



Dry Drayton Newsletter

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"What a fantastic day, it was great to see so many people, who have supported the school in so many ways attending."



OUR THEME FOR THE MONTH - DRY DRAYTON LOOKING FORWARD

This edition in particular looks to the village's future. We have had the opening of the new school buildings, and there is no doubt that this has such important implications for the village's future and its ability to attract new young families to invigorate it.

We currently have a space on the governing body of Dry Drayton Primary School for a community governor, so if you are interested in helping us forge even closer links with our local community, please contact the Chair of Governors, via the school office.

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Comberton Surgery	Drs Parker, Mills, Kent, Shepherd, Wheatley, Broderick-Webb	01223 262 500 Hrs 08.30 to 12.30, 13.30 to 18.30
CAMDOC is now called Urgent Care Cambridgeshire	Dial your surgery out of hours and you will be diverted through	01954 719 313 Bourne Surgery, (Comberton and Bar Hill above)
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Dates in September 2015

Date	Event	Contact
13 th October	DD Women's Institute – Growing Old Disgracefully	Secretary
Saturday, 17 th October	Charity Night at the Black Horse	Denise and Gary at the pub
20 th October	Parish Council	Parish Clerk
21 st October	Friendship Club Lunch	Secretary
Friday 23 rd October	Tea Party to raise funds for Breast Cancer Research, 4pm at 44 Pettitts Lane.	Sylvia Pryer

AUTUMN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 7th November	Murder Mystery evening at the Village Hall	Mike Clydesdale
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CHURCH MATTERS

*St Peter & St Paul is part of the Lordsbridge Team of Churches, and the diocese of Ely.
Revd Alison Myers is a Team Vicar in the Lordsbridge Team, and is
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St Peter & St Paul*

Services in October

4 Oct	6.30 pm	Evensong
11 Oct	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
18 Oct	11 am	All Age Worship (Sunday Club in church)
25 Oct	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
1 Nov	6.30 pm	Special Evensong for All Souls'

Toddler space and toys are available at every service. All age services are participative and families are particularly welcome to come together.

All Age service (family service)

18 October, 11 am

***Bible story, activities, songs, prayers, fun and
interactive with one or two reflective moments,
for all the generations together.***

New All Souls' Evensong

1 November, 6.30 pm

***a special service of readings and reflections to
remember those we love who have died***

at St Peter and St Paul's church

Weekday Morning Prayer

Every Friday, 9.15 – 9.45

at St Peter and St Paul's

*Everyone who lives or works
in Dry Drayton is welcome.*

Weekly church email To receive our weekly update of services, events and activities in Dry Drayton, other local villages and beyond, then please email your details to Alison and we'll add you to the mailing list.

First ever Lordsbridge Prayer Pilgrimage 4 – 11 October

You are invited to walk, cycle or drive to visit some or all of the 11 Lordsbridge churches during that week and to pray for each village and church community whilst there. Leaflets available in church from 4 Oct.

Sunday Club

11 October and 25 October

Games, drama, Bible stories, quizzes, craft, chocolate biscuits!

All primary aged children living in Dry Drayton
or attending the school

are invited to come to Sunday Club -

normally 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

Drop children at 9.30 am to the Methodist Church, and collect at 10.30 am from St Peter and St Paul's Church.

If you'd like your children to join Sunday Club this term or need more details, please contact Amanda Norman norman.family@talktalk.net

Operation Christmas Child 2015

Buy a shoebox Christmas gift for a child in need, or make up your own shoebox. Leaflets available in church or via school from 18 October. Boxes will be collected at church on 15 November. More from the Operation Christmas Child website.



A season of invitation

The Christian faith is as much about practice as about belief. At their best its practices and rituals give us words and actions that carry us through life - changing moments or enable us to touch the profundity that lies both behind and

within the everyday.

Those practices and rituals also change their focus through the cycle of the year. Each change of focus reinforces different values. There are, for instance, the practices of thanksgiving and generosity that come to the fore at harvest. There's the practice of remembering, threaded through November with All Saints day (1 Nov) for remembering our role models of faith, All Souls day (2 Nov) for remembering our family and friends who have died, and Remembrance Sunday (8 Nov) which needs no explanation. There's the practice of waiting in early Advent (though the inevitability of starting Christmas early makes that difficult) and then the practice of wonder as we reach Christmas itself. By practising these values through the changing year we get better at accessing them all year around.

Because of the pattern of services from Harvest onwards, this autumn can also be called a season of invitation. So, I'd like to invite you to come and remember, to come and feel the weight of waiting, to come and re-discover wonder, or just to come and connect or re-connect with words and actions that are based in the values, words and actions of Jesus Christ.

God bless

Alison

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Date	service	readers	Intercessor	chalice	sides	coffee	Sunday Club	locking
4th Oct	10.30 am at Methodist Church 6.30pm Evensong at Parish Church							Julia Smith
11 th 9.30am	HC	Nigel Neville John Harding	tbc	John Kingsmill	John & Anne	Diane	Amanda & Diane	Martin Tester
18 th 11 am	All Age	tbc			tbc	Pam		David Gardiner
25 th 9.30am	HC	Carole Lunn Martin Tester	David Gardiner	Martin Tester	tbc			Philip Stephenson



DRY DRAYTON METHODIST CHURCH

If you require the services of a minister or have any queries on routine matters, please contact our Minister, the Rev. Alison Walker, on 01223 872862, or our Senior Steward, David Wyatt, on 01954 780735.

