

The Heron

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All change at The Dun Cow!

Farewell - and thank you to Sue and Paul Simpson for three well served years. What an act to follow! So glad you are staying in the village. See you around.



And welcome to our new Landlords, Nikki and Robbie Williams. They took over The Dun Cow on June 28th. We hope you will be very happy in Christchurch.



See page 11 for messages from Paul and Sue, and Nikki and Robbie.

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NATURE NOTES: JULY

INSECT MONTH. July is the beginning of the ant mating season, so you may see lots of winged queens and males on their nuptial flights. Hoverflies are in abundance at this time of year. Adults are pollinators and the larvae feed on greenfly and other aphids. Be tolerant of plant damage and a few caterpillars and aphids to support their predators and encourage a natural balance.



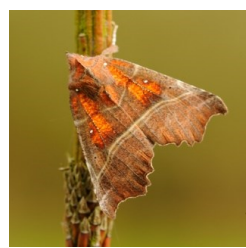
Grow plants with flowers that are likely to attract moths and other night-flying insects. White or pale coloured flowers seem to be preferred, as they are more likely to be seen by nocturnal insects. That in turn supplies bats with their food. Ponds and compost heaps will generate insects that bats like to eat.

Moths' roles in nature: Moths, like all insects, provide vital ecological services, including as food sources for other organisms. Their predators include birds, mammals and spiders.



They are also **important pollinators**. Moths pollinate a wide variety of plants, including wildflowers and some crops, as they search for nectar.

Illustrated: Some day time flyers: Jersey Tiger 5-6.5cm (b&w); Hummingbird Hawkmoth 2-2.8cm (hovers). Cinnabar Moth 2.5cm (Dark pink)



A few night flyers:
Herald 4-4.5cm (brown/orange); Swallow-tailed Moth 5-6cm (pale); Privet Hawk Moth 9-12cm



A view from my living room window ...



Andy Lansdell

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.



Blood Tests

Dear Patients,

We have been advised that with effect from the 4th July 2022, patients will be able to book appointments for North Cambs Phlebotomy via an online booking system. This can be accessed via the link below.

<https://qeklh.10to8.com>

Telephone bookings will still be available for patients that are unable to access the online system. 01945 488059.

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
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

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Landscape Format

6 x issues £34

12 x issues £64

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

Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE	PAGE
Sun 3 rd	Service/Morning Prayer	10.30am	Church	17
Sun 3 rd	Welle Cinema	2pm	3 Holes V Hall	26
Mon 4th	HERON AGM	7 for 7.30-8.30	CCC	5
Tues 5 th	Mobile Library	12 noon	Lay-by (Fen View)	3
Thurs 7 th	Tack Disposal Sale Farm Machinery Sale	9.45am 11am	Bridge Farm, Euximoor	8
Mon 11 th	PC Meeting	7.30pm	CCC	8
Tues 12 th	Art Group	1.30pm-3.30	CCC	19
Tues 12 th	WI	7pm	CCC	21
Tues 12 th	Street Pride AGM	4-6pm	CCC	
Weds 13 th	Lunch Break	12-2pm	CCC	21
Sun 17 th	Service/ Holy Communion	10.30am	Church	17
Tues 19 th	Gardening Club	7pm	CCC	20
Tues 26 th	Art Group	1.30pm-3.30	CCC	19
Tues 26 th	Book Club	7.30pm		19
Weds 27 th	Lunch Break	12-2pm	CCC	21
Sun 31 st	Jazz Club	12.30-2.45pm	CCC	
Sun 31 st	FAREWELL SERVICE FOR OUR TWO VICARS	3pm	DODDINGTON CHURCH	17
SAVE THE DATES! AUGUST 27, 28, 29: CHRISTCHURCH SCARECROW FESTIVAL FULL DETAILS ON THE BACK COVER THIS MONTH.				
Every Mon	Short Mat Bowls	7-9pm	CCC	21
Every Weds	Chair-based exercise class Kathleen Henderson	10-10.50am 07880 543821	CCC	
Every Thurs	Coffee, Cake & Chat	2-3pm	Church	17
M,T,W,TH	Mobile Post Office	Various	Lay-by (Fen View)	5

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Editorial

Mid Summer! And the sunflowers are beginning to come out now. How poignant this is, remembering their connection with Ukraine. My heart breaks a little more each time I see one. You feel the same, I am sure.



There are lots of interesting articles in this month's issue, not least those written by our out-going and in-coming Pub Landlords. How exciting! Welcome to the village, Nikki and Robbie. I am sure you will be very happy here. Horsey folks will find a couple of interesting bits here this month.

Be sure to have a good read of our BACK COVER this month. On the Bank Holiday Weekend in August, there is to be a **Scarecrow Festival** in Christchurch, Tipps End, Euximoor and Christchurch properties along the 16ft. It's in honour of the 100th edition of THE NEW HERON.... Should be a lot of fun. Get your thinking caps on, whilst drinking Pimms in the sun, and preparing the lovely salad outlined on page 19. Have a great summer!

Annie Nason

On behalf of all at Townley Primary School, can I say a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Dun Cow Queenie Quiz, and for the donation of £50 to the school. We have a huge drive on to buy class sets of Readers. Wonderful!

Yours gratefully,

Sue Rudge
Chair of
Governors.



Copy Deadline - The deadline for copy for the **August** edition of the Heron is **25 July**.

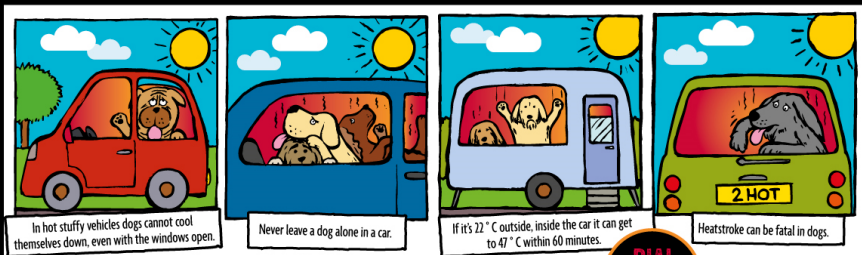
Heron News

SAVE THE DATE and come along to our AGM. July 4th at the Community Centre; 7 for 7.30pm.

We begin with a glass of something or a coffee/tea, nibbles and chat. Then, at 7.30, we get started. Plan to be done by 8.30pm. How have we done this year?

The Heron Team would love you to encourage them by coming along. Hear what has gone on during the past 12 months, and vote in an Executive Committee to look after The Heron for the next 12 months. Looking forward to meeting up again with those folks who are already "Friends of The Heron", and welcoming new people. Becoming a Friend is an administrative thing, which enables you to vote at the meeting. But you can come along, even if you don't wish to become a "Friend". Not a problem.

