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The Great “Tractor Run” in aid of MAGPAS

(Full story on Page 32)



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Facebook—Townley School
 and Pre-School

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Remember that our website has
 lots more information about school.

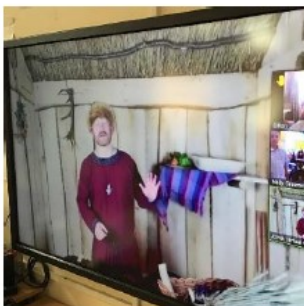
This term our focus is always on the swimming pool! As I write this the pool has just reached 20 degrees (it should be 28 degrees) and should have been open for the past two days, but disappointingly the boiler has failed. I have everything crossed that it will reach temperature ready to swim tomorrow. We had a working party help clean the pool, as I am sure you can imagine that after two idle years it was very overgrown and green! It is looking refreshed and very tempting, albeit a little cold!



Hawker Class have been busy with testing this week. I have been immensely proud of their progress, almost every child has in fact caught up with the curriculum and is where they should be had they not have had nine months out of school. They have been busy reading too! I had seven of them in Hot Chocolate Club this week!



Emerald Class have been learning about the Vikings and had a virtual meeting with a Viking! In maths they have been learning about direction and angles outside.



In EYFS Class the children have been growing plants, learning about insect, in particular the tree bees that have taken up residency in their garden! (I won't mention the water fight!) The Reception children have been to visit their new classes and we have held meeting with the parents of the children who will start Reception in September. Transitions still look a little different this years, we thought things would be back to 'normal' by now. I have been so impressed by how resilient everyone has been with all the changes. Hopefully, the Covid restrictions will soon come to an end.

Bags2School raised £102, thank you all so much for your donations. We are extremely grateful to have the support of our community.



In Emperor Class the children have harvested their lettuce today, they left school laden with leaves! The potatoes, courgettes and tomatoes are growing well, there are even some fine looking sunflowers raising their heads! We entered a team in the County Y5 maths challenge and took part in a World Record singing attempt.



Community Information

Mobile Post Office:

Visits Monday to Thursday in the lay-by on Upwell Road

Monday and Thursday - 16.30 to 17:00

Tuesday and Wednesday - 16.10 to 17:00

Fridays - no service.

ANYONE WISHING THEIR ITEMS TO BE POSTED,
ON THE DAY, WILL NEED TO GET THEIR POST TO THE
VAN BY 4.40PM - WHICH IS WHEN IT IS COLLECTED.

Use it or lose it!

Community Car Scheme:

This scheme is still running for Christchurch and surrounding villages. To book a ride or to become a volunteer driver please ring 07902 316360. An additional driver is still required for the scheme. For more information please ring the number above.

Mobile Library:

**OUR MOBILE LIBRARY COMES ONCE A MONTH,
ON THE FIRST TUESDAY, AT 12 NOON.**

The van parks in the lay-by on Upwell Road, opposite to the entrance of Fen View. **USE IT OR LOSE IT?**
The next visit is April 6th.

You can use the Select and Collect service online, or by calling 0345 045 5225.

https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Select_and_Collect

Please support your local Library Service, right in the heart of your community.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM UPWELL SURGERY

For your information, on the following dates, the practice will be closed between 13:00 and 16:30 to allow us to do essential staff and practice development.

We do apologise for any inconvenience but please be assured it is essential. Thank you.

**Wednesday July 14th
Thursday August 12th
Tuesday September 7th
Wednesday October 13th
Thursday November 10th
Tuesday December 9th**

STOP LOAN SHARKS

Fenland Community Safety Loan Shark Awareness Campaign June/July 2021

CALL US ON – 0300 555 2222 – TO SAFELY REPORT A LOAN SHARK.

NOT SURE WHAT A LOAN SHARK IS?

If you can answer yes to one or more of these questions, you might be borrowing from a Loan Shark.

- Did they offer you cash?
- Did they give you no paperwork?
- Did they add huge amounts of interest or APR to your loan?
- Have they threatened you in any way?
- Are you scared of people finding out?
- Have they taken your Bank Card, Benefit Card, Passport, watch or other valuables from you?



Put the date in your diary – **Wednesday July 28th 2021 from 12 noon – 2pm, in the Community Centre. IT'S FREE!**

BYO Lunch. Catch up with old friends, make new ones. Chat over lunch with Tea or Coffee and relax.

Always the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.



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

PLEASE NOTE:

With immediate effect, we will be only offering quarter and eighth page adverts. This is a decision that we have not taken lightly but feel that we are in danger of tipping the balance of the magazine – with large adverts taking up valuable room, which should be being used for local news, information and stories. We appreciate that people have renewed their contracts for this year and we will honour those until their next renewal. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but we are sure you will understand our reasons for having to make this decision.

All future adverts will need to be formatted as follows, to ensure they fit neatly into the dedicated area within the magazine:

Quarter Page (14cm High x 9.5cm Wide) Portrait Format

6 x issues £50

12 x issues £90

Eighth Page (6.5cm High x 9.5cm Wide) Landscape Format

6 x issues £34

12 x issues £64

Please contact adverts@theheron.info or phone Elaine on 01354 638310.

Latest travel update
We can only visit
countries who voted
for us in The
Eurovision Song
Contest

**On this sheep-scale,
how do you feel today?**



Advertisers - all our advert rates and conditions can be found on our website www.theheron.info. Business advertisers can book series of 6 or 12 adverts, paid in advance. Adverts for village fundraising events, personal announcements, or small private ads are usually free.

BANK BACS DETAILS: Sort Code: 53-81-42 Account no: 04140109 - *Heron Publishing*

Copy Deadline - The deadline for copy for the **August** edition of the Heron is **23 July 2021**.

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.

NB as a matter of courtesy no content from the Heron should be used without prior permission.

Editorial

For a village that isn't on the way to anywhere in particular, we have done well with events passing through! The Tractor Drive was super fun. Thanks to them for coming. I stood by in wonder at the size of some of the machines - and of their tyres. I am sure their "Pit Stop" at The Dun Cow contributed to their decision to come to Christchurch!

Well done to Paul and Sue and their team. The Hereward Charity Challenge wasn't quite as loud, but just as interesting.

And the Yard Sale for The Heron went very well. The date was right....it poured down the day before, and was wet the day after. The 19th was dry. Thank you to Pat Rigby, Elaine Reed-Hughes and Sheila Day for organising the event and thank you to all who took part. As for the burgers and cake at The Dun Cow... great! It's so good to have so much support for our magazine. It is much appreciated, believe me. Things are beginning to happen again in the village. Enjoy July!

Annie Nason



Our beautiful village sign - looking a bit different at the moment! Find out more on page 15.

Heron News

The Heron AGM is now on JULY 19TH (postponed from July 5th).

Still at 7pm in the Community Centre. Please come along and support your Village Magazine.

You may (or may not!!) have been losing sleep over what goes on at our AGM. Here's what happens. Anyone who attends can make comments about anything Heron-related. As we deal with other people's money, it's important to be accountable and above board. There will be the usual reports, and the Audited Accounts will be presented. Then there are (yearly) elections for the Executive Committee. That comprises of the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, and up to 6 other people, if there are that many who wish to be on the committee. Details of what their brief is can be found on the Flyer. The new Committee will then appoint The Editorial Team Leader, and the Editorial Team. As you will see from our Flyer, we could do with some help to spread the load. Generally, these meetings only last about an hour. Do come along!

