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Spring is around
the corner!



CONGRATULATIONS!

What an achievement
Ellie Garlick. Queen's
Nurse Award. Well done!

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lots more information about
school.

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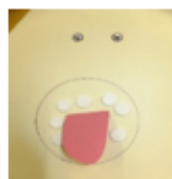
In Emperor Class (Years 5 and 6)

The children have just got back from a few days away at Burwell House.



Early Years

We have just signed up to the My Smile programme which involves supervised toothbrushing in school for Reception children. The new statutory framework for EY states-'The provider must promote the good health, including the oral health, of children attending the setting.' All staff attended training on the programme and figures were shared showing 25.8% of 5 year old children in Fenland had decayed, missing or filled teeth in 2019, a huge percentage. We felt it was important to join the programme and the children are really loving it! They have their own toothbrush which is kept in school and brush their teeth after lunch every day. There is obviously strict guidance which we are following regarding hygiene. We have used toothbrushing as a focus for our stories this week and the children have been involved in lots of other activities to promote the importance of oral health.



In Hawker Class (Years 1 and 2)

We've been busy learners in Hawker Class. In English writing children have started to learn about informal letters, such as those they would write to friends or family, and the grammatical conventions for these. We have recapped the use of capital letters for proper nouns such as days of the week, months of the year, names of people and places and the personal pronoun 'I'. We have explored the layout of different letters and identified key features of letters. We have explored books such as *Dear Dinosaur*, *Dear Teacher*, *Dear Class* and *The Jolly Postman*. Children have been learning about everyday materials in science and have been sorting and classifying them according to their properties. They went on an 'objects and materials hunt' around school and found a range of different objects made from wood, plastic, metal, glass and paper.

Update from our Chair of Governors

Another lovely week at Townley and a chance to share in the Bedtime Read in my Governor role. The vast majority of children came along clutching a furry friend, wearing pyjamas and big smiles! As always, a big thanks to staff that stayed behind to create cosy corners with cushions and lamps. I was lucky to share a story with Emperor, take photos around the school and hand out hot chocolate - thanks to FOTS for managing this and to the parents that kindly provided the biscuits! Time passed so quickly but it was lovely to have this bit of 'Townley normal' back on our school calendar. Mrs. Evans is doing a fantastic job on the days Mrs. Higgins is supporting the school in Ely, as we all knew she would but Mrs. Higgins came back for the bedtime read and will be joining our Emperor children on their 3-day residential trip to Burwell next week. I will be leaving my other role as Chair of Governors at Sutton at Easter as they don't need me anymore, but the Local Authority already has another school lined up for me that need support. It's great to be in a position where Townley staff and Governors can help other schools, always with the proviso that Townley has to come first... of course!

Community Information

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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The defibrillator at the junction of Church Road and Padgetts Road is temporarily out of order and has been removed from the cabinet.

The other locations for defibrillators are at The Dun Cow, Townley School and the Community Centre.

Your Letters

HO HO HO !

What a wonderful sight it was when the Parish Lunch Committee and their helpers turned up with their decorated vehicle to bring us a tin of goodies and a Christmas Card! Their village visit ended with Carol Singing later at "The Dun Cow".



A big, big thank you to them all from Alvar and Sheila Smart.

We are sorry to announce the recent death of Frank Whiting, husband of Bubbles. They used to live on Church Road. Our condolences go to Bubbles and also to their family and friends. Frank and Bubbles were long-term residents of Christchurch, but moved away some years ago. Frank was once in the RAF. He was a great support to Bubbles, who was involved with a lot of village events. (Bubbles ran the Gardening Club, years ago). Bubbles once said, to another Christchurch resident, that she would do the gardening and Frank would do the cooking.

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Copy Deadline - The deadline for copy for the March edition of the Heron is Monday 21st February.

Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE	PAGE
Tues 1 st	Mobile Library	12 noon	Lay-by Upw. Rd	3
Sun 6 th	Welle Cinema "Dark Waters"	2.00pm	Three Holes Village Hall	24
Tues 8 th	Art Group	1.30-3.30pm	CCC	17
Tues 8 th	W I	7pm	CCC	18
Weds 9 th	Lunch Break	12-2pm	CCC	18
Mon 14 th	PC Meeting	7.30pm	CCC	24
Tue 22 nd	Art Group	1.30-3.30pm	CCC	17
Tue 22 nd	Book Club Outing	7.30pm	Ely Cathedral	17
Weds 23 rd	Lunch Break	12-2pm	CCC	18
Sun 27 th	Jazz Club	12.30-2.45pm	CCC	
Tu March 1 st	Book Club	7.30pm	'Glynan'	17
Every Mon	Short Mat Bowls	7-9pm	CCC	26
Every Wed	Chair-based exercise class Kathleen Henderson	10-10.50am 07880 543821	CCC	
Every Thurs	Coffee, Cake & Chat NOT FEB 3rd	2 – 3pm	Church	23
M,T,W,TH	Mobile Post Office	Various	Lay-by (Fen View)	3
Every Mon	Short Mat Bowls	7-9pm	CCC	26
ALSO CHECK "What's On In February" P 7 + DUN COW EVENTS P 19 + Church P 23				

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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

Welcome to our February 2022 edition of The Heron. Have you ever wondered why ducks don't get cold feet? You will find the answer in this month's Heron! There are several articles about our natural world. Enjoy Gill and Gabriel Bliss's article about farming in the old days; there will be many more this year (p25). How our part of the world has changed since then! Many congratulations to Ellie Garlick (p16). What an achievement! And all the best for the Rugby Six Nations Tournament, Freddie! (p5). Everyone ...fold that paper (p13). Could you create a world record? I wonder....

Let's all have a happy and safe February.

Annie Nason

Heron News

Thank you everyone for your support for The Heron ... buying our 2022 Heron Calendar! You raised enough to fund one month's publication plus quite a bit more. And **DRUM ROLL PLEASE** We are announcing that we have decided to produce a 2023 Heron Calendar! This is a very early announcement because our theme for next year is to be "The Seasons in Christchurch". Each season in the calendar will reflect seasonal photos taken in our village and surrounding area. Any subject will do as long as it fits the theme. Get clicking for those WINTER season photos! We suggest a max. of about 4 photos *per season* from any one person, though we can be a bit flexible of course. Thank you once again to Rex Ockenden for being the key person once again in the judging of the photos and production of the calendar. Send photos to editor@theheron.info, or put top copies through the door of Grasshopper Cottage, 5, Upwell Road, with an explanatory note.

Good luck and thanks in advance.

Heron Fundraiser

Indoor Table Top Sale
Christchurch Community Centre
Saturday 5 March 2022
10.00am-1.00pm

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16 Tables

Raffle



Tea & Coffee

Cakes

Bacon Rolls



Rugby Union Six Nations Championship - England match 2022 dates: Good luck Freddie!

Feb 5th : v Scotland

Feb 13th : v Italy

Feb 26th : v Wales

Mar 12th : v Ireland

Mar 19th : v France



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!

Seven Elements of Happiness: Dr Anthony Clare

Number One: Cultivate a passion - It is important in my model of happiness to have something that you enjoy doing. The challenge for a school is to find every child some kind of passion -- something that will see them through the troughs. That's why I'm in favour of the broadest curriculum you can get.

Number Two: be a leaf on a tree - You have to be both an individual -- to have a sense that you are unique and you matter -- and you need to be connected to a bigger organism -- a family, a community, a hospital, a company. You need to be part of something bigger than yourself. A leaf off a tree has the advantage that it floats about a bit, but it's disconnected and it dies.

