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Sun, Sea, Sand and Summer Holidays!

Wherever you go this year - enjoy!



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ENJOY AND JOIN IN WITH THE CHRSTCHURCH SCARECROW FESTIVAL! AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND 2022



1. **WHAT?** A fun village event, *no theme, no charge*, put on by The Heron to celebrate the 100th edition of the New Heron - August 2022.
2. **WHEN?** August Bank Holiday w/end, 2022 – August 27, 28, 29
3. **WHERE?** Christchurch Village, Tipps End and Euximoor. and Christchurch properties along the 16ft Bank + Poulter's Drove.
4. **MAP?** A list of entry addresses will be posted on notice boards and on Facebook.
5. **WHO CAN ENTER?** a) Anyone who receives a copy of The Heron and lives in Christchurch, Tipps End, Euximoor or along the 16ft Bank. b) Any Christchurch groups or clubs. Groups or clubs will be able to put their scarecrow at a central village location, tba.
6. **CATEGORIES:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in two categories - Scarecrows constructed by a) Adults, b) Children; and one 1st prize for club/group entries. (Put a category note by your entry).
7. **REGISTRATION:** Call Pat Rigby - 07776-142-642 or put a note through her letterbox at 75, Church Road. Best by Friday August 25th, please, but later is ok.
8. **JUDGES** will be announced in the August edition of The Heron.
9. **JUDGING** will take place on Monday August 29th. Prize giving time and place tba.
10. **Prizes sponsors:** *Cach Training* and *Lexi Robinson Property Expert* are sponsoring the adult category. There will be cash prizes - 1st prize £25, 2nd prize £15, 3rd prize £10. The sponsor for the children's category, *in support of village life*, wishes to remain anonymous: 1st prize £25, 2nd prize £15, and 3rd prize £10 and will be in vouchers. Group 1st Prize of £25, donated anonymously. *Thank you to all sponsors!*



Entries for scarecrows are coming in thick and fast to win the prizes that are on offer! We are still looking for more clubs to register their scarecrows though, so come on clubs, get that competitive spirit going, there are some already registered so let's see what you can come up with!

Looking for a bit of inspiration? Emneth Scarecrow festival is on between 6th and 13th August. An event they put on every year along with a yard sale. As this has been running for some years now, they have scarecrow making down to a fine art! There are plenty of ideas on the internet of course.

If you require any straw or hay, wood or hessian please contact Pat Rigby on 07776 142642 who should be able to help.

Please remember to register your address with Pat so it can be included on the list in order for the scarecrow to be judged. There will be a list on Facebook nearer the date and also posters on the notice boards so you can see where the scarecrows are.

The most important thing? Have fun!

Pat Rigby

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?**

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.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Age UK Cambridgeshire	0300 666 9860
Alzheimer's Society (Fenland)	01945 580480
Churchwarden - Mrs Helen Chappell	01354 638092
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 - James Hughes (Chair)	01354 638310
Parish Councillor - Kay Miller	01354 638232
Parish Councillor - Peter Owen	01354 638847
Parish Councillor - Andrew Sparrow	01354 698020
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 - Liz Scott	07841 381555
Gardening Club - Marion Hawthorn	01354 638230
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
Christchurch Stargazers - Mark Andrews	07425 165415



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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

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Do you know someone who would like to receive a Heron each month, who doesn't live in the village? Contact us at adverts@theheron.info and we will send them a subscription form.

The cost is £25.00 per year (including P&P).

Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE	PAGE
Tues 2 nd	Mobile Library	12 noon	Lay-by (Fen View)	3
Tues 2 nd	Book Club	7.30pm	tba	
Tues 9 th	WI	7pm	CCC	20
Weds 10 th	Lunch Break	12-2pm	CCC	20
Sun 14 th	Service/ Holy Communion	10.30am	CCC	11
Tues 16 th	Gardening Club	7pm	CCC	
Weds 24 th	Lunch Break	12-2pm	CCC	20
Sat 27 th	CHRISTCHURCH, EUXIMOOR AND TIPPS END SCARECROW FESTIVAL. SEE PAGE 2 *****			
Sun 28 th				
Mon 29 th				
Sun 28 th	Service/Evening Prayer	3.30pm	CCC	11
Sun 31 st	FAREWELL SERVICE FOR OUR TWO VICARS	3pm	DODDINGTON CHURCH	11
Every Mon	Short Mat Bowls	7-9pm	CCC	20
Every Weds	Chair-based exercise class Kathleen Henderson	10-10.50am 07880 543821	CCC	
Every Thurs	Coffee, Cake & Chat	2-3pm	Now in CCC	11
M,T,W,TH	Mobile Post Office	Various	Lay-by (opp. Fen View)	3

AUGUST - No Jazz Club, no Art Club, no Welle Cinema, no PC Meeting.

**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

Hello everyone, and welcome to the 100th edition of the New Heron! (page 17). We are very much looking forward to hearing from others who used to be involved in the production of The Heron, way before the New Heron arrived! Please do get in touch with us and tell your story.

School is out for the summer (page 16). What a term you have had! Well – what a few years, really. The Ofsted “GOOD” was a great positive, amongst all the difficult things that you had to deal with, including Covid absences. All the best from The Heron Team to the **Year 6 Leavers**.

Cornwall is so beautiful! Who needs Abroad when we have hot weather and beautiful beaches here? The photo for Perranporth Beach on the back cover brought back lovely memories for me of holidays there in the past. There was/is a blowhole which you used to be able to find, walking along the cliffs ... is it still there now, I wonder?

Wherever you go, or even if you stay put in Christchurch this summer, have a good one. And do enter the Scarecrow Competition (page 2). Should be a blast!

Annie Nason

Yard Sale

Saturday 6 August 2022

12.00 (no earlier please)

40 Church Road, Christchurch

Money raised in aid of Christchurch Book Club

Heron News

1. AGM. We had a successful AGM this year, with 12 attendees and 6 apologies. Thank you one and all for your support. The new Executive Committee: *Chair*, Annie Nason; *Treasurer*, Elaine Reed-Hughes; *Secretary*, Sue Rudge; *Committee members*, Sandra Kay and Wendy Yates. The Editor and Editorial team were appointed by the Executive Committee. Their names are listed on the front cover of The Heron.
2. Sadly, we are not able to produce a 2023 Calendar as we had planned. We have not had enough photos in this year to make that work. *HOWEVER ...* we have another idea for our end-of-year fundraiser. We would like to have some original Christmas Card designs, featuring village scenes, using watercolours or other mediums so that we can sell reproductions of them. We are asking **everyone and anyone** who would like to, to make a Christmas Card that we could reproduce for this purpose. All card designs received will be put on to our website, and Rex Ockenden will choose which ones we will use. There is no age limit, so everyone can have a go. The plan is to sell them in small packs. Get those creative juices going and have a go! Email the editor when you have a design we can collect, and things will move from that point. And just because December is a long time away doesn't mean you can't begin right now! The more, the Merrier Christmas!
3. Scarecrow Festival – sign up and have a go. See page 2.
4. September Issue – it will be a thin one as the magazine needs to go to print very early in the month as there is no Holiday Cover for the publisher. The GOOD news is, we have a volunteer (big thank you) to help with this another time. Too late for the September edition, though.