Village Yard Sale - June 19th

We are pleased to report that we had 34 pitches take part and fees for those, along with donations and ice-cream sales, we have raised £226.92 for the Heron. To put this into context, this will pay for just over half of the printing costs for one month's issue. We would like to thank all those that took part, donated and helped organise the event. We hope that you all managed to sell some of your unwanted items and raise a little money for yourselves.

Heron 2022 Christchurch Calendar Competition – "Nature and Nurture in our corner of The Fens"

We are ready to receive your photos! Look for your best photos: not loads from each person, please, as you may have others to send in later in the year. **We reserve the right to crop them if necessary. Deadline October 15th 2021.**

Send them with your name + a title (and month or season, if appropriate) to editor@theheron.info

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.

The team look forward to hearing from you!

HAPPY 4th JULY TO OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS!

The lyrics to the USA's national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, were written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key. He wrote them after witnessing British ships bombarding Fort McHenry during the 1812-15 war between the USA and Britain. The USA would prove victorious in this battle, and Key was inspired when he saw the USA flag, known as The Star-Spangled Banner, flying high. His poem, called *Defence of Fort M'Henry* was set to the tune of John Stafford Smith's popular song, *To Anacreon in Heaven*, and became known as The Star-Spangled Banner. It was officially made the USA's national anthem in 1931.

**Did you know Stravinsky decided to rearrange the American national anthem during the Second World War? It didn't go down well...

The American National Anthem **Lyrics**. *There is a link below to a YouTube rendering of the song.*

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country, should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqxJ_iuBPCs
<https://www.classical-music.com>



A TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING SPREAD





What's on for kids in Norfolk over the summer? Here are some WILD ideas...

Wild in the Woods - Family Bushcraft at Holkham
Open 28 Jul - 2 Sep

Take this wonderful opportunity to let your children go wild in the woods this summer!

At Holkham they can enjoy the great outdoors with tailored bushcraft sessions suitable for ages 6 years and upwards.

Your young explorers can learn the basics of bushcraft and burn off some energy with den building, scavenger hunts, campfire building and outdoor craft activities.

<https://letsgowiththechildren.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/holkham-norfolk-event-fathers-day-915px.jpg>

BeWILDerwood, Wroxham, Norfolk
SUMMER HOLIDAYS 13th July – 13th September:
Monday to Sunday 10 – 17.00.
Last entry 90 minutes before attraction closes

Crocklebog, Snagglesfang, Thornyclod! If you're not sure what any of those mean, you're well overdue a visit to the place where imagination is king. Welcome to BeWILDerwood! Home to the book series, 'A Boggle at BeWILDerwood', this award-winning forest adventure encourages parents to play alongside their children. Just because you're grown doesn't mean you should miss out on the magic! With an excess of fun to be had, first acquaint yourself with Swampy and his friends - the adventurous dwellers of the forest, brought brilliantly to life. Then you're free to roam through jungle bridges, tree houses, zip wires, an amazing sky maze, marsh walks and more. You can also taste some yummy local grub from their esteemed Master of Mud Stew! Glide along an enchanted river on one of their BeWILDerboats, or get involved with a daily special event like fancy dress parties, puppet shows and storytelling. This is a fantastic way to spend time as a family and you won't find these characters anywhere else in the world.



Tel: 01692- 633033. <https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/attractions/bewilderwood-aa8cbcb7>

One day is never enough. Discover a complete Norfolk estate with something for everyone.

Bickling Estate, Blickling, Aylsham, Norwich, NR11 6NF Tel: 01263 738030

Cycle Hire Open 10.00 – 16.00

This is only one of the great things to do!

Get stuck in to some outdoor adventures by visiting our Wellbeing Hub and trying out our electric bikes, family-friendly cycle routes, or join us for a bit of nature-saving plogging. Remember to book in advance, to avoid disappointment. Last entry will be 30 minutes before closing.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bickling-estate



Christchurch Gardening Club

Well, I must say it makes a change to begin this column with a positive view on the weather - which I have to say has been remarkable, given the previous deluge and low temperatures we have endured recently. On the downside however I feel sure some of us will have found the current climate too hot. Not to worry, we Brits know if the weather doesn't suit, just wait; there'll be another change just around the corner.

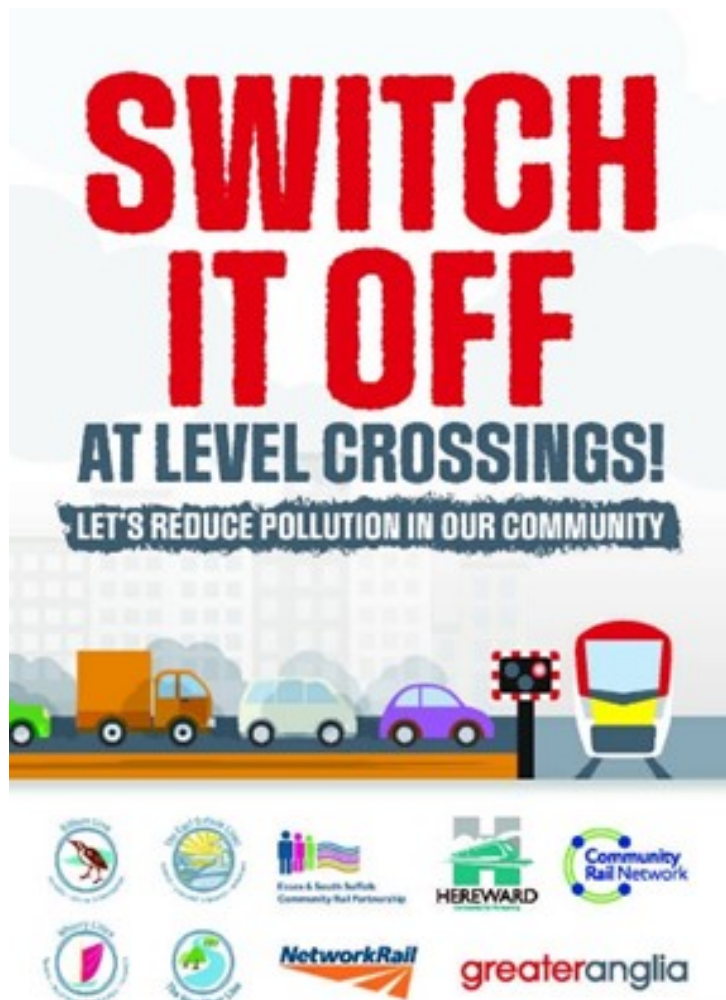
With the slight easing of lockdown recently and the change in the weather, I guess the garden centres are happy to be open and trading. However, what do you do if you can't find what you want in any of the local garden centres? Well, the obvious answer, to me at least, is our sometimes friend, the Internet.

Just recently I have been in several of the centres trying to find a robust garden rake and not to put too fine a point on it, was unable to find any that suited my requirements. So, out comes the laptop and virtually within seconds there were literally hundreds to choose from. I made my choice and now await the knock on the door from that nice man from DPD (other couriers are available).

Not to stop there though, it made me think, how has the internet affected the Garden? I shall investigate and let you know next month.