Number Three: avoid introspection - If you are a rather complicated person, people may avoid you. If, on the other hand, you are a centre of good feeling, people will come to you. The problem of being introspective that you find it difficult to make friends. Put an introspective person in a social group and they tend to talk about themselves. It puts other people off.

Number Four: don't resist change - Change is important. People who are fearful of change are rarely happy. People are wary of change, particularly when things are going reasonably well, because they don't want to rock the boat, but a little rocking can be good for you. You need variety, flexibility, the unexpected, because they'll challenge you.

Number Five: live for the moment - Look at the things that you want to do and you keep postponing. Postpone less of what you want to do, or what you think is worthwhile. Do what makes you happy.

Six: audit your happiness - How much of each day are you spending doing something that doesn't make you happy? Check it out and if more than half of what you're doing makes you unhappy, then change it. Go on.

Seven: if you want to be happy, be happy - Act it, play the part, put on a happy face. Start thinking differently. If you are feeling negative, say, 'I am going to be positive,' and that, in itself, can trigger a change in how you feel.

Source: <https://learn1.open.ac.uk/mod/oublog/viewpost.php?post=232176>

UPWELL HEALTH CENTRE ANNOUNCEMENT

Upwell Health Centre has recently produced a leaflet to explain the changes the surgery is making to manage the national shortage of GPs and a growing patient list. This shortage, in addition to Covid staff absences means that you are likely to be directed away from a doctor, to be seen by other specialist staff, where appropriate.

The surgery has now appointed additional specialist staff to offer advice, and prescribe if needed, so that you can be helped more effectively. At present the online help is not available but lots of support is being offered over the phone by a same day call back service. When you call the Health Centre, the more information you can give, the better they can direct you to the right person to help. If a face-to-face appointment is clinically appropriate a date and time will be scheduled, and you will be invited to attend for that appointment.

If felt more appropriate, it might be that you will be directly referred into one of the new specialist services that have been developed to relieve the pressure and waiting time for GP appointments (First Contact Physio, Social Prescriber, Eye care service, Clinical Pharmacist), or be asked to attend a minor injuries unit or Accident and Emergency.

This does not mean that the Centre does not care about your problem and you are being fobbed off. All health care professionals employed by Upwell Health are highly trained in their individual field and can escalate any concerns to a GP immediately. The doctors can then concentrate their expertise on the most complex issues, and most vulnerable patients. For the housebound, home visits can be requested as normal and it is best if these requests are made as early in the day as possible.

We all know that we're living in challenging times but it isn't the fault of the staff in our Health Centre; please treat them with the respect and understanding they deserve. Thank you.

(This is a summary of the full article; by Sue Rudge)

Current Covid Guidelines When Hiring Christchurch Community Centre



Appendix C

Sample Poster

HELP KEEP THIS HALL COVID-19 SECURE

1. **You must not enter if you or anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms.**
2. **If you develop COVID-19 symptoms within 10 days of visiting these premises you must seek a COVID-19 test.**
3. **Maintain social distancing as far as possible from anyone you do not have regular contact with:**
4. **Use the hand sanitiser provided on entering the premises.** Clean your hands often. Soap and paper towels are provided.
5. **Avoid touching your face, nose, or eyes.** Clean your hands if you do.
6. **Face coverings MUST be worn** unless an exemption applies to a person (eg for health reasons, those aged under 11) or while you are engaged in an exempt activity (eg exercise, dancing, while eating or drinking).
7. **"Catch it, Bin it, Kill it".** Tissues should be disposed of into one of the rubbish bags provided. Then wash your hands.
8. **Check the organisers of your activity have cleaned door handles, tables, other equipment, sinks and surfaces before you arrived.** Keep them clean. We [do our best to/cannot] clean all surfaces at the hall between each hire.
9. **Take turns to use confined spaces such as corridors, kitchen and toilet areas.** Standing or sitting next to someone is lower risk than opposite them. Briefly passing another person in a confined space is low risk.
10. **Keep the hall well ventilated. Close doors and windows on leaving.**

This hall was last cleaned at [insert time] am/pm/eve on [insert date]

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KEEP UP THAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION -

"I resolve to eat less and move about a bit more in 2022"

Here is Kathleen's exercise tip for February:

Hi everyone here's my tip to help you feel fitter for February.....Snackercise!!!

Did you know that you don't have to do long sessions of exercise for it to be beneficial? You can break your exercise down into bite size sessions that are easier to fit in around your daily routine. Try doing 10 mins of exercise 3 times a day, 3 days a week to start feeling fitter and moving better. Here are just a few ideas:

- You can do sit to stand while the ads are on.
- You can do press ups using the kitchen top while the kettle is boiling.
- Practise your balance by standing on one leg when brushing your teeth.

Good luck. Kathleen

What's on in February 2022

5th February 2022 Saturday: Freddie Mercury Tribute

Leverington Sports and Social Club, Church Road, Leverington, Wisbech PE13 5DE £10 Admission for time and tickets call Colin 07526 664949.

5th February 2022 Saturday: 10.00am-1.00pm Crafters Stash Clear out sale

Walsoken Village Hall, 53 Kirkgate Street, Wisbech PE13 3QX. Fabric, wool, buttons, paper and card crafts and lots more plus refreshments.

11th & 12th February 2022 Friday 12.00-10pm, Saturday 11.00am -9.00pm:

Ely Winter Beer Festival The Maltings, Ship Lane, Ely CB7 4BB Ely CAMRA event. Entry free for CAMRA members £2.00 for non- members; disabled access.

12th February 2022 Saturday 7.30pm-9.30pm: Ely Cathedral

Valentines Vivaldi by Candlelight music by musicians of the Piccadilly Sinfonietta Tickets start at £19 for more info www.elycathedral.org

20th February 2022 Sunday: 10am -2pm Farmers Market & Craft Fayre

Marshland Hall & Tearoom, Marshland St James PE14 8JB.

22nd February 2022 Tuesday: 12-6pm Joules Seconds Event

Marshland Hall & Tearoom, Marshland St James PE14 8JB. Strictly ticket only £5. 6 x 1 hour shopping slots tearoom open. Tickets only from www.ticketsource.co.uk/mdcsc no walk ins.

26th February 2022 Saturday: 7.00pm Snail Race Night at Outwell Village Hall

136 Wisbech Road, Outwell PE14 8PF. Tickets £5 Inc sausage and chips supper, veggie option available. Tickets available from The Crown Pub Tel 01945 773648 by 24th February.



What to do with those old vegetables??

I discovered the other day that there were odd bits of old vegetables in my fridge; half a courgette, a few small new potatoes beginning to “chit”, a handful of cherry tomatoes, a couple of rather wrinkly peppers, the odd red onion or two which needed to be used very soon. Come to think of it, you could add bits of carrots, broccoli, leek, aubergine.

You may be familiar with this challenge. Here’s an easy way NOT to throw out odd little bits of veg.

If you are a **Vegetarian/Vegan**, just leave out the meat and add some lentils or a few kidney beans instead, and use a vegetable stock pot/cube instead of a chicken one.

TIME: Preparation – 10 minutes. Cooking – 45 minutes

OVEN TEMPERATURE: Electric 200C or FAN 180C; Gas mark 6

FEEDS HOW MANY? Depends on the size of your dish, your oven, and the amount of veg you can collect!