DOGS DIE IN HOT CARS



IF YOU SEE A DISTRESSED DOG IN A CAR

DIAL
999



What do you see?



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!

Euximoor Remembered

Down Memory Lane

You can take a stroll back to the days when Euximoor Drove had a pub, a school and a chapel and when most of the folk that lived down the drove were related in some way or other.

Starting from the bottom where a big river flows round to March River side in the town of March and the other way connects up to the top river in Three Holes. There is also the Iron Bridge which you cross to get down the drove so Euximoor Drove has rivers at each end. Going back to the bottom, the folk who lived in the drove were so happy and jovial in character.

Lots of the land was made up of small holdings. Dalliday rented land right near the river and Russell's owned the other side plus other fields and a lot more families had small holdings too.

Well as you stroll along the road there were five small cottages that all looked the same. Many families enjoyed a get together after a day's work for a game of cricket in the summer time. The road meanders along to Orton Farm where the Frost family lived. Next you would come to the pub on your left called the Snipe and Duck. Many a happy hour spent there I would imagine! Some more cottages and a bungalow and another farm called Cherry Tree. Strolling along you come to Days big farm where a lot of men folk were employed on the land. Some more houses named Homeleigh, Elim, Plum Tree and Roseleigh. Soon you come to the Chapel where a lot of activity took place:- Sunday school anniversary. After that weekend the farmers would bring their tractors and trailers. On would go a

small organ and off the Sunday school teachers would go taking the children from top to bottom of the drove singing their songs along the way.

Moving along the drove there were more small farms; Laburnum, Willow Farm and more cottages where the labourers would live and grow their own fruit and vegetables and they would share their crops with their neighbours.

Then, the Primary School was a corrugated shed (so I've been told) where most of the children of the drove were taught. Coming more to the top of the drove where the Warby, Richardson, Smith, Rayner and Cox family lived, you come to a corner where the Green's family lived. A small bungalow next where the Smallwood family lived and another from Plum Trees. Then a spur in the road called Cave's Corner that led to Victoria House and Happy Row; twelve cottages joined together. Various names that spring to mind who lived there were Rayner, Kend, Palmer, Darville, Cooper, Clark, Chenery, Ward and Fisher.

Just a little way along another cottage where Gilletts lived, a house where Hollands lived, another was Graves and at the bottom of this road, dear old aunt Florrie Russell. She was auntie to all the children from Happy Row.

Coming back to the corner straight to the bridge another farm, naturally called Bridge Farm which the Russell family farm to this day.

The way life has changed over the years, we say looking back is a bad thing to do. Yes maybe, but what happy memories we have to keep of the good old days.

Written by J.R.



Beat the Heat

Keep in touch



Look after yourself, older people and the young



Listen to the weather forecast and the news



Plan ahead to avoid the heat

Keep well



Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol



Dress appropriately for the weather



Slow down when it is hot

Find somewhere cool



Know how to keep your home cool



Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler



Cars get hot, avoid closed spaces

Watch out



Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness



Cool your skin with water, slow down and drink water



Stay safe when swimming



Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to www.nhs.uk/heatwave

Names of Unusual or Obsolete Occupations QUIZ

Part 2 (Part 1 last month)

The English language abounds with words describing occupations and professions that are rare or obsolete or are otherwise unusual and hence obscure. How many can you get?

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. peruker | 11. slater |
| 2. plumber (originally) | 12. slopseller |
| 3. porter | 13. stevedore |
| 4. puddler | 14. tanner |
| 5. quarryman | 15. teamster |
| 6. raker | 16. thatcher |
| 7. resurrectionist | 17. tinker |
| 8. ripper | 18. turner |
| 9. roper | 19. victualler |
| 10. sawyer | |



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

Answers on page 24.

DO YOU LIKE A RIDDLE?

Answers on page 25

RIDDLE 1:

Four golfers named Mr Black, Mr. Brown, Mr White and Mr Blue were competing in a tournament. The Caddy didn't know their names, so he asked them. One of them, Mr Brown, told a lie. The 1st golfer said, "The second golfer is Mr Black". The 2nd golfer said, "I am not Mr Blue". The 3rd golfer said, "Mr White? That's the 4th golfer" And the 4th golfer remained silent. Which one of the golfers is Mr Blue?

RIDDLE 2:

The day before two days after the day before tomorrow is Saturday. Which day is it today?

RIDDLE 3:

I am your mother's brother's only brother-in-law. Who am I?

RIDDLE 4:

An apple is 40 cents, a banana is 60 cents and a grapefruit is 80 cents. How much is a pear?

RIDDLE 5:

How many bricks does it take to complete a building made of brick?



Lavender

For centuries, lavender has been lauded for its healing properties. It was used as an insect repellent by the Romans, a perfume by the Greeks, and in healing concoctions by monks in the Middle Ages. But being the colour of royalty, lavender's purple hue denotes refinement and luxury. The flowers from a lavender plant are symbolic as well—gathered in a bouquet, they represent devotion or luck.

TACK DISPOSAL SALE – ALL IN GOOD CONDITION WEDNESDAY JULY 7TH AT 9.45AM

FOLLOWED BY SALE OF FARM MACHINERY AT 11AM AT BRIDGE FARM, EUXIMOOR, CHRISTCHURCH PE14 9LP - TEL 01354-638279

9.45am - Brimstone Stud

Following the dispersal of our Welsh Ponies and Cobs, we have to offer:
12 saddles; several rugs plus other tack; 1 Driving Cart.

11am - a sale of Farm Machinery, by Maxi Grounds

1 - Combine

1 - Ivor Williams Horse 505 Trailer

1 - 14ft Ivor Williams Flat Trailer

5 – Tractors including New Holland Garden Tractor and 4ft Mower
Plus some 100 lots of Agricultural and Packhouse Equipment.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

The Parish Council has a vacancy following the resignation of Cllr Geoff Harper. The vacancy will be filled by co-option at the next meeting, which takes place on Monday 13 June. If you would like to be considered for this vacancy, or would like to know more about what is involved, please contact the Clerk, Dave Gibbs, at least a week before the meeting.

Dave's phone number is 01945 870083 or email clerk@christchurchparishcouncil.org.uk

PC Snippets - New Field Project

Those of you who braved the elements to come to the Jubilee celebrations may have been grabbed by me and asked if you would like to be involved in the new field project. Unfortunately a water leak in my kitchen meant I had to rush off in the middle of the day, so I probably missed a few people who might be interested, and I am sure there are others who would love to help out who were not at the event. So now is your chance to put your name down!