Steve

Check out page 18 for some stunning pictures, taken in June, from local gardens - Editor



In Denmark, there are libraries where you can borrow a person instead of a book to listen to their life story for 30 minutes. The goal is to fight prejudice. Each person has a title - "unemployed," or "refugee," or "bipolar," etc. - but listening to their story you realize how much you shouldn't "judge a book by its cover." This innovative, brilliant project is active in fifty countries. It is called The Human Library.





A YEAR ON THE FARM – JULY

June is the month for enjoying fresh strawberries and new season potatoes. At the time of writing - 'Flaming June' was true to word, only to come to a quick stop with a very cloudy and humid turn around. Heavy rain and thunderstorms came up from France. All crops can do with some nice steady rain, none of the 'heavy' stuff which usually accompanies thunderstorms. Heavy rain causes 'run off', when it hits parched soil, consequently the crops do not benefit as much as they should. A steady rain provides a good soak and is very beneficial. More rain is forecast and this will help to fill the ears of corn and also help to fill the pea pods - fingers crossed??

Winter Barley is now beginning to turn colour in the fields and is beginning to ripen. This crop is expected to be ready to harvest around the 3rd week of July, for the brewing trade, i.e., beer. Sugar beet and onions have had to have been irrigated on some farms, mainly on the lighter soils (in The Brecklands, for example), to keep the crops growing during the recent drought conditions. In The Fens, with a much different soil structure, the soil retains moisture much more readily, but even here, prior to the rains, it was ready for a good soak from above! The mammoth task of spraying the potatoes for blight is underway. This job is carried out every 7 days or so, throughout the season. All wheats have had their final fungicide spray, and pea crops are

being monitored for pea moth (which produces the maggots in the pea pods). If found, the whole crop will need an irradiating spray. I notice several fields have been drilled with maize again this year- destined for the Ano-digester in the Autumn.

About 40 years ago, strawberry producers within approx. an 8-mile radius of the jam factory in Mudds Drove, Three Holes., harvested up to 4 tons per acre of strawberries

which were processed ready to make jam. Also, there was a good trade for the strawberries, picked in punnets for the fresh trade. These would be collected by the 10 or so agents daily working in the area and delivered to the fresh produce markets in London and The Midlands. The fruit destined for jam making was picked, hulled, and put in trays and weighed. The fruit was initially picked in buckets before this process. The trays each contained 20lbs of fruit. Prices to the grower was upwards of

£400 per ton, depending on quality. Locally, this fruit was mainly produced by a lot of small growers on their small holdings, allotments and gardens etc.--Happy Days!



That's all until next time.

Jill Bliss

Things to think about ...

- What if my dog only brings back the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
- Which letter is silent in the word SCENT – the S or the C?
- Why is the letter 'w', in English, called 'double u'? Shouldn't it be called 'double v'?
- Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75 – 100 years to fully work.
- Every time you clean something, you make something else dirty.
- The word 'swims', upside down, is still 'swims'.
- Intentionally losing a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors is just as hard as trying to win.
- 100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich owned cars. Today, everyone owns a car, and only the rich own horses.
- Your future self is watching you right now through your memories.
- Many animals probably need glasses, but nobody knows it.
- If you replace the 'W' with 'T' in What? Where? And When? you get the answer to each of them.
- If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than there were before.

Fly-Tipping and Littering

We will take action against people who **dispose of waste illegally** and you can help by reporting it to us.

Report it online at:

www.fenland.gov.uk/flytipping



We are aware that there has been some fly-tipping in the village, in front of the bottle banks at the Community Centre. We have passed the CCTV footage onto Dave Gibbs our Parish Clerk. Dave has passed this onto Fenland District Council who have the power to start prosecution proceedings. Dave mentioned at the last PC Meeting that Fenland should be removing the waste and this should be gone by the time this goes to print.

Geoff Harper, Chair, CCC Committee

Kids Corner

...did you know 4th July is American Independence Day? So we have a USA theme this month!

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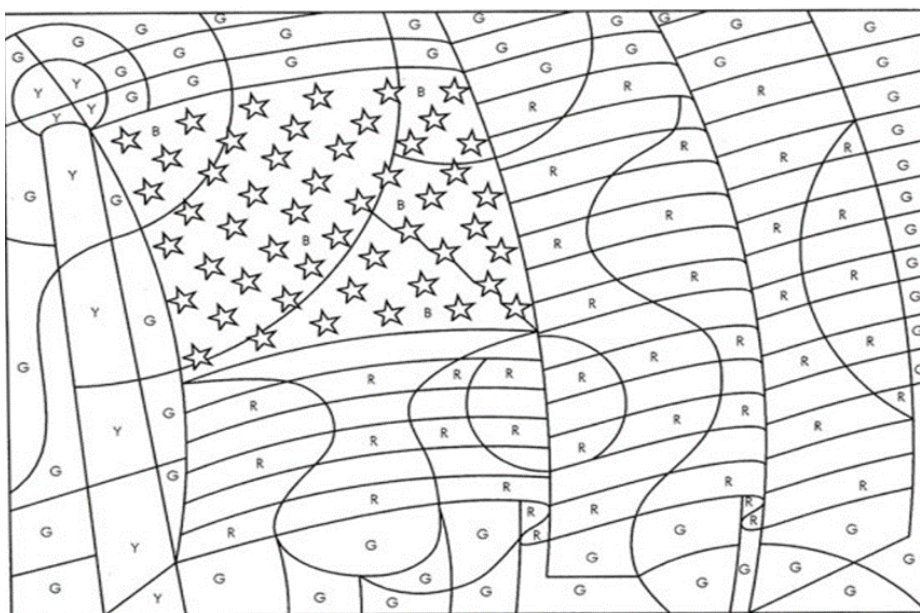
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Can you match the American to the English Words?

American	English
Side-walk	Football
Cookie	Trainers
Pants	Boot
Candy	Trousers
Soccer	Crisps
Egg plant	Autumn
Sneakers	Nappy
Trunk (car)	Aubergine
Fall	Biscuit
Daiper	Sweets
Chips	Pavement

Answers on Page 30



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"A relentless slow-burning pandemic" - but not Covid-19

'Miraculous' mosquito hack cuts dengue by 77%

Dengue fever cases have been cut by 77% in a "ground breaking" trial that manipulates the mosquitoes that spread it, say scientists.

They used mosquitoes infected with "miraculous" bacteria that reduce the insect's ability to spread dengue. The trial took place in Yogyakarta city,

Indonesia, and is being expanded in the hope of eradicating the virus.

The **World Mosquito Programme** team says it could be a solution to a virus that has gone around the world. Few people had heard of dengue 50 years ago, but it has been a relentless slow-burning pandemic and cases have increased dramatically. In 1970, only nine countries had faced severe dengue outbreaks, now there are up to **400 million infections a year**.

Dengue is commonly known as "break-bone fever" because it causes severe pain in muscles and bones and explosive outbreaks can overwhelm hospitals.

Read more about it here -

<https://www.worldmosquitoprogram.org>



Christchurch Art Club

Our focus is to explore and experiment with the various painting and drawing media. To enable participants to develop their own style. Above all to have fun and enjoy the sessions.

- The sessions are planned and adjusted to suit, depending on the experience and interests of the group.
- The group leader is experienced in a wide range of media, and has some art materials for you to try out if they are new to you.*
- 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.