Annie Nason

Your Letters

Dear Editor,

Please would you mind putting this request again in your magazine? I am the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Christchurch and Mania. I am now retiring and I'm looking for a replacement to continue this worthwhile charity. You kindly put this request in the May issue of The Heron, but I have had no replies at all, which is a concern.



Is there someone out there who would be willing to do this? I do hope so. For further information please contact me, Lesley Kennedy, on 07947 143864 or Landline 01354 680401.



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. The Heron will not share any contact details unless given permission.

The team look forward to hearing from you!

Meet our new Parish Councillor, Andrew Sparrow

I am Andrew Sparrow and have recently joined the Parish Council. For those who do not know me I am the 4th generation of our family to have lived in the village. My great grandfather moved to the village around 1860 from Littleport and formed an agricultural contracting business within the village. I have lived in Padgett's Road most of my life and attended the Townley School for my early years of education, moving then to the Neale Wade for secondary education.



After leaving school I studied 'Architecture and the Built Environment' at college, whilst working at English Brothers of Wisbech, a local construction company. Like most of us, I thought school was hard at the age of sixteen, but this was nothing compared to my first job as a draftsman designing agricultural buildings and timber framed houses. Normal working hours were 8.00 to 5.00 plus regular overtime on Saturday mornings too. I do, however, look back at my early days of employment with fond memories, as, after being made redundant at the age of eighteen I was able to quickly apply these skills and continue the family tradition of becoming self-employed. Now, 30 years on, although the business name and trading activities have changed, the business has weathered many storms and continues to grow from strength to strength supplying markets both in the UK and abroad.

In my spare time, I have been an active member of March Young Farmers, held the position of Cambridgeshire County Chairman and served on the Young Farmers National Executive Committee. In recent years I have been involved in The National Association of Play Industries as Vice Chairman. For relaxation I enjoy travelling, gardening, fly fishing and reading about WW2.

Having lived in the parish for most of my life I am passionate to see the village develop, to remain sustainable for generations to come.



Andrew is Group Managing Director of the company **ONLINE PLAYGROUNDS** (Padgett's Road).



Christchurch Community Centre - Classic Vehicle & Motorbike Meeting
SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2022 Open from 9.30 AM until Late afternoon
All day snacks, refreshments and bar. Also various stalls and attractions
(FREE ENTRY FOR ALL)

Please Follow Facebook page:- Christchurch Community Centre to register attendance



Christchurch Community Centre , Upwell Road , Christchurch near
Wisbech. Cambridgeshire PE14 9LL (On the Recreation Ground)

Looking for somewhere to go? What's on in August 2022

7th August 2022 Sunday **WisBEACH Rock Festival** at Wisbech Town Park, 24 Verdun Road, Wisbech PE13 2DU 11am-8pm Free Entry Lots of bands including Showaddywaddy, Bucks Fizz, beer tent, fairground, beach area

13th August 2022 Saturday **1940s Dance** with Ashby Little Big Band & Blitz Dancers Tickets 7.30- midnight £5 non members in advance, £10 non members on the door GER Members Free but ticket must be obtained GER Sports Club, Robingoodfellows Lane, March PE15 8HS Tel: 01354 652335

13th August 2022 Saturday **Welly Wearers Fun Charity Dog Show** 11am-4pm Welly Wearers Country Store, Iretons Way, Chatteris PE16 6UZ. Fundraising for Ravenswood Pet Rescue. Ring 1- dog show Ring 2 Flyball

13th August 2022 Saturday **Welneyst at The Lamb and Flag**, Welney. Noon-till late Live music throughout the day, Craft stalls, food and drink Bouncy castle

18-20th August 2022 Thursday-Saturday **Equifest 2022** The Festival for Horse Lovers. Show Jumping, Dressage, Carriage Driving, trade stands. Camping available East of England Showground, Oundle Road, Peterborough PE2 6XE See info@equifest.org.uk Tel. 01733 961019

20th August 2022 Saturday **Dog show and Picnic** in the Park at Sandgate Meadow, Wisbech Road, Welney 11.00-16.00 Dog shows starts 12.00. Family activities, refreshments, local produce further info contact Dog show Vince Ford 07877 250079 general info Peter 07818 403232

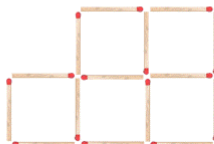
August 2022- Throughout the month- **Skylark Maize Maze**. Funyard Giant Maize Maze, Pesky Pigeon Tractor Rides, Pig Racing and more. For more info and to book tickets visit www.skylark-events.co.uk



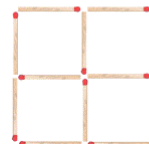
Please remember that no dogs are allowed on the playing field. Thank you. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Matchstick Puzzles - #1

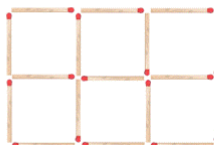
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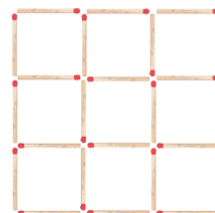
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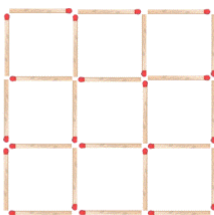
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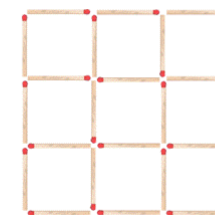
5. Leave just six squares by removing eight matchsticks.



3. Leave just two squares by removing eight matchsticks.



6. Leave just three squares by removing six matchsticks.



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AT THE BEACH WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



BEACH BALL	HIGH TIDE	PELICAN	SUNBATHERS
BOARDWALK	JELLY FISH	SAND CASTLE	SURFBOARD
BOOGIE BOARD	LIFEGUARD	SAND DUNES	SWIMSUIT
CORAL REEF	LIGHTHOUSE	SEA SHELL	UMBRELLA
DOLPHIN	PALM TREES	STARFISH	WHITE CAPS

www.WordSearchAddict.com

Solution on Page 13



Holidays don't always go as planned ...