The new field project, as yet unnamed, needs a steering group of enthusiastic people to run it. It will also need a load of extra volunteers during the construction! So what I am trying to do is get a list of people who are interested in helping, so we can all get together in the near future and discuss how the project can proceed.

I know many people would rather not be on the committee but would like to just turn up and help when needed, and that's absolutely fantastic. And of course some people would love to be more hands on in the planning and organisation, also fantastic. We are going to need all sorts of people to help out!

So, if you would like to be a part of this awesome project, please email me at this email address projects@christchurchparishcouncil.org.uk, with your details (name, address, special skills!), and at what level you would like to be involved.

Whilst I am here, a short update on progress. The Parish Council has given the go ahead for the ditch to be grubbed out, which is the start of the plan. Once that is done, the entire area will be grassed, giving us a clean slate on which to build. Because the field is being changed from agricultural use to recreational, we need planning permission, and for that to be granted we do need a fairly accurate plan of what is going to be done, so one of the first things the steering group will need to do is put together that plan, and get it off to the planning department. So get your thinking caps on, and have a good ponder about what you would like to see on the new field!

James Hughes, Christchurch PC

'Eyes Down' for another successful event at the Community Centre

The community centre committee hosted a bingo night on 18th June as a fundraiser for the community centre. Big thanks to Steve Waye and Marian Hawthorne who were involved in making it a successful and very enjoyable event.

The committee are very committed to putting on events like this and welcome new members. If you have ideas, enthusiasm and are interested in getting involved, the next meeting is in the diary dates section of this magazine.



Christchurch does "National Cream Tea Day" quite well!

Several people turned out on 24th June to sample the scones for National Cream Tea day.

Volunteers from the Community Centre Committee baked scones and cakes and made gallons of tea for the event, which seemed to go down quite well.



Novelty teapots and clotted cream aplenty, the young and the not so young came out to support our beloved Community Centre.

The event raised £149.50 for the Community Centre and, once again, folks went away with smiling faces and full tummies!

Huge thanks go to the volunteers that baked, made tea, and generally made the afternoon go with a swing - and especially Pat Rigby who organised the afternoon.



A huge success! Well done!

Christchurch Short Mat Bowls is back ...

Thursday 23rd June saw Christchurch Short Mat Bowls Club finally complete its comeback. Having needed to reform in September 2021, we have steadily grown to 18 members - having enticed experienced and new comers to join.



The culmination of this was a friendly against Tydd St Giles on 23rd June - Christchurch narrowly losing by 3 shots overall. A massive effort given that a few members have only been playing a matter of months. The club offers big thanks to Tydd for coming to celebrate our achievement and also for all the help given to us in the setting up process. Thanks also goes to the Cambs Committee and support from many other teams and officials which made the start-up relatively seamless. This also includes the undaunting support from Christchurch Community Centre Committee, without whom things would have been very difficult indeed.

Our Club night is Mondays from 7 to 9pm and we still have a couple of places available. Please call Janet Harper on 07941 465319 for further information.

Phil Spry
Chairman



Looking for somewhere to go?

What's on July 2022



1st-3rd July Fri-Sun 2022 Mad Hatters Music Festival, Mad Hatters Campsite Second Drove, Queen Adelaide, Ely CB7 4UD Friday campers only, disco, food and drink Saturday & Sunday- gates open from 10.00 live music, 20 Bands, wellness sessions, Storyteller, mandolin workshop, kids activities- ticket entry via Eventbrite, grapevinelive.co.uk

7th-9th July 2022 Thursday- Saturday Gorefield Beer Fest 2022.
Gorefield Community Hall, Wolf Lane, PE13 4NE from 18.00- 23.00 Craft lagers, 36 ales, ciders, rum and gin bar, live music from 3pm Saturday afternoon, food, camping available £10 per pitch more info at gorefieldbeerfest@hotmail.com

12th July 2022 Tuesday 7.30-11.00pm- Upwell Village Hall Open Mic Night
Stage, PA and Mixer provided, turn up, plug in and play. Singers welcome, All abilities and styles of music, all levels or just turn up and enjoy the music.

16th July 2022 Saturday 12-4 pm Summer Fair at Glennfield Care Home
Money Bank, Wisbech PE13 2JF Tel 01945 581141 free entry Bric a Brac
Cake stall, childrens games, craft stalls, raffle, refreshments, tombola and more

DENVER VILLAGE FUN DAY



SUNDAY 17TH JULY
DENVER PLAYING FIELD FROM 10AM



NEW FOR 2022.. MAIN ARENA EVENT: STANNAGE STUNT TEAM

DOG SHOW + ARENA EVENTS + CAR BOOT + VINTAGE VEHICLES + FUNFAIR
BEER TENT, BBQ & REFRESHMENTS + LIVE MUSIC + SHOWS/ENTERTAINMENT

£1 Entry Fee (over 16's)
Cash only

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CAR BOOT - PRE-BOOKINGS ONLY. SET UP FROM 8-9AM
TO BOOK CALL: 07711 831185

15-17 July 2022 Fri-Sun 10-5 Weeting Steam Engine Rally & Country Show 2022 - Fengate Farm, Weeting IP27 0QF Tel: 01842 810317 Steam engines, fire engines, tractors, classic cars, vintage vehicles, tank rides, helicopter rides, gundog display, fairground, farm machinery auction Saturday morning, beer tents



23 July 2022 Saturday 6pm-11.30pm Murrow Gin Festival, Murrow Village Hall
19 Murrow Bank, Wisbech St Mary, PE13 4HB music, food, gin - £6 entry

The Simpsons say "Farewell" to The Dun Cow but "Hello" to the Williams Family

Sue and I would like to thank young and old for using the Dun Cow public house as the hub of the community over the past three years.

As we all know it was challenging times with the Government laws put in place to protect us all. We did our best to keep things running with the takeaway service, one way systems and sanitising etc etc.

Well happy to say we came out the other side, but I got fitted with an ICD which has limited my energy levels; therefore we handed back the tenancy to Elgoods. We now pass the bar towels (or in Sue's

case the blue hairnet!) over to Robbie & Nikki Williams and their family to carry on the good community spirit which has been grown in the pub.

We will continue to live in the village and grab retirement with both hands. Thank you once again for all the new friends we have made and the lovely ones we've lost along the way; **we couldn't have done it without you!**

Cheers!

Paul & Sue xx

Paul and Sue, you really have brought the Dun Cow back to being the hub of our village. Your energy and enthusiasm over the past 3 years has been refreshing and very welcome in our little corner of the Fens. Thank you from all your friends and patrons. Ed.

From our new Landlords!