Tuesday 13th July we will be meeting in the large hall

for a social distancing session. Please note new start time is a little earlier at 1pm. We will then plan further sessions for the Autumn term when hopefully some normality will return.

We normally meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 1.00-3.00 in the Village Hall (term time) Please note new start time. Hopefully in the summer we may be able to sketch outside again.

Please contact Sandra 01354 638478 or Jan 01354 638217 for more information, or come along and see what we do.

**(Please note when we are able to start back we may still have to follow 'Covid' rules, so may not be able to offer equipment to borrow)*

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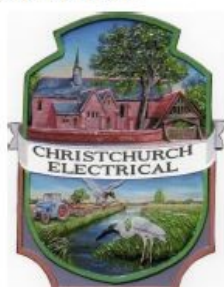
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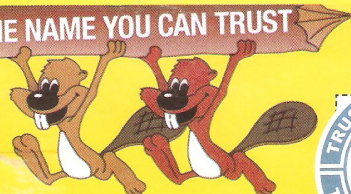
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Although increasingly proficient at “this zoom lark”, we are rather relieved to think (and hope) that this would be our last zoom meeting!

The WI had our meeting on 8th June and one of the main points of the meeting was the celebration of the centenary for the Isle of Ely Federation of WIs. This has resulted in many of our neighbouring WIs doing some delightful “yarn bombing” to celebrate. In our own village our village sign and the nearby rubbish bin have been splendidly decorated which has resulted in many positive comments on Facebook! In addition to the yarn bombing, there was a celebratory garden party on 15th June.



Also in our meeting of 8th June we enjoyed a quiz which was won by Beryl Brooks - her prize being a £5 Boots voucher.

Our next meeting is on 13th July 7pm. It will be an informal meeting of coffee (or tea), cake and chat as we plan for the future.

There is great news, that the membership fee for the WI is reduced for July onwards. We are always keen to welcome new members - contact Sheila Day on 07946635908 for more details.

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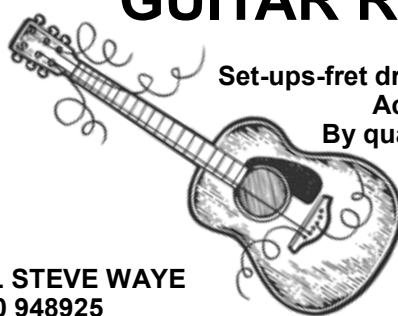


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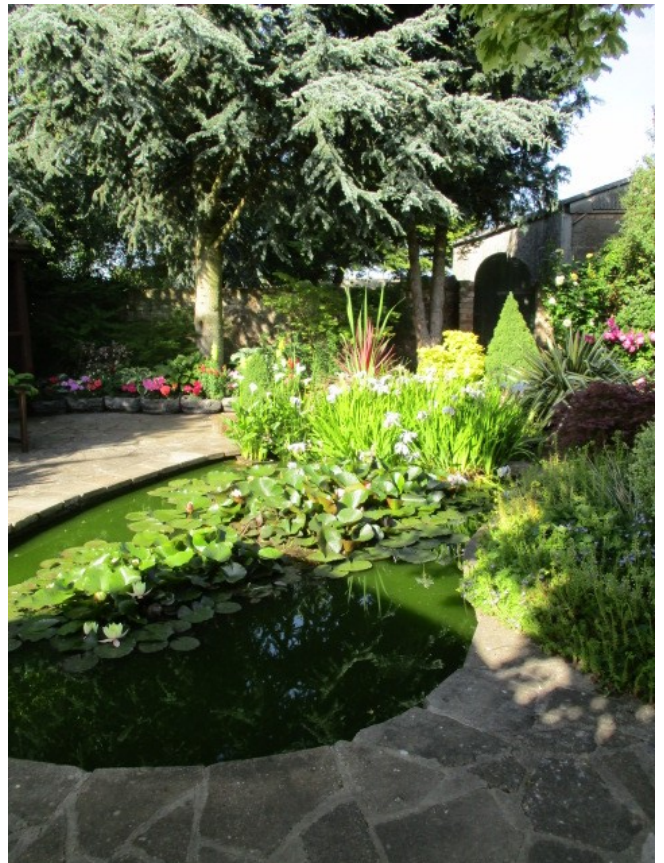
Beautiful pictures taken from various places
in Ann and Malcolm Hicks' Garden.

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A beautiful Giant Amaryllis which has popped up in a
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A potted history of our Church building

This area was once part of Upwell Parish and was known as Brimstone Hill. Some say it was named after the Brimstone Butterfly which is found in the area. Another legend has it that the devil, disguised as a witch, was chased by a cleric from the tower of St Peter's Church, Upwell, across the Fen until it disappeared in a cloud of fire and brimstone. Historical local oral tradition also indicates that the name of Brimstone Hill was derived from the smell of rotting vegetation during the land reclamation projects of the 19th century. You choose!

'The Church of Christ' is the name of our Parish Church. The village was named after the Church.

The Church was built in 1864/65 at a cost of £3,500. The Foundation Stone was laid on June 30th, 1864 and the building was consecrated in October 1865. It was built in the style of the mid -13th Century, with some 'foreign' modifications. It consists of an Apsidal Chancel in the Romanesque architectural style (unusual for Victorian-era buildings, as it is a design that was favoured in Norman and Medieval times), North and South Chapels (used as a Vestry and an Organ Chamber), Transepts, Nave, South Porch and a storage room. There is now a wooden turret at the East end of the Nave containing one bell. The original design included a tower on the North side, but this was

demolished shortly before 1883 owing to subsidence!

Curiously painted Chancel ceiling beams are shown here. To date, no one can track down when they were painted, what the design represents (if anything), or by whom. If any villager would like to research this, please get in touch with the Churchwardens. A previous incumbent with a tin of black paint created the contrasting black bricks inside the Church. Could he have done the paintings on the beams?



The building underwent major restoration in 1995, being in a serious state of disrepair and in danger of closure. Determination and self-help in the form of physical labour and money raised from village folk means that we have a Church to be proud of and still in use today.

One source of Christchurch's claim to fame - the Rector of the church from 1917 to 1928 was Rev. Henry Sayers, father of the novelist, Dorothy L. Sayers. He and his wife were buried in unmarked graves in the churchyard at the behest of their daughter Dorothy. A plaque has since been installed in the churchyard to commemorate their interment. One of Sayers' novels, *The Nine Tailors* is set in the Christchurch and Upwell area.

From various sources, including a leaflet which can be picked up at the back of the church).

Churchwarden – a Job Description

Churchwardens are the Church of England Bishop's Lay Officers in a Church Parish. It is a volunteer (unpaid!) role, and central to our Church communities. The role of a Churchwarden is a Statutory one, with ancient origins. Churchwardens have direct responsibility to the local Diocesan Bishop (in our case Bishop Stephen of Ely, and Bishop Dagmar of Huntingdon), usually via the Archdeacon (Archdeacon Hugh). Together with the vicars (ours are Ian and Lynda Brady), they are generally responsible for the day-to-day functioning of a parish. The role is very varied, but generally involves matters to do with church life, governance, buildings, church yards and worship.

