

THE VENTURE



April/May 2013

FROM THE EDITOR

Now I don't know about you but I thought it was supposed to be Spring. If it is now Spring why was it snowing on the Spring Equinox?

I don't know who to blame for this. Is it God, Mother Nature or the melting of the ice caps? I'm sure it isn't my fault but if, when the jury is back, it is my fault I'll apologise now. I didn't mean for it to be so cold at Easter.

At the very special time of year we would like to thank all our contributors. As without you we wouldn't have a village magazine. The same can be said for our good team deliverers, without you the residents of Horseheath and Cardinals Green wouldn't have a magazine to read.

We have been approached by The Camps Review about joining forces with them. We would like to hear your comments on whether we should stay as we are or not. If you could ring or email us with your comments it would be appreciated. We will let you know the outcome when we know.

Anyway, back to reality, don't forget to let me have anything you would like included in the June/July 2013 issue please let The Editor by **16th May 2013** at the **very latest**. Articles can be emailed to: venture@horseheath.info. To advertise your business please contact the Venture Team on 01223 891086 for more details.

ALL SAINT'S CHURCH

What makes us happy?

CS Lewis said that most people are unhappy because they go through their lives doing neither what they want to do, nor what they feel they *should* do. The result of that is that they're always feeling mildly peeved - and guilty at the same time!

So how do you find happiness? One way you *don't* find it is by trying to be happy. That's like trying to overcome your hunger by thinking about eating.

The obvious way to start is to focus on doing what you love, and stopping doing what you hate. And if it helps other people, rather than harming them, you'll feel good about it.

Another thought: often we only know about happiness in retrospect. The times when we are happiest are the times when we are too busy to think about it!

All Blessings

GRAHAM†

Church Flowers and Cleaning

<u>Date</u>		<u>Cleaning and Flowers</u>
March	31	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson – EASTER - Congregation
April	7	Mrs Mayes
	14	Mrs Mayes
	21	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
	28	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
May	5	Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	12	Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	19	Dr & Mrs Morse
	26	Dr & Mrs Morse
June	2	Mrs Mizon
	9	Mrs Mizon
	16	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	23	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	30	Mrs Mayes
July	7	Mrs Mayes



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HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting was held on Monday 11th March in the Village Hall. In attendance were the Parish Clerk Bernard Yallop, County Councillor John Batchelor, District Councillor Richard Barrett, Roger Hickford, Chairman of the A1307 Action Group and one parishioner.

District Council News

Richard Barrett told us that Council tax will rise by 4.3%, more than double the suggest limit but allowed under a special dispensation by the Government. This apparently side-steps the proposed referendum for rises above 2%. However South Cambs remain as the 7th lowest region in the Country.

County Council News

John Batchelor reported that the County budget had been pegged to a 1.99% increase. The reduced budgets have led to further job losses, which will inevitably affect services. BT has been awarded the contract to provide super-fast broadband to our area with speeds of 2-20Mb, which is lower than previous estimates. We will investigate other delivery methods.

Parish Council Precept

We have increased our precept request, the amount of money we get from the District Council, by £2,500 to a total of £10,200. This is to start a fund for the road modification to help the speeding problem in the village. We are acutely aware of the need to limit expenditure, particularly at this time, but feel that this is a vital issue that has wide support in the village, with no objections received to the plans or the proposed expense at the public consultation meeting last summer. This increase adds just £10pa for Band D house. Our amount per head keeps us in the lowest 40% in the County.

Affordable Housing

The plans for the three dwellings in Audley Way have now been approved by the planners. The revised plans include some minor changes to the positioning and detailing of the buildings.

Speeding

We still have not heard about our grant request, with John Batchelor warning us not to expect too much and to expect delays even when if the scheme is agreed.

Commemorative stone in Church wall

We continue to collect donations for renovating the stone and will fix a date once all the funding is in place. If anyone wishes to contribute please let me know.

Trees

The Jubilee Oak was mortally damaged by careless strimmers when the District Council last cut the verges. It has now been replaced with another from Sandringham with the addition of a commemorative plaque.

Annual Parish Meeting

The date has been set for Friday 26th April at 7.30pm in The Village Hall. Once again it will be sharing the evening with the Village Hall Annual Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting is not a Parish Council meeting – our only responsibility is to set the date. So do come along to have your say on any village matter, find out what's happening , have a drink and, this year, join in a quiz.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13th May 2013 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Stuart Miller, Chairman
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1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

By the time you read this we will have been away as a unit to the Jarman Centre in Newmarket. The weather wasn't too bad and we managed to complete the Gingerbread Challenge as well as parts of the Jarman Centre 25th Birthday Challenge and Anglia 13 Challenge. Did you know you can get over 15 Brownies in a small 2-man tent!