I (Nikki) use to live in the village many years ago as a teenager, working in the village playgroup and crèche. Robbie lived in March and worked at the Oliver Cromwell. We had been thinking for a while about running a pub and missed out on one in Lowestoft, where we live at the moment. I was on a Spa Weekend with my friend Ali, who is a local resident, and she told me that the Dun Cow was coming up.

My close friend and work colleague, Brenda, who helps run my present company, entertaining children with disabilities, is coming to help run this new venture with us, along with her 2 adult sons Kerian, who has always worked in bars, and Brad, who will help with maintenance. Brenda, Robbie and I came to Christchurch at the Jubilee Weekend, to introduce ourselves to 'the locals'. We discovered that folks would like to see more food served at the Pub, especially Sunday Roast dinners. Also, more entertainment, and the Pub to be open during the day, serving lunches and cream teas/coffee.

We would love to keep the Dun Cow as a family and community pub, and also extend the good work that Paul and Sue have done. There is no shop in the village, so another plan we have is to offer a Fridge with essentials for purchase. We have already spoken to Elgoods Brewery about putting a small shop on site. We would like to offer more cooked breakfasts, lunches and evening meals, as well as extra entertainment, parties, and weddings. We are jumping in at the deep end with our first wedding on the Saturday 2nd July, for a local couple. The Dun Cow needs updating a bit (eg, needs a toilet for the disabled), and we plan to extend the pub, especially to add an extra room for entertainment and food, which is another conversation we have had with Elgoods Brewery.

We are excited about our new venture, and look forward to meeting everyone, and encouraging families in the afternoon after school for some fun in the sun with the kids, using our bouncy castles, foam parties and discos, as well as Kiddie Meals. During the day, come to get that pint of milk or bread etc you may have run out of, and stay for a cuppa and cake!

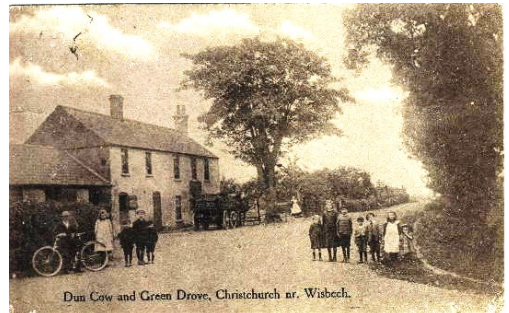
We will be setting up a website with what we do, along with our opening hours, and what food is available and when. We will also let people know on the Dun Cow Facebook page, which Paul has already set up.

Nikki and Robbie

THE DUN COW IN OLDEN TIMES



John Turner, Landlord of the Dun Cow



PUBS IN CHRISTCHURCH IN THE OLD DAYS.

The Rose & Crown - corner of Crown Drove and 16ft Bank.

The Dun Cow - Green Drove.

The Wheatsheaf - along the 16ft Bank, towards March.

The Farmer's Boy - on corner of Church Road and Padgett's Road.

The Snipe & Duck - at the bottom of Euximoor, on Popham's Eau.



How to sleep in the heat

1. No napping – sleepiness is great, but save it for bedtime.
2. Keep to bedtime routines - Do the things you normally do before bed.
3. Remember the basics – keep your bedroom cool in the

day; open windows at night.

4. Use thin sheets - but keep covers handy.

5. Chill your socks - Cooling your feet lowers the overall temperature of your skin and body.

6. Stay hydrated - Drink enough water throughout the day; avoid drinking large amounts before bed.

7. But think about what you drink – many soft drinks contain a lot of caffeine. Ease up on alcohol.

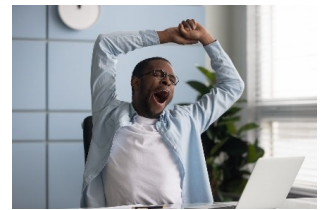
8. Stay calm. Wakeful at night? Do something calming. Don't watch a screen; it will keep you awake

9. Think of the children. Keep routines, and cool their bedrooms. As part of the bedtime routine, lukewarm baths are recommended by the NHS website.

10. GET OVER IT! Most of us need about seven to eight hours of good-quality sleep each night to function properly. But remember that most people can function well after a night or two of disturbed sleep. Although you might yawn a little more frequently than usual, you'll probably be fine.

These tips were based on suggestions by Prof Kevin Morgan, former director of the Clinical Sleep Research Unit at Loughborough University, and Lisa Artis, of the Sleep Council.

Ed. Did these pictures make you yawn? I was yawning constantly when writing this up. 'night.



ALARMING NEW FIGURES SHOW THE DESPERATE SHORTAGE OF GPs AS RURAL AREAS ARE WORST HIT

The Daily Mail reports that Doctors in the United Kingdom claim that the UK is short of 20,000 GPs, with the health think tank 'The King's Fund' adding that general practice is 'creaking at the seams', especially in rural areas.

More than a fifth of England's population live in rural areas, housing a large proportion of the nation's elderly people who are more likely to have complex, long-term medical problems. Age UK has been monitoring the impact of the GP crisis on older patients in rural areas, and in its most recent survey, 45 per cent said they were worried about their ability to access their GP..... and it's a prescription for disaster for older patients. For many rural areas, housing development is compounding national problems of recruiting and retaining GPs.

The Nuffield Trust warned that the picture for patients is only going to get worse 'with an increasing number of GPs leaving clinical practice, or working part-time, and many practices unable to fill vacant GP posts. Hundreds of thousands of patients are being forced to re-register with another practice after their own practice has closed'.

<https://rsnonline.org.uk>

There seems to be a move by the Government to sort this problem out ... or not??

England's health secretary is reportedly considering a radical shake-up of the NHS that would incentivise GPs to be directly employed by hospitals rather than running their own practices as independent contractors.

The Times reported earlier in the year that Sajid Javid outlined the proposal in a letter to the prime minister, Boris Johnson, as a potential way to keep more patients out of hospital. In the letter, seen by the newspaper, Javid wrote, "Whilst there are some strengths to the system of primary care, it's also clear that the historic separation of general practice from the wider healthcare system as created in 1948 comes with considerable drawbacks including an underinvestment in prevention."

Further information: <https://www.bmj.com/content/376/bmj.o267>

This year we have a great Summer of Sport! Here are just some of the events in July. So great to be out of the Covid restrictions. *Celebrate and enjoy!*



TENNIS – Wimbledon June 27th – July 7th

CRICKET - IT20 Series v India - July 1st – 14th ; Test series v South Africa August



COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN BIRMINGHAM – July 28th – August 8th



FOOTBALL - UEFA WOMEN'S EURO ENGLAND 2022 – July 6th – 31st (and men's football matches going on all the summer)

RUGBY??? - July 2nd – 16th. *Rugby??? A summer sport??* Well, actually, the

England men's team are playing in Australia, and, of course, it's Autumn Down Under....