Services:

Oct 4th	10.30 am	Rev. A. Walker	Joint Service with the Anglicans. All welcome.
Oct 11th	6.30 pm	Rev. C. White	
Oct 18th	6.30 pm	J. Boocock	
Oct 25th	6.30 pm	Rev. A. Walker	Communion
Nov 1st	10.30 am	J.Boocock/Harris	Joint Service with the Anglicans. All welcome.

REPORTS

Report of the Parish Council meeting, 15th September 2015

Cllrs Stamford, Pryer and Russell all expressed their apologies for non attendance due to belated holidays. Cllr Lynda Harford, and Cllrs Hall and Waters were in attendance. Their reports follow.

Mr Chris Turner, the PC's representative with Cllr Russell, presented DDPC's response to the document "A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Statement of Common Ground." This document is part of a consultation process. The document acts as a running record of the conversations and meetings held between the Highways agency and Cllr Russell and Mr Turner. The only real common ground between DDPC and The Highway Agency is that the A14 should be upgraded . Highways England did not agree with DDPC's proposal that there was a need to connect the M11, A428 and the A14 at the Girton interchange to avoid the road through Dry Drayton becoming a major access road between the A428 and the A14. Discussions

have also been had about noise pollution, restrictions for construction traffic, speed limits, drainage etc. DDPC have clearly stated its lack of agreement to the current proposals. The next consultation meeting is October 5th at Impington. Mr Turner will be attending.

The meeting noted the progress being made on repairing and repainting the benches in village. Discussion continued following the lengthy correspondence that has taken place in relation to the grass verge cutting in the village, with a particular focus on Park Lane. There has been difficulty in getting accurate maps which clearly show who is responsible for cutting the verges, especially those in Park Lane. The PC decided to use the now accurate map to decide how to proceed with verge cutting. The PC noted the proposals concerning the bus / cycle way between Cambourne and Cambridge. Cllr Jenkinson-Dix agreed to represent Dry Drayton at any consultation meetings.

Parking was discussed and in particular the option to pay the PCSO to monitor parking at a cost of £1,000 per year. The PC decided to publish a notice in the newsletter reminding drivers to park considerately. DDPC will discuss the option to pay the PCSO at its next meeting.

There were no new planning applications. The Installation of a street light in the High Sreet will be advised on in October as by then the report on the practical issues and likely costs will be ready. The overgrown trees in Park Street in particular need to be cut back. The County Council were already contacted last year, DDPC will contact them again to raise this issue. Parking on Butchers Lane will be discussed at October's meeting as this item was raised by Cllr Stamford and he had sent his apologies to this meeting.

The full minutes of all of the parish council's meetings are displayed in the council's noticeboards which are situated at three sites in the village and have been refurbished. Please do read the full minuites which are too lengthy for the newsletter.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 20th October 2015. The Community is reminded that Parish Council agenda items should be sent to the Parish Clerk, in writing, at least 14 days prior to the Parish Council meeting and that village organisations are invited to forward short reports on their activities to Council meetings.

South Cambridgeshire District Council Report, August/September 2015

Have you received your South Cambs Magazine?

Complete our 2015 South Cambs Magazine residents' survey and you could win our fantastic competition prize of a Keeper for the Day experience for two people at Shepreth Wildlife Park. It's worth £250.

To enter, simply **fill in our survey**. It should take less than five minutes to complete. The survey closes at midday on Wednesday 14 October. The competition winner will be notified before the end of October and announced in the winter edition of South Cambs Magazine. Competition terms and conditions are **available here**

Our fantastic prize of a Keeper for the Day experience for two people at Shepreth Wildlife Park lasts for five hours and includes entrance to the main Park plus Waterworld and Bug City, a t-shirt, certificate, a photograph and a £5 lunch voucher. Our lucky winner and their guest will have a behind-the-scenes tour, the opportunity to feed a range of animals including the meerkats and ring-tailed lemurs, and enjoy flying the owls at the bird of prey display among many other activities. Keepers must be aged 16 years or older.

For more information about the Park visit www.sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk.

[View competition terms and conditions.](#)

Event commemorates 70th anniversary of VJ Day

Veterans and councillors gathered to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Victory over Japan Day and pay an ever lasting tribute to those who served in the UK Armed Forces in the Far East. The event at South Cambridgeshire District Council's offices in Cambourne saw a service of remembrance carried out by Reverend Alan F Jesson TD, Cambridgeshire County Chaplain, Royal British Legion with veterans taking to the civic square to march in honour of those who fell during the Second World War.

An ever lasting commemorative plaque to mark the 70th anniversary of VJ Day in August 1945 was also unveiled by former submariner, Captain Victor Lucas, the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire. Victory over Japan marked the end of the WWII with the next day, Wednesday 15 August 1945 celebrated as VJ Day.

The war in Europe ended in early May 1945 but continued in the Far East until the Japanese surrendered on 14 August 1945 following the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and Soviet declaration of war and invasion of Manchuria. A programme of events to commemorate the 70th anniversary of WWII is taking place across the county coordinated by Cambridgeshire County Council supported by partners. Residents can still record their memories of the war time era or any events they attend on postcards in libraries or on Cambridgeshire County Council's Facebook page. There will be an exhibition in the autumn of memories collected at all of the events.

