

# THE VENTURE



June/July 2015

## FROM THE EDITOR

It's raining this morning and I'm not sad about it, for a change. The gardens need watering to encourage the seeds to germinate and the seedlings to grow into healthy strong plants. We also need it to warm up a bit too but then that will make the weeds grow and that does make me sad.

I'm not sure if you've heard or not but there is an invasion of giant gnomes in the area. Three have been spotted in Brinkley and two in Horseheath. They look quite friendly but you never can tell with gnomes, they are a strange bunch.

Since my moan in the last issue we have received some feedback, all positive I'm please to say. Many of you enjoy my ramblings at the beginnings and all say that The Venture is important for the village, it keeps as all informed of what has happened, what is going on in the village as well as what to look forward to.

We have just had the Summer Church Fete and now have the Village Heyday Fete to look forward to in a few weeks time. Don't you just love the summer.

Finally, the Brownies need all the Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers in by 10 June, so if you have any in the bottom of your bag or in a pocket can you either put them through Barney's door or in the box in the Post Office.

Don't forget to let me have anything you would like included in the August/September 2015 issue please let The Editor by **16 July 2015** 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

We had two very successful events well supported, Casa Margaritas in April was a huge success raising £325.00 for the upkeep of our Church.

Our Garden Party was once again blessed with good weather. In the grounds of Jim McCaughan's beautiful garden the Jazz band played in summer sunshine and a good afternoon was enjoyed by all raising £600.00. These events could not take place without the help of many volunteers for whom we are extremely grateful and thank you.

Other dates for your diary:

Sunday Club: 7 June, 5 July and 2 August, for children of all ages in Church 10am.

Tea and Chat: 10 June and 8 July 2.30pm to 4pm in the Church, there will be no meeting in August.

Services: 21 June and 19 July both at 10am.

The Revd Maggie Guite's Induction Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Linton on 2 July at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Enjoy your Summer time.

Pat & Judith

### Church Flowers and Cleaning

<u>Date</u>		<u>Cleaning and Flowers</u>
May	31	Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone
June	7	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
	14	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
	21	Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler
	28	Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler
July	4	Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	12	Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	19	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	26	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
August	2	Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone
	9	Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone
	16	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
	23	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
	30	Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler
September	6	Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler

## **HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting was held on Monday 11 May in the Village Hall. In attendance was the Parish Clerk Bernard Yallop.

### **Election**

As this was the Annual Parish Council meeting elections for chair and vice-chair were held. Stuart Miller was elected to continue as Chair with Denise Lindsell continuing as Vice-Chair.

### **County Councillors report**

As previously reported the A1307 has been elevated to be included in the City Deal first tranche of schemes. The City Deal will only fully fund schemes near to or within Cambridge City. To this end there is a proposal for a new Park & Ride at Fourwentways and a public transport scheme such as bus priority or guided bus from Fourwentways into the City. Good news is that the City Deal is funding a study along the whole Haverhill to Cambridge corridor, investigating all possible solutions which will include Haverhill to Fourwentways. The traffic survey conducted last year will feed valuable information into the study. The results of the study are expected in January 2016. At the most recent A1307 Steering Group there was support for a new road from Haverhill to the A11, combined with improved public transport where possible.

### **Vacancy for Parish Councillor**

We continue to seek a replacement for Christine Newman. Please get in contact with me or Stuart Miller - t: 893250, e:stuart@stuartmiller.co.uk

### **Financials**

*Annual Return* - This was signed off for submission.

*Internal Auditor* - Valerie Seekings has agreed to be our Internal Auditor again.

### **S106 money**

*(section 106 agreements between developers and local planning authorities that are negotiated as part of a condition of planning consent).*

We have 4 projects in progress:

- a planter in the playground to grow edible plants and encourage children to be responsible for growing food and eating healthily. We will install more if the first is a success
- a cover for the sandpit in the playground
- renewal of the fence by the cricket field including 2 sets of steps
- spring bulb planting in Horseheath and Cardinal's Green

A bench has been suggested near the Village Green by Pond Path along with work to tidy the hedge and clear the ditch. This will now be costed.