We have also enrolled Morgan, Eowyn, Olivia and Serena into the unit. If you have a little girl living in your house who is 7 years old and she would like to try Brownies then you need to register her on our dedicated Join Us site - www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested - where all new enquiries from both girls and volunteers are now made.

At our Annual District Thinking Day celebrations on 24 February, Christine was presented with a Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East County Brooch. It was a surprise to both of us, yes even I didn't know. She was chosen to receive this award for the long service she has given to Horseheath Brownies, over 30 years.

During the Summer term we will be going on a Sunflower Safari to Scotsdales Garden Centre where the girls will be completing their Gardener badge. We will be attending the District Campfire in May and Strawberry Evening in July. What a busy few months we have planned.

As mentioned above, if you would like to put your daughter on our waiting list you will need to register at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested but if you would like more information on what we do then please drop me an email.

PAULINE AKA BARNEY
E: brownies@horseheath.info

A604 CLUB

We held out AGM on Wednesday 13th March. The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and for keeping the Club going.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions are currently vacant but in the meantime Mary Buckle will 'hold the fort' as Chairman until such time as someone come forward for the position. Christine Newman is continuing as Treasurer/Secretary, Mary will continue as the Raffle Queen and Heather Mizon and Jean Brown will continue as the refreshment team.

We are only a small club so it falls onto just a few people to keep it going. By the time you read this we will have had Peter Jackson from Scotsdales visit us to give a very interest talk on Spring and Summer planting for our gardens and at the end of the afternoon, he sold off the plants. Other interesting speakers already booked are Andrew Westwood Bates with a film on Farming, Val Spencer, a retired District Nurse and Phyllis Baptie on the History of Jewellery and gems. We also have our popular Fish & Chip Lunch planned plus a return trip to Scotsdales for lunch.

Our meetings are from 2.30pm on alternate Wednesday's, next meeting is 10 April, if you would be interested in popping along to give us a try but need more information please contact Don on 893428 or Christine on 891086.

CHRISTINE

CASTLE CAMPS C OF E (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The cold start to the year has continued and it has only recently begun to give way to brighter, warmer days. We have not sown any seeds in our greenhouse and we have only just started to use the field for games again. We hope to grow more vegetables and fruit than last year and if you are interested in lending a hand please contact the School Office!

As part of the topic this term "Lights, Camera, Action" the whole of Key Stage 2; 70 children, staff and many parents had an educational trip to the Warner Bros. Studios in Levesden near Watford to see "The Making of Harry Potter". The cold weather could not dampen their spirits and everyone came back bursting with smiles and tales to tell! The adults as well as the children gushed with enthusiasm. To carry on the topic the children have now become film makers and are busy making 'stop gap animations' (Wallace & Gromit type videos). Keep your eyes open for their efforts, we will put some on the website www.castlecampsschool.co.uk

Our younger children have been visiting our village Churches. Classes 1 and 2 went to look around the United Reform Church in the High Street, while Classes 2 and 4 walked to All Saints' Church, sitting all by itself along Church Lane. They enjoyed looking at similarities and differences. The present school is actually sited at Camps Green according to old maps.

During Lent we have asked the children to give up 'time', give their time and share it with the younger children at school or to help more at home, without being asked. We enjoyed Red Nose day with lots of red on show as well as plenty of children "doing something funny"! The school appeared to have a lot of pirates, mainly adults, leading the school. All in all a great day was had by all!

Remember, if you would like to visit the school or join us for dinner please call the School Office 01799 584270. Also, if you feel you can support us in any way please contact us, being a small school we are finding budgets tight. However, time and effort can be free! Thank you to all those in the community who do not have children or relatives at the School but still save used stamps, Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers and Nestle box tops for our School it is much appreciated.

Our Easter Service is on Wednesday 27th March 2013 at 1.45pm at All Saints Church, Horseheath.

Take care

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HORSEHEATH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Just a reminder to everyone that the Social Club and 100 Club forms are due NOW. By joining the 100 Club you have a monthly chance of winning £30.00 plus one of our big prizes drawn at either the Heyday or Christmas, all for the price of £12.00 per year. Please can you let Christine have them ASAP as the first drawer is looming on the horizon. Just pop the form and payment into her letterbox or the Post Office.