More information about events can be found by visiting www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ww2.

The event was organised jointly with Cambridge City Council and follows a joint event in Cambridge the previous day.

Cllr Sue Ellington, Chairman of South Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "It is a great honour to commemorate this event and pay tribute to all those who fought and were affected by the war. We have a great wartime heritage in this area and I'm delighted to have a plaque in place as an ever lasting reminder."

FLY TIPPER

Food waste dumped in a farmer's field in Barton has led to a man living around 60 miles away being prosecuted. Akam Hamad Abdullah, 23, of Highfields Road, Ipswich, pleaded guilty at Cambridge Magistrates Court for failing in his duty of care to ensure that his waste was disposed of correctly under Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

BIN COLLECTIONS REMINDER

Your Green Bin won't be collected for the three months December, January, February
Please contact us if you need any information or assistance or comments

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Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report to Parish Councils, September/October 2015

At the end of November the Chancellor will publish his Annual Statement and Spending Review. This will include the announcement of government funding to County and District Councils. Again the expectation is that there will be cuts to that funding. In preparation for the detailed work on its own budget that will follow the announcement, the council opened its Budget Planning Consultation on 10 September. The consultation runs until 23 October and from 21 September you can give your views via an on-line survey. Details: <http://tinyurl.com/nzkdq94>

There is no doubt that even at their present levels, cuts to government funding are creating enormous challenges for the council but there are other complications too that affect the council's

ability to move forward with its plans for improvement. At the **Adults Committee** meeting in September, members were asked to approve a contract exemption which effectively extended by a further 13 months the contract that the council has with Age UK to provide “services which promote independence and wellbeing for older people in Cambridgeshire”. This extension was required to allow time for the council to bring its current 7 advocacy services into one integrated service across the county. Consultation on the proposal for this integrated service is currently running: <http://tinyurl.com/nkoreod> The extension was required as Age UK’s contract includes provision of one of those advocacy services, Community Advocacy for Older People. Meeting agenda pack: <http://tinyurl.com/otq8sdh>

The **Children & Young People’s** Committee agreed to sell the majority of the county’s School Art Collection and use the proceeds to invest in the Cambridgeshire Culture Fund. Set up in 1947 items from the collection were to be lent to schools to introduce pupils to original art works. However, interest in this format has declined over the years for reasons including art subject leaders’ preference for digital images which are available on the internet and which can be displayed on school white boards. The collection is estimated to be worth about £50,000. It is intended that the Cambridgeshire Culture Fund will use the money to attract ‘match’ funding of between £300,000 and £420,000 which will support a broad entitlement to cultural activities for the county’s children and young people. Meeting agenda pack: <http://tinyurl.com/nzrtn8h>

At its September meeting the **Economy & Environment Committee** approved Cambridgeshire’s Strategy for Flood Risk Management 2015-2020. The updated strategy contains two key changes: the first is a revised assessment of areas in the county that are vulnerable to surface water flooding [approved by the committee in January] and the second reflects the new duties placed on the council as a statutory consultee for sustainable drainage [approved by the committee in May]. The strategy includes an action plan which is reviewed quarterly by the Cambridgeshire Flood Risk Management Partnership whose members include the Environment Agency, all city and district councils in the county, the Internal Drainage Boards, Anglian Water Services, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service. Meeting agenda pack: <http://tinyurl.com/oepn69c>

Members of the **Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee** approved a 7 month extension until 31 March 2017 of the existing Highways Services Contract with Atkins/ Skanska. At April’s meeting the committee approved the preferred future highways services option of identifying a long term strategic partner to carry out the work currently covered by this contract. This was seen to provide the greatest opportunity for long term benefits to the council and the communities it serves. Since then it has become evident that a traditional outcome-based procurement process will not be appropriate and that further work is required to develop the process to effectively facilitate selection of an appropriate partner. The committee also agreed the terms of reference and next steps for establishing a Member Reference Group to advise on income generation as part of the Library Service Transformation Programme. I am pleased to have been appointed as a member of that group. Meeting agenda pack: <http://tinyurl.com/oc427o8>

Permission was given in August by the **Fringes Joint Development Control Committee** for the application by Network Rail for the new railway station. This was almost identical to the application by the County Council which was granted permission previously. Meeting agenda pack: <http://tinyurl.com/prepj7s>

The Greater Cambridge City Deal is planning to consult on better bus routes along the A428 corridor from 12 October to 23 November 2015. Details: <http://tinyurl.com/p8j9vh4>

The fifth Cambridgeshire Energy Switch Scheme, procured by the council, was launched on 01 September. This uses the collective bargaining power of residents to bid for better gas and electricity

prices. The scheme is open to all residents including those on credit or pre-payment meters. Over the last 4 auctions more than 700 Cambridgeshire households saved up to £224 a year. Interest can be registered [no obligation to switch supplier] at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch
Alternatively help is available by email energy.switch@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or by phone, 01223 703874. I hope that you are all refreshed by the summer break and look forward to seeing you at your forthcoming meetings. As always your comments and questions about the foregoing or any other local or strategic matter are welcomed. Lynda lyndaharford@icloud.com 01954 251775/07889 131022 Follow me on Twitter: @2whit2whoo

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DRY DRAYTON W.I.