### **Allotment**

The vacant allotment has now been rented. We will put a waiting list link on the village website - [www.horseheath.info/the-village/allotments](http://www.horseheath.info/the-village/allotments). The broken gate is being repaired.

### **Dog Bins**

Two more have been ordered - by the kissing gate by the Cricket Field plus by the Post Box in Cardinals Green.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13 July 2015 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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## **1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES**

At the end of last term we said Goodbye to Emily, who has moved up to 1st Linton Guides and also to Saffia; at the beginning of this term we have welcomed Ella from Haverhill and India from Horseheath into the pack.

As we are now in the Summer term we have been concentrating on completing our agility badge and getting outside into the early summer sun. So far we have jogged around the cricket pitch, learnt about warm up and cool down exercises, learned how to 'French skip' and completed circuit training in the playground. We still have to master our ball skills and then that should be the badge completed.

During the second half of this term we have our Brownie Fun Day and Campfire to look forward to as well as a joint event with 1st Linton Guides. It is all go in the life of a Brownie.

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, SOPHIE, KATIE and HERA  
 E: [brownies@horseheath.info](mailto:brownies@horseheath.info)

## **A604 CLUB**

We are now holding our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

April's Speaker was Mrs Puskin Gowlett from Linton, who spoke about Linton Mill and her family connections. It used to be called Hadstock Mill and it was in 1270 but no records survive from then until 1908. The majority of our Members have connections to the Mill. Mary's uncle had worked there; Ann used to work for Mr Pollach and both Christine and Marie's fathers sold their grain there for flour making. Puskin handed round old calendars which used to be sent out to farmers and associates dating from 1912 to 1967.

In May we had Fish & Chips, delivered by Chippy's of Haverhill. We all enjoyed it and the sweets donated by Ann and Don Harvey. Thank you to Pauling for doing the washing up!

We are hoping that Peter Jackson from Scotsdales will be at our next meeting.

We are always looking for new members if you are over 50 years and interested please ring Don on 01223 893428.

CHRISTINE  
Secretary/Treasurer

## **HORSEHEATH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Woohoo! Let's start with some excellent news – on Easter Sunday morning I was sitting at my computer, munching Easter eggs and filling in Community Chest grant form on South Cambs website and I am delighted to say that all that chocolate eating paid off and the village hall has been awarded £1500 pounds towards the refurbishment of the loo's. Whilst on that subject, we also have a couple of quotes in the offing which takes us another step closer towards getting the project underway; Watch this space!

The village hall committee hosted their AGM on Weds 6 May. The committee is staying on in its entirety and in the same roles as in previous years.

Those of you who use the village hall grounds may have noticed the appearance of a new raised bed along the driveway which is soon to be filled with herbs – this was suggested and organised by Gemma Brewin and paid for by the S106 money from the Parish Council. Christine Newman and I also spent a lovely Wednesday morning in the sunshine digging out the weeds from the sandpit. I am on the lookout for some play sand to top it up ready for the summer and the village hall have purchased some buckets, spades and other sandpit toys for the children to use – please make sure they are put back in the sandpit when you have finished with them for the next children to play with!

On Friday evening we had our quiz night –5 teams took part and all had a great night... Howard's Harem won first prize with newcomer's the Cricket Club coming in a very close second. Thanks to Pauline, Sarah and Stella for keeping score and to Christine for organising the questions.

It is our Heyday next month – we are on the hunt for volunteers to help run the stalls etc on the day and for donations both financial and physical for the tombola – please look out for our letters and notes through your doors.