And here's some great news! Freddie Steward, grandson of Jill and Gabriel Bliss, has been selected to go with the team. Freddie has done so well that he has also been presented with **three** prestigious awards: he picked up the **Rugby Players' Association Young Player of the Year and England Men's Player of the Year** and has just collected the **Leicester Tigers Young Player of the Year** award, making this a special season for the 21-year-old academy product who made his England debut against USA in July 2021. The Tigers won the Premiership too, on June 18th. Brilliant!

CONGRATULATIONS FREDDIE!

MEMORABLE JULYS IN HISTORY

- 1 July 1997 - The Colonial flag of Hong Kong is lowered for the last time prior to hand over to China.
- 2 July 1937 - Amelia Earheart goes missing.
- 6 July 1942 - Anne Frank and her family take refuge in a secret area of Amsterdam.
- 9 July 1941 - The Enigma Code was broken.
- 10 July 1940 - The Luftwaffe began bombing raids against the UK.
- 13 July 1985 - Live Aid Concert.
- 15 July 1997 - Gianni Versace murdered.
- 16 July 1969 - Apollo 11 astronauts launched into space.
- 18 July 1936 - Spanish Civil War starts.
- 19 July 1923 - Insulin is introduced.
- 10 July 1969 - First man is landed on the moon.
- 21 July 2005 - Terrorist attack on the London Underground.
- 23 July 1976 - First cases of Legionnaires disease.
- 25 July 1978 - First test tube baby born.
- 29 July 1981 - Prince Charles marries Lady Diana Spencer.
- 30 July 1966 - England win the World Cup at Wembley Stadium.

Kids Corner

Summer is the time for sports!

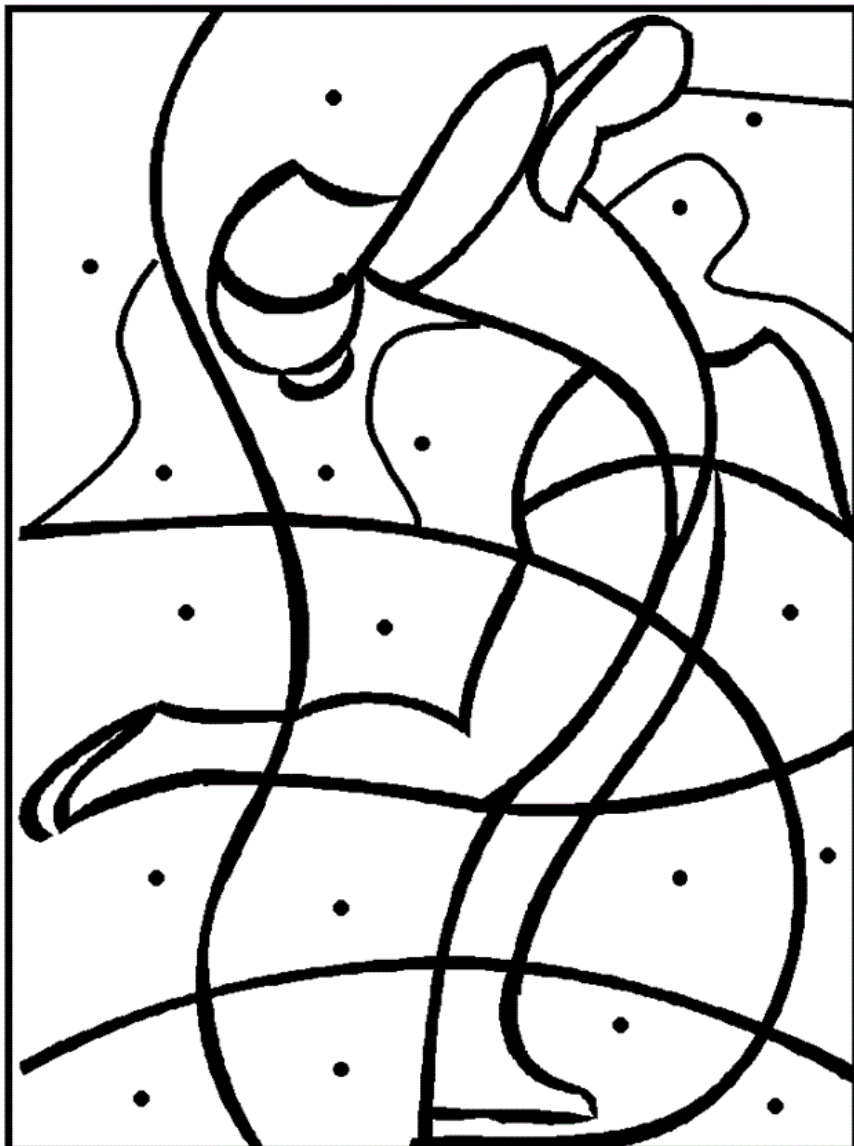
Can you name these sports that will be happening during the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, July 28th – August 8th?



C'MON OUR UK TEAMS!

England – Wales – Scotland – Northern Ireland

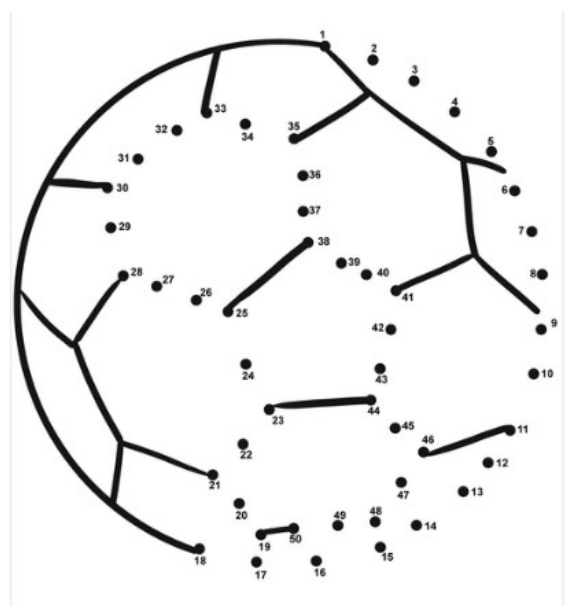
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Commonwealth Flags



Join the dots!



Answers on Page 31

**God Save Our Gracious Queen,
Long Live Our Noble Queen**



Christchurch Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2-5 June 2022

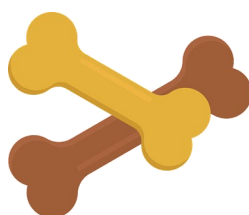
Photo memories from the day to pull out and keep.