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

13 th October	Mr Rex Freeman	Growing Old Disgracefully
10 th November	Miss Alison Dicken	Cambridge Archeology Unit's Discoveries beneath the new John Lewis Buildings

DRY DRAYTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Wednesday 21st October at 12.30pm

Lunch must be booked in advance. Our vicar will be saying a few words prior to the lunch. Lunch will cost £8.00

17th November 2.30-4.30pm

Audrey Philp Travels in China

Saturday 28th November 10.30-12.00 Xmas

Coffee Morning and Bazaar more information on this next month

Visitors are always welcome at our meeting (£1.50) Do come along - we provide a full afternoon tea.

Please give me a call if you are interested

Marlene Northrop 01954789525 or email marlene.northrop28@gmail.com

SORRY WE'RE LATE.....

Apologies for the late arrival of your newsletter this month – your editor has been practising her French in the depths of Brittany, but she will try to do better in future.

Reading Circle – SEPTEMBER 2015

The book for the meeting was Hosseini's **And the Mountains Echoed**. His previous novels were **The Kite Runner** and **A Thousand Splendid Suns**. All members greatly enjoyed this well written series of stories of connected families of Afghan origin, which starts in Afghanistan in the period of "Once upon a Time", with episodes in Paris and Greece, ending in California in 2010! Some of the links between families and other individuals in the different tales were confusing and several group members plan a second read. The book is strongly recommended.

The next meetings are;

Tuesday 27th October C Levi **Christ stopped at Eboli** Penguin Classics 2000

Carlo Levi was banished to a primitive village in southern Italy in 1935, because of his opposition to Fascism. This is a fascinating account of his time there. It is not a religious book.

Tuesday 24th November J Burton **The Miniaturist** Picador 2015

This tale is set in 1686 in Amsterdam where an eighteen year old bride to a wealthy merchant is given a cabinet-sized replica of the grand house by her husband as a wedding gift. Why?

Meetings will be as usual at 2.30pm at 63 Pettitts Lane. Do get in touch if you would like to join the group or come along to a meeting if a book interests you.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Responsibility	Co-ordinator	Phone	Responsibility	Co-ordinator	Phone
Pettitt's Close	Graham Carver Village Coordinator Bob Burton	781 806 781002	Cottons Field & 2, 4 & 6 High Street, Oak Crescent	Howard Russell	780 897
High St., East side 26-48 & West Side 1-41 & Searles Meadow	Vacancy		Hill View and Oakington Road 84-128	Brian and Marion Carlton	781 431

Pettitts Lane & Baker's Field	Fred Northrop	789 525	Scotland Road & Old Rectory Drive	Phillip Clegg	789 780
Park Street	Phillip Stephenson Donald Hefferon	780 201 780791	View Farm Close & The Maples & Park Lane	Kate Smith	789216
High St., East side 50-62, West side 45-59	Trevor Carter	780 649	Oakington Rd. 12-42	Jim Ryan	782 185

WASTE RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Please note the item in the second half of the newsletter which covers the next three months. Cut it out and keep it handy.

Green bin collection changes this winter



Don't forget, green bin collections change to monthly during winter when far less garden waste is put out for collection.

Monthly collections will start at the end of November and will return to fortnightly in March for the rest of the year.

Collection dates can be found on page 24 of the autumn South Cambs Magazine or online at www.scambs.gov.uk/bins-by-parish

For more information visit

www.scambs.gov.uk/content/changes-green-bin-collections-over-winter

BUS TIMES – USE THE SERVICES OR LOSE THEM!

WHIPPET BUS No. 8

mon-sat departs from Hill View bus shelter- 9.45am. 10.55 am 13.55pm
mon-sat arrives at Cambridge Drummer St. 10.10am 11.20am 14.20pm

from Cambridge to Dry Drayton.

mon-sat departs from Drummer St., Whippet bus no. 8 at bay 3 10.20am 12.30 16.30pm
mon-sat, arrives Dry Drayton hill view 10.45am 12.55 17.05pm

Please Note that the Stagecoach no. 14 bus service doesn't exist any more. The replacement is Whippet no. 2 service:

7.35am from High Street Dry Drayton, to Cambridge

5.45pm from Drummer Street, to Dry Drayton

Whippet run a service on behalf of the council which operates at either end of the working day. Leaves at 7.30am from the High Street, arriving Emmanuel Street ~ 8.00am Returns 5.45pm from Drummer Street, arriving Dry Drayton 6.15pm. Operates as 2/8 10 journey tickets (use during any period in a month) £18 These services are in addition to the regular advertised service 8. This extra service tends to be missed off the timetables published each month.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY CHANGES TO THIS TIMETABLE, PLEASE LET THE EDITOR KNOW

(781680, or via sylvia pryer@aol.com).

Running Hare stolen



Police have released an image of a bronze sculpture that was stolen from a garden in Barton near Cambridge.

It was stolen from a property in Wimpole Road between August 24 and 27.

The sculpture, called the "Running Hare", was bought by the victim, a man in his 70s, from a sculptor in Fulbourn and is worth thousands of pounds.

The thieves removed the sculpture from its concrete base.

Anyone with information should contact PC Llian Cole on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org



FEATURES

THE VIEW FROM COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE *Constant change is here to stay...*

It seems to me that the longer I have been alive, the faster each year goes by. Just a few moments ago I was closing the final assembly of the summer term and wishing the pupils an excellent summer holiday, and now I find myself welcoming them and the new pupils back to the start of a new academic year. And so, the new school year begins with all of its attendant joys, trials and rewards.

The world of education is something of a political football. It is one thing that parents universally care deeply about, and therefore an area where politicians (and others) wish to make changes for the better. Those of us of a certain age will remember the three key priorities presented by the new Labour government when they were elected in 1997 – "Education, education and education". This inevitably leads to changes, which can often be a good thing, and can also present some decent challenges to those of us involved in working with young people.

The current government are no exception to this practice, and over recent years the pace of change has been somewhat breath-taking. During the course of the last government, schools had new performance measures introduced that would be used to determine whether they were considered successful or not, some of which were applied to pupils who had already left school. There have been significant changes to curriculum structures and content, with some changes being implemented whilst pupils were already undertaking the course (nationally some students sat a GCSE English assessment, which was then withdrawn from the course). Our current Year 10 students will be the first to have some GCSEs graded A - G whilst others are graded 9 – 1, and our new Year 7 students operate in a framework where a nationally agreed set of levels to describe their performance no longer exists. Others tasked with setting standards in education also have views about what should be done; last week Sir Michael Wilshaw, Head of Ofsted said that comprehensive schools should have a “Grammar school ethos”.*

It is right that those tasked with leading nationally should have high aspirations for every child in the country and expect schools to give every opportunity for success and to insist on the highest possible standards in every aspect of school life. How do schools achieve this against a backdrop of constant change? I think the answer is simple (in principle, if not in practice...!). Schools need to be absolutely crystal clear about what they believe is important, and then need to work determinedly and doggedly to insist that this is the reality. At Comberton Village College we have 5 core principles that underpin everything that we do. Our second of these is the “Comprehensive Principle” – we are proudly committed to being a comprehensive school whereby every single pupil is a member of our community and will be given outstanding opportunities to learn at the highest possible level. The first is the “Excellence Principle” – we will require the highest standards of teaching and learning possible, to lead to high levels of student aspiration and achievement. If that is what it means to have a “Grammar school ethos” then maybe I do agree with Michael Wilshaw, if not with his choice of words...

Wishing you an excellent year,

Peter Law, Head of School, Comberton Village College

SNIPPETS FROM ERYL HOWARD

Some amusing quotations:

If you put two economists in a room together you will get two opinions unless one of them is Lord Keynes in which case you will get three. (Winston Churchill)

A moment on the lips

A lifetime on the hips

Anon

One has to resign oneself to being a nuisance if one wants to get anything done. (Freya Stark (travel writer))

A house unkept cannot be so distressing as a life unlive (Rose Macauley(author))

More history of statistics: *The first census from which the statistics survive was in China in AD 2 under the Han dynasty. The census found 57.67 million people in 12.36 million households. Source: Significance December 2013*

Old age and Alzheimer's *It has now been discovered that about 80% of our brain cells are liable eventually to senesce, i.e. they do not die but stop dividing and start pumping out inflammatory proteins. These proteins are toxic and prevent the star shaped cells called astrocytes from supporting neurons by clearing up the beta-amyloid plaques associated with Alzheimer's. Research is ongoing into how to remove these senescent astrocytes or prevent them from producing the toxic proteins. Source: New Scientist 29 September 2012.*

An alcohol-free month brings considerable health benefits In October 2013, 10 journalists from the New Scientist who considered themselves to be normal drinkers gave up alcohol for a month and took part in a study to investigate the benefits for the liver of abstinence. Four colleagues also took part in the study but went on drinking normally. At the start of the study they went to the Royal Free Hospital for liver scans and blood tests. After a month they were all tested again and the results analysed by Rajiv Jalan at the Institute for Liver and Digestive Health at University College Medical School. The results were pretty dramatic for the abstainers with, on average, a 15% drop in liver fat, a 23% drop in blood glucose levels, increases in quality of sleep, alertness, concentration and work performance. There were also small decreases in cholesterol levels and weight. The only negative finding was that the participants were less sociable. The journalists who carried on with their normal drinking patterns showed no changes. It should be noted that this was a very small study but certainly of interest. Source: Andy Coghlan (one of the participants) New Scientist 4 January 2014

Not so smart cars So called smart cars that are connected to the internet are also hackable. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles had to recall 1.4 million of its cars after two hackers took control via the internet-connected entertainment system of a car. They changed the radio station and the air conditioning, locked the doors and operated the windscreen wipers. Finally, they cut the engine and slammed on the breaks! This makes me wonder how vulnerable driverless cars are. Source: New Scientist 1 August 2015

Neuroscience and a pinch of salt After Craig Bennet of the University of California found signs of neural activity in a dead salmon he'd put in a brain scanner, there has been a question mark over the findings in neuroscience. In particular there is some debate about the use of fMRI findings in a court of law. Should such evidence be used against you, bear this in mind!

THE NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL – Dry Drayton Church of England (C) Primary School

The term began with a real flourish with the opening of the new additions to our school buildings.