Key functions:

- to be officers of the bishop
- to be a "bridge" between the congregation and the vicars.
- to encourage parishioners in their faith
- to have oversight of finance
- to have oversight of the care of the fabric of the parish church, and to report on its condition each year
- to keep an up-to-date inventory of all items within the church
- to maintain records of all works done to the fabric of the parish church
- to ensure that all parish registers and records are properly kept and filed
- When there is no vicar, to share the oversight of the parish with the rural dean.

It has been an honour to work alongside Daphne over the last 9 years as the "other" churchwarden. Her wisdom and experience have been invaluable, as has been her patience working alongside "the new boy". As we welcome Helen Chappell into the role, I am grateful to know that Daphne will still be available to offer advice and support where needed. Daphne - we thank you!

Andrew Day - Churchwarden

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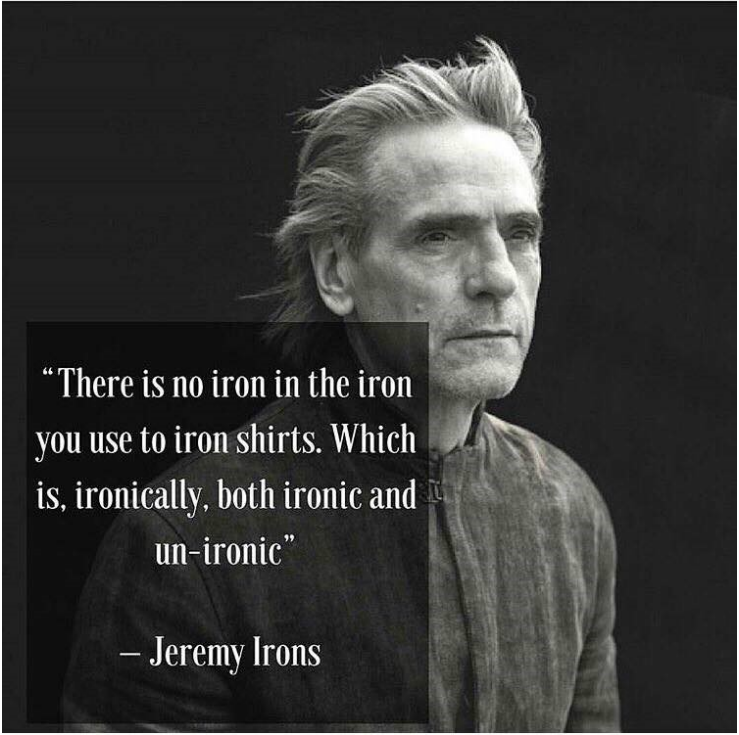
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Ingredients

- As many pork ribs as you need - a rack of ribs needs to be cut into individual ribs.
- Honey
- Soy sauce
- Chilli sauce



Quantities are a bit vague, basically you want a good dollop of honey, a liberal splash of soy sauce and a squirt of chilli sauce (how big the squirt is will depend on the strength of your chilli sauce and how spicy you like it!) - I have also improvised with golden syrup and chilli powder.

Method

1. Put ribs into a large saucepan pour over rest of ingredients.
2. Heat very gently so that the wet ingredients melt over the ribs.
3. Continue to cook gently for about an hour stirring frequently so that all ribs get coated in the hot marinade - if it starts to stick, add a splash of water but not too much, you want a sticky coating. I sometimes pop it into the oven for this stage.
4. Remove from the marinade and either cook immediately on the BBQ (they are already cooked, you are just browning them), or chill until needed - in the latter case, make sure they are completely heated through.
5. Any leftover marinade can be the basis for a sauce, or frozen to be reused.



Sheila Day

HOMEMADE WATERMELON POPSICLES

INGREDIENTS

- 500 gr of watermelon without seeds
- juice of half a lemon
- 2 tablespoons sugar (to taste)
- Mould for ice lollies

PREPARATION

- Peel and cut the watermelon without seeds.
- Put watermelon, sugar and lemon juice in a blender. -
- Crush until you have a homogeneous mix.

- Fill the lolly mould with the mixture and leave in the freezer for at least 5 hours, until they are completely solid.

- To easily remove from the mould, put the popsicles under the hot water tap for a few seconds.

ENJOY!



Halogen lightbulb sales to be banned in UK under climate change plans

Sales of halogen lightbulbs are to be banned in the UK from September, with fluorescent lights to follow, under government climate change plans.

The move will cut 1.26 million tonnes of carbon emissions a year and deliver consumers savings, officials say. The UK began phasing out the sale of

higher-energy halogen lightbulbs in 2018 under EU-wide rules. Now retailers will no longer be able to sell most remaining halogen bulbs, such as kitchen spotlights.

Legislation for the plans was brought forward in June by the government. The plan will help continue the shift to low-energy LED lightbulbs, which account for about two-thirds of lights now sold in Britain. It is expected to mean LEDs will account for 85% of all bulbs sold by 2030, officials said.

LED lights last five times longer than traditional halogen bulbs and produce the same amount of light, but use up to 80% less power.





Photo. July 1960.
7-year-old William.

Meet our resident Fenland District Councillor - Will Sutton

Will and his wife Linda have lived in the village since 1998, although previously they did have a Christchurch address, on the outskirts of March. Interestingly,

one half of that house was in March and the other in Christchurch! Will was born in Bowthorpe Maternity Hospital, Wisbech and was the fourth child of eight; three girls and five boys. His parents had a Smallholding in Doddington. Will attended Doddington Primary School and then Cromwell Secondary Modern School in Chatteris. He laughs when he remembers the chant they had - **High School are cocky, Grammar School are rats; When you see the Cromwell Kids - Please remove your hats!**

Will hated secondary school and left as early as he could, at 15, and landed a local Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Engineering Apprenticeship. He says he quite enjoyed it, and it has stood him in good stead in later life. As soon as he had left school, he developed a love for learning, as opposed to education. Since then, to him, "Every day is a learning day". His Dad used to have a saying, which came to mean a lot in his life, and he has tried to stick to it: "If you can't pay for it, you can't afford it" (Mortgages excepted, of course).

He and Linda married in 1975. She was a Wisbech girl. They have three girls. In 1977, Will got a local job of Farm Foreman, and worked at that until he had a terrible accident in October 1992, which stopped his farm work altogether. He had a lot of pain, nearly lost his right arm, and was in and out of hospital for 6 years. Although Linda had a job, the results of the accident put a tremendous strain on him and his family. He wondered where it would lead, having three school-aged children, but no job. They had been living in a Tied Cottage, and, as he was unable to work on the farm, they had to move. He was 6 years out of work. In no way did they give up: they built a bungalow and sold it, and then built their present house. He was Project Manager for both builds. However, when the builder was working on his present home, the concrete beams arrived late. Will went to the manufacturer and – long story short – observed to him that he looked very busy and might need help with his workload. Two weeks later he was offered a job, designing concrete beams. He took it, and enjoyed it. He regularly worked 55 hours a week. When asked what Linda thought of that, he pulled a face and then grinned, but acknowledged Linda had supported him in all he does, as she herself had worked very long hours when needed. He was made redundant in 2012 and decided the time was right to retire from full time employment, to concentrate fully on his duties as a Fenland District Councillor.