Several other activities were held and well-attended (sadly, no pictures). At The Dun Cow; 'The Queenie Quiz'; 'Vinyl Music Night'; 'Royal Breakfast Special'. At The Community Centre; 'Christchurch Songs of Praise'.

Despite the weather, the Village did Her Majesty proud!



Platinum Jubilee Dun Cow Dog Show Friday 3rd June 2022



BOWSER
Awarded 1st for Best Dog in
Christchurch. Trained by 14-year-old
Lottie Pomeroy Aldridge

Photos supplied by various villagers.

Platinum Jubilee Frog on a Bike Ceilidh Friday 3rd June 2022



Platinum Jubilee High Tea at the Dun Cow Saturday 4th June 2022





Platinum Jubilee Street Party & Fun Day Sunday 5th June 2022



Delicious Hog Roast
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Egg Throwing Winners!



Sack Race Winners!



Champion Welly Wangers!





BBQ TIP - Pre-cook it!

If you take one tip away from this guide, it's this:

pre-cook sausages and chicken on the bone before barbecuing. You will greatly reduce the risk of meat being both burned and undercooked, you'll save time slaving over the coals and it eliminates the risk of cross-contamination on the grill.

Bake chicken legs and thighs on the bone at 180C/160C Fan for 25–30

minutes before barbecuing. They don't need to brown, as that will happen over the direct heat of the barbecue.

Gently pre-poach sausages in simmering water for eight minutes, or seven minutes for chipolatas. This will also remove some of the fat that can drip onto the barbecue and cause bad-tasting flame flare-ups, and the sausages taste a lot juicier and are ready for a crowd in a fraction of the time. <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/>

Making the perfect Pimms

400ml Pimms No.1
1 ltr Lemonade
Fresh Mint Leaves
Chopped Strawberries
Orange Slices
Cucumber Slices

Directions

Half fill at 2 ltr Jug with Ice and Garnishes
Pour over the measure of Pimms and the Lemonade
Fill Hi Ball Glasses with Ice
Pour over the Pimms and garnish with a final piece of Mint.



Roasted Pepper and Rice Salad

- Assorted red & yellow peppers plus green if liked
- Red onions
- Wholemeal Rice
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Fresh or Dried Dill and Parsley
- Olive oil
- Pitted Olives Green or Black (optional)
- Red grapes
- Feta Cheese
- Garlic cloves (optional)

Method

- Roast the sliced peppers and onions with the herbs, seasoning and garlic in olive oil until just cooked
- Meanwhile cook the rice add a vegetable stock cube for extra flavour
- When both are cooked combine together so the rice absorbs the flavours
- Leave to cool *
- Add the halved cherry tomatoes / cubes of feta cheese/ red grapes/olives
- Then squeeze lemon juice over with a little Extra Virgin olive oil, Fresh Herbs if available
- Dress the top with some Balsamic Glaze

*Alternative. Serve as a hot dish

This can be served hot. When the peppers are roasting add cubes of Halloumi Cheese instead of the Feta. Add the tomatoes in with the peppers for the last few minutes to warm through. Then add the remaining ingredients.

Jan Clifford





CONGRATULATIONS TO MATTHEW AND GEORGINA DAY ON THEIR WEDDING, ON 28th MAY 2022, IN OUR PARISH CHURCH



We first got together in October 2012, and were engaged 3 years later in 2015. When we spoke about marriage, we always knew the ceremony would be held at Christchurch Parish Church, due to Matthew's family connections with the church. Matthew had spent his whole life living in Christchurch; Tracy and Paul Day (Matthew's mum and dad) were married there in 1984; Lucy (Matthew's sister) was christened there in 1986 and Matthew, in 1989. Matthew's dad Paul's funeral was held there in 2007 and he is buried in the Churchyard. Lucy, Mathew's sister, and her husband Paul were married there in 2011. Lucy's daughter Eleanor was christened there in 2016, followed by our son's christening in 2018 and Lucy's son was christened there in 2021.

Our original wedding date was to be 4th September 2020, but due to Covid we sadly had to postpone and re-booked the church for 28th May 2022. We booked the Christchurch Community Centre and hired a marquee from *Events and Marquee Hire*. We then came across Caroline, at *Twisty Willow Floristry* in Christchurch, who produced the most beautiful flower bouquets and buttonholes.

When we had our Banns read at the church, everyone who attended and spoke to us were so lovely and welcoming and we knew it was the right place for us to get married. The morning of the wedding, when we arrived at the church, there were people watching and waving and smiling that had seen Matthew grow up in the village throughout his childhood which was really touching. Walking from the church to the Community Centre, we wanted some photos in the village, and the community spirit carried on as we walked through, with people watching from their driveways, people driving and stopping and offering us a lift, and even Susan Simpson ringing a bell out of her house window as we walked down the road!

We had the most amazing day, celebrating with friends and family. Plenty of smiles, laughing, food and drink! We managed to get some amazing photos taken by the very talented *Hello Harriet Photography*, in the most beautiful locations around Christchurch.

...from Georgina



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Church News

We are hoping that by the time you read this, the postponed inspection of the church ceiling will have been completed. We will soon know the full extent of the required repairs and will be beginning our fund raising in earnest.

Services in Christchurch in July:

Sunday 3rd July at 10.30am - Morning Prayer.

Sunday 17th July at 10.30am - Holy Communion.

There is a service every Sunday somewhere within the Benefice. Please see the table below for details.

This month we also say farewell to Rev. Ian and Rev. Lynda after seven years of service, here in Christchurch and also Manea, Welney, Benwick, Wimblington and Doddington. There will be a special service of Retirement and Farewell on 31st July in Doddington Church at 3pm. All welcome.

We wish our Reverends well for their retirement and for whatever the future may hold for them. Needless to say, they will be much missed and remembered fondly.

Helen and Kay

	CHRISTCHURCH	MANEA	WELNEY	DODDINGTON	WIMBLINGTON	BENWICK
3RD JULY	10.30 MP			10.30 HC		
10TH JULY		10.30 MP			10.30 HC	
17TH JULY	10.30 HC			10.30 MP		
24TH JULY		10.30 HC			10.30 MP	
31ST JULY				15.00 HC		
RETIREMENT & THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR REVD'S IAN & LYNDIA BRADY						

Thoughts from the Rectory

A New Direction

I'm sure you will have already heard by now that I will be taking early retirement after thirty-five years in ministry, seven of them here in the Fens. The decision having been made, two things crossed my mind, both at the same time; where will our retirement take us? And what are we going to do with all that extra time on our hands?