The Social Club is looking healthy – new members need to be published, so here we go:

Claire Baker  
Dawn Chapman  
Marian Corbett  
Joan Taylor  
Derrick Wellstead  
Kevin Wendleken

Alan Chapman  
Roger Corbett  
Steve Mattick  
Mary Walters  
Elizabeth Wellstead  
Tony Wheeler

That's all for this edition – please get in touch if you are interested in joining us

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



### Summer Term 2015

It has been another exciting and busy few months for our community at Castle Camps Primary School and it is hard to believe that the Summer Term is already drawing to a close.

### OFSTED Inspection

Just prior to the Easter holidays, we received notification that OFSTED would be inspecting our school. Following a challenging two day inspection, we were delighted to be judged as a **'Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision'**. Since the criteria for Ofsted changed in January 2015, these are even more demanding grades to achieve and we are very proud to have received such a positive evaluation. I hope you will enjoy reading the report on the school website – there are many things to celebrate.

### Key Findings from the OFSTED Inspection:

- *High expectations and a resolute commitment to raising achievement are clearly evident in the improved quality of teaching and pupils' progress, and in the high standard of their behaviour.*
- *New appointments, intensive staff training and the expectation that only good is good enough have strengthened teaching. It is regularly good and at times, outstanding.*
- *Pupils' achievement is high in both English and Mathematics.*
- *Overall results in 2014 were impressive.*
- *Pupils behave well and feel safe in school. The school's ethos promotes care and respect for one another at all times. Attendance is high.*
- *Pupils wear their uniforms with pride.*
- *Children in Early Years '-make exceptional progress'.*
- *Leadership in Early Years is 'Outstanding'*
- *The governing body carries out its statutory duties effectively. Governors bring a range of knowledge and professional experience into the school to oversee its development.*

The inspectors were extremely impressed with the children's courtesy and good manners, confirming that our Christian ethos helps to promote '-care and respect for one another at all

times.' We are always pleased when the children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is highlighted as a particular strength, as we value this so highly in our inclusive Church school.

Without the hard work, support and dedication of all members of our school community we would not have been able to achieve this fantastic outcome. Therefore, I would like to extend my deepest and most sincere thanks to our families, staff and governors for their tremendous contribution in making Castle Camps (officially) the excellent school we knew it to be. **I am extremely proud to be part of this community** and I hope all members of the parish feel a shared sense of pride at everything the school has achieved.

### **Castle Camps Open Morning**

One of the challenges we now face as a school is ensure that our pupil numbers increase so we are operating at full capacity. Therefore, we are asking all members of our community to encourage any families that are looking for a Reception place for September or considering an in-year transfer for their children, to visit Castle Camps. We will be holding an Open Morning on Friday 12 June at 9.15am and invite parents to book a place on via the School Office. Leaflets advertising the event are available from the School Office.

### **Improvements to the School Premises**

As we look forward to the end of the year there are more positive changes ahead. I have just received notification that the Local Authority will be completing the following works over the summer months:

- Replacement of old boilers and oil pipes
- Removal of mobile classroom and the creation of an extended play area for the children.