The year was 1987, I was 19, and I was very much looking forward to our annual holiday to Corfu. As a family, we had been lucky enough to go to quite a few of the Greek Islands for holidays but this year was going to be different (in more ways than one!) because I was allowed to bring my boyfriend with me. My parents had rented this beautiful villa. The pictures looked wonderful, we were 10 minutes from the shops and beach and you are almost always guaranteed the weather in Greece - especially in August.

The lead up to the holiday was where things started to go wrong because my Grandad suddenly died about 3 weeks before we were due to leave and, to make matters worse, my Grandad's widow had unwittingly arranged the funeral on the date we were due to fly out of Gatwick! Lots of humming and haaing ensued - with my parents finally declaring that we should go ahead without them. They would attend the funeral and join us as soon after as they could, providing they could get alternative flights.

The day arrived and my sister, my boyfriend and I were driven to the airport by my boyfriend's Mum. It was very daunting as not only was this the first time I had travelled abroad without my parents but I was also "responsible" for getting my younger sister and my boyfriend through the airport checks and onto the plane. This I achieved, but not before that heart-stopping moment when your name is being called over the airport public address system! (This was because only 3 of us had "checked in" and there were supposed to be 5 of us on the flight.) The flight and transfer to our villa, from memory, was fairly uneventful.

We got to our lovely villa around midday so had plenty of time to explore the area in daylight and make that all-important trip to the beach before getting ready for dinner! Glad rags on we ventured out to look for somewhere nice to eat. Nonchalantly strolling along the main street, minding our own business, I suddenly found myself being dragged along, at speed, by some Greek delinquent on the back of a moped - who had decided to take a chance and try to steal my handbag. My new 'holiday handbag'! In the end, the handle was all they did get as I had held on for dear life, as the bag contained travellers cheques and my passport! (In those days you took your passport with you, as ID, when you wanted to cash Travellers Cheques at the Bureau de Change!) A little shaken up, we carried on, found a taverna, and had a nice meal. And so to the walk back ... Our villa, as large and fabulous as it was, was situated at the top of the biggest and steepest hill!

So going out was a breeze as it was daylight and all down hill but come late evening, when it was pitch dark, not only did we have Mount Everest to climb, but we couldn't see a hand in front of our face - as there were no lights at all going up this blasted hill (this was obviously in the days before everyone had a mobile phone with a torch on it!). Needless to say, our first purchase the next day, was a torch or two!



We had another whole day and evening before our parents flew out to meet us (they were unable to get rescheduled flights out of Gatwick so had to drive all the way up to Manchester - from Ely!). However a day was all I needed, to get laid up in bed with sunstroke and the beginnings of my first ever coldsore! Yuk!

From memory, my parents arrived without incident and we had a lovely time during the first week. However, that was short lived as one night, while we slept, someone climbed onto our balcony and stole all our beach towels that were hanging there to dry! Why!?!?! This was a slight inconvenience as I think my parents had to get a taxi into the next town to buy more, then spent a not insignificant amount of time reporting the incident to the tour rep ... New beach towels purchased, I believe we were nearing the end of our holiday when we came back from the beach one day to find a note slipped under our door, from the tour operators, saying that we had to vacate our villa for a couple of hours the next day as the they had made arrangements for a photographer to come round to take photos of the villa (inside and out) for next years brochure! So, not only did we have to make ourselves scarce for a few hours but we had to tidy everything away to make it look like the place was empty!!! Well, I don't know about you but after a week or so, on my holiday, my stuff tends to be strewn all over the place (I'd forgotten about that bit ... Mum reminded me ... you just wouldn't stand for it now would you!?!?!)

I believe that our return transfers and flights were without incident but why is it that the disastrous bits of the 2 weeks are so vivid and the good bits so blurry in my memory!?!?! Anyway, the photos are proof that I got a good tan that year - and I was smiling - so it can't have been all bad!

Elaine Reed-Hughes



“It’s all right Dad. I’ve got this...”

Getting Involved with the GSD Welfare Fund

I recently wrote an article about my challenges with mental health and how finally accepting that I couldn’t fix it alone led me to a more positive path. With this new foundation, and working from home becoming a more permanent option, I was able to adopt Wellington. He elevated my appreciation for life to something approaching contentment, and also caused a number of changes to my day-to-day living. Some were relatively minor changes (walking a bit more), others more dramatic (drinking a lot less), and all generated a combinatorial effect to losing

some weight, and becoming a tiny bit fitter. It’s not a miraculous transformation, and I’m far from a healthy specimen, but I do feel a sense of being less at odds with the world.

As the months passed, I also witnessed noticeable behavioural changes with Wellie. He’d never played with toys, and he still doesn’t grasp what they’re for. The only exception was his blue and white squeaky ball, and that remains true. He’ll only chase and collect that specific ball. Thankfully he will chase a ball that looks exactly the same, so at £6 per ball I’m building a stash of them – just in case. Slowly we built trust, and from there, our bond between man and house-wolf formed. This resulted in his increased confidence, which proved to be a double edged sword. On the positive side he now approached me if he wanted a fuss, and we no longer experienced any accidents at night. He also opened himself up more to other people (although he does still like to bark at the cleaner!) – that was helped along by being food motivated, and the generosity of people in giving him treats!

On the flip side, he proved to be very reactive to other dogs. If he encountered another dog you can see him working himself into a state, ready for a fight. He has improved over the months, and I can generally talk him through an encounter before he works himself up. This is one of the reasons dogs should always be walked on a lead in the village; your dog might be well trained and obey recalls promptly. Wellie doesn’t. He lived in a filthy compound with dozens of other GSDs like him, and having to compete against them for food – a portion of ear missing is testament to at least one fight that went physical. He doesn’t know play signals, or other socialising rituals most dogs have the luxury of growing up with.

Wellie is the first rescue dog I’ve taken in, and so I’m still learning. I kept in close touch with the charity that rescued him, drawing on their greater experience to guide. As I did so, I discovered more about his past, and those of some of the other dogs. I also saw how busy they were and also noticed that their online presence could be developed further to help them achieving their mission to rescue, care for, and rehome German Shepherds. I stepped forward to help the team, and was later invited to join the governing committee.

