE ANY DISTRACTIONS AND NEED COMPLETE QUIET, SO MY FAMILY WAITED IN THE GARDEN WHILE I PLAYED WITH THE DOOR SHUT. I DON'T PLAY TOO PASSIVELY; I KEEP MY OPPONENTS ON THEIR TOES.

As soon as it was over, I jumped up and down, because it is not nice sitting in a chair for all that time." He then shouted the news out of the window to his parents - Dr Maja Waldhausen and Prof Iain Gordon - and his 12-year-old sister Josephine. However, he has not told anyone else about his achievement in the competition, where he also drew with English grandmaster Keith Arkell.

"I didn't tell anyone at school because I think that is boasting," he explained.

Ed.... Anyone out there want to start a chess club in Christchurch?



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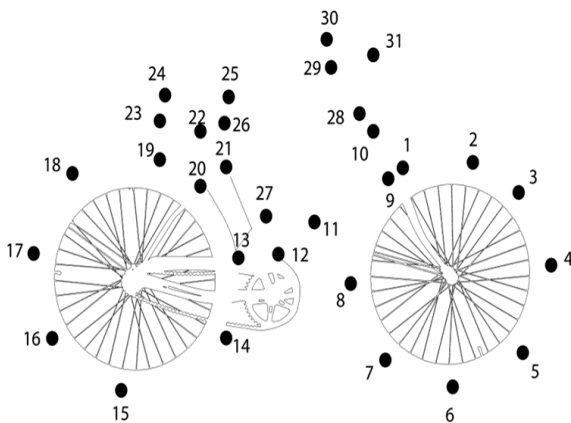
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Travel Riddles (Answers on page 27)

- I have seas without water, coasts without sand, cities without people, mountains without land - what am I?
- What travels around the World but stays in a corner?
- A train leaves from Edinburgh heading towards London at 120 km/h. 90 minutes later, a train leaves Edinburgh heading towards London at 150 km/h. Assume that it is exactly 600 kilometres between Edinburgh and London. When they meet, which train is closer to London?

Join the dots to find a mode of travel



Strange travel facts...

- Jet lag feels worse if you travel from west to east.
- The pilot and his assistant must eat different food in order not to upset their stomachs at the same time.
- The Eiffel Tower is a daily place of work for 600 Parisians.
- The Great Barrier Reef is the only living structure visible from outer space.
- There's a lot to explore when heading to Russia. Incredibly, the country is bigger than Pluto.
- During a normal flight, the temperature outside your plane is around -60°F. That's colder than almost anywhere on Earth at any given moment of the year.
- There is enough fuel in a Boeing 747 plane to power a car around the entire planet 4 times.
- Need some beach time? Australia has over 10,000 beaches. If inclined you could visit a new beach every day for over 27 years.

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The Fen View Story. Part 2.

Written by Sue Norman

First ...an apology from me, Annie Nason, to Mr John Sparrow for not including your early memories about the Orchard days in last month's magazine. They are included in this article. My mistake. Please forgive.

Walter Cawthorn lived in Orchard House and owned the Village Shop. Behind the house was a yard with pigsties and several barns for storage. The orchard was approximately 5 acres of Bramley apple trees. In the Autumn, once the apples had been picked, the pigs were let out to have their feed. Mr Cawthorn's wife was in charge of the pigs. She had a boar pig which local farmers used to service their sows. Mr Cawthorn had a black storage building to go with the shop. This was previously used as a Salvation Army building, situated at the top of Fen View, near the electric substation.

The next owner of Orchard House was Derek Bedford. By this time the trees had disappeared. He sold the land for a reputed £50,000 to a builder, who initially planned to build an estate of 4-bedroom houses. Building commenced around 1974/75. He then changed his mind, knocked down the fourth partially built house and decided to finish the rest with bungalows. He built 5 bungalows round from No. 4, round the corner to the dyke. He then continued with a further 7 bungalows, following on from the third house. He then ceased trading and all building work stopped. The houses and bungalows were on the market from early 1979. Each cost £14,995 (just under the Stamp Duty threshold of £15K). The rest of the undeveloped land was used by villagers as informal allotments, grazing for goats, and somewhere where children could play.

Around 1981, a new developer, Mr Sadler, took over. He continued to build bungalows to a similar design to the previous builder. They were built using timber frames. The soffit boards were of a dark brown stain, as were the window frames. Internally, the bungalows were almost the same design as the originals.

Angry villagers call in Moss

Cambridgeshire Times Newspaper Headline
February 5th 1988

take over the sewerage treatment plant, and the County Council refused to adopt the road. A Residents Association was formed, and some members were very persistent in attending the MP's Surgery in March on a Saturday morning, to enlist his help in sorting out the problems.