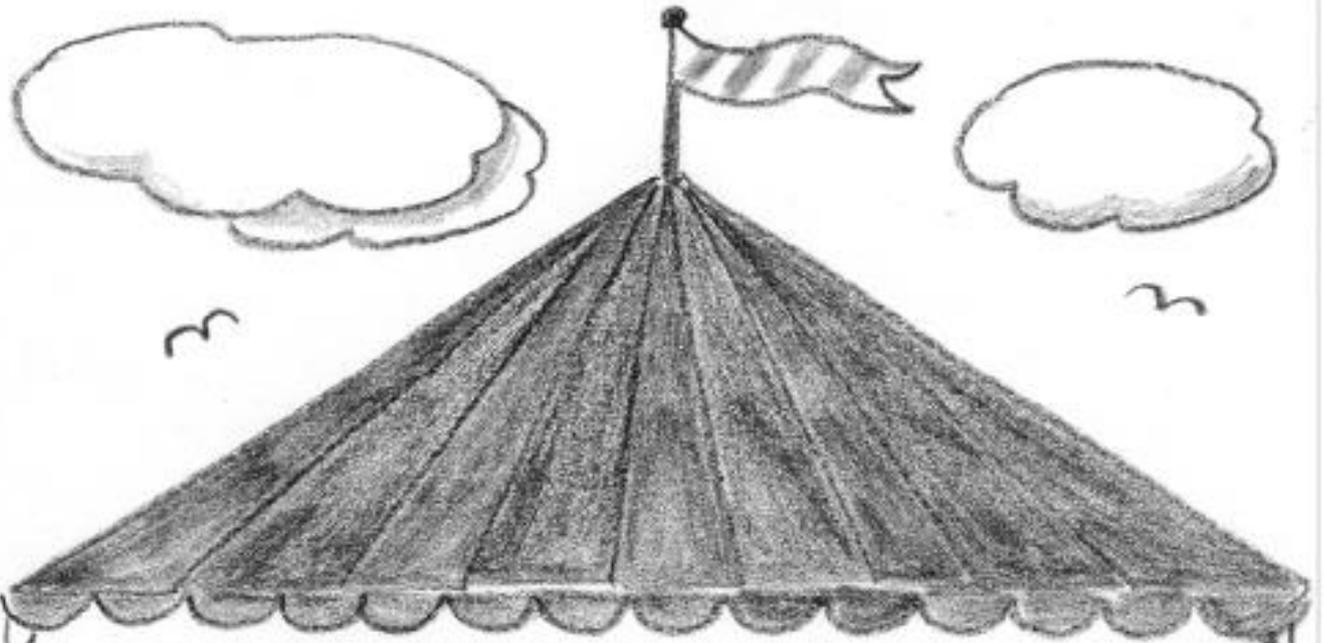
At the school's suggestion, the Local Authority is proposing to redevelop the interior of the school to create an extended Early Years Foundation Stage unit. Obviously, this is a lengthy process and we hope the village will see the many benefits this will provide for our community. Assuming the consultation runs smoothly, the provision could be ready to open in September 2016. The aim is to return the Victorian section of the school to its original purpose as a learning space and celebrate our history by making the original building part of our school life once more. I look forward to sharing our progress with you.

Please accept my very best wishes for the term ahead.

Miss Alexandra O'Connor  
Headteacher

## **LOST AND FOUND**

A white Next t-shirt, size 10 years, has been found in the Village Hall play area. Please contact a member of the Committee or Christine on 01223 891086.



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## **WEST WRATTING ARTS COLLECTIVE AUTUMN EXHIBITION 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

**CALL FOR ARTISTS:** Following last year's success, we are delighted to announce our 2015 Autumn exhibition featuring artists working in a range of media including watercolour, oils, charcoal, acrylics, linocut, fine art photography and solar plate printmaking. Venue: West Wrating Village Hall 79 High Street West Wrating. If you are interested in exhibiting with us or need more information, please contact Jan Cassidy on 01223 893818 email: [jancassidy.co.uk](mailto:jancassidy.co.uk) or Colin McCall on 01223 290046 email: [sisse.mccall@googlemail.com](mailto:sisse.mccall@googlemail.com).

## **CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

### **Think twice before jumping into water this summer**

Would you jump into a river, lake or any other open waterway on a hot sunny day? Do you know what hazards lie beneath the water? Or how cold the water is?

Your fire service has pledged to deliver water safety education to every school in Cambridgeshire following the tragic death of a teenage boy last summer.

But there is only so much we can do and we're calling on parents, carers and peers to talk each other about water safety.

Some things to remember:

- You do not know what hazards lie beneath the surface of rivers, lakes, canals, etc.
- Strong undercurrents can be tough to conquer, even if you know how to swim
- Cambridgeshire's waterways are cold – even on the hottest days of the year – and this has a dramatic effect on your body's ability to swim and get yourself out of trouble, should you get stuck.
- If someone is in trouble, call 999 immediately. Do not hesitate to call the emergency services and give clear details of your location.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk). Find us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Call 01480 444500 for enquiries.