Will's parents were great volunteers (Doddington

Football Club), so he grew up seeing that to be a worthwhile way of spending time. His experience of the care and helpfulness of everyone in the Health Service during his 6 years of recuperation really touched him, and he felt the need to serve others by helping people. His way of doing that was to become a Parish



Councillor here in Christchurch, in the early 2000's. He wanted to help better Village life. He enjoyed his time there, but thought he could achieve more as a Fenland District Councillor. He stood as a Conservative for the Elm and Christchurch Ward, and was successful in the 2011 and 2015 elections. However, he was de-selected by the Conservative Group of the FDC before the 2019 elections, and was "ready to pack it all in", but received so many calls of support from villagers and all across the ward, that he decided he would give it a go and stand as an Independent candidate, and was successful. He was overwhelmed and humbled by all the support he received and is very pleased to have gone down that route.

Some of the achievements Will has been involved in, and of which he is proud:

- Youngsters in the village asked the PC for a Skate Park. The PC raised £90K, and the young people also applied for a grant of £35K, which they received. The Skate Park was installed and the left-over funds used to build the playground.
- Being involved with Graham Chappell in the Fenland Road Safety Campaign to get the 50mph limit along the 16 Foot re-instated and the current 'forgotten Corners' project
- He was heavily involved with raising funds for the new Community Centre.
- Along with Michelle Tanfield on the FDC, finding £150K for play equipment in Friday Bridge



Picture - the installation, with
Steve Barclay MP

One huge disappointment for Will has been the quest to try and resolve the problems of The Croft. The first Residents' Meeting was in 2009, but unless all 29 owners of the properties agreed on a way forward, nothing could be done. Sadly, they didn't. Everyone involved had done so much work, along with Will, towards solving the issues; the local MP, local villagers, but with no results. The Sewerage system must be upgraded; the road and streetlights cannot be adopted by the County Council until they have been made up to standard. As things stand, unless every house owner is prepared to contribute towards the cost, as has happened in Manea recently, it is highly likely nothing will be done.

All the best to you, Will, as you continue in your role as an FDC Councillor. I am sure I speak for the whole village when I say that your work on the people's behalf is much appreciated. Thank you.

Annie Nason

Hello Christchurch Stargazers!

Christchurch Stargazers



Well - what does July bring? **Mercury** is a morning planet, rising one hour before sunrise at the start of July. Lost by the end of the month. **Venus** is an evening planet but poorly positioned - half a degree from Mars on 13 July. **Mars** is an evening planet also poorly placed. **Venus** nearby on 13 July. There is a thin **Waxing Lunar Crescent** near on 11 and 12 July. Some of the interesting **Jovian (Jupiter) Moon events** will be visible during July 2021. The bright **Waning Gibbous Moon** is nearby on 26 July. **Saturn** is a well-positioned morning planet, approaching opposition. The **Saturn Rings** brighten at the end of July. **Uranus** is a morning planet, slowly crawling out of the Sun's glare and not especially well-placed during July. **Neptune** is a morning planet seen under dark sky conditions at the end of July, although it is unable to reach peak altitude. The best time to see the **Milky Way in the Northern Hemisphere** is from March to September, while the Milky way season goes from February to October. Look Southward in the evening.

Remember - never ever look at the sun without the correct protective equipment.

Mark Andrews

Crumbs from The Good Book

By our very own Church Mouse....

A rather sad, lonely and confused Ebenezer here.

This was part of my post in July 2020.

"We have been abandoned! Such a horrible feeling. And although there are people to be seen in our Churchyard from time to time, generally speaking they are keeping their distance from each other.

Has everyone fallen out with everyone else? I just don't

understand. We are missing the people, true, but are also missing the biscuit crumb luxuries we had got used to. Where IS everyone? "

Just lately, we have seen things happening on a few Sundays here. There has, by all accounts, been a Plague of Biblical proportions, affecting humans. It appears to be calming down at last. Puts me in mind of what that Itinerant Preacher in Roman times said and did once. He was asleep in a boat crossing a huge lake, when a storm blew up. His pals were sure they were all going to be lost. But it's recorded in The Good Book that he calmed the storm, saying "Peace! Be still!" We all need a bit of that peace at the moment...mice and people!



Football is in the news!

No – not the Euros. This is an amazing story of someone who has hit the heights, having come from the depths of a war-torn country.

This is Nadia Nadim. She was born in Afghanistan. Her father was murdered by the Taliban when she was 11 years old and her family fled to Denmark on the back of a truck.

Nadia has scored almost 200 goals in professional football and represented the Danish national team 98 times.

She's completed medical school and is studying to become a reconstructive surgeon when her playing days are over.

She speaks 11 languages fluently and is on the Forbes list of Most Powerful Women in International Sports.

If you want to show your daughter a role model, show her Nadia Nadim.... not the Kardashians.

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Church News

Due to the restrictions, we are still holding a reduced rota of services. Here are the dates for July.

4th July at 10:30 - Morning Prayer.

18th July at 10:30 - Holy Communion.

Please see the church noticeboard or the updates on the Christchurch Community Facebook page for any further news.

Complementary to the live services, throughout July, 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.



Helen and Andrew



A note from our new Churchwarden, Helen Chappell

(And for the record, Helen, we all think you will do fine!)

Who would be a church warden?

This is a very good question. Taking responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of an old historic religious building wasn't really on my bucket list. That's just one aspect of the role that I do know, and there are many more that I will soon learn

of. I am following in the footsteps of Daphne, who I will definitely be asking for advice and guidance. I will be working alongside Andy, who I am sure will ease me into the role gently. Deciding to volunteer to be a church warden took much thought and prayer. Questions like "Do I know enough?" and "Am I good enough?" remain unanswered but the message "Have a go and do your best" came back loud and clear. I am looking forward to working with Rev. Ian and Rev. Lynda as we emerge from COVID restrictions. It is the next bit of my journey as a Christian.

Helen Chappell

Thoughts from the Rectory



Lambs Re-unite

As I write, we have just come back from a short break on the 'Isle of Man' and their Lambing season must be a little slow in starting this year, I suppose it has something to do with the awful weather we have had of late. On the local radio, most mornings, was an appeal strait after the Manx news - "Has anyone got a spare lamb?"

Now I know it's a strange question if you live in a town or a city, but on the island at this time of the year it is a question that is being asked on local radio every day. During the lambing season, farmers set up the 'Lamb Bank', to match up orphaned lambs with ewes that have lost their young. It means the farmer, or more usually the farmer's wife, doesn't have to spend hours bottle feeding forlorn new born lambs. It also means bereft ewes can fulfil their role as mothers

Sheep farming, especially on the island, needs a special kind of person for the weather is far from kind during the year. They are certainly not in it for the money and many struggles, like they do here to make ends meet. Fortunately, the compensation of spending time in the open air among the bracken and heathers with a trusted sheep dog at your heels, still appeals to those keeping the tradition of sheep farming alive.

Jesus once asked this question. "Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and you lose one of them. Does he not leave the other ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home". (Luke 15:4-6 NIV).

Whether we live in a town or a city, don't we go frantic when we've lost something? We hunt high and low and turn the place upside down, we cannot rest till we have found what we've lost. Through his sheep story, Jesus is saying that this is how God feels about us. When we lose our way, lose touch with God or go astray, God doesn't rest. He wants us back in the fold, he searches us out and he carries us home. Home.

Keep well, keep safe.

Ian.