Eventually, in 1988, it was agreed that if the residents of Fen View would pay some of the cost to bring the sewerage treatment plant up to standard, and contribute to costs to the road, these would be "adopted". Each resident had to pay the cost of their frontage and an additional sum to Anglian Water for the adoption of the sewerage plant. The only stipulation being that every household had to agree. The County Council offered the residents the opportunity to pay cash, pay by instalments over a number of years, or wait until the property was sold, and pay then. There were some anomalies. Some frontages were longer than others, and three houses in addition had to pay

At this time the roadway and pavement had been gradually deteriorating, with large potholes appearing, and the sewerage plant was regularly breaking down. During the 1980s, angry Fen View residents went to see their local MP, who at the time was Mr Clement Freud, and later, Mr Malcolm Moss. At first, Anglian Water refused to



● Pointing out their numerous complaints, residents from Fenview enrol MP Malcolm Moss (left) in their campaign (from left to right) Malcolm Moss, Alf Piper, Ron Shaw, George Weymouth and Jack Izzard.

The sewerage treatment plant was adopted by Anglian Water, and the road was adopted by Cambridgeshire County Council in 1996/97 – some 17 years after the first residents moved in!

Thanks to Mr John Sparrow and Mr Malcolm Hicks for information on the early history.

Fenview: Solution closer

Residents of Fenview, Christchurch could get relief from their sewage disposal problems within one year – at a cost of £9,000.

A meeting last week in Wisbech between Anglian Water Authority, Mr Malcolm Moss, MP for North-East Cambridgeshire, developer Mr G Hardingham and the residents association discussed the problems.

"The meeting arrived at a tentative solution. The residents Association have to put together a financial package to raise money for the capital works that need doing and the builder has agreed as part of the normal works to put in a small access and handstanding for a lorry," said Mr Moss.

ONE-OFF

The developer would also have to improve fencing around both plants, explained the MP. Once the works had been completed Anglian Water had agreed to take over the sewerage plant and maintain it.

"This is a very special case, a

one-off, Anglian Water have on this occasion bent over backwards to accommodate the residents and the builder," said Mr Moss.

He estimated that once the residents had been able to come up with some sort of financial package, the new equipment should be installed within four months and the requisition accepted within six months.

Spokesman for the residents association, Mr George Weymouth, of 22 Fenview said that they were now trying to arrange a meeting of the Association where they could discuss a financial package.

With 35 houses eventually to be built on the estate, the approximate cost for each of the residents would be £250.

"The problem is that a lot of the people here are old age pensioners and £250 is a lot of money for them to find," said Mr Weymouth.

At the meeting the residents solicitor, Mr David Rowell, from Cartwright and Co, in Chatteris, will explain the different ways of funding the improvements.

One possibility for the residents is taking out a loan, which they could pay off gradually.

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We have suitable paper for a reasonable cost to purchase and materials can be borrowed until you have your own.* Our group is friendly and relaxed and we love to welcome new folk.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 1.30-3.30 in the Village Hall (term time). Hopefully in the summer we may be able to sketch outside again.

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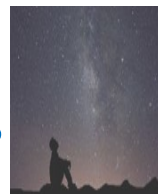
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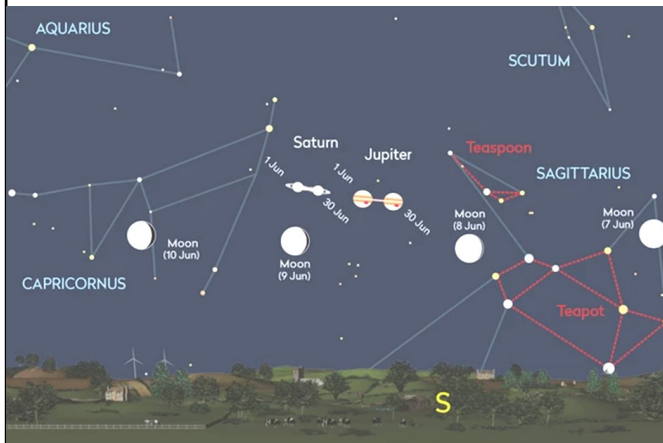
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Hello Christchurch Stargazers.