We’re currently facing the biggest challenge since the German Shepherd Dog Welfare Fund’s founding in 1975. A large part of this was the lockdown. When it started, an irresponsible celebrity declared on social media that the lockdown was an ideal time to get a dog. As the lockdowns phased out, so were many of the newly acquired dogs. This is compounded by the fact that despite dog walking being one of the few activities you were permitted to do outside, far too many of these dogs were not properly socialised. In too many cases this means they cannot be rehomed. Unlike some rescues we won’t put a dog down simply because it can’t be rehomed. Of course, this adds to the strain we operate under. GSD Welfare Fund receives no public funding, and is reliant on public donations. We are all volunteers. If you can help in any way, either by donating money, or volunteering, or would like to learn more about our work, then visit our website:

<http://www.gsdwelfarefund.co.uk/>

Michael Brookes



Farming in past times.... Summer

Hello! Glorious August has arrived, the month for harvesting barley, wheat, peas, beans, rape and mustard etc, along with long, warm sunny days. Back in the day, most village people who worked on the land had had their annual holiday from their farm employment, in order to pick their fruit (mostly strawberries) from their allotments/gardens or help someone else to harvest their crop. They did this in order to make some money for housekeeping, running the car (if they had one), and perhaps a little put-by for Christmas. Money was very tight in the 50/60/70s, so the extra money earned "fruiting" was very much needed.



corn with a horse drawn binder, and carting the shoves (sheaves) to be stacked in the farm yard ready for the arrival of the thrashing machine sometime during the winter months. I (Gabriel) drove the tractor pulling the combine and Jack Peacock looked after the machine, taking off the grain into bags carrying 18stones each (old money!). The combine also bunched the straw at the same time, making the harvest a comparatively easy task compared with earlier times. In those days, we would harvest between 2 – 3tons of grain per acre. The bunched straw would be carted and stacked for animal bedding etc during the winter months.

Mustard Seed. We also grew 20 acres of mustard seed for Colemans of Norwich, (looks like rape seed); about ½ ton per acre on contract, for many years. Mustard was a difficult crop to combine back in those days. It is much easier in the present day because of the breeding of modern varieties.

Potatoes. Next up was dealing with the potato crop, still picked by hand in the 1950s by local women, resulting in about 1 acre per day picked, yielding about 10 tons. Potatoes were stored in triangular clamps at the road end of the fields, equating to 1 ton per linear yard (approx.). These linear clamps were then covered with straw, then manually "earthed up" (man and spade), hopefully to keep the crop frost free over winter. Then the potatoes were riddled into 1cwt bags (old money) for the markets in London, Birmingham Cardiff and other places. In 1976 we had a drought; no rain for months! The potato crop yield was about 5 ton per acre! At the end of this grading year, these were selling for £300+ per ton. We bought our first potato harvester in 1953, made by Johnsons of March, Cambs. Four women picked off clods from the delivery table, harvesting 5 acres per day. This new machine cost £500 then - much better than hand picking!

Sugar Beet. We bought our first single row Catchpole beet harvester in 1954, made in Bury St Edmunds. This did away with harvesting the crop by hand, where a man working really hard in autumn weather could harvest about ¼ acre per day. The Catchpole harvester, pulled by a tractor, had a man riding on top steering the machine, with a tractor and trailer running alongside, and could do 5 acres per day, again a vast improvement for the farm worker. The sugar beet yielded about 20 tons per acre and was loaded from the beet heaps with a fork, by hand; 10 tons per lorry load, by permit on a weekly basis, from September – February. The heap would be covered with straw to prevent the beet from freezing. In the 1950/60s some nights frosts would go down to – 8C and would rot any beet not protected.



Gabriel and Jill Bliss

Church News

Hello Everyone

As you will already know, the church building has had to be closed until the ceiling can be repaired and made safe. Fortunately, we are able to hold our Sunday Worship at Christchurch Community Centre. Our services this month are 14th August - Christchurch Community Centre 10.30am Holy Communion and 28th August – Christchurch Community Centre 3.30pm Evening Prayer. There will be a service every Sunday somewhere in the Benefice; please see the table below.

Cake, Coffee and Chat continues every Thursday 2-3pm in Christchurch Community Centre.

Any changes or updates will be on the Church Notice Board and on Christchurch Community Page of Facebook.

We had a very positive meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Sunday 17th July where it was voted unanimously to go ahead with the renovations to the church ceiling and also the land drainage system at the church. We have appointed an architect, Ashley Courtney, to oversee all the work and he is currently drawing up designs to put out to tender. Clearly, we will

need to raise funds through activities, donations and by applying for grants. It seems quite a mountain to climb but we feel sure that we will have the generous support of the village community. Kay and I are meeting shortly, to draw up a plan and after that you will hopefully hear of all sorts of fundraising events that you can be involved in.

In God we trust.

Helen and Kay



	CHRISTCHURCH	MANEA	WELNEY	DODDINGTON	WIMBLINGTON	BENWICK
7TH AUG		10.30 MP			10.30 HC	
14TH AUG	10.30 HC Community Centre			10.30 MP		
21ST AUG		10.30 HC			10.30 MP	
28TH AUG	15.30 EP Community Centre			10.30 HC		

An Old Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days,
And warm your heart and home.
May good and faithful friends be yours,
Wherever you may roam.
May peace and plenty bless your world,
With joy that long endures.
May all life's passing seasons
Bring the best to you and yours.

Coffee, Cake and Chat

Come along on Thursday afternoons from 2-3pm and catch up with friends and make new ones. Held in the Community Centre while repairs are made to the church ceiling.



"Since we now have a leaking roof problem, it might be a good time to schedule baptisms."

PARISH COUNCIL SNIPPETS

How often can we say that GOOD NEWS dominated the beginning of the PC meeting held on July 11th? Nice change. Remember that the Parish Council was looking for a new Councillor to join them? Well – GREAT NEWS! They have one. Many congratulations to Mr Andrew Sparrow, who had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor, and is now on the team.

He is born and bred Christchurch. Check out page 6 for a bit of his story.

The Dun Cow: The Chair paid tribute to the out-going Pub Landlord, Paul Simpson, and his wife Sue, congratulating them on a job really well done, especially as they had to cope with various levels of lockdown during the Covid pandemic. They turned the pub around and made it a lovely village pub, and are a hard act to follow. He also said how great it is to see that there are new people who have taken over after Paul and Sue retired, and wished them all the best for their tenure. The PC were unanimous in their agreement. *More good news!*

Now back to normal

Roads and issues to do with them dominated a lot of the meeting. And the PC Clerk, Dave Gibbs, is going to take these issues up with the relevant authorities. He will have a lot to do!

The big overhanging willow trees along Padgett's Road: definitely need cutting back as they are dangerous for the large high vehicles that travel that way all the time. The Clerk will contact the Highways people as a matter of urgency.

Bumps at the 16ft-end of Padgett's Road: is anything going to be done about them? Cllr Gladwin asked the question, on behalf of ALL Christchurch residents. *(It has to be the worst road around!)*

Ha'Penny Toll junction with Upwell Road: is breaking up and is in a serious condition - Cllr Hughes.

The 16ft road surface is seriously breaking up: after the Euximoor entrance towards Bull Bridge. Cllr Bliss pointed that out, saying that it has got a lot worse lately and needs attention.

Some edge-marking posts along the 16ft: were removed by Highways a while back for works to be done, but they have not been replaced, and need to be. WHEN? Cllr Miller asked that question, mentioning how dangerous that particular stretch of road is.

16ft Road Markings: Have not been replaced, and again it was pointed out that this is a dangerous road and needs some work to be done along our stretch of it.

Road Closures around Welney as expected... The Environment Agency has said the road will be fully closed from July 20 to August 25, with traffic lights in place from June 13 to July 19 and August 26 to September 16.

Upwell Road at the 16ft end to be closed: 1st to 5th August. It's a daytime only closure from 7.30am to 4.00pm.

Annie Nason

TRIVIA

- Did you know that 95% of berries in British supermarkets are British berries. If you're looking for delicious recipes that use fresh, high-quality, British berries, check out the Love Fresh Berries website <http://ow.ly/iIVo50JOrMs>
- British farms produce 61% of the nation's food.
- The Food and Farming Industry is worth more than £120 billion to the national economy.
- Food and Farming provide more than 4 million jobs for people in the UK.
- Farmers look after 71% of the British iconic landscape.
- In 2017, 35,000 Environment Schemes were in place with English farmers, boosting biodiversity and enhancing the environment.
- British farmers have planted 10,000 football pitches worth of habitat for wildlife.
- More than 30,000 kilometers of hedgerows have been planted or restored by British farmers.

<https://www.nfuonline.com/media-centre/farming-facts-and-figures/>

NFU = National Farmers' Union

Christchurch Over 65s Lunch

Service is resumed ... Almost!

Having not met up since April 2019, it was with great delight that the Christchurch Parish Lunch Committee hosted an Afternoon Tea for the over 65s, in the Community Centre, on Saturday 2 July.



Guests were greeted with a hall full of bunting and splendidly laid out tables with fresh, wild flowers, linen table cloths and colourful napkins. Some guests had their glasses filled with the coldest, bubbliest Prosecco while others preferred a fruit juice while they waited anxiously for their plateful of delights.

To tickle their tastebuds, the committee had been hard at work baking and making - so to start with guests were given a selection of sandwiches, quiche, sausage rolls and cherry tomatoes. All freshly made that morning. These were followed by a plate which contained two scones each (one fruit, one plain) with clotted cream and jam, a slice of lemon drizzle cake, a chocolate brownie, a cupcake and a few strawberry pieces. The coffee and tea was flowing all afternoon while our guests were entertained by Simon Rodgers, from Stamford. Simon sang with his guitar and played a variety of easy-listening music (getting a bit more lively as the afternoon went on!) to help the afternoon go with a swing.



The committee hope that this is the first step to getting this group of people back to having their annual lunch - which normally takes place around April time each year.

The committee will be having a fundraiser in 15 October to top up the funds in readiness for next year's bash! A supper and dance (dancing to "Brightside") which we hope our villagers will support.

Parish Lunch Committee



Solutions to Puzzles on Page 7

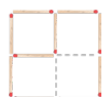
Matchstick Puzzles - #1

SOLUTIONS

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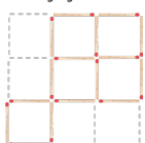
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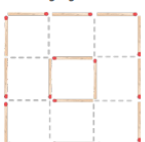
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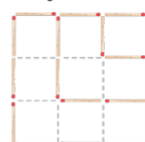
5. Leave just five squares by removing eight matchsticks.



3. Leave just two squares by removing eight matchsticks.



6. Leave just three squares by removing six matchsticks.



© puzzles to problems

SOLUTION TO AT THE BEACH PUZZLE



August is time for harvesting the crops that have been grown in gardens, in greenhouses, on allotments, and on farms. Some people round the world grow vegetables and fruit on their roofs, or in window boxes!

Can you name all the items in these boxes? Which ones do you like to eat?



Which countries do you think these farmers come from? Match the answer to the picture.
USA. Kenya. France. Peru.



[A]



[B]



[C]



[D]



ANIMALS IN KIDS' BOOKS – QUIZ. Name the animal and the author of the book(s)

A Lion – from the Narnia books

A Tiger – from the Jungle Book

A Snowy Owl – from the Harry Potter Series

A Donkey – from Winnie-the-Pooh series

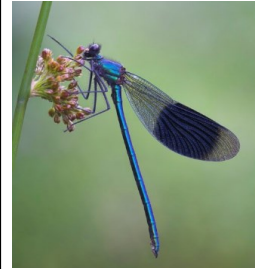
A Mystery Cat – from Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats

Wildlife Watching in August



In the heat we've had recently, water is one of the main things that most wildlife will seek. Although many people provide water high up for birds, do consider putting a dish on the ground for mammals. At this time of year, you may see hedgehogs coming out at night to take a drink. As they are still breeding and looking after their young, mothering hedgehogs will be particularly thirsty and hungry, so they will appreciate the help. Just remember to add a few sticks or piled-up rocks to your water bath to allow creatures that fall in the water to climb out.

For me, however, insects are the most noticeable wildlife this month. The familiar sound of grasshoppers and crickets is abundant, and there are still many butterflies. Among the usual Peacocks, Red Admirals, and Large Whites, there are some lovely Small Coppers down Euximoor way. These butterflies are aptly named for their tiny size and orange wings. Thistles and Buddleia are among the best places to spot butterflies on sunny days.



If you're nearby a body of water, dragonflies and damselflies are something to look out for: Demoiselles, Ruddy and Common Darters, and Golden-ringed dragonflies. An easy way to tell the difference between a dragonfly and a damselfly is the way they hold their wings at rest. Damselflies hold their wings together behind them, whereas dragonflies rest with their wings open on either side of them.

If you're planning on enjoying time at the beach this month, why not take a day trip to the Norfolk coast? This month is a great time not only for coastal birds but also for spotting Harbour Porpoises! Harbour Porpoise sightings in Norfolk have increased in the last decade, so keep your eyes on the water, and you might spot one. This time of year, they'll be chasing herring close to the shores.



Hollie Dorward (Euximoor resident)



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NATURE NOTES – AUGUST

Q: How many legs has a spider got? **A:** *Too many!* (8)

Love them or hate them, Spiders have a very important part to play in the balancing of nature. They eat many other invertebrates, and can themselves be food for birds. Keep a few

patches in borders that are less densely planted, as these favour hunting spiders. Use pesticides as little as possible. Plant tall plants and dense bushes to create the 'scaffolding' for spiders to build their webs on.

There are no venomous spiders in the UK, but a few spiders can give you a bit of a nip.

Screaming when you see one doesn't actually get rid of it!!

Best thing is to have a plastic beaker or container ready, with a piece of thin card which can be used to slide under the container once you have it over the spider. Then turn the container over, keeping the card covering the empty end. Give it a sharp tap and then take it all outside, where you can then take away the card and shake the container upside down to free the spider.





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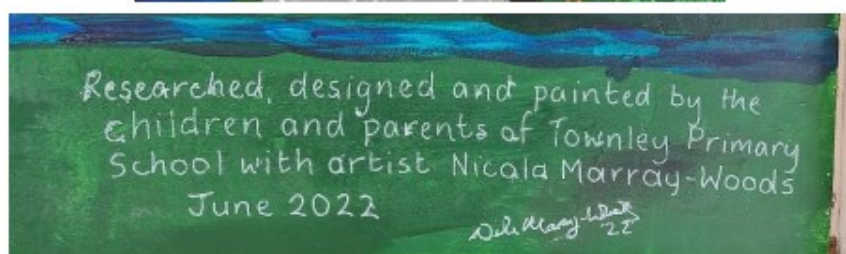
Facebook—Townley School
 and Pre-School

Remember that our website has
 lots more information about
 school.

July 2022

Timeline Art Project

The art project is finished and on permanent display in the school hall. We are very grateful to the whole community for helping us collate the different points on the timeline. Hopefully, you can see these on the photograph. If you would like to come and see the display for real please call the school to arrange a mutually convenient time as we would love for you all to share some of our joy. We hope the timeline will be used as a curriculum resource for many, many years to come. There is space to include things we may have missed! A special thank you must go to Nicola Marray-Woods for bringing the whole project together and the parents and carers who joined their children in school over the six weeks. I must also say a thank you to the Opportunity Area who funded the whole project. We are delighted with the result!



100th Edition of The New Heron – August 2022. Some history.... but we would like more from people who were involved with producing The Heron before Viv, Paul and Richard took it on.

Please send your contributions to the editor!

Heron Reminiscences *by Vivien and Paul Haresnape*

It is several years now since we lived in Christchurch. During our time there we got involved with the Heron and we are pleased to see that it is still thriving, and lovely to be able to read it online! The editor has contacted us and asked us to write a little bit about the relaunch of the magazine in 2014.

The Heron has existed in one form or another for more than 40 years now, and there have been a number of changes of format and editing team. It had always been a valued part of village life for information and news about local events, and also for the adverts. There had been several times during its history when the editor had decided to step down for one reason or another, and a new face was sought.

Some of you will remember Pat Mills and her team, who edited the Heron from 2003 until 2012, when she regretfully had to 'hang up her computer' as she put it, due to ill health. Other people kept it going on a temporary basis until the end of 2013, but then we were all shocked to hear suddenly that it would no longer be produced! Most of the funds in the bank account would go to the Parish Council for other purposes, apart from £500 which was made available for anyone who would offer to relaunch the Heron within a certain time. Richard Guilford decided to offer, and we agreed to provide support, as we thought it was too valuable a resource to lose. He had a vision for making it into a larger and more colourful magazine-style production, rather than just a newsletter, as it sometimes had been in the past. Most of the ideas for content were his. Paul did the design, including a new logo. Vivien was treasurer and did the proofreading and general admin. Our first issue came out in April of 2014.

From the beginning, it was popular with its regular readers. It took some while to build up the funds again, but we had some generous donations and contributions from the Parish Council. Revenue from advertising, and some fundraising events like Richard's 'Heron Aid' concerts helped us to bring it to financial stability.

Eventually we left the village to pursue our objective for our retirement and ultimately the editorship changed again.



SAT NAV *by Pam Ayres*

I have a little Sat-nav, it sits there in my car.
A Sat-nav is a driver's friend it tells you where you are.
I have a little Sat-nav, I've had it all my life.
It's better than the normal ones, my Sat-nav is my wife.
It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive
"It's sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five".
It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.
It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.
It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear.
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.
I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device.
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.
It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught.

So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed.
It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!
Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.



'Be Prepared!' is not just for scouts

We've all heard of the devastation caused by extreme weather conditions that have left rural communities cut off and left without water and electricity for days on end. Christchurch Parish Council would like us to be as prepared as possible, in the event of a community emergency.

Part of our plan is to build a comprehensive list of local equipment and skills that could be made available in an emergency.

Over the next few months I will be knocking on your doors and asking if you are able to add your names to the list or if you feel you may need help in an emergency situation.

Either way, I look forward to meeting you.

Cllr Kay Miller

Can you help run a Youth Club?



A number of people have approached the Parish Council to see if we can run a Youth Club in the village.

Unfortunately this is not something we have the manpower or experience to do. What the PC does have is a location, seed money and advice for anyone who would be willing to run a Youth Club for the village. We also have equipment in storage, left over from a previous Youth Club, that was run in the old hall many years ago.

Location: Christchurch Community Centre.

Existing Equipment: Table tennis tables, pool table, games.

Funding: Some money left over from previous incarnation of a village youth club. Grant funding from the PC and other entities.

Advice: The PC is always available to give advice, and help volunteers with any required certification. We subscribe to a number of professional bodies who can give advice on running village clubs.



So, if you are interested in volunteering to run a Youth Club for the village, please let us know by emailing

projects@christchurchparishcouncil.org.uk.



OPEN DAY

20th August 2022, 10am to 5pm













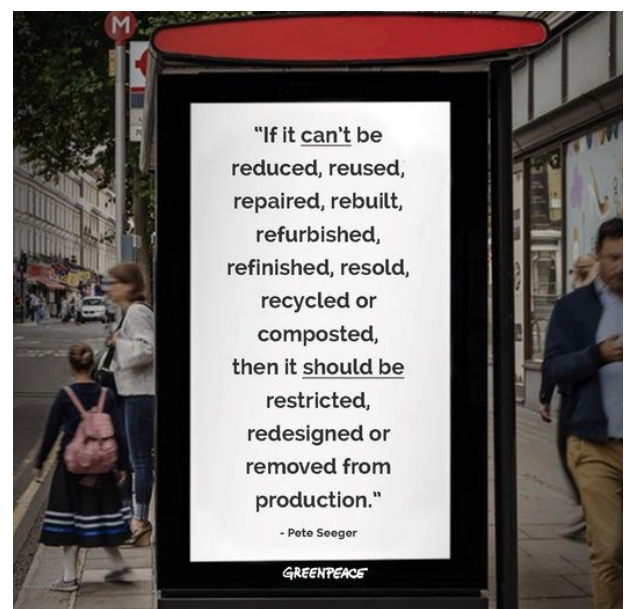
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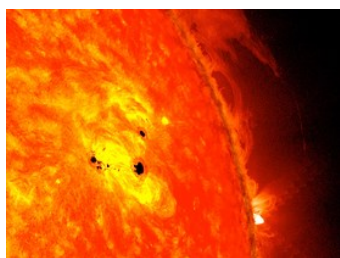
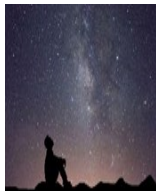





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Christchurch Stargazers



Hello Christchurch Stargazers!

This month it's all about the Sun and its Sunspots. Sunspots are areas that appear dark on the surface of the Sun. They appear

dark because they are cooler than other parts of the Sun's surface. The temperature of a sunspot is still very hot though—around 6,500 degrees Fahrenheit!

Why are sunspots relatively cool? It's because they form areas where magnetic fields are particularly strong. These magnetic fields are so strong that they keep some of the heat within the Sun from reaching the surface. *Remember - never ever look at the sun without the correct protective equipment.*

Mark Andrews

Christchurch Book Club



There was no Book Club in July. Next one is August 2nd.

Holiday reading? So how many of these books have you read?

Philosopher's Stone (1997), Chamber of Secrets (1998), Prisoner of Azkaban (1999), Goblet of Fire (2000), Order of the Phoenix (2003), Half-Blood Prince (2005), Deathly Hallows (2007). All by, of course, J.K. Rowling. Children's books....and here are a few statistics about the readers of these books. Did you know that Harry Potter has had a particularly strong impact on boys' reading habits, even more than on girls'? According to a study by Yankelovich and Scholastics in the USA, 57% of boys have read the series, compared with 51% of girls. This has also increased reading for pleasure, with 61% of boys who have read some or all of the series saying J.K. Rowling's books have stimulated the "fun" aspect of reading.

<http://www.the-leaky-cauldron.org/features/essays/issue10/literacy>

Generally, it's adults who belong to Book Clubs. But how did you get hooked on reading, and what are you taking away on holiday to read this August? It would be interesting to know – tell The Heron about it!

(Enid Blyton, Winnie-the-Pooh, Rupert Bear, Aesop's Fables, Grimm's Fairy Tales were my starters. Ed.)

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. (clifford.jjr5846@gmail.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.)*



How to keep your cool in the heatwave



Stay out of the sun and avoid going out between 11am and 3pm (the hottest part of the day).

If you go outdoors - wear loose, cool clothing; a hat and sunglasses; and plenty of sunscreen.

Drink cold drinks regularly, especially water. Avoid alcohol, caffeine or drinks high in sugar.

Have cool baths or showers, and splash yourself with cool water. Use a fan, if you have one.

Shut windows and close shades/curtains when it's hotter outside (open windows when it's cooler).

Use shades or light-coloured curtains (metallic blinds and dark curtains can make rooms hotter).

Plan ahead to make sure you have enough supplies, such as food, water and medications.

Check up on friends, relatives and neighbours who may be less able to look after themselves.

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FOR MENTAL WELLBEING



"So good they made it twice"

Christchurch Gardening Club

It seems almost unreal that it's over a year ago that Covid restrictions eased, and the gardening club could start to re-establish itself as part of the Christchurch Community.

As part of the recovery process the club paid a visit to Janet and Don Pottens Garden in Upwell. This worked well because the members could keep their distance, and we were outside, so an element of comfort and safety from the virus was evident. A year on, Covid is still out there but somehow not at the fore front of most people's minds. So it was that the club made a return visit to Janet and Don's Garden on Monday 25th July. We were all interested to see the new plants and progress they had made and a long walk around the property ensued. Garden visits have been a kind of tradition for the club, and it was good to catch up with everyone again.

Next month we are back in the Community Centre on Tuesday 16th August with Alan Shipp, "The Hyacinth Man" - a definite date for the diary.

To join the club just turn up on the night or call 01354638230. Steve

Our speaker in July was Diane Carlton Smith, who has written several historical texts and historical novels, all set in the local area. Her talk focused on the medieval Leper House, which was situated between Wisbech and Elm. From the time of the Norman Conquest, infirmaries were usually connected with monasteries, run by Benedictine monks. By the 12th century, the disease of leprosy was at its peak. Wisbech had 2 hospitals; one was a general hospital, and one a leprosy hospital. The leprosy hospital was situated away from town and on its own. In those days, people with leprosy - "lepers" - had to wear a long dark cloak to cover their symptoms, and carry a bell to keep people away. They were not allowed to go into towns or mix with people. This meant that they were not even

able to beg to keep themselves alive, as they were not allowed to mix with people. Diane asked us to imagine how we would have felt, had we been a leper in those times.

The Benedictines had great compassion for lepers, which resulted in their building and running many Leper Houses. Her talk was enhanced by a beautiful and detailed model of the monastery, which had been made by her husband. This is her website: <https://www.dianecaltonsmith.co.uk/>

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Next meeting: Tuesday August 9th; speaker - Caroline Barnes. Her subject will be China. The competition colour: purple.

LUNCH BREAK

Lunch Break this month - 10th and 24th August 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. Or just come for a cuppa.

Always the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Our Covid plan is to be cautious.

Contact: Annie on 01354-638088

Indoor Short Mat Bowls

New club meeting every Monday 7-9pm at Christchurch Community Centre.



ALL WELCOME! (Spare bowls available to loan.)

For further details call Janet Harper on 07941 465319.

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ANSWERS - Harvest Boxes: Carrots, 2 kinds of Squash, Tomatoes, Spring Onions, Onions, Radishes, Garlic, Peppers, 2 kinds of Lettuce, Cauliflower: Apple, Green Grapes, Red Grapes, Black Grapes.

ANSWERS - Farming across the World: A = Peru; B = Kenya; C = France; D = USA

ANSWERS - Animals in Kids Books

ASLAN - a Lion - from the Narnia books - CS LEWIS

SHERE KHAN - a Tiger - from The Jungle Book - RUDYARD KIPLING

HEDWIG - a Snowy Owl - from the Harry Potter series - J K ROWLING

EEYORE - a Donkey - from Winnie-the-Pooh series - A.A. MILNE

MACAVITY - a Mystery Cat - from Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats - T.S. Eliot

Edamame Bean and Quinoa Salad

The good thing about this recipe is that once you have the Quinoa and beans cooked you can put in pretty much whatever you want.