The official opening took place on September 4th and our new MP, Heidi Allen kindly agreed to open it. Village residents turned out in force both to witness the ceremony and have a good look around the new accommodation. Heidi showed us that she would have made a very good teacher, as she chatted to pupils individually and en bloc.



The children were the most essential participants, and they showed their appreciation of their new accommodation with enormous cheers for the Cambridge Evening News man's camera. The key feature is the space and airiness of the new buildings – the children will really enjoy that. The grounds have all been beautifully landscaped too, with some strong young trees planted and all the grass relaid. It will be an asset to the village for long into the future.

But the development of a project like this doesn't just come by magic – it has been years in the planning. The headteacher, Carole Lewis and secretary and business manager, Lynda Ogilvie were responsible for all the day-to-day planning which started about four years ago, when the County Council said there was a chance to make this improvement.



Architects, planners and eventually, a consortium or builders all set about the task.

The governors have also been heavily involved from the outset. In particular, the chair of governors, Paul Smith (fourth from right), and Steve Deane, (far right) chair of the governors' finance and planning committee, have been very active in support of the head and the Local Authority in seeing this through.



Coulson's, one of the main contractors provided a very special tea with appropriate cakes. The tea gave residents an opportunity to talk informally to architects and builders and to give our MP a further chance to listen to their point of view. It looks as though she is a good listener, and chairman of the Parish Council, Howard Russell, took the opportunity for a head to head conversation – MPs do need to know what their voters really think!



GREEN FINGERS' WORLD



Hot plants!

Earlier this summer thousands came to witness the dramatic flowering of one of the Garden's rarities, a titan arum from the rainforests of Sumatra. Also known as the corpse flower for the stink of rotting meat it emits in flower, the titan arum produces one of the largest single flowering structures in the world – ours reached 130cm and this was tiny compared to others! The dramatic structure is not actually a flower at all, but an inflorescence, comprising a central, spike-like spadix, surrounded by a frilly, funnel-shaped spathe. At its base, the spathe, really a highly modified leaf, forms a

protective chamber enclosing thousands of actual flowers. These are arranged in rings; the lower rings of female flowers open on the first night of full flowering and the upper rings of male flowers open on the second night.

When the female flowers are ready for pollination, the spadix heats up through a series of chemical reactions - a process known as thermogenesis. As night falls, temperatures in the middle of the structure can reach 40°C, which is higher than human body temperature. The heat helps to distribute sulphurous compounds - the atrocious stench for which it is famous - across vast distances to lure its pollinators, thought to be carrion beetles and blow flies. With the help of volcanologist Dr Clive Oppenheimer and his phenomenal thermal imaging camera, we were able to record the titan arum heating up over the course of its two-night flowering and a sequence of remarkable images clearly shows the spadix heating up from the tip downwards, rather like a Star Wars lightsaber but in reverse!

This ability to self-generate heat is not unique to the titan arum but is seen in quite a number of plants. Heating up helps the plant to disperse the smells (chemical compounds) and it may also help cold-blooded insect pollinators get up to operating temperature. Our Santa Cruz waterlily in the Tropical Wetlands house also heats up to release its pineapple scent to lure in pollen beetles.

The Botanic Garden is open in Sept 10-6, Oct 10-5 and Nov -Dec 10-4. Admission charges to the Botanic Garden are as follows: - Adult: £5.00, adult Gift aid £5.50. Concession: £4.50, Gift aid concession £4.95. Please visit the website for details at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk.

VILLAGE MATTERS



COFFEE/TEA AND CAKES IN THE VILLAGE HALL THURSDAY MORNINGS 10.30am – 12.00noon Everyone welcome

If you haven't been before - or are new to the village - please come along and introduce yourself. Great home-made cakes, tea, coffee, and chat are all on offer! Coffee mornings are hosted each week by different village organisations, including the Methodist and Parish Churches, the School and Village Association, the Art Group, the Friendship Club, the village Primary School, Little Owl (the village's pre-school) and the Village Hall Committee.

If you would like to host a morning, bake a cake, help with serving, or require any other information, please contact Anne Deane on 01954 789622 or Lois Clark on 01954 780893.

Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick Community Car Scheme

If you need a lift for medical, dental or essential social purposes such as shopping, hairdressing, visiting relatives etc do please ring one of the co-ordinators listed below. Please try to give 48 hours notice if possible and only leave an ansaphone message on one phone line as otherwise it confuses co-ordinators and might mean two lifts or more get booked.

The co-ordinators are:

Marian Gibbens	Tel: 01954 211709
Hazel Swindells	Tel. 01954 212998
Lizzie Coe	Tel. 01954 211838
Gillian Stott	Tel. 01954 210942

For emergencies please try all numbers. (If no success with any of these - for emergencies ONLY - try Sheila Stephenson on 01954 210638. Please do not leave ansaphone messages for emergencies except with Sheila.)

The above co-ordinators will link you with a driver who will come and pick you up at an agreed time, take you to your destination and deliver you home. All the drivers are volunteers and are only reimbursed for their petrol. Thus for each run to Comberton or Bourn the passenger pays the driver £3.50. For all other runs the passenger pays the driver 30p per mile of the journey. The mileage is calculated from the driver's front door to the destination and back again. Currently when the mileage is submitted to the County Council by our treasurer (roughly every six months) Cambridgeshire County Council reimburse the drivers an additional 15p per mile for the mileage they have driven. This is one of the reasons we need plenty of drivers so that the passenger can ideally be near to where the driver lives, thus cutting costs. All drivers are DBS (originally CRB) checked at no cost to themselves.