## **LINTON NETBALL CLUB**

Linton Netball Club are excited to announce the opening of a new youth section to their club. This section is for girls of all abilities in school years 9 to 11.

This is a great opportunity for this age group to train together locally and play matches in a league. Training will be led by a qualified level 2 netball coach.

Training will start on Monday 11 May and will be each Monday (term time only) 6.30 to 7.30pm on the outside courts at Linton Village College. The cost for the junior sessions will be £2.50 per week, paid termly.

If your daughter is interested in coming along for a **free** first session or if you are interested in our Adult club also on Mondays 7.30-8.30pm then please contact Bridget Savill on 07972 598668 or Angela Bridgeman on 07729 879300.

## **UPON THE ORIGIN OF THE FAECES!**

I love the freedom of solitary Walks,  
Splashing and splashing down muddy tracks.  
Its heaven just pondering.... where nobody talks,  
Staring at cows, and farmyard stacks!

I adore Hare Wood shrouded in morning mist,  
Icicles clinging to a rusty wire.  
Numerous scenes so hard to resist,  
All very close to my Hearts desire.

Sometimes I climb over a stile or Gate,  
Looking over my shoulder at a tangerine Sun.  
Contemplating the World in its peaceful State  
Marvelling at the patchwork of beige and Dun.

To stand alone on Hanging Hill,  
The wind in my face upon the Roman Road....  
Is quite simply the greatest thrill.....  
....until I see on the track a discharged "Load!" .....

.....Am I alone among our biped Species,  
Is it just Me who can't see the wood for the trees?  
Am I wrong to condemn the "unclaimed" faeces  
Which somehow detracts from the Birds and Bees!

.....Heaven knows I have no personal grudge,  
This is no crusade against your canine Friend.....  
My only beef is the unsightly smudge,  
Excreted, and deposited from their "bottom end!"

I don't mind farm manure.....  
.....getting my boots muddy and soiled,  
Its only "poo" I find sticky and smelly.  
Upon arriving home its as if my walk has been spoiled  
.....having to scrape the sole of my Dunlop welly!

Many friends of mine own dogs or Cats;  
Goldfish and budgies are favourites too;  
I much prefer them to snakes or Rats...  
.....though I've yet to step in "python" poo!

I abhor those who adopt a "moral tone;"  
Poking their nose in a neighbours personal Affair.  
....Yet.....Surely I'm not completely alone,  
I know there must be others,.... "Who really Care!"

I have huge respect for those who walk dogs on Leads.  
God Bless your little "bitch in pup."  
You know better than I, about their "special needs"..  
....that's why its the right thing to "pick your dog poo Up!"

~~~~~

Paul Banks, Horseheath.....prompted by....Mr Jack Russell, Barking!.....

A short "Paws" for further thought:

Can I add that my poetic musings are not aimed at any one individual. This is most certainly not a personal vendetta!....Heaven knows I have no desire to put my "other foot in It!" ....so to speak!

Finally, I am happy to balance my seemingly, subjective view, by acknowledging those model Dog owners who follow the Countryside Code perfectly, and who regularly clean up behind them. A huge "thank-you" for your sensitive regard for our beautiful tracks, by-ways etc which intrinsically add so much character to our charming village, and also for respecting the rights of others who are unfortunate enough not to have the companionship of a dearly loved four legged friend!

PJB....

## **RECONNECT HAVERHILL TO CAMBRIDGE BY RAIL**

Do you want a bigger, wider A1307? Do you want a new road? Do you want a guided bus?

If your answer to these questions is "NO" then please support our campaign!

More than 28,000 people from Haverhill, 4,000 in Linton, 7,000 in Sawston and hundreds more residents in communities like yours in between are deprived of a RAILWAