

# THE VENTURE



August/September 2014



## FROM THE EDITOR

Does anyone else have a problem with pigeons or is it just me. You know those sprouts I was talking about last time, well I put them outside the greenhouse to 'harden off' and the pigeons stripped them of their leaves. I was not a happy gardener I can tell you. I did try sowing some more, under an old bird cage this time, but I've yet to plant these out. As I was so annoyed I did buy some cabbage plants from Haverhill market, they seem to be coming along OK under some green netting.

The weather is being its unpredictable self again this year. Rain all last week but fine during the day on Saturday when the Brownies had their big celebration but then a thunderstorm of huge magnitude. You should have seen the parents when they collected their Brownie, they were only wet on one side when they got to the house but I bet their underwear was wet by the time they got back to the car!!

Thank you to everyone who donated their Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers to the Brownies, I've been told that they have collected just over 5,500 this year which is almost half the total collected by their District. The order has gone in and they are now awaiting delivery of the goods. They said they would let us you know what was ordered after it had arrived.

I hope you all have a good summer break wherever you happen to go on holiday. Don't forget to send me a postcard!!!

Don't forget to let me have anything you would like included in the October/November 2014 issue please let The Editor by **16 September 2014** at the **very latest**. Articles can be emailed to: [venture@horseheath.info](mailto:venture@horseheath.info). To advertise your business please contact the Venture Team on 01223 891086 for more details.

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

When we were visiting our family in Australia, we saw a sign to "The Historic Church" – so of course we went to investigate. It was a nice little building: simple, with white weather-boards. A notice board proudly proclaimed: "This Ancient Church was built in 1897"!

Many of us live in houses older than that – some of us feel older than that! - but Australia is a young country. Because their history is so short, anything connected with the past is respected and highly valued. A church over 100 years old is something to turn off the road for.

But each of our three village churches is over **600** years old! They're important parts of our heritage and our village identities - but they're still there (and in such good condition) because of the efforts of a small number of local people who love them. So, do take the trouble to have a proper look at your village church – and it is *your* church, if you live in the parish. If it's locked, contact one of the churchwardens – their numbers are in The Connection. Better still, come to one of our services. You will receive a warm welcome!

Frequently we have social events and fund-raising activities. Please take these opportunities to give your support. It's another way of being truly a part of your village community; and it's a practical way to show that you value your heritage and want to pass it on to the next generations.

Every blessings

GRAHAM†

### Church Flowers and Cleaning

<u>Date</u>		<u>Cleaning and Flowers</u>
July	27	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
August	3	Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone
	10	Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone
	17	Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler
	24	Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler
	31	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
September	7	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
	14	Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	21	Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	28	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
October	5	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	12	Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone

### **NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS'**

We have had the Builders in the Church replacing the Tower Floor which is now complete. The Bells are to be returned to the Tower on Monday 21 July so by the time you read this I am sure you will have heard their tuneful ring. The clock will once again chime on the hour between the hours of 8am and 10pm. A Service of dedication will be held but the date has yet to be arranged. Thank you all who supported this appeal.

There is no Sunday Club for children in August but will return on the 28 September at 10am followed by the Family Eucharist Service at 11am.

On 31 August there will be a 4pm Evensong Service taken by Revd. Graham Ridgwell.

Harvest Festival Service in Church on 21 September to be followed by coffee and nibbles.

We look forward to welcoming you all.

Pat & Judith  
Church Wardens

### **HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting was held on Monday 14 July in the Village Hall. In attendance were the Parish Clerk Bernard Yallop, our County Councillor Roger Hickford and our District Councillor Richard Barrett.

#### **District Council news**

SCDC face another round of cutting to try to reduce costs and are sharing certain services, such as Legal, IT and Building Control, with neighbouring councils.

The trial run of recycling textiles was not successful as the textiles got stolen from the verges before being collected.

#### **County Council news**

We await the results of the traffic survey, which used number plate recognition to record the number of vehicle and their direction - Cambridge, M11, A14, etc. Cambridgeshire County Council

are looking to share recycling centres with neighbouring counties. They have received an extra £2m for potholes from central government to add to their budget of £18m. However £300m is needed to repair the backlist of potholes.

### **School Bus incident**

A child recently ran across the road from behind the school bus outside the Post Office into the path of an oncoming car. Luckily the car managed to stop, but the driver was very shaken, while the child ran off. Will parents please remind children of the dangers – the memories of the two fatalities at the Alington Terrace junction are still very raw from just a few years ago.

### **Affordable Housing**

We now expect the three new homes to be completed by the end of August and are pleased that tenants have been selected with a clear link to Horseheath.

### **Speeding Control**

The speeding control measures detailed in previous Venture reports have been started but we do not have a finish date from the County Council.

### **Bus Shelters**

The broken window in the one on the A1307 has been reported.

### **Dog bins**

We are asking the District Council to erect and maintain a further dog bin by the kissing gate entrance to the Cricket Meadow on the Haverhill Road.

### **Churchyard trees**

The overhanging branches from the base of the Churchyard trees will be cut back to keep the path clear.

### **Broadband**

We hope to get the 'Connecting Cambridgeshire' representative to attend our September or November meeting to answer any questions about our broadband service, which is due to be upgraded in September. A reminder: to achieve the fastest reception in each household it is important to have the latest type of socket with two part front cover. If you do not have this you are advised to ask for an upgrade from BT.

### **New Councillor**

Tori McKillen has resigned due to pressure of work. We thank her for her service as a councillor particularly her role in launching the Horseheath village website and her ongoing stewardship. We have advertised for a replacement without success and will now endeavour to co-opt a new member. Please let me know if you are interested and want to know more.

### **Burial Ground access**

The County Council are considering our proposal for a lay-by by the Church allotments on West Wickham Road to serve the Parish burial ground. We need to provide this as we may not be allowed to use the churchyard as an access and we have decided to try to do this now rather than continue to put money aside into a fund.

### **Next meeting change**

There is a change of date for the September meeting, which will now be a week later on Monday **15 September** at the usual time of 7.45pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Stuart Miller, Chairman

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## **1<sup>ST</sup> HORSEHEATH BROWNIES**

We had a great District Fun Day at the Jarman Centre with Brownies from Burrough Green, Balsham and Linton. I think some parents were surprised when their Brownie arrived home with a bandage on their arm but they shouldn't have been, the activity I was running was making fake wounds and then bandaging them up. It is amazing how some Vaseline and red food colouring can look so realistic. We also attended the District Strawberry Evening in Linton with the rest of the Rainbow, Guides and Brownies from the local area.

On Saturday 12 July we joined 800 other Brownies and their Leaders at Churchill College in Cambridge for the Big Brownie Birthday Star Quest. The final event for our Centenary year. The Brownies took part in lots of activities spread through three time zones – past, present and future. In the past they tried on uniforms through the ages as well as pitching bell tents, maypole dancing and making rosebud badges. In the present they really enjoyed the pedal go-karts and bouncy castles as well as the pot-hole maze and finally in the future they learned about Guides, made aliens and also built rockets.

At our final meeting of term we enrolled Phoebe, Kitty, Elizabeth and Anna into the pack but also said goodbye to Naomi, Georgia, Michelle, Emma and Amy who are all moving onto Guides in September. We will miss them but know that they will also have a great time at Guides.

If you would like to put your daughter on our waiting list, as we will still be very full in September, please register her at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested). If you would like more information on what we do or would like to help us with a special skill you may have then please drop Sophie and I an email.

PAULINE and SOPHIE  
E: [brownies@horseheath.info](mailto:brownies@horseheath.info)

## **A604 CLUB**

The Club has had a slow couple of months due to members holidays, medical appointments or sickness

In June we had a superb lunch at Sturmer Nurseries and in July shared our favourite recipes.

Our next meeting will be on 13 August when we will be having a return trip to Sturmer Nurseries.

If anyone over the age of 50 would like to join, please get in touch with Don 01223 893428 or Mary on 01223 891025.

CHRISTINE  
Secretary/Treasurer

## HORSEHEATH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

What a wonderful evening the barn dance turned out to be, and despite the forecasted threat of rain, it stayed dry all evening, which was fantastic news for those of us manning the BBQ!!! A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped organise the evening, sold tickets, donated raffle prizes and manned the bar and so on and so forth – we couldn't put on events like these without your help and support and rest assured it is greatly appreciated! We raised a total of £900 towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

**Friday 26 September:** We have finally set the quiz night date, and come hail or high water, we promise not to change it again!! Pop the date in your diary and get your teams together and get ready to be 'The Brains of Horseheath' – ticket prices £7.00 Price include a light supper of homemade soup and French bread.

**Saturday 1 November:** Halloween comes a day late to Horseheath this year, but to make up for it we have hired THE best disco company ever!!!! Meeting at 5.30pm for an hour's Trick or Treat around the village, we get the party started with EAP Disco's at the Village Hall from 6.30pm – Ticket prices are £3.50 per child: Price includes a hotdog. To book your tickets please get in touch with any of your committee members or email [Villagehall@Horseheath.info](mailto:Villagehall@Horseheath.info). *Please note parents are required to accompany their children for the evening at no extra cost (Bar will be open!).*

**Saturday 15 November:** Later this year we are hosting our supper evening and this time we have chosen to go all things Greek - menus are being planned as we speak and tickets are already sold – if you are interested in booking your spot at the Greek Table, please get in touch – [villagehall@horseheath.info](mailto:villagehall@horseheath.info) or contact your nearest committee member!

**Saturday 6 December:** The now-annual Christmas market come to Horseheath again – in addition to the stalls, mince pies and mulled wine, this year we welcome Santa in his Grotto accompanied by his favourite elf (bags not me!) – keep your eyes peeled for more information – if you are interested in hosting a stall please get in touch!!

And that concludes our diary for 2014!!! If you are interested in joining us, drop us a line or have a natter with one of the committee members, we are always looking for fresh input and ideas!

### 100 Club Winners

April:	Kevin Meeks	£30.00
May:	Emma Hilson	£30.00
June:	Pat Smith	£30.00
Barn Dance:	Sheila Rowe	£100.00
July:	Frances Howard	£30.00

Adrienne Powell

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## CASTLE CAMPS C OF E (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We have come to the end of another exciting and eventful year at Castle Camps. Since September, the children have worked with energy, determination and enthusiasm and it has been a pleasure, as the new Headteacher, to witness how every child has excelled as the year has progressed. We are extremely proud of all our children and grateful for the positive role their families, the wider community and parish play in shaping their lives.

This year has been particularly successful in terms of the school's results. While we appreciate that "*achievement*" in the truest sense is far broader than just academic success, we also feel that the outstanding effort and high levels of attainment demonstrated by our children should be celebrated. I am delighted to report that 70% of our Reception children have scored a Good Level of Development in their end of year assessments. This is significantly above the county and national averages and an increase on last year's levels. 100% of children achieved the pass mark in the Year 1 Phonics Screening and in Year 2 all the children reached or exceeded national expectations in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science. In Year 6, 100% of children achieved the national expectation of Level 4 in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG), Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Many children exceeded this level with 62.5% of children achieving Level 5 in SPAG and 68.75% in Reading. We are particularly proud of our scores in Mathematics (an OFSTED focus for us) which showed a 100% pass rate at Level 4, 50% at Level 5+ and 6.25% achieving a Level 6. These excellent results reflect what can be achieved when staff, children and parents work together. We are appreciative of everyone's contribution towards raising standards at our school and I look forward to reporting on our continued success in the future.

In my previous article, I mentioned a number of exciting events taking place during the months of June and July. The second half of the summer term has been extremely busy and has seen a number of events, visits and sports tournaments, including: the Grandparents' Tea Party; Presentation Evening (kindly organised by Mrs Wright); Year 6 transition days at Linton Village College, Castle Manor and Samuel Ward; the Year 4 Mini Olympics and Multi Sports; and the Year 5/6 residential to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire. Each event has been highly successful and we look forward to further activities in the Autumn. The warm weather has enabled us to use the swimming pool frequently over the term and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to swim as regularly as possible. We are extremely grateful to a number of our parents and grandparents for their support during the swimming lessons. This has ensured that every child is closely supervised in the pool and benefits from additional adult help. Special thanks should be passed on to Mrs Phillips and Mrs Bircher who have kindly given up their time to offer specialist swimming coaching twice a week. Their contribution has made a significant impact on the standard of swimming across the school and the children's level of confidence in the water.

We will end this term by saying "Goodbye" to our Year 6 leavers who are moving on to their new secondary schools. This will be an emotional day for all of us, especially as the majority of our Year 6 children have been at Castle Camps for 7 years since joining us in Class 1. However, we will be celebrating their achievements and remembering their special memories at our Leavers' Service at All Saints on Wednesday 23 July. You may see the children walking across the fields to church in the afternoon and this is always a particularly poignant moment when we think of all the other leavers over the years that have undertaken the same journey. I am sure you will join me in wishing the Year 6 children every success for the future.

It just remains for me, on behalf of the whole community at Castle Camps CofE Primary School, to wish you a very happy and restful summer break.

Please don't hesitate to contact me via the Office if you wish to discuss any community projects or events.

Miss Alexandra O'Connor  
Headteacher

## **WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL SHOW**

West Wickham & District Gardening Club will be holding its Annual Show in August. We hope you can be challenged into entering some exhibits or by coming and seeing how well your friends and neighbours have done. There is a wide variety of classes we hope will interest you – vegetables and fruit, cut flowers and pot plants, classes just for children, cooking & jam making and photography. There is prize money and cups to be won and a special feature this year in the domestic classes will be the WEST WICKHAM BAKE OFF, with an award for the STAR BAKER. Anyone can enter from West Wickham, Streetly End or from neighbouring parishes without Horticultural Societies of their own, so we would welcome exhibits from people living in Horseheath, Weston Colville and West Wrattling.

THE SHOW IS ON SATURDAY 16 AUGUST AT WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL, OPENING AT 2pm with the prize giving at 3pm, followed by an auction of produce. Exhibits can be brought to the hall between 9.30 and 11.30am.

Show Schedules and entry forms are available from:

Andrew Morris, 21 High Street, West Wickham, Cambridge CB21 4RY.

Tel: 01223 290863.

Email: [morrisandrew203@gmail.com](mailto:morrisandrew203@gmail.com)

### **REMEMBERED.....**

Mr Bill Goodwin, late of Bromley House, Horseheath

Mr Jimmy Blanden, late of Mount Farm, Horseheath

We send our deepest sympathy to the family of the dearly departed and we are thinking of them in our prayers.

## **CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

What lovely weather we have seen across Cambridgeshire – and long may it continue!

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service hopes you have all been staying fire safe with your latest outdoor activities, but just in case, here are our firefighters' top tips:

- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent either.
- If cooking outdoors, keep barbeques on level ground, never pour accelerant on it and use it well away from fences, sheds and foliage.
- If you are having an open fire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave.
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.

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## VILLAGE DIARY

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	22	Black bin collection
	26	Quiz Night – date to be confirmed
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	11	Craft Fair - Meadow School Balsham
	12	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone
	13	Green and Blue bin collection
November	1	Children's Halloween Disco
	15	Greek Table – Horseheath Village Hall
December	6	Christmas Market