Half a cup of Quinoa
Half a cup of Edamame Beans
Half a red or orange pepper chopped finely
One celery stalk chopped finely
Handful of spring onions or half a red onion
One small, crushed garlic clove
Pinch of mixed herbs (optional)
Cherry/plum tomatoes chopped
Small can of chick peas (optional)

*One tablespoon of white or red wine vinegar

*One tablespoon of balsamic vinegar

Olive Oil

Salt and Pepper to taste

1. Cook the Quinoa on a low heat, in one cup of water, until the water has gone (5-10 mins).
2. Par cook the Edamame beans - just enough to release the skins. Once drained and cooled with cold water, the skins just pop off when pinched slightly. Some people leave the skins on so it's up to you.
3. Chop your celery, pepper, cherry tomatoes and onion and add to the bowl of beans and quinoa.
4. Mix well and add chick peas (if desired).
5. Combine the vinegars, olive oil, garlic and salt and pepper and pour over the salad. Give it a good mix.

Enjoy!

* An alternative dressing is to use lemon juice, wholegrain mustard, small clove of crushed garlic and olive oil.



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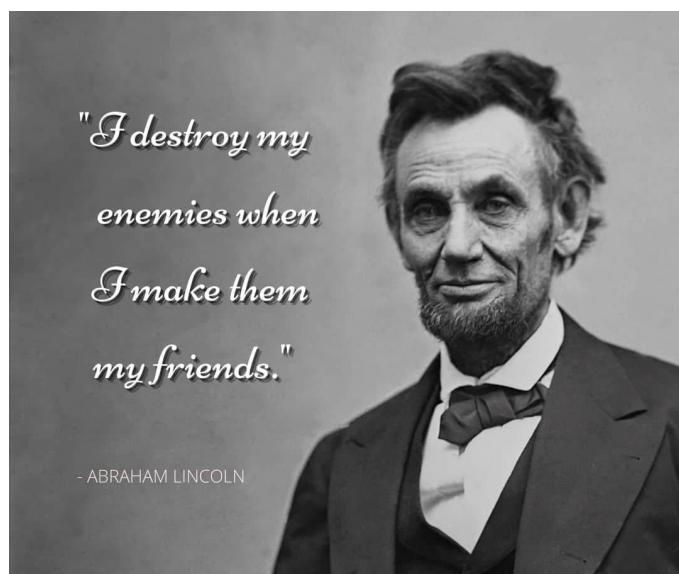
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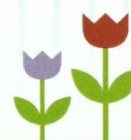
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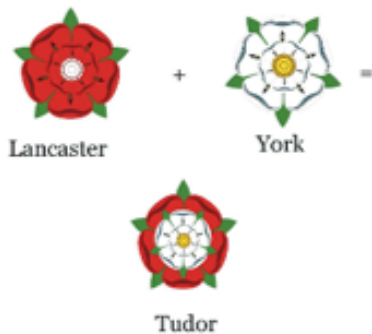
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THE THREE LIONS OF ENGLAND



The lion is England's national animal, with an association that goes back to 1121. It started with Henry I, fourth son of Norman William the Conqueror, whose coat of arms featured a lion rampant on a red background. The three lions shield can be seen today on the England football team kit, and is recognised around the world. In 1154, it was King

Henry II who first used *three* lions on a red background, adding a lion to William the Conqueror's two when he married Eleanor of Aquitaine, probably to represent his marriage into that family. The Three Lions is the emblem of the Football Association – which would have had to ask for permission to use it due to its royal association. The national team has worn them on their shirt – blue on a white background – ever since the first international against – yes, it had to be – Scotland in 1872. There was a minor design change in 1949 when the crown that was above the lions was removed, to differentiate the badge from that of the England cricket team.



The National English rose is half red and half white. SO WHY A RED ROSE FOR RUGBY SHIRTS?

The Royal English Rose is *white and red*. This rose was created to symbolise the marriage between Henry VII (House of Lancaster – Emblem, Red Rose) and Elizabeth (House of York – Emblem, White Rose) and the end of the 'War of the Roses' (22 May 1455 – 16 June 1487). Therefore, the 'English' Rose is not red, but half

red and half white. However, subsequent monarchs (such as Elizabeth I) continued to be associated with the red rose because they were descended from the House of Lancaster. So it is the red rose (rather than the red and white rose) which is often, incorrectly, seen as symbolising England or the English monarchy. The RFU might have selected the red rose for this reason. The royal English rose is white and red.....OR

Lawrence Sheriff, the founder of Rugby School (where the game started) was presented with a coat of arms by Elizabeth I and in doing so, she allowed him to use her Red (Lancaster) Rose [see above] on the crest. When he founded Rugby School, the new institution based their own coat of arms on his, and so the Red Rose ended up on the Rugby School crest. The white kit worn by England was taken from the kit used at Rugby School, so it might be that a symbolic image was also taken from the school crest as a badge. Either way – C'mon England!



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What's the difference between a cat and a comma?

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PRESS SCOOP FOR THE HERON!

Late yesterday (July 16th), I had some 'inside news' that President Biden was due to arrive at Mildenhall Air Base, coming in from Saudi Arabia, before refuelling then heading home to Washington. The aircraft departed around 10pm last night (July 17th).

So, Stephanie and I jumped into our car and headed to Mildenhall. Just 2 miles out we saw the 747 Air Force One land, so I didn't get any photographs of it while it was airborne. However, I did manage to capture the other aircraft airborne, the Boeing 757, which carries the President's support team, and which always accompanies him when he's flying on Air Force One.

Here are some pictures of both aircraft on the ground, and the 757 landing.

Cliff Fletcher



BEAUTIFUL CORNWALL!

Cornwall is famous for the quality and variety of its beaches. The long, exposed stretches of sand on the north coast, such as Perranporth and Godrevy, provide excellent surfing conditions and are great places to walk on a stormy winter's day. The more sheltered sandy coves of the south coast, such as Porthcurno and Praa Sands, offer excellent swimming and protection from cold northerly winds. Remote beaches such as Harlyn and Kynance offer the chance to really get away from it all, while bustling town beaches, such as Marazion and Porthmeor, are great places to spend the day, with plenty of cafes, restaurants and galleries within easy walking distance. Here we have picked out our 'Top Ten beaches in Cornwall.'

https://www.cornwalls.co.uk/top_ten/beaches.htm



Kynance Cove

How many of these have you visited?



Perranporth Beach



Godrevy Beach



Harlyn Beach

Sennen Beach; Godrevy Beach; Praa Sands Beach; Perranporth Beach; Marazion Beach; Porthmeor Beach; Kynance Cove; Porthcurno Beach; Harlyn Bay; Mawgan Porth Beach.

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