Christchurch Stargazers



Well - what does June bring? Throughout the month, **Jupiter** shines brightly. On 1 June it will be mag. -2.4 , increasing to -2.6 by the month's end as it approaches opposition in July. Best time to see: 30 June, 02:00 BST (01:00 UT). Altitude 15° , Location Sagittarius, Direction South. **Mercury** is an evening object, technically for the whole of June. Unfortunately, unlike last month's spectacular evening appearance, its brightness drops fast, along with its post sunset altitude, meaning it's likely to be lost from view from mid-month onwards. Best time to see: 1 June, 40 minutes after sunset Altitude 9.5° (low), Location Gemini, Direction West-Northwest. **Venus** reaches inferior conjunction on 3 June, when it lines up with the Sun and cannot be seen. Best time to see: 30 June, 1 hour before sunrise Altitude 5° , Location Taurus, direction East-northeast. **Mars** is now improving despite its apparent eastward travel against the stars keeping it tucked into the dawn twilight. On 1 June a scope will show mag. $+0.0$ Mars to have a 9 arcsecond disc with a phase of 84%. At the month's close it will have increased to mag. -0.5 . Best time to see: 30 June from 03:00 BST (02:00 UT) Altitude 17° , Location Pisces, Direction East-southeast. **Saturn** appears just east of Jupiter, low above the southern horizon in the early hours. The off-white planet appears to brighten from mag. $+0.7$ to $+0.5$ during June. Best time to see: 30 June, from 02:00 BST (01:00 UT) Altitude 16.5° , Location Capricornus, Direction South. **Uranus** is a morning planet that's now too entrenched in the dawn twilight for



serious viewing. **Neptune** Best time to see: 13 June, from 02:00 BST (01:00 UT) Altitude 5° (very low), Location Aquarius, Direction East-Southeast. Remember - never ever look at the sun without the correct protective equipment.

Mark Andrews

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Fun and Puns ...

- “Dad, are we pyromaniacs?” “Yes, we arson”.
- Just so everyone’s clear, I’m going to put my glasses on.
- A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
- I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
- How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
- My friends and I have named our band ‘Duvet’. It’s a cover band.
- I lost my girlfriend’s audiobook, and now I’ll never hear the end of it.
- Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, “Oh no, not U2 again.”
- Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it’s a whole sentence.
- Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person’s walk, and the result was staggering.
- I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won’t lie, it was a rocky road.
- What do you say to comfort a friend who’s struggling with grammar? “There, their, they’re”.
- I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls were and he replied, “Aisle B, back.”
- What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? “Suture self”.



The ladies of the WI are getting pretty good at this zoom lark - although we are very much looking forward to the time when we can meet face-to-face.

The main business of our meeting was voting on our resolution. It is perhaps less well known than it deserves to be, that the WI annually campaigns for a cause dear to its heart. This year the WI are striving to “increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer”. This is a very worthy cause as this disease, when spotted early, has a survival rate of 90%, but if not diagnosed until the later stages the survival rate drops alarmingly. Alerting the public and health care professionals to be vigilant in spotting the symptoms could save-thousands of lives. All those at the meeting were very much in favour of this resolution.



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After the discussion of the resolution, the meeting took a decidedly lighter note and we enjoyed a game of Bingo together. Prizes were won by Beryl Brooks, Belinda Gladwin, Helen Chappell and Ann Hicks.

Christchurch WI - The Village Sign

June 7th – June 21st you will see the village sign decorated in our version of Yarn Bombing. It will be decorated by Christchurch WI to celebrate the centenary of The Isle of Ely Federation WI's 1921-2021 of which we are part of. The Federation had many plans this year to mark it 100 years, but like so many other events, due to circumstances way beyond our control, they have either had to be cancelled or postponed. To mark this occasion safely, the Federation decided to hold a competition for The Isle Cup, which will be awarded to the WI with the best display. This is being judged by forwarding three photographs to an independent WI member from another Federation who will choose the winner. You may see more Yarn Bombing, if you travel through Upwell, a display will be on the bridge near the Church, March Town bridge, Jubilee Gardens and St Marys Green in Ely to name just a few that will be taking part in the Federation Yarn Bombing competition.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th June at 7pm. It will be another zoom meeting and will be take the form of a quiz.

New members are always welcome - it is quite understandable if ladies want to try a meeting or two before they decide whether they want to join...for more details contact Sheila Day on 07946635908.

Church News

At the time of writing, we have just held our second Sunday service in person on the 16th May. This will be followed by another service in the Church on Sunday 6th June at 10:30am, subject to the continued planned lifting of restrictions and our own risk assessments. We hope to hold more services during the months thereafter; see church noticeboard or the updates on the Christchurch Community Facebook page.

Complementary to the live services, throughout June,

we will continue to host a weekly Sunday service on Zoom for those that can access it, and also by telephone for those that don't have a 'phone that supports Zoom. This will be from 11 until about 11:45. Details for access can be obtained from Sheila Day on 07946 635908 or via Facebook messenger.