INGREDIENTS:

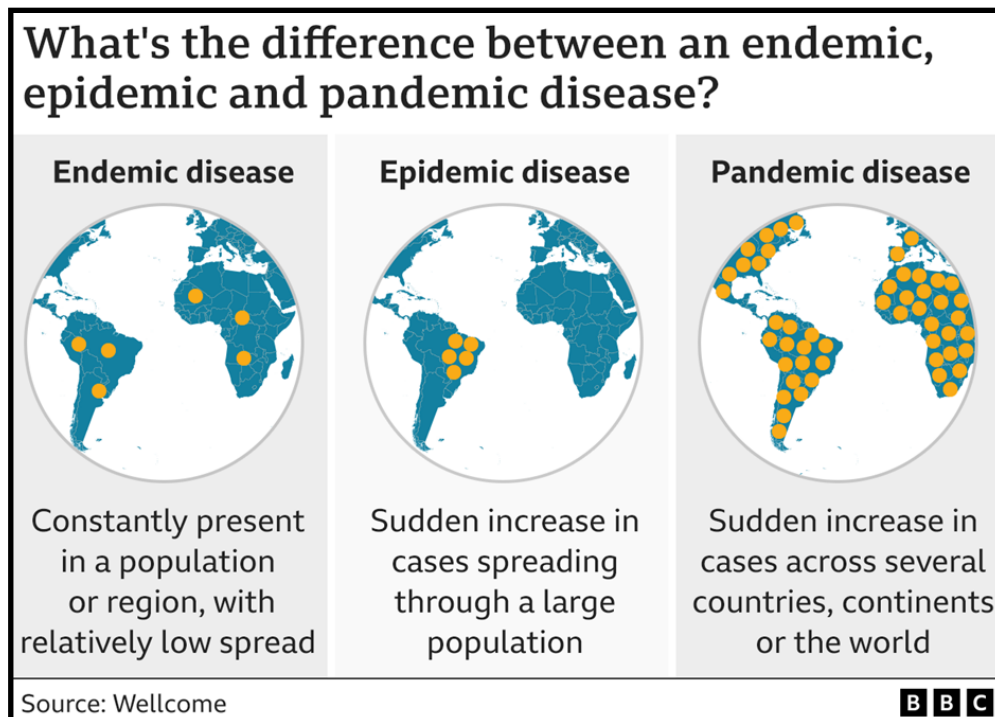
- Odd bits of uncooked vegetables that need eating up. Be sure to add a few tomatoes, as they do make it tasty.
- A couple of cloves of garlic, if you like it.
- Olive Oil
- A pinch of Mixed Mediterranean Herbs.
- Some boned uncooked chicken pieces or cooked or tinned lentils/kidney beans.
- Chicken stock pot/cube ... or vegetable equivalent ... fully dissolved in about half a pint of hot water.
- Serve with crusty bread.

METHOD:

- Preheat oven to temperature shown above.
- Roughly chop garlic, if used.
- Wash and roughly chop the other vegetables into pieces about ½ a centimetre thick.
- Spread the vegetables out in roasting tin or dish, sprinkle the herbs over the top and drizzle with olive oil.
- Place the meat pieces on top of the veg
- Pour dissolved stock over everything
- Cover with tin foil, but remove this after 20 minutes of cooking
- Place in the centre of the oven.
- After 45 minutes, it should be nicely done and smell wonderful. Just check the chicken is cooked through. If you think it needs a bit more cooking, “nuke” just the chicken pieces in the microwave for a couple of minutes and return to the dish.
- Serve up with crusty bread.

(Don’t do what I did, which was pick at the bread beforehand, ending up with none left for dinner time!).

Annie Nason



Kids Corner

Did you know that there's a competition in our country to invent the best "Platinum Pudding" in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee? I wonder what ideas people will come up with. Perhaps you could invent one of your own and try it out on your family.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ly7PONiKGUs>

Feeling hungry now? What's your favourite food? Eggs, sausages, chocolate, cakes? There are so many to choose from these days. If you click the link above you get a U-tube version of the song "Food, glorious food", from the musical *Oliver*. You might like the foods they suggest, or you might like to imagine some for yourself.



"...We all close our eyes and imagine

*Food, glorious food
Hot sausage and mustard
While we're in the mood
Cold jelly and custard
Peas, pudding and saveloys
What next is the question
Rich gentlemen have it, boys
In-die-gestion!"*

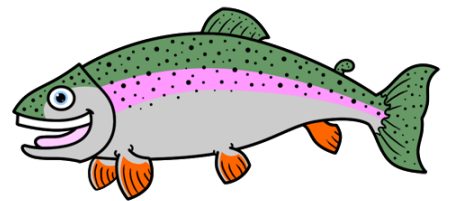
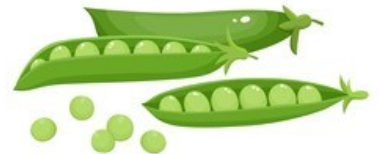


Can you solve these food anagrams?

1. BAGABEC
2. SHIPFADSHICN
3. SEEHAMCANDEC
4. USEASGAS
5. RACEMICE

Which is the Odd one out – and why?

1. Peas, beans, cauliflower, cheese
2. Apples, crisps, bananas, pears
3. Chicken, sausage, broccoli, burger
4. Cod, haddock, prawn, trout
5. Milk, coke, cheese, butter



And for Big Kids

If you've been busy quizzing over Christmas, here's a few more to try on the theme of food and drink:

1. Where in England is the famous Rhubarb triangle?
2. What is Laver?
3. How is steak tartare cooked?
4. Who was T.E Stockwell and what is his link to the food we eat?
5. What is Turophobia?

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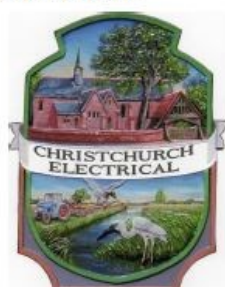
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Can You Really Only Fold a Piece of Paper 7 Times in One Direction?

It's a Myth – sorry! A piece of paper can, in fact, be folded more than 7 times.

For all those who didn't know this, there are plenty of people who argue that you can only fold a piece of paper in half, along the same plane, a maximum of 7 times. **Go ahead, give it a try.** This is one of those experiments which does not come with the disclaimer of: "Don't try this at home." So, good luck trying to manage more than 7 folds all on your own with a small piece of paper, such as a page from a notebook. Under those conditions, it **is** basically impossible.

So how many did you manage with the folding project? If you're a normal human being with normal strength (unlike the Hulk), then I would imagine that you could have managed a maximum of 5 folds. Maybe 6...if you're quite strong. It is highly unlikely, however, that you would have managed 7 or more folds in the piece of paper.

(Try a flattened out thin foil sweet wrapper these are easier to fold than paper. Betting you have had some in your home over Christmas! 'Bendicks Buttermints' wrappers are perfect... Ed.).



Yes, absolutely. **A piece of paper can, in fact, be folded more than 7 times.** It has been done many times in many places all around the world. It's just that the people who accomplished the feat used a lot of paper! Also, there were numerous people involved in the process.

A world record: Britney Gallivan, from California, was one woman with the determination to prove this long-held concept incorrect and totally baseless. In January of 2000, she took a rather long piece of paper (a single

piece of toilet paper) that measured 4000 feet (1.2 kilometers) and folded it (drumroll please) She folded it 12 times! That accomplishment definitely deserves some applause, and there was more to her achievement than bragging rights! She also provided an equation that yielded the width of paper or the length of the paper necessary to fold a piece of paper in a single direction. Maths-minded people .. enjoy this! For single-direction folding, the following equation applies:



"Paper folding theorem: where t represents the thickness of the material to be folded, L represents the length of a piece of paper to be folded in only one direction, and n represents the number of folds desired".

$$L = \frac{\pi \cdot t}{6} \cdot (2^n + 4)(2^n - 1)$$

Since Britney's accomplishment, there have been many instances of people breaking the barrier of 7 folds. The one which got a lot of coverage was a group of students from a St. Mark's School in the USA. They used a piece of toilet paper that was 10 miles in length and the process took 7 hours to complete! The group that set the record is shown here. The number that these industrious students achieved was 13 folds!