Retirement is a bit like one of those pristine Fen snow-covered fields that you get in the winter after a heavy overnight snow fall and everything is bright and clean in early morning sunshine. All is unmarked by human or animal footprints; unexplored, unspoilt and free from blemish. Also, in retirement, the possibilities are endless. Sometimes on life's journey, circumstances over which we have no control affect decisions we make, causing a change in direction. That's the case here. For us, our retirement will be a good opportunity to pause and take stock of life; what we hope to achieve and who and what we would hope to become.

The writer of the Book of Psalms didn't live by today's frantic pace of life. The author of Psalm 23 recognised the importance of occasionally stepping back to spend some time in quiet conversation with God. Then, with spirit and energies renewed, he felt able to write. 'You let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction' (Psalm 23:3 'The Message' version) ... or, in the version most people are very familiar with, "He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake". (King James' version).

It's not good or healthy to carry all the burdens and mistakes of a life time of ministry and service into a new time and area of retirement. The writer of Psalm 43 has his own way of dealing with that too. He asked God. 'Give me your lantern and compass, give me a map, so I can find my way...the place of your presence' (Psalm 43:3). That thought was echoed in the 1939 Christmas broadcast by King George VI, who chose words by Minnie Louise Haskins to encourage a country facing an uncertain future. The King announced. 'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year. "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied. "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way."

As the Six Fen Churches Benefice, Christchurch, Doddington with Benwick, Manea, Welney, and Wimblington face a short interregnum, let us remind ourselves that our God who has been faithful through the years will continue to be with us each, wherever we are.

Farewell, and God bless you.

Keep safe, keep well.

Ian and Lynda



Coffee, Cake and Chat

Come along on Thursday afternoons from 2-3pm and catch up with friends and make new ones. Held in the Church.

SPORT TRIVIA



CRICKET BALLS

All cricket balls are made from cork and latex rubber on the inside with leather on the outside. But white balls show up scuffs and blemishes more than red ones.

So they have a harder-wearing coating to stop them getting dirty. Leading cricket ball manufacturers Kookaburra supply the balls for most one-day internationals. They insist the only difference between the two types of ball is the colour.



BADMINTON

The roots of the sport can be traced to ancient Greece, China, and India, and it is closely related to the old children's game battledore and shuttlecock. Badminton is derived directly from Poona, which was played by British army officers stationed in India in the 1860s.



DRESSAGE

The concept of dressage dates back as far as 350 BC when the Athenian historian and soldier Xenophon completed his 'On Horsemanship' manual. However, it wasn't until the 16th and 17th centuries that dressage began to develop as an art form with the sporting side arriving in the 19th century.

Sunflower

This bright yellow flower is more than just a symbol of happiness and vitality. According to the Greek myth of Apollo and Clytie, it also represents unwavering adoration. The story tells of a water nymph named Clytie who in her rage from Sun God Apollo's unrequited love, exposes his relationship with Leucothoe. In anger, Apollo denied her further and turned her into a flower. But despite this, she continued to gaze upon him as he rode his chariot across the sky – just as the sunflower loyally follows the sun's path from East to West throughout the day. As the ultimate sign of devotion, sunflowers are typically gifted to couples for their third wedding anniversary.



MAGPIE CENTRE CHARITY RIDE AND AN APPEAL FOR NEW TRUSTEES

Around 80 riders and their trusty steeds converged on Wallington Hall (pictured) on Sunday June 12 to enjoy a charity ride, in perfect weather, in the Hall's beautiful grounds. With options of five, seven, and ten-mile routes, there was something for every level of rider.

Organised by Ellie Head of Hoofbeats, the event raised £1,000 to boost funds for the Magpie Centre, home of West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association, which is based at Wallington Hall.
<https://rda-westnorfolk.org.uk/>

Moving on, some of West Norfolk RDA's trustees are standing down at the end of the year. Colin Perriss, Chairman, has been in post for the maximum three-year term, and we shall also be seeking a new Secretary.

Knowledge of horses and/or of working with people who have disabilities is not essential, and the present officers will be happy to share their knowledge of the roles with newcomers.

The role of Secretary can be purely administrative and mainly involves taking minutes of the monthly Trustee meetings, although practical help at our fund-raising events is always welcome. To find out more, call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202.

Picture – Riding at The Magpie Centre, West Norfolk.



Hello Christchurch Stargazers. This month I am talking about our nearest Spiral Galaxy, **Andromeda**. This is also known as M31 (which is Messier 31 or NGC224). The M stands for 'Messier', named after Charles Messier, a French Astronomer, and the NGC stands for 'New General Catalogue'.

Christchurch Stargazers

The **Andromeda Galaxy** is located about 2,480,000 light years from earth, and its diameter is approximately 200,000 light years. It can be seen with the naked eye in the constellation of **Andromeda**. You have to have dark skies, though, with no moon.

Andromeda was mentioned as early as 965 in the 'Book Of Fixed Stars' by the Islamic astronomer **Al-Sufi** (pictured). He lived at the court of Emir Adud ad-Daula in Ifshan, Persia, and worked at translating and expanding Greek Astronomical works, especially the *Almagest* of Ptolemy. It was rediscovered by German astronomer **Simon Marius**, shortly after the invention of the telescope. When viewed, it appears to be a fuzzy oval haze. This I have seen many a-time through my own telescope. Get sky-searching!



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

Mark Andrews

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.

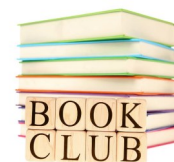
Please contact Sandra 01354 638478 or Jan 01354 638217. (clifford.jjr5846@gmail.com)

**(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.)*

Christchurch Book Club

MARCH TOWN LIBRARY

THE BOOK CLUB met after the magazine went to print, so here is some information about the Library in March.



"We welcome you to browse and borrow our collection, access our PCs and WI-FI for free and use our space to study, meet, share or just relax. It's free to join the library either in person or online. For your safety we keep the building well ventilated and continue to manage the number of people in the library".

Opening Times:

Monday: 9.30am – 5pm; **Tuesday:** 9.30am – 5pm; **Wednesday:** 9.30am – 1pm; **Thursday:** 9.30am – 7pm; **Friday:** 9.30am – 5pm; **Saturday:** 9.30am – 4pm; **Sunday:** Closed;

Availability: All Year

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Christchurch Gardening Club

“A Very Social Gathering”

In its twenty-odd years' history, The Gardening Club, its committee, and its members have, over time, developed certain traditions. One notable tradition is the annual Summer Buffet, which took place this year on Tuesday 21st June, at the Community Centre. This coming together of like-minded individuals is underpinned by a spirit of co-operation, with each member contributing a dish towards the buffet. The committee also get involved, and the club supplies Roast Chicken, Ham and Roast Potatoes, led by our secretary Marion, who took on the lion's share of cooking and preparation. I think all the members would be happy for me to thank her on their behalf. I should also like to thank Sue Norman for providing us with the quiz that really did cause some head scratching. To

sum up, it was an excellent night, one of many to come, I hope.