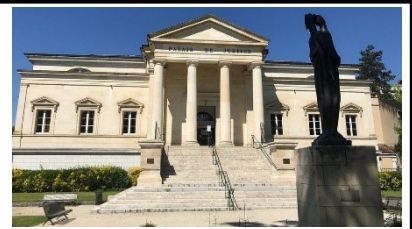
For the dog lovers amongst us ... enjoy! French court dog helps soothe anxious victims of crime. By Chris Bockman, Cahors, south-west France

Lol, here with Prosecutor Frédéric Almendros, is Europe's first official support dog for victims of crime. A man in handcuffs sits on a bench waiting to appear before a judge. He's been escorted to court by two police officers from a nearby jail. Meanwhile, a mother and her two daughters are huddled with their lawyer, fine-tuning their strategy before their imminent court appearance in what sounds like a messy divorce. It's the type of scene familiar in courtrooms across France - except for one detail. The chief prosecutor in this part of south-west France is wandering the corridors in his legal robes with a beautiful, trim but muscular, black Labrador on a lead.



The imposing setting of a courtroom can often intensify the stress for victims of crime. Jaded lawyers and harried judicial staff rush out of their offices to stroke five-year-old Lol the dog. Two years ago, Lol became what's thought to be the first dog in Europe to provide official judicial support in court to crime victims, especially those who have suffered from violence or sexual abuse. He knows this court house better than any repeat offender. Prosecutor Frédéric Almendros

heard about a similar experiment in the north-western US city of Seattle and decided to give it a try in his court.



The Labrador has been trained to remain calm with strangers, including young children. He can handle tense, vocal and emotional situations such as cross-examinations, where a tearful rape victim comes face to face with their attacker. "After examining a case, I call for the dog's help if I believe its comforting presence will help victims open up about what happened, or even when they have to testify in court," says Mr Almendros. "The dog sitting next to them in court has often helped victims handle the stress of a trial." So far Lol has appeared in 80 different criminal investigations with victims ranging from three to 90 years old. Lol has been trained to nuzzle up next to victims, and that physical touch reassures them and helps them confront the legal challenges they will face.

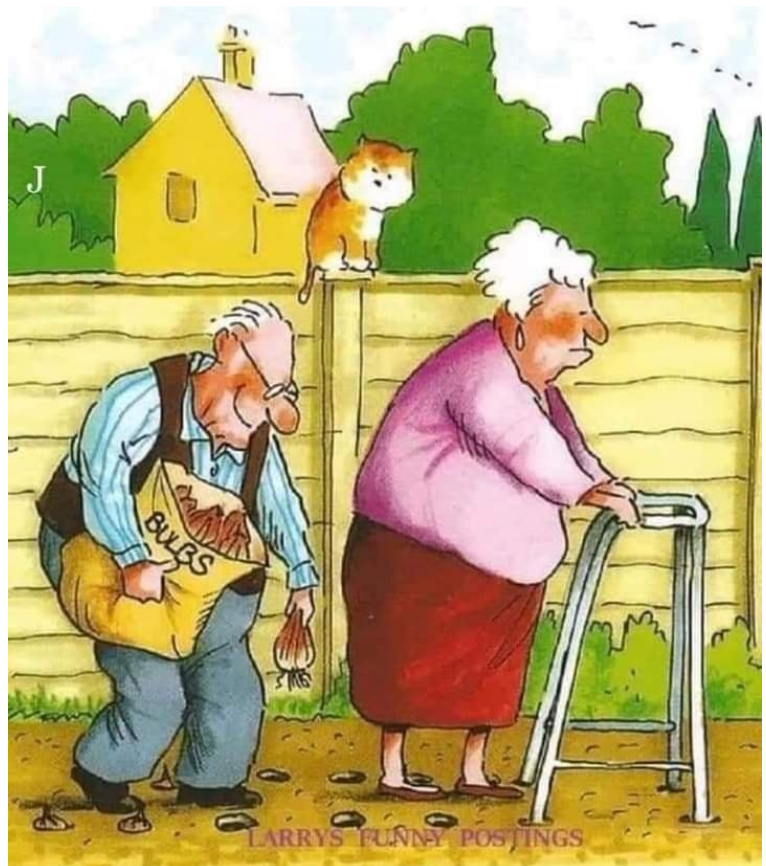
The scheme has proven so successful over the past two years that other courts across France have "borrowed" Lol. Several now have their own dogs, including the towns of Nevers and Nîmes.

The Palais de Justice - a massive court house in the Paris suburb of Bobigny, and one of the busiest in France - will get its own dog too. In fact, 20 French court jurisdictions are expected to have dogs by the end of next year. Golden retrievers have proven as useful as Labradors.

life of Dog Owner



life of Cat Owner



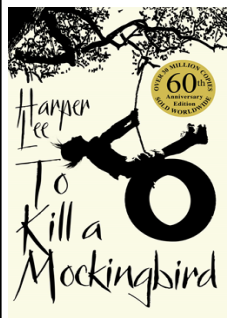
Christchurch Book Club



Book club had another zoom meeting on 22ndth June - rather disappointing as we had hoped that this would have been a face-to-face meeting - but Boris said "not yet"!

We have been reading "Then She Was Gone" by Lisa Jewell.

This book received an almost unanimous "thumbs up" from our members. It involves the disappearance of a teenage girl, the subsequent impact on family relationships and the solution as to how and why the girl disappeared, and what had happened to her. The one reservation was that it was rather predictable, and therefore didn't score well as a "who dunnit", but the unveiling of the secrets held by various characters and the motivation behind their actions made for compelling reading.



Our next book is "To Kill a Mocking Bird" by Harper Lee. The library has just increased the number of copies we are given - so we have spare copies of this book. Do contact Sheila Day if you would like to borrow one.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 20th July 7,30pm. Future meetings are 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.



The Rural Services Network is keen to respond to the Government's current consultation on **Consistency in Household and Business Recycling in England**.

Whilst the RSN welcomes proposals to increase recycling we have particular concern with regards to the New Burdens Doctrine: see our thoughts below:

- With the present and historic unfairness to rural areas of the Funding Formula for Local Government (with urban areas receiving more money than rural) it is feared that whilst the amount of new money to meet the cost of the new burdens may cover 100% at a national level it is unlikely to at a rural level.
- Refuse Collection/Recycling is a huge cost for rural Districts. New costs for statutory duties not matched by income will either increase Council Tax (but increases are capped and rural already pays much more per head than rural) or see other services reduced, or a mixture of both.
- Whilst at the national level one-off implementation costs/set up/transition costs (capital and revenue) are covered under the Doctrine recurring-costs are only guaranteed for a minimum of the first 3 years.



What do you think?



Peregrine Falcons at Ely Cathedral

What do they say about working with animals? Having gone to great lengths to install a webcam and build a nest box, the Peregrines decided that they would rather choose a different location to lay their eggs! However, Plan B is now in action and we are delighted to be able to share live footage of them nesting in their chosen place.

We work very closely with the Hawk and Owl Trust to ensure the safety and wellbeing of these protected Species. Please help us to protect them and their young, and note that filming or photography by drone or UAS is prohibited.