WHY IS FOLDING A PIECE OF PAPER MANY TIMES SO DIFFICULT?

The main difficulty lies in the ever-increasing thickness and thus the strength of the paper itself. It would seem quite plain at a glance, but if you take a piece of paper that is only 0.1 mm thick and fold it in half, the new thickness is 0.2 mm. This thickness goes on increasing exponentially, as does the height of the paper. If you fold the same piece of paper 7 times, it would be as thick as 128 sheets of paper. Also, with the increase in height, you also have a lesser width at your disposal to use in order to apply some force to keep the paper folding. So yes, not only does the paper become immensely thick, but it also becomes very, very tall. In fact, it is said that if you folded a paper more than 100 times, you would have a piece of paper that would be thicker than the Universe itself!

Source: <https://www.scienceabc.com/eyeopeners/can-you-really-fold-a-piece-of-paper-only-7-times.html>

Classic First lines Quiz: can you name the books?

1. You will rejoice to hear that no disaster has accompanied the commencement of an enterprise which you have regarded with such evil forebodings.
2. To the red country and part of the gray country of Oklahoma, the last rains came gently, and they did not cut the scarred earth.
3. In the late summer of that year we lived in a house in a village that looked across the river and the plain to the mountains.
4. 'Now what I want is, Facts.'
5. Miss Brooke had that kind of beauty which seems to be thrown into relief by poor dress.
6. On an exceptionally hot evening early in July a young man came out of the garret in which he lodged in S. Place and walked slowly, as though in hesitation, towards K. bridge.
7. A few miles south of Soledad, the Salinas River drops in close to the hill-side bank and runs deep and green.

A Red, Red Rose

BY ROBERT BURNS

O my Luv is like a red, red rose
That's newly sprung in June;
O my Luv is like the melody
That's sweetly played in tune.

So fair art thou, my bonnie lass,
So deep in luv am I;
And I will luv thee still, my dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry.

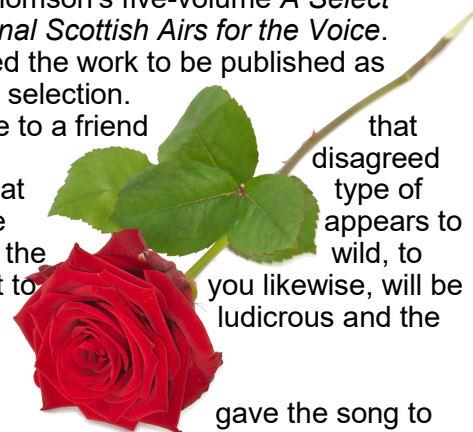
Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun;
I will love thee still, my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only luv!
And fare thee weel awhile!
And I will come again, my luv,
Though it were ten thousand mile.

Burns worked for the final seven years of his life on projects to preserve traditional Scottish songs for the future. In all, Burns had a hand in preserving over 300 songs for posterity, the most famous being "Auld Lang Syne". He worked on this project for James Johnson's the Scots Musical Museum (1787-1803)

and for George Thomson's five-volume *A Select Collection of Original Scottish Airs for the Voice*. Burns had intended the work to be published as part of Thomson's selection.

However, he wrote to a friend that Thomson and he on the merits of that song. "What to me be the simple and the him, and I suspect to looked on as the absurd." that disagreed type of appears to wild, to you likewise, will be ludicrous and the



Instead, Burns gave the song to Scots singer Pietro Urbani who published it in his *Scots Songs*. In his book, Urbani claimed "the words of The Red Red Rose were obligingly given to him by a celebrated Scots poet, who was so struck by them when sung by a country girl that he wrote them down and, not being pleased with the air, begged the author to set them to music in the style of a Scots tune, which he has done accordingly." In other correspondence, Burns referred to it as a "simple old Scots song which I had picked up in the country".

Robert Burns, known affectionately as 'Rabbie Burns', was born January 25, 1759, in Alloway, Ayrshire, Scotland. He died July 21, 1796, Dumfries, Dumfriesshire. He is the National Poet of Scotland and is considered to be the first of The Romantic Poets, which include Keats, Wordsworth, Shelley and many others.

Obituary – Doris Rolfe

Doris, a long time Christchurch resident, died on Christmas Eve 2021. Many of our present villagers will remember her. Her daughter Monica has written a short document about her mother which was read at Doris's funeral; Anne and Malcolm Hicks have also contributed some memories. The article below has drawn on those documents. She is shown here in earlier days in her beautiful garden.

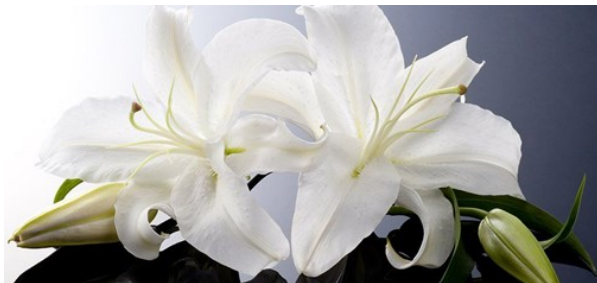
Doris was born in 1924 and lived on a small farm in Green Lane; she helped to look after the animals and worked on the land at home and also for her aunt and uncle. She married Wolsey Rolfe, her school sweetheart in 1949. When Wolsey was called up to serve in the Armed Services, Doris stayed with her mother. On his return, he and Doris moved to Crown Avenue, where their two children, Monica and Malcolm were born.

They built a bungalow on Upwell Road, Horseshoe Lodge, close to Wolsey's garage, and moved into it in 1971. She set about making it her pride and joy. An avid gardener, she also loved being a home



maker, sewing and doing handicrafts. She participated in the WI competitions and, as Wolsey was involved with lots of things going on in the village, she helped out. One of her 'jobs' was washing the football kit of the Christchurch team.

Doris was a quiet and caring person, and looked after her mother for 14 years, and also her aunt and uncle before they died. She will be very much missed by her children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. She led a busy life and loved this village, where she had lived all her life. Her husband Wolsey died in 2015.



NATURE NOTES: FEBRUARY

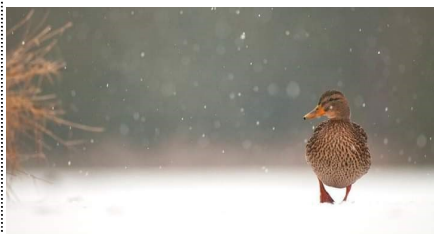
Continue putting food out on the ground and keep bird feeders topped up. Move the feeding station every few weeks so that spilt food doesn't build up; this can encourage less welcome visitors such as rats, and can lead to the spread of disease. Now is the time to consider building or buying a bee home for

solitary or masonry bees to colonise in the spring. Hang new bird nest boxes 1-3m high on walls or trees and fit metal nest box plates to protect birds from predators such as grey squirrels and jays. *A protective 5 cm square stainless steel plate to protect the entrance hole to a nest box.* Make sure nest boxes face between North and East, as the heat from sunlight can make a nest box uninviting. A pile of logs or bricks can provide welcome shelter for insects and other small creatures.