Next month, we have another of our social evenings. This time, visiting Janet and Don Potten's garden in Upwell. Both Janet and Don have a wealth of experience with plants and flowers. In fact, Janet has a stall by the roadside in School Road, which is probably one of the best around. If you need plants for garden or house, check it out.

I'm pleased to say that the club is still growing, with new members joining our established membership. For Enquiries and to join call 01354 638 230.

Steve.



The WI decorated the Village Sign for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations (pictured) - and didn't it look wonderful! Well done to all who took part, and especially to Margaret Sparrow, who was the driving force behind the project.

In June, our speaker was Mr Kevin Rogers. His passion is music and he spoke in particular about the music of the 1960s, and the Pop Groups of the era. He played some of the music and showed us many photos of the time, which brought back a lot of happy memories to those of “a certain age”. Very interesting.



The July meeting will be about The Leper House in the Wisbech/Elm area.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday July 12th, 7pm at the Community Centre.

Please note the change of colour for the competition. It is GREY. (not Pink, as announced in the meeting). New members are always welcome.



A PLEA FROM OUR LOCAL FARMERS TO ALL DOG OWNERS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR

Please be sure to keep your dogs on the lead when walking them down farm tracks. Even the slightest fun-run-around on recently sown or planted crop fields seriously damages both the crops and the soil.

DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO WORRY SHEEP OR OTHER LIVESTOCK.

Apart from the fact that it causes much distress to the animals, and can cause miscarriages or death, it is against the law for you to allow your dog to be loose in fields with livestock. If your dog worries livestock you may end up being sued for compensation and, in some circumstances, as a last resort, a farmer is legally allowed to shoot a dog who is threatening their animals. Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 - Legislation.gov.uk

ANSWERS from page 7

1. A wigmaker
2. Originally, one who installed lead roofing or set lead frames for windows
3. A doorkeeper or gatekeeper
4. A worker in wrought iron
5. A stonecutter
6. A street cleaner
7. Someone who digs up recently buried corpses for use as cadavers
8. A fish seller
9. A maker of nets and ropes
10. A carpenter
11. A roofer
12. A seller of ready-made clothing, as opposed to a tailor
13. A dockworker
14. Someone who cures animal hides to make leather
15. A wagon driver
16. Someone who makes thatched roofs
17. A repairer or seller of small metal goods such as pots and pans
18. Someone who uses a lathe to turn wood for balustrades and spindles
19. An innkeeper, or a merchant who provides food for ships or for the military
20. A wagon maker

Answers from Page 14:

Diving
Para Athletics
Basketball 3x3
(Shortened form)
Mountain Biking
Rhythmic Gymnastics
Hockey (Field Hockey)
Para Powerlifting



**You have your savings under your mattress?
Then you definitely need to pay attention to
this!**

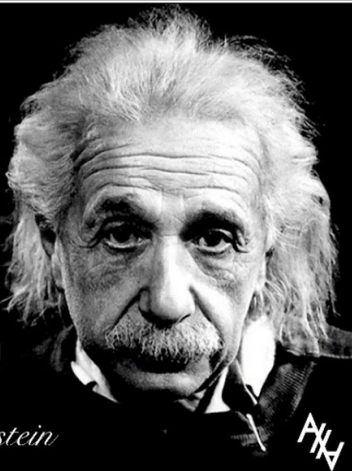
The days of spending paper banknotes in the shops are numbered: Just under 100 days, to be exact - so start hunting at home.

Remaining paper £20 or £50 notes should be spent or deposited by the end of September, the Bank of England said. An estimated 163 million paper £50 banknotes and about 314 million £20 paper notes are still in circulation. These notes are being replaced with plastic versions, just like the £5 and £10 note, which are more durable. The Bank said the newer, polymer notes were also harder to counterfeit. "The majority of paper banknotes have now been taken out of circulation, but a significant number remain in the economy, so we're asking you to check if you have any at home," said the Bank's chief cashier, Sarah John, whose signature is on the new notes. **From October, people with a UK bank account should still be able to deposit the paper notes into their account or at the Post Office, but spending them will be impossible.**

Point of View

"THE WORLD WILL NOT BE
DESTROYED
BY THOSE WHO DO EVIL,
BUT BY THOSE WHO
WATCH
THEM WITHOUT DOING
ANYTHING"

- Albert Einstein



LUNCH BREAK

Lunch Break this month – 13th and 27th 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

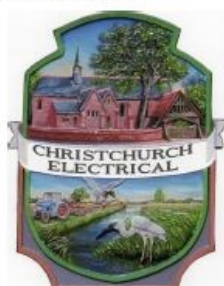
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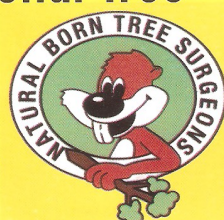
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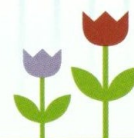
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Riddle 1: The 3rd golfer

Riddle 2: Friday

Riddle 3: Your father

Riddle 4: 40 cents. The price of each fruit is calculated by multiplying the number of vowels be 20c.

Riddle 5: Only one – the last one !

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Facebook—Townley School and Pre-School

Remember that our website has lots more information about school.

June 2022

It must be summer - the pool is open! A big thank to you, our community for supporting us financially to open the pool, we really cannot do it without you. This year the pool has needed a lot of money to be spent on it to bring it up to the current electrical legislations, which delayed the opening.



Fenland Music Centre

We were delighted to have Fenland Music Centre in this week to perform to the children, it was wonderful to have live music in school again.



Jubilee Event

Friends of Townley School (FOTS) organised a family picnic for us to celebrate the Jubilee. We are still waiting for our Jubilee books from the government, but fortunately our village Church provided books for the children in Early Years. I couldn't judge my Bake Off competition - it was too hard, I don't know how the WI do it!



Duxford Visit

Emperor Class went to Duxford this week, they really enjoyed the visit and learned about WW2 planes, including the B17. They learned how the Battle of Britain started and the Cold War ended. They were able to see inside a plane and walk around the concord. They would recommend this as a day out for anyone interested in planes.

Governor Vacancy

Would you like to support the work of the school? Our Governing Body needs a new member as our LA governor is stepping down when her term of office finishes as she is going to support other schools. If you would like to know more contact the school office or email chair@townley.cambs.sch.uk.



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!**



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