Good news!

As the result of recent publicity in the Hardwick Happenings several new drivers have come forward offering to help. This is a fantastic response and they have all now been DBS checked. We are very very grateful to them.

What we need now is a similar response for drivers from Caldecote and Dry Drayton - as stated above - to keep driver's and passenger costs as low as possible.

Regardless, we always need more drivers! As said everyone helping with the scheme is a volunteer, usually with their own busy lives or work, and the more volunteers we have the easier it is to match up times of lifts and nearness of pick- up places.

Thank you so much to all those who have volunteered in Hardwick, particularly in response to our recent urgent plea. And to those still thinking about it in Hardwick, Dry Drayton or Caldecote do please come forward. Passengers are always so grateful and your help makes things so much better for everyone.

If you can help in any way please contact Sheila Stephenson on 01954 210638 or email to sheila1pc@yahoo.co.uk. I look forwards very much to hearing.

Important further notes

Our annual coffee morning in Caldecote Village Hall was held in July and was as successful as ever. Care Network (the charity which oversees us) was there, plus representatives from Ascrip Pharmacy. Both came and gave brief talks. Caldecote Book Club came and did their popular book stall again and kindly gave us the proceeds and the Hardwick Scout and Guide Hut Appeal brought gifts and cards for sale. Altogether the coffee morning raised £138.50 which is a huge help to the running of the scheme.

Organising it all was a big team effort. Marian Gibbens did the lion's share this year with a lot of crucial helpers. Anne Jones did an entertaining short talk about the scheme and the lively raffle and Anne MacLachlan did an amazing job occupying the children with icing cup cakes. And Hazel organised getting our passengers there and back home again which involved the drivers.

And it is not only a big thank you to all of our helpers – but to the Open doors Coffee morning team for offering us a morning. Without their help in setting up/coffee making and clearing up afterwards we would have found it very hard to do so much. We are very grateful to them.

Finally we end on a very sad note.

Sadly two of our helpers have suddenly died. Peggy Hood was living in Caldecote and was helping with the co-ordinating. Sarah Hefferon was living in Dry Drayton and helping with the driving. We are very grateful to them both for the help they have both given and our sincere sympathy goes to both families in their sudden loss.

Sheila Stephenson



A colourful month of autumn activities with Cambridge Past, Present and Future



***Fungal Foray at Wandlebury Country Park
Saturday 17 October: 11.30am to 1.00pm***

This event provides a chance for adults to take a guided stroll around Wandlebury Park and hear from an expert all about the fascinating array of fungi that thrives at this time of year. Fungi identification is an essential skill that requires many years of experience, so book a place soon and make sure you take advantage of this opportunity to hear from those in the know.

NB: For adults only. £4 (£3 for members). Booking is essential for this event.

Directions: Wandlebury Country Park is on the A1307, 2.5km south of the Addenbrooke's roundabout. CB22 3AE. Parking is available on site and costs £3 per vehicle, free to members all year round.

For more information: email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Late Autumn Walk and Views

Saturday 24 October: 10am start

Join the CambridgePPF team on a guided two and a half hour walk around Coton Countryside Reserve to take in the best sights and views of Cambridge as the foliage starts on its colourful transition to winter. Bring along your camera as there will certainly be great opportunities for shots – the reserve boasts some of the most scenic views over this part of Cambridgeshire, and you'll pinch yourself if you miss them.

NB: Be sure to book. Meet at Martin car park, Grantchester Road, where there is free parking, at 10am prompt. This is a free event but if you take part a donation would be greatly appreciated – the charity is currently fundraising for a compost toilet to be installed on the site.

Directions: Approach the reserve along Grantchester Road, just under a mile from the M11/Barton Road junction and you'll see the car park on your right hand side. CB23 7PZ. OS grid reference TL 414 577 GB.

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October Children's Half-Term Activities at Wandlebury Country Park

This October we have a range of interesting and exciting half-term break activities for children – including an unaccompanied session on Friday 30 October where the team will look after your children for the day.

Awesome Autumn

Tuesday 27 October: 10am to 12noon

Bring the children to Wandlebury for an exciting morning exploring the park and finding out how wildlife prepares for winter here. Afterwards, head to the Stable Rooms and get creative for an art session with the wonderful autumnal colours. Bring a drink and a snack and dress for being outside and all weathers! Why not stay for an autumnal picnic and explore the Country Park afterwards?

NB: For children ages 5+. Children must remain accompanied throughout this event. £6.50 per child (members £5), adults free. Places are limited and must be booked and paid for in advance. Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

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Spiders!

Wednesday 28 October: 10am to 12noon

It's spider season at Wandlebury! You'll have to be quick to hunt out these eight-legged creatures who weave their beautiful silk homes all around the park – the team will be on hand to point you in the right direction and teach you important spider facts. Then use what you've learned to create spider-inspired arts and crafts. Bring a drink and a snack and dress for being outside. Why not stay for an autumn picnic and explore the Country Park afterwards?

NB: This activity is recommended for children aged 5+ and all children must remain accompanied by an adult throughout the event. £6.50 per child (members £5), adults free. Places must be booked and paid for in advance. Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

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Founded as Cambridge Preservation Society in 1928, CambridgePPF is a registered charity campaigning to keep Cambridge and its surroundings special by positively influencing planning developments, delivering environmental education and managing the green spaces and historic buildings in its care. Its diverse property portfolio includes Wandlebury Country Park and its Iron Age Hill Fort; Coton Countryside Reserve; Barnwell Leper Chapel; Bourn Windmill, Hinxton Watermill plus various wildlife sites and historic buildings. Key achievements include protecting sites such as Grantchester Meadows, the Gog Magog Hills and Wandlebury Estate from development and helping to establish the Cambridge Green Belt in the 1960s. CambridgePPF has a growing membership, which makes a vital contribution to the cost of conserving, managing and developing its sites. With its HQ at Wandlebury, the charity has a mix of busy full and part-time staff and is run by a Board of Trustees together with Advisory Committees staffed by dedicated volunteers. For more information about the charity and benefits of membership: www.cambridgeppf.org

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MEET HEIDI ALLEN, MP FOR SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The second week of September signalled the return to Westminster's ways for South Cambridgeshire's Heidi Allen as Parliament returned from its summer recess. In the weeks leading up to the return, Heidi found herself walking the wards at Addenbrooke's, on the beat with Cambridgeshire's finest, out with paramedics as an Ambulance observer and settling down for a cup of tea with a truly amazing constituent. Keen to experience the daily work of the staff at Addenbrooke's hospital Heidi visited on a number of occasions. She spent an afternoon with nurses on wards caring for the elderly and at the other end of the spectrum, joined consultants on a Friday evening in A&E and intensive care. A shift with paramedics helped Heidi to understand how the services interact and the conflicting pressures they face.

Friday 21 August was a night to remember for Heidi as she made the move from the wards to the cells, out and about with Cambridgeshire constabulary. Experiencing the custody suite at Parkside station towards the end of the shift Heidi had a window into the world that many of us fortunately never have to look through. Speaking afterwards, Heidi said "I was truly humbled by the work that our emergency services do. I saw things I never thought I would, and frankly I take my hat off to our police, paramedics and doctors and nurses. I couldn't do what they do, and they deserve our utmost respect. Real life heroes; all I can say is thank you."

On Friday 4 September, Heidi was able to take part in the celebration of the opening of Dry Drayton School's new buildings and a very special constituent of Heidi's celebrated his 97th Birthday. Heidi had the pleasure of being invited to tea with the birthday boy himself, the remarkable Frank Burton. One of only a handful of survivors from the first naval battle of WW2, Battle of the River Plate, Frank and Heidi enjoyed a cup of tea and a biscuit while Frank reminisced about his days in the navy, and more importantly his prize winning vegetables.

Describing her meeting with Frank as one of the best parts of her job, an honour, and the least Heidi could do to say thank you for Frank's kind messages before and after the election.

The first week back was also the chance for a first visit to Parliament for some of Heidi's younger constituents. Pupils from Newton Community Primary School had the chance to go on a tour of the Houses of Parliament and meet Heidi. Who knows, some might return as MPs one day!

If you would like to contact Heidi about an issue, book a surgery appointment or find out what else she has been up to, visit her website www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk , email: heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or telephone 01954 212707.

Upcoming surgery dates are:

Friday 18 September 4pm Bassingbourn

Friday 9 October 3pm Longstanton



NEXT 2nd HAND COLLECTION THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2015!

The next Bag2School collection in aid of the School & Village Association will take place during the morning of **Thursday 8th October**. Good quality second-hand adults' and children's clothing, shoes, bags, hand-bags, belts, hats, ties, scarves, jewellery, lingerie and soft toys are all wanted. However, Bag2School have made it clear that they no longer accept any of the following:-

- Pillows and cushions
- Duvets, bedding, blankets, household linen
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Curtains
- Towels
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms
- Corporate clothing and workwear

- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please remember – the heavier the bags the better, as Bag2School pay us per kilo! As before, bags will be delivered through your door, but any kind of bag can be used. Please bring them all – big and small – to the School, or leave them outside the Village Hall, as early in the morning as you can. Collection may also be possible if you are unable to deliver.

Another collection is being planned for March/April 2016.

Please contact Anne Deane on 01954 789622 or 07718 305141 for more information or to discuss collection.

Very many thanks!



We have had some changes during September at The Black Horse.

The first change was that we sadly said good bye to our resident chef Daniel. He had been with us for 3 and a half years and had greatly helped to grow and improve our business. Daniel decided he needed to spend more quality time with his young children by working less unsociable hours. We gave Daniel our blessing and wished him well.

The good news is that we have been really lucky to find a super replacement in Michal, who is of the same high quality chef as Daniel. Come and meet him and sample some new additions to our menu.

Also new for October:

- ✓ *our "Friday Steak & Drink" night*
£14.00 per person, 8oz Rump Steak, Chips and Onion Rings plus a free drink, a pint of beer or a glass of house wine.
- ✓ *Fish & Chips £11.00 per person with the same free drink offer is also still running every Thursday night.*
- ✓ *We are holding a "Charity Night" on **Saturday 17th October**. Proceeds will be donated to Cancer Research and The Sue Ryder hospice. So come along and join in the fun - we've got some brilliant raffle prizes.*