So why don't duck's feet get cold??

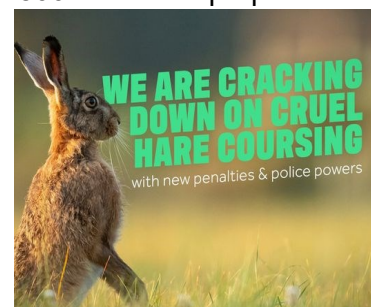
They have a counter-current heat exchange system at the top of their legs. This means that the heat never really leaves their core.



Steve Barclay MP

I'm very pleased to see the new, tougher measures to tackle hare coursing, which I have called for over a number of years. The current legislation dates back to the early 1800s so these proposals to simplify and strengthen the law are very welcome. We know this barbaric activity does take place in our constituency, causing damage to crops and farm property as well as being very cruel to animals.

There is also a close association with other criminal activities such as theft, violence and intimidation. The new powers will see unlimited fines, up to six months in prison, and a ban on offenders keeping dogs, as well as two new criminal offences. Plans for the new legislation were announced early in January and it's hoped they will be introduced in time for this year's harvest. I'm sure farmers, wildlife campaigners, police and residents will back these measures, which should have a significant impact on a crime that in particular impacts rural communities.



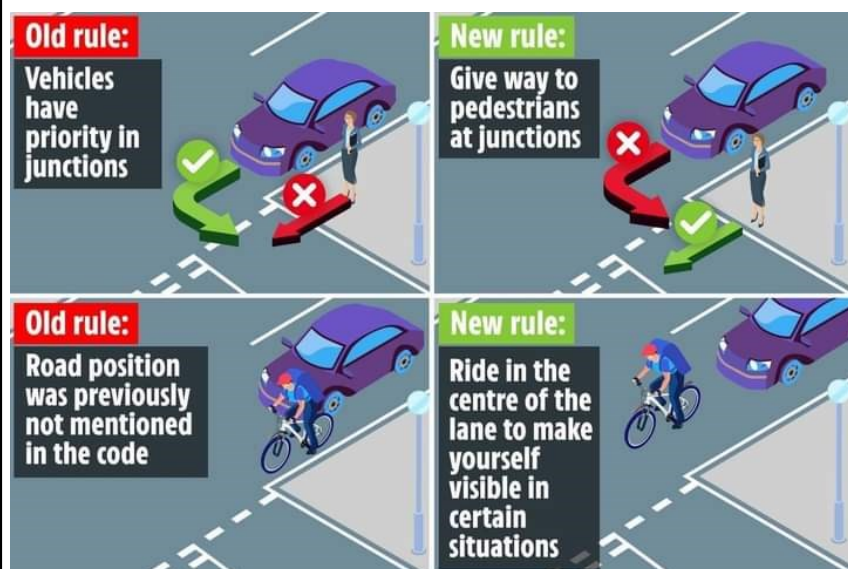
Top Ten Hits 19th February 1989

1. Ballad of the streets (EP) - Simple Minds
2. Love Changes Everything - Michael Ball
3. Something has gotten hold of my heart - Gene Pitney / Marc Almond
4. Leave me alone - Michael Jackson
5. Stop - Sam Brain
6. My prerogative - Bobby Brown
7. The living years - Mike and the Mechanics
8. Love Train - Holly Johnson
9. Fine Time - Yaz
10. Hold me in your arms - Rick Astley

Events in February 1989

- Feb 14th the Supreme leader of Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini issues a fatwa calling for the death of Salman Rushdie, author of the Satanic Verses.
- Feb 15th the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan ends.
- Tim Berners Lee, a British scientist announces the invention of the World Wide Web.

The Highway Code 2022 New Rules





NEW! Christchurch Jigsaw Club

During lockdown I started doing jigsaws, and I've found it a great way to relax away from work and screens. Swapping with friends, I've built up a collection of more than 50 puzzles, most of them 1000-piece good-quality designs from companies like Gibsons, House of Puzzles and Ravensburger.

I'd like to lend these out to other people in the village, so if you'd like to borrow a jigsaw please get in touch. I'll email or send you a list to pick from. I can deliver within the village, you can keep it for up to a month, and when you're done, swap it for a new one. All completely free of charge.

You can contact me on 07776 170118, or (preferably) email jigsaws@robertambrose.com

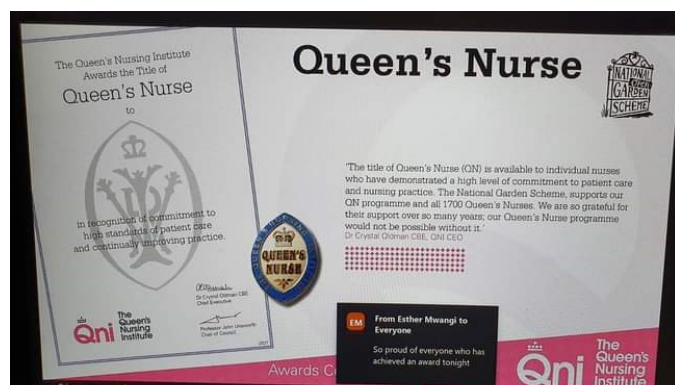
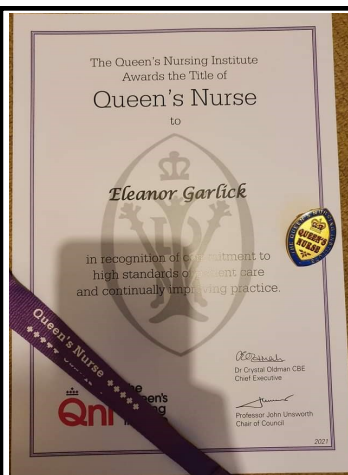
Rob Ambrose, Euximoor Drove.

Further to the matter of Jigsaws ... There were 3 jigsaws left over from the Church Coffee Morning sale. Could somebody please do me a favour and take them home, put them together and see whether there are any pieces missing? My plan was to take them to a Charity Shop, but if they are complete, perhaps you could add them to your collection, Robert? Ed.

A note from Ellie Garlick about her recent award

I was encouraged to apply for the Queen's Nurse title by a colleague who is also a Queen's Nurse. I'd attended regional Queen's Nurse meetings as a guest and found it inspiring to be amongst a group of nurses so committed to providing the highest quality of care in so many different areas of the community. There is only one opportunity to apply each year; the application process is time consuming and makes you consider your practice in depth. Managers and patients are also asked to contribute their

experiences of the care the applicant provides. My application being successful is one of my proudest professional achievements. I'm looking forward to getting more involved with the Queen's Nursing family and being part of this network of professionals all learning from each other.



The Queen's Award for Community Nursing

The Queen's Award was first awarded in the era of Florence Nightingale and William Rathbone whose efforts showed inspiration and leadership in the foundation of the QNI in 1887. The original Queen's Nurses were the best trained nurses of their day, the award carrying with it both honour and dignity.

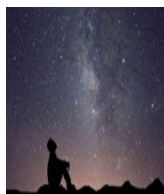
In order to be considered today, a nurse has to have been qualified for a minimum of 5 years, working in a community setting and undergo a rigorous selection process in order to receive this prestigious award. The title was first revived in 2007. There have been new Awards presented yearly since then, and Ellie received her award during the annual Queen's Nursing Institute Awards on line, on December 13th 2021

The National Garden scheme funds the Queen's Nurse programme. last year donating more than £39,500. There are now 1700 Queen's Nurses working in England, Wales and Northern Ireland who all contribute to the National Health Agenda.