<https://hawkandowltrust.org/>

<https://www.elycathedral.org/welcome/peregrines-nesting-in-the-cathedral>

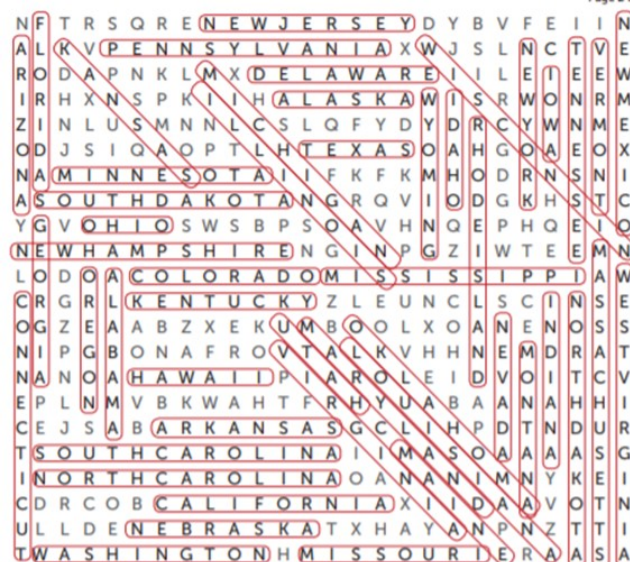
A Peregrine Falcon (juvenile) at Ely Cathedral today 23/06/21.

Photo John Atkins

Useful Telephone Numbers

Age UK Cambridgeshire	0300 666 9860
Alzheimer's Society (Fenland)	01945 580480
Christchurch Resident's Association	01354 638990
Churchwarden - Mr Andy Day	07740 056563
Citizens' Advice Bureau, Wisbech	03442 451292
Community Car Scheme (to book a journey)	07902 316360
Community Centre Bookings	01354 638478
Community Fire Safety Officer	07717 858166
District Councillor - Will Sutton	01354 638025
District Councillor - Michelle Tanfield	07908 707129
Electricity Faults - UK Power Networks	105
FACT	01354 661234
Fenland District Council	01354 654321
Floodline	0845 988 1188
Library - March	0354 045 5225
National Debtline	0808 808 4000
NHS	111
Norfolk Dial-a-Ride	01553 770310
Parish Clerk - David Gibbs	07932 191050
Parish Councillor - Jill Bliss	01354 638343
Parish Councillor - Sharon Pomeroy	07837 407536
Parish Councillor - Roger Gladwin	01354 638538
Parish Councillor - Geoff Harper	01354 638681
Parish Councillor - James Hughes	01354 638310
Parish Councillor - Peter Owen (Chair)	01354 638847
Parish Councillor - Kay Miller	01354 638232
Police - PCSO Sue Clarke	07738 025220
Police - Emergency	999
Police - Non Emergency	101
Telephone Preference Service	0345 070 0707
Townley School	01354 638229
Trading Standards	03454 040506
Train Information	03457 484950
Upwell Health Centre (and out of hours)	01945 773671
Upwell Health Centre - Pharmacy	01945 774934
Veterinary Centre - The Crossings (D'Mkt)	01366 382219
Vicars - Ian & Lynda Brady	01354 740627
Water Emergencies	03457 145145
Club Contacts	
Art Club - Jan Clifford	01354 638217
Book Club - Sheila Day	07946 635908
Craft Club - Sandra Lloyd	01354 638956
Gardening Club - Marion Hawthorn	01354 638230
Short Mat Bowls Club - Wendy Keen	01945 772737
WI - Peggy Warby	01354 638339
Jazz Club - Nigel Smith	01945 773121
Christchurch Eco - Nate Lansdell	07568 192940
Christchurch Stargazers - Mark Andrews	07425 165415

Answers from Kids Corner on Page



Matching American to the English Words - Answers

American	English
Side-walk	Pavement
Cookie	Biscuit
Pants	Trousers
Candy	Sweets
Soccer	Football
Egg plant	Aubergine
Sneakers	Trainers
Trunk (car)	Boot
Fall	Autumn
Daiper	Nappy
Chips	Crisps

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YOU'RE AN INFERIOR
TECHNOLOGY.



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FLAME AND YOU'D BE
GONE FOREVER!



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The Hereward Charity Challenge came through Christchurch on June 3rd, on their way from Peterborough Cathedral to Ely Cathedral.

A charity challenge, reviving the actions of Hereward the Wake was “a success beyond our dreams,” said organiser David Maile, of the WakeHereward Project.

Hereward The Wake and his Band of Men, set foot for Ely on June 2, exactly 951 years ago after he launched an attack at Peterborough Cathedral. The name 'Hereward The Wake' figures in the history of the Fens. He led a rebellion against William the

Conqueror's forces, from his base in Ely. Local historians feel he should have a higher profile in the area. (Map: Susan Moden).



A group of medieval re-enactors set off on a march following in his footsteps. The group, led by Hereward, walked over 40 miles along the Hereward Way to raise funds for the men's mental health charity ManHealth. “We're here, remembering those who fought, those who fell, those who were oppressed by the conquest. For me,

personally, as well, I am doing this challenge today for a mental health charity in recognition of the fact that you have to keep fighting, that we all need support sometimes. Even if you're a 6'2 warrior, clad head to toe in steel, you need to talk about your problems sometimes”, said Lewis Kirkbride, (Hereward). They re-enacted Hereward's first stop – Peterborough Cathedral – which was, in those days, a monastery. This is where he stole gold and silver to fund his rebellion against William the Conqueror who had invaded England from France in 1066. After this, the group began their two-day march to Ely which is where Hereward was based during his unsuccessful rebellion. They were following a path known as the 'Hereward Way' to raise his profile as a historical figure in the Fens. (Copy and some photos from Cambs Times and other sources. Photos of Christchurch, Sandy).



“It was so lovely to meet people when the Hereward Charity Challenge passed through the village. Being a "supporter" (a wife of one of the walkers) means it can be a long, lonely day, driving around with a car full of provisions (in my case water), anticipating where their

walking route crosses a road, and at what time they may appear. It can be tiring and lonely. I must stress it is, of course, nothing compared to what those actually walking undertook! However, I want to say a big thankyou to the residents of Christchurch. You were so friendly and made the time whiz by. It was great that some were also able to try on some of the spare helmets and handle the swords. Many thanks to you all from every one of us. To date the walkers have raised over £2500 for the charity ManHealth”.

herewardthewake.co.uk



Tractor run in aid of MAGPAS

Fifty-two tractors, glorious sunshine and streets lined with people helped to make the Fenland Farmers' charity tractor run a huge success.

Horns were honked, lights were flashed, smiles were beaming and hands were waving as residents watched the convoy rally through Fenland villages on Sunday May 31st.

Raising money for the Magpas Air Ambulance charity, the rally started at the Parkfield in Wimblington before heading through Doddington, Chatteris, Manea, Christchurch (for lunch at the Dun Cow) and March and ending back in Wimblington (a total of approximately 30 miles).



Photos taken by various Christchurch residents and Cambs Times.



MAGPAS

Magpas Air Ambulance bring the very best pre-hospital emergency care, in the air or on land, including treatments usually only available in a hospital. Our service operates 24/7 and, on average, answers four calls for help a day treating around 900 patients in life-threatening emergencies every year. We serve the communities of Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and across the East of England and are dispatched by both the East of England and the East Midlands Ambulance Service Trusts – caring for a population of

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