Also, our new churchwarden replacing Daphne Symons is Helen Chappell, I am sure you join me in wishing her all the best in her new role.

Andrew

Thoughts from the Rectory

Tasty free Offers!

'Free box of chocolates for very reader'. That's what it said across the front of the Saturday newspaper. Now Lynda and I enjoy a chocolate or two, so I looked for the page that contained the coupon I'd need for my freebie. As I turned the pages, I thought to myself, "there's bound to be a catch and I'd have to spend £10 before getting my free gift". But no, it was a totally bona-fide; it was a 'no strings attached' offer. So, I filled in my coupon and collected my continental chocolates from the newsagent. It was a good-sized box and the contents were delicious and hurriedly consumed. How often in life do we get offered free gifts, I once got a small scoop of Rum flavoured ice cream because I bought a large tub of vanilla ice cream, and in the same supermarket, I received a free large bar of Cadburys Chocolate just for sampling a new sherry. I didn't mind going around twice for that free sample!

One of the gifts that we can get and give freely is the gift of forgiveness, and what a wonderful gift it is. It mends broken family relationships, renews a loving spirit between friends and enables us to be healed from guilt and bitterness. We all need forgiveness for the

times when we have acted selfishly or dishonestly, and we all have the ability to forgive others. Perhaps right now, as you read this article, there's someone you need to forgive. Whether forgiving people comes to us easily, or feels like a struggle, we can remember just how much God forgives us and goes on forgiving us, even when we get things wrong over and over again.



One writer in the Bible paints an amazing picture of just how much God is prepared to forgive us. He writes, 'as Far as the East is from the West, so far does he remove our sins from us'. (Psalm 103:12). In other words, God removes it completely out of sight as far away as possible.

Now that's what I call a great offer.

Keep safe.

Ian.



Pauline Aisthorpe

It is with great sadness that I report the death of our beloved friend Pauline Aisthorpe on Wednesday 12th May. As our church organist for 18 years, she provided music for many villagers' weddings, funerals and christenings. Pauline was not only our organist; she was also our PCC Secretary and Treasurer. Pauline was known for her efficiency and organisation, and made the many roles she performed look (deceptively) easy. Needless to say, she is already missed, and will continue to be so. As if the work she did here in Christchurch was not enough for one person, she did the same (and more) for St Mary's, Welney, and was also secretary for the March group of Anglican churches. Our prayers and thoughts go out to her husband Chris, and her siblings Sheila and David. Pauline, I am sure our Lord Jesus has said to you "Well done, good and faithful servant".

Andrew Day

Daphne Symons

Our village has cause to be grateful to Mrs Daphne Symons for her service as Churchwarden for 26 years. The number of "hatchings, matchings and dispatchings" she has been involved with over the years would amount to an incredibly large number, and there are few village families who have not have some connection with her in her role as churchwarden. She has now stepped down, and Mrs Helen Chappell has been appointed in her place.

All best wishes to you, Helen, in your role as Churchwarden.



A lovely picture of Pauline and Daphne, taken in happier times

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Karl Marx is a historically famous philosopher but no one ever mentions his sister, Onya, the inventor of the starting pistol...

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Christchurch Book Club

Book Club had another zoom meeting on 18th May - with 7 participants....with no serious technical problems. Just getting to grip with the technology as the Covid Restrictions start to be relaxed!

We have been reading "The Moonstone" by Wilkie Collins.

This was a "Marmite" book - with some loving it and others barely getting started before deciding it was not for them! Written in the middle of the 19th century, this is one of the very first detective mysteries published. As a Victorian novel it contains some alarming sexual and racial stereotypes, which can be offensive if the reader does not realise that many of these are "tongue in cheek" and meant to be a satire on the values of the day. *(Thank you to the member who helped me to see this and calm down!)*

Following our discussion about "The Moonstone", the group perused the list from the library to consider book choices for the future. We are always open to suggestions from members both within and outside the group.



Our next book is "Then She Was Gone" by Lisa Jewell.

Our next zoom meeting is on Tuesday 22nd June 7,30pm. Although the Covid roles are changing, we have decided to keep this as a zoom meeting.

Future meetings are 20th July, 24th August, 21st Sept...hopefully some of these will be face-to-face!

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sheila Day on 07946635908.



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Travel riddles answers from Kids Corner
- page 20

- A map
- A stamp
- When they meet they are at the same place - so they are the same distance from London!

Sudoku solution from page 28

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2	5	7	3	8	4	1	9	6
8	4	6	9	1	5	2	7	3

Translation from page 3

As Simple As That.