This year, amongst the recipients of The Queen's Award is Ellie Garlick who lives in the village. We would like to congratulate and applaud her on this achievement and wish her success as she continues with her career. The last two years have not been easy for anyone working in the NHS, but to be given this award during such difficult times is an outstanding achievement.

Liz Scott

Christchurch Stargazers



Hello Christchurch Stargazers! Hope you are all well and enjoying the new year.

What will February 2022 bring to our night skies? There should be some clear skies.

Mercury is a dim morning object, not well placed. Best seen just before mid-month.

Venus will be a bright morning planet, rising over two hours before sunrise. Near **Mars** at end of February. **Mars** will be a brightening morning object, near **Venus** towards the end of February. Jupiter is a bright evening planet, rapidly lost to the twilight during the month.

Saturn lines up with the **Sun** in the sky on 4 Feb so is unlikely to be seen this month.

Uranus is at Mag. +5.8. **Uranus** loses altitude during February, but remains a viable target.

Neptune; the evening twilight catches up with **Neptune** this month, and so the planet is lost from view. These are the Planets that are all visible to the unaided eye; **Mercury**, **Venus**, **Mars**, **Jupiter** and **Saturn**.

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

Mark

Christchurch Art Group



We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 1.30 -3.30 in the Village Hall (term time).

- 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.



If you would like a programme, please contact Jan and one will be sent with any further information.

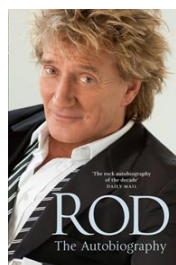
Please contact Sandra 01354 638478 or Jan 01354 638217 (janandcliff@brimstone46.plus.com).

**(Please note we may still have to follow 'Covid' rules, so may not be able to offer equipment to borrow. Items can be ordered for use if requested.)*

Christchurch Book Club

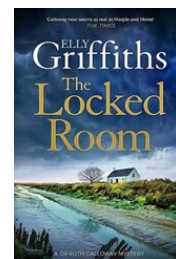


Book Club met on 18th January. We had been reading "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. Although some members had not yet finished this book (which meant we had to be careful not to give away any spoilers!) all members said they very much enjoyed the book and in particular the descriptions and atmosphere. A young girl names Kya grows up isolated in a marsh in North Carolina in the 50's. We follow her early life and then to the 60's and her relationships and a murder which has strong implications for her. Members who had listened to this book on audible felt that the narration with a Southern States accent certainly helped to aid the imagination.



Our next book is "Rod: The Autobiography" by Rod Stewart (we certainly have a wide variety of books!).

Book club are planning a trip to Ely Cathedral to hear author Elly Griffiths speak. Elly is a crime novelist. This is on Feb 22nd at 7.30pm. Elly's latest book is 'The Locked Room'. Tickets are £8 or £20 to include the book. For more details go to <https://www.toppingbooks.co.uk/events/ely/an-evening-with-elly-griffiths/>



We are hoping to either hire a minibus or share lifts. Members and visitors are asked to sort out their own tickets from the website and contact Sheila if you would like to travel as a group/get a lift.

Our meetings are going to be moving to the first Tuesday in each month, so our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 1st at Sue Street's house, Glynan opposite the school.

New members are always welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Sheila Day on 07946635908.

The WI met on 11th January. Our meeting began with a minutes silence as a mark of respect for Doris (Wolsey) Rolfe who had passed away over the Christmas period. Doris had been an enthusiastic and faithful member of our group for many years.



Our speaker for the evening was Tony Chappell (father of Graham) and he brought us a talk about Robbie Burns. This was an interesting and entertaining presentation. Burns lived an unconventional life and fathered 12 children by several different women. His failure as a farmer and his difficult financial situation led to his poems being published which in turn led to his success and fame. Burns died at the age of 37 (on the same day as his last child was born) officially from rheumatic heart condition - although the meeting wondered whether his death had been caused by exhaustion! At refreshments time, as well as tea, coffee and biscuits being available, we had haggis, "neeps" (swede) and "tatties" (potatoes) - with a "wee dram" (Scotch) for those who wished to try this.

Our next meeting will be on February 8th at 7pm at the Community Centre, when this month's colour is red and we will be considering which resolutions we would like to put forward for the coming year. These are issues which the WI as a national body wish to bring to the attention of the public and authorities (for 2021/22 it was raising awareness of the symptoms of Ovarian Cancer and the consequences of delayed diagnosis). After hearing about the short list of suggestions and voting, the meeting will enjoy an evening of cheese and wine.

Visitors are always welcome for a nominal fee of £3 and as our year finishes at the end of March, full membership for the rest of the 2021/22 year is for a very reduced rate.

For more information please contact Sheila Day on 07946635908.



Christchurch Gardening Club

Last month the club announced a change of time for the meeting scheduled for Tuesday the 15th of February 2022, changing from 7.00 pm to 7.30 pm. This was due to a clash with the Tuesday Pilates class. However, as that class is no longer taking place, we have been able to revert to our regular time of 7.00 pm. Members please take note.

The February meeting is the club's AGM and signifies the start of our year of meetings and events.

Membership is very reasonably priced, and the diary is full and varied, with expert speakers most months, dealing with gardening and related subjects, as well as social evenings and trips out. All Covid 19 restrictions and advice will be adhered to.

So come along on the night, or call 01354638230 for details.

Christchurch Community Centre, Upwell Road, PE14 9LL. Meeting starts at 7.00 pm.

Steve

LUNCH BREAK

Lunch Break this month – 9th & 23rd February from 12 noon – 2pm, in the Community Centre.



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Friday 25th March 9.30–4.00
An introduction to drawing with Tim Oliver

Monday 4th April 9.30–12.30
An introduction to Alexander Technique with Chris McKay

Saturday 9th April 9.30–4.00
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Thursday 14th April 2.00–5.00
Makeup secrets for the over 45s with Caroline Smith

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Church News

Firstly, a big 'thank you' to those people that donated their Dole money to the church. Much appreciated.

For the time being, we will still be continuing to observe social distancing within the church building and strongly encourage mask wearing. In February we have services at 10:30am on the 13th and 27th, see the table below for other details. Complementary to the live services, throughout February 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. Please see the church noticeboard or the updates on the Christchurch Community Facebook page for any further news.

Helen and Andrew

Coffee, Cake and Chat: each Thursday 2-3pm in the Church. All welcome!

Please note - There will be no group on Thursday February 3rd, as the Church is being used for something else.



Services in our Benefice during January. All services at 10.30am unless otherwise stated.

Date	CHRISTCHURCH	MANEA	DODDINGTON	WIMBLINGTON
Feb 6 th	-	Holy Communion	-	Morning Prayer
Feb 13 th	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	-
Feb 20 th	-	Morning Prayer	-	Holy Communion
Feb 27 th	Holy Communion	-	Morning Prayer	-

Thoughts from the Rectory

Snowdrops! Spring is on its way.

The ice had started to melt and we were looking forward to some early signs of spring. So, on a rather frosty day, Lynda and I went on a snowdrop charity walk. The snowdrop is not really a native flower; it is thought that when the Romans came to conquer Britain, they brought it over with them. But we Brits have taken it to our hearts, as it's nearly always a sign that winter is coming to its end; the tiny white flowers breaking through the frost and snow in otherwise bleak woodland brightens up anyone's day. The walk had been held to raise money for 'The British Heart Foundation' and people had been drafted in to make the soup and the cakes. It was an exercise of people working together for the benefit of others. Probably one of the most difficult things to organise was the date of the walk so that participants could see the snowdrops at their best. Too early and they are not fully out, too late and they are fading.



Are we sometimes like that? If we have been asked to do something we feel we are not ready for, not equipped or skilled for, we might turn the opportunity down. On the other hand, we might think that we are past our sell by date and that life is all downhill from now on. Maybe we are retired or unemployed and wonder if we will ever be useful again; perhaps we have had an illness which has left us weak and unable to do what we used to do.



I have found in my years of ministry that God does not give up on us for it says in the Bible. 'Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace'. (2 Corinthians 4:16 The Message Bible). Life does have its ups and downs. Like snowdrops, we are not at our peak for ever. BUT, like them, we can also revive, and when the season is right, bloom and flower again. Keep well, keep safe.

Ian

Enjoy your proverbs?

Here are 21 without their vowels, apostrophes and spaces.

1. nppldykpshtdctrwy
2. ltsbtrtrbsfthansrry
3. Bttrltthnnvr
4. ctsspkldrthnwrds
5. Yctchmrflswthhnythnwtvng
6. chnsnlyssstrngstswkstlnk
7. Nvrjdgkbytsr
8. Clnlinesssnxttgdlss
9. Thrlybrdctchsthwr
10. Whrthrsllthrswy
11. frndnndsfrndndd
12. sttchntmsvsnn
13. wtchdptnvrbls
14. Lstsdnsntmndd
15. Lttlstrksfllgrtk
16. Thrsnschthngsfrlnch
17. ndssgdswnktblndhrs
18. Thrsnnsdfsthswhwthr
19. Prdcmsbfrfall
20. flndhsmnyrsnprtd
21. brdnthhndswrthtwbnsh

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WELLE CINEMA Sunday 6th February Three Holes Village Hall

Starts 2 pm, doors open 1.30pm
£3.50 per person, no need to book

DARK WATERS

(PG)

Based on a true story - A tenacious attorney uncovers a dark secret that connects a growing number of unexplained deaths to one of the world's largest corporations. While trying to expose the truth, he soon finds himself risking his future, his family and his own life.

BAR & REFRESHMENTS

Contact Anne
01354 638405

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ARTS EAST

www.threeholesvillagehall100.org.uk

PC Snippets

The Parish Council met on January 10th for their first meeting of 2022. As a precautionary measure, they met in the big hall, as it was not being used. There were a couple of people absent for medical reasons. Everyone was well spaced out. (...you know what I mean, of course!).

The Chair wished everyone well in 2022. He also thanked all the Councillors and the Clerk for all their hard work during the past 12 months, which had been difficult in many ways for everyone. He looks forward to 2022 being a better year all round. I am sure all Heron readers will join him in that!

Public time: No visitors from the Parish this month, sadly. Why none?

Matters outstanding: i) **Bus shelter** cannot be done until the summer. ii) **The pavement** outside Field Lodge, Upwell Road is still on-going. iii) **Drains** should be sorted before April 1st. iv) **PC Annual Report** will be included in the April Heron. v) **The PC agreed on a date** to visit some other Parishes where they have installed benches, play equipment and outside gyms, with a view to making a decision as to when and where Christchurch's planned instalment of some equipment should be.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Programme: National events now in the public domain; more local ones, including Christchurch Hall Committee plans, will be announced later.

The Armed Forces Covenant was discussed: It was agreed that in spite of being a small village, we do as much as we can. This includes looking after our War Memorial, holding a Remembrance event once a year at which the younger generation was represented this year by the Brownies and Rainbows, and selling Poppies. We are aware we have two War Graves in our cemetery.



Highways Improvement: Various things. Councillor Hughes is on the case.

Recreation Ground Extension: Great ideas for the adjacent field...and it was decided to employ a specialist in that kind of design The PC will give them their ideas to work with.

Policies and procedures: 3 documents were looked at, considered and adopted. Data Protection Policy, Publication Scheme and Code of Conduct.

Planning Applications: Considered and passed. 11, Church Road: F/YR21/1440/VOC and F/YR12/0630/F. Victoria House, Euximoor Drove F/YR21/1483/F

The final item was the discussion of The Budget for 2022/2023.

At that point, I left them to it.

Next PC Meeting Monday February 14th 2022 at 7.30pm. Well ... there's a thought....

Annie Nason

BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST ... Jill Bliss and her husband Gabriel are going to write some articles for The Heron during 2022, about Farming in past times. Here is their first one.

As a couple of 80-year-olds, born during the war, with food rationing and the hard times that the country went through, we are going back in time with memories of how farming was carried out during those bleak times, on our respective family farms. We are going back as far as when horses were used to work the land, along with lots of farm staff per farm, who worked very hard, manually, to help feed the nation - as you will see from our following memories - starting with the winter months.



WINTER - Part 1

Back in the farming winters of the 1940s/50s, most arable farms kept a yard of store cattle to fatten, ready for sale in the spring as butchers' meat. These cattle would be bedded down on straw and fed a ration of mangolds, out grade potatoes and wheat chaff meal (all produced on the farm), made up of corn cake, beet pulp and molasses. (Mangolds - a beet variety with a large root, cultivated as stockfeed). The farm workers would start work at 7am and feed all the animals first thing. This was done manually by filling cane skips with the

mixture prepared the previous day, and carrying the filled skip on their backs out to the feed mangers in the yard; a filled skip would weigh approx. 30 kilos. Following the morning feed, the stockman would then prepare the feed for that afternoon and the following morning, as follows: the mangolds would be cleaned by hand and put into a cutting machine which was propelled by a belt-driven 'Lister' petrol engine. A layer of this was then spread onto a concrete bed, (1mtr x 2mtrs in size) followed by layers of all the ingredients. The layering would be repeated until the required amount had been prepared. Feeding an open yard of 40-50 hungry livestock with a 30 kilo skip of food on one's back, to tip into the mangers, was a very dangerous exercise as you could imagine! And sometimes things got a little exciting and food did not reach the manger, the skip being head butted and tossed to the ground. The cattle were fed at 7am and 3pm daily.



The morning feed was followed by their yard being 'strawed up'. This was done by a horse and cart, loaded with straw by the stockman and his mate, actually in the stock yard among the now calmer cattle, the straw being distributed as the horse drove the cart round. This was a daily ritual until the cattle were either sold or turned out to grass in April/May. The cattle would be taken to market either at Kings Lynn or Wisbech, weighing in at 12-14cwt (hundredweight) = 112 pounds each on average.

Some local farmers prepared and showed their cattle at the local annual Christmas fat stock shows at Wisbech, King's Lynn and Norwich, and prided themselves in winning Overall Champion and other awards several years on the run, with various breeds of cattle.

**Pictures from the web.*

Ed. The Farmland Museum is well worth a visit. It is on the A10 on the way to Cambridge. Lots of the old equipment mentioned is on show.