100 Club Winners

January	Margaret Staples, Horseheath	£30.00
February	Teresa Griggs, Horseheath	£30.00
March	Les Taylor, Horseheath	£30.00

Adrienne Powell, Chair HVCA

E: villagehall@Horseheath.info T:01223 891691

ADVICE FROM THE POLICE

A number of villages in South Cambridgeshire are being hit by burglaries. In light of this we give the following advice which may reduce the possibility of a burglary in your area.

- Lock away tools – spades and the like have been used to force entry
- Take keys out of locks - glass has been broken and doors unlocked using keys on offer
- Lock your side gate – buy bolts and fit them. Access is usually gained via a side gate as burglars prefer to break in at the rear of a property.
- If you have an iPad, activate the 'Find my iPad' facility (in the iCloud settings) – learn how to use it. Don't leave it on show.
- Burglaries in houses fitted with alarms are extremely rare - consider fitting one, or a dummy bell box (they cost less than £15) – IP cameras (which contact you when they detect movement and send the images) cost under £35 on eBay.
- Burglars don't like occupied houses. Consider sharing driveways and making arrangements for neighbours to put your bins back after they have been emptied on bin day. A loud radio costs nothing.
- PHONE IN SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS! If you are asking yourself 'should I call in something you have seen?' the answer is probably yes. Do it straight away. We are prioritising calls and will do our utmost to attend quickly.
- We are very interested in any sightings of a metallic Mercedes A Class not belonging to anyone in Foxton.

Burglars will often knock before entering a house to ensure no one is in. If you answer the door to someone who clearly wasn't expecting it, this is suspicious – try and see where they go from your window, even better, keep a camera to hand. Call the Police.

ADVICE FROM THE FIRE SERVICE

Put a SPRING in your step: The Fire Service has devised a simple checklist for residents to run through this Spring:

Smoke alarms – Make sure you have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home.

Practise your Home Escape Plan if a fire were to occur at night.

Ring 999 in the event of a fire – Don't attempt to tackle it yourself.

Instructions – Read safety instructions for DIY tools carefully to avoid accidents.

Never attempt complex DIY electrical wiring yourself.

Get free home fire safety advice by logging on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk.

Be hoax aware during school holidays: Making a hoax call to the emergency services is a criminal offence and we are asking residents, especially parents, to make young people aware of the consequences of making a hoax 999 call.

Diary dates: Open evening for those thinking about becoming an On-call firefighter at any station in Cambridgeshire. Monday, April 15, 7-9pm at St Ives Fire Station.

Log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Like our fan page on Facebook by searching Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, and follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 9994.

SINGING AND PIANO TUITION

Frances Howard is an established singing and piano teacher who has recently moved to the area with vacancies for new students. Working from her purpose built studio in Cardinals Green she teaches all types of singing, from classical to music theatre and pop and rock.

Frances recently moved from Cheshire where she had a strong track record of success with student exams and also in helping students to gain entry to performing arts courses. She started teaching singing some 15 years ago after gaining a BA at Keele University where she studied with Clare Hogan-Taylor. After also gaining a performers Diploma on the piano she then completed the Certificate of Teaching from the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (CTABRSM). Although Frances continues to perform as a soprano and pianist, her joy is to see young people develop and express themselves through music and performance.

For information about lessons Frances can be contacted on 01223 892001 or franjh@btinternet.com.

ARE YOU A BOTANICAL ARTIST?

We are Botanical artists working with Coloured Pencils and Watercolour and wonder if there is anybody living locally who shares our interest. We work at home alone and would like to meet with other Botanical artists to exchange ideas, compare techniques and draw together.

Is there anyone out there who would like to join an informal group to work together on a regular basis? This would be a self help group, not a class with a teacher, possibly meeting once a month, depending on how it went. If you are interested we would really like to hear from you.

Nicky Cornish Tel 01223 290203 email nicky.cornish@live.com

Vivienne Henderson Tel 01223 290243 email viviennehenderson@btinternet.com

How old was Michael Jackson when he died? What's going on in the village?



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	7	Black Bin Collection
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	9	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mizon
	10	Green and Blue Bin Collection
	15	June Revels, Meadow School, Balsham
	16	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	17	Black Bin Collection
	23	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	24	Green and Blue Bin Collection
	30	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mayes
July	1	Black Bin Collection
	7	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mayes
	8	Green and Blue Bin Collection