Hey Grandpa. In your day, when you didn't have Cellphones, nor Internet, nor Google, nor Calculators - what did you use in school?

We used our heads!



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Jan's Favourite Ways of Eating Asparagus

Breakfast

- With scrambled or poached eggs

Lunch

- With sourdough bread and homemade Pesto
- Baked in oven with grated parmesan and balsamic vinegar topped with sourdough crumbs
- Baked in oven wrapped in bacon or pancetta (non veggies)
- Grilled with Halloumi cheese and/or Field Mushrooms and Pesto
- Stir-fried with butter and garlic.

Afternoon Tea

- Asparagus rolls in brown bread or mini asparagus tarts

Dinner

- Asparagus risotto (recipe below)
- Asparagus with tagliatelle or pappardelle pasta in parmesan cheese sauce (made with creme fraiche and garlic)
- Asparagus quiche
- Asparagus tart on Puff pastry squares topped with Parmesan and Pesto
- Asparagus with linguini and home-made pesto and parmesan
- Served with Macaroni cheese!



Eat every day in season!

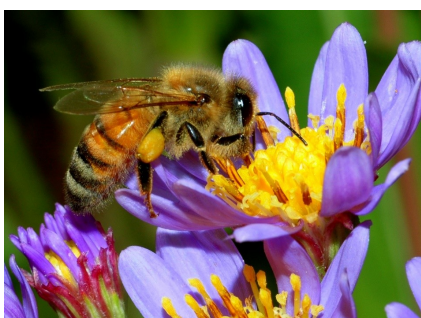
Jan's Asparagus Risotto

- Prepare the bunch of asparagus and cut the stalks into approx. 2cm lengths.
- Heat a saucepan of approximately a pint of vegetable stock (I use vegetable stock cube).
- Blanch the stems, keep the tips whole and don't blanch them.
- In a frying pan sweat a chopped shallot or finely sliced white part of a leek in olive oil.
- Add Risotto rice (Carnaroli or Arborio) about a small handful per person and chopped garlic.
- Coat the rice and leek/shallots with the oil and season well with black pepper.
- Add a glass of white wine (optional but it is nice!).
- When all liquid is absorbed start adding ladles of stock one at a time to the rice.
- Keep stirring until all liquid is absorbed each time before adding more stock.
- If you run out of stock add some boiling water. Stirring constantly is important as this makes the risotto 'creamy'.
- It only takes about twenty minutes or so.
- When almost done add the blanched stalks and tips.
- When all liquid is absorbed add large knob of butter and a handful of grated parmesan cheese.
- Serve in a bowl with a little drizzle of olive oil over and garlic bread.



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Christchurch Community Centre

From 17th May 2021 the Government has stated

that all social clubs using community buildings will be allowed to reconvene and the Christchurch Recreation Ground Committee will continue to monitor changes in government guidance and will also continue to update signage and guidance in line with their recommendations.

During lockdown some improvements have been made to our lovely community centre – the most obvious one is the full-length canopy on the back (which we look forward to seeing being used when the weather starts to improve) as well as new sound-proofing boards in the hall, to help improve the acoustics.



The Committee feels that in order to encourage our much valued clubs back into opening, **there will be a 50% reduction on all hire charges for existing non profit clubs and committees until 1st April 2022** (i.e. this only applies to clubs and committees, that regularly used the Community Centre and were in existence prior to its closure in March 2020).

Our regular clubs, groups and committees have been contacted and forwarded new contracts, incorporating the latest Covid rules and they, along with all future hirers, must sign this before coming back.



again and for us all to sensibly start to socialise once again.

The Christchurch Recreation Ground Committee AGM is being held on Wednesday 30th June at 7:30pm at the hall. This is an open meeting and open to anyone who would like to come along or, indeed, join the committee. New members and ideas are always welcome.



If you would like to raise any questions or concerns, please contact our secretary, jillwatts@sky.com. As always Sandra Kay is available to take Community Centre bookings and reservations (01354 638478).

We look forward to seeing you.

Christchurch Recreation Ground Committee



A Masterpiece!

Constable, Gainsborough, Van Gogh? No, it's Christchurch's very own Janet Harper who is the artist behind the new Dun Cow pub sign.

The Managing Director of Elgoods, Belinda Sutton and Director, Jennifer Everall said that a new pub sign was needed, so the idea of a local competition was put into place. But, like all good things, you have to wait and this is no exception.

The original idea was agreed and put into motion last year, when the competition was advertised in the February 2020 edition of the Heron, but we think it's been well worth the wait - don't you agree!?!?

Well done Janet.

Left: Janet Harper with Dun Cow Landlords, Paul & Sue Simpson standing below the new sign.



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