<https://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk/content/category/visiting-us>



Useful Telephone Numbers

Age UK Cambridgeshire	0300 666 9860
Alzheimer's Society (Fenland)	01945 580480
Churchwarden - Mr Andy Day	07740 056563
Citizens' Advice Bureau, Wisbech	03442 451292
Community Car Scheme (to book a journey)	07902 316360
Community Centre Bookings (Bryan Burfield)	07918 664402
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
Gardening Club - Marion Hawthorn	01354 638230
Christchurch Stargazers - Mark Andrews	07425 165415
Short Mat Bowls Club - Janet Harper	01354 638681
WI - Sheila Day	07946 635908
Jazz Club - Cat Johnson	musiciancat@hotmail.co.uk
Christchurch Eco - Nate Lansdell	07568 192940

Answers from Kids Corner on Page 9

Food Anagrams Answers

cabbage
fish and chips
mac and cheese
sausages
ice cream

Odd one out Answers

1. cheese – the others are all vegetables
2. crisps – the others are all fruits
3. broccoli – the others are made of meat
4. prawn – the others are fish
5. coke – the others are all dairy products

Answers to Big Kids Quiz

1. Yorkshire
2. Seaweed
3. It isn't, it's eaten raw!
4. He created TES- CO with Jack Cohen!
5. Fear of cheese

Classic First Lines Quiz: Answers from page 13

1. Frankenstein (Mary Shelley)
2. The Grapes of Wrath (John Steinbeck)
3. A Farewell to Arms (Ernest Hemingway)
4. Hard Times (Charles Dickens)
5. Middlemarch (George Eliot)
6. Crime and Punishment (Fyodor Dostoyevsky)
7. Of Mice and Men (John Steinbeck)

PROVERBS QUIZ ANSWERS FROM PAGE 24

1. An apple a day keeps the doctor away
2. It's better to be safe than sorry
3. Better late than never
4. Actions speak louder than words
5. You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar
6. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link
7. Never judge a book by its cover
8. Cleanliness is next to godliness
9. The early bird catches the worm
10. Where there's a will there's a way
11. A friend in need is a friend indeed
12. A stitch in time saves nine
13. A watched pot never boils
14. Least said, soonest mended
15. Little strokes fell great oaks
16. There's no such thing as a free lunch
17. A nod's as good as a wink to a blind horse
18. There's none so deaf as those who won't hear
19. Pride comes before a fall
20. A fool and his money are soon parted
21. A bird in the hand is worth two in a bush



Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Celebration plans unveiled by Buckingham Palace

On 6 February the Queen will become the first British monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking a 70-year reign. A series of celebrations will take place throughout the year. It's going to be puddings, parties, parades and pageants! Street parties, a concert with some of the world's "biggest entertainment stars" and a chance to see the Queen's homes up close are all part of the plan to mark her 70 years on the throne. It will culminate in a four-day UK bank holiday weekend from 2 to 5 June. As with the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilees, the first week in June has been chosen for the celebratory weekend, with the summer offering a better chance of good weather than February though, if you remember, the weather for the Diamond Jubilee River Pageant was dire! To create the four-day weekend, the late May Spring Bank Holiday will be moved to 2 June and an additional one-off bank holiday on 3 June created.

In this current bleak mid-Covid winter, the jubilee offers the warming prospect of a four-day bank holiday in June, with concerts, parties and pubs open until 1am. The "platinum pudding" competition is in the tradition of royal-related dishes like Coronation Chicken, invented for the Queen's coronation in 1953. So - expect a lot of trifling puns.

There isn't really a template for celebrating a British monarch's 70-year reign, because it's not happened before. The nearest was Queen Victoria's 63 years and elsewhere you have to go back to 18th-Century France and Louis XIV, who reached 72 years.

The celebrations are also a reminder of how much the Queen has been a constant figure. A recent study showed for 85% of the population she's the only monarch they've ever known.

This will be a marker for memories in many people's lives. This jubilee will be the Queen's first without her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, who died in April last year.

Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee: How the UK will celebrate her unprecedented anniversary

- June 2: Queen Elizabeth's birthday parade.
- June 3: Service of Thanksgiving.
- June 4: BBC Platinum Party at the Palace.
- June 5: The Big Jubilee Lunch and Platinum Jubilee Pageant.

Silver Jubilee 25 years - 1977

Golden Jubilee 50 years - 2002

Diamond Jubilee 2012



Potential plans for celebrations taking place here in Christchurch (all dependent on availability, volunteers, weather, etc.) - more detailed plans to follow in the next few editions of The Heron:

Thursday 2 June—Queenie Quiz, The Dun Cow (pm)
 Friday 3 June—Collaborative Corgis Dog Show, The Dun Cow (pm)
 Friday 3 June—A Right Royal Buffet & Ceilidh, Community Centre (pm)
 Saturday 4 June—Plantinum Tea Party, The Dun Cow (pm)
 Saturday 4 June—Vinyl Night, The Dun Cow (pm)
 Sunday 5 June—Royal Breakfast, The Dun Cow
 Sunday 5 June—Street Party & Fun Day, Community Centre (pm)

The above is only tentative at this stage and might be subject to change but rest assured we are doing our best to provide Christchurch with a long weekend to remember!



The Year of The Tiger

The Chinese New Year falls on Tuesday, February 1st, 2022, and celebrations culminate with the Lantern Festival on February 15th, 2022.

SOME TIGER FACTS

- Tigers are the largest members of the cat family of animals.
- There are only 5 remaining races of tigers around today.
- All tiger species – *Panthera tigris* - are endangered.
- It is illegal to hunt them or buy goods made from any part of a tiger.
- Their numbers are decreasing because of loss of habitat and hunting.

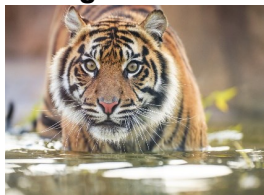


The Bengal Tiger. Length: 1.6 – 2m; shoulder height 0.9m; tail 0.9-1m; weight 120 – 280 kg; lifespan 20-25 years. In 1900 there were about 45,000 in the wild. Today there are estimated to be over 2,200 left in the wild. Their numbers showed an increase in 2016. They are found in the wild in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan and Burma/Myanmar.

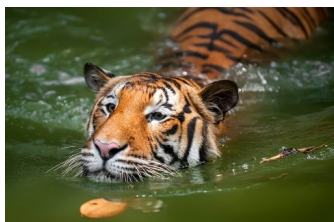
The Siberian Tiger is a very rare species of tiger. 80% live in eastern Russia, with others found in North East China and the Northern areas of North Korea. From an estimated low in 2010 of 360, in May of 2015, the Russian Government announced that they had increased in numbers to between 480 and 540. These tigers can grow up to 3.3m in length and can weigh up to 300kg.



A magnificent Sumatran Tiger. Between 2012 and 2020 their population declined by 20% due to the expansion of Palm Oil plantations. Critically endangered; estimated less than 400 of them left. Biggest threats are poaching, habitat loss due to deforestation of rainforests and the loss of prey. It's a tiger of a different stripe: the smallest of all tigers, is a darker orange and has a very distinctive, lion-like mane.



The Indochinese Tiger is native to Southeast Asia. This population occurs in Myanmar, Thailand, and Laos. In 2011, the population was thought to comprise 342 individuals, including 85 in Myanmar and 20 in Vietnam, with the largest population unit surviving in Thailand estimated at 189 to 252 individuals during 2009 to 2014.



Malayan Tigers are also critically endangered. According to the WWF, there are only 250–340 Malayan tigers left in the world. The tiger has been recognized as an “endangered species” by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The Malayan tiger will gladly enjoy a carnivorous fare of sambar deer, wild boars, bearded pigs, tapirs, goats, monkeys, rhino calves, and – yes - elephants! Malaysian tigers, like all other tigers, are solitary creatures, known for living alone for all of their lives.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP SAVE THESE MAGNIFICENT ANIMALS? Check out this website. Why not “Adopt a Tiger”? <https://support.wwf.org.uk/donate-to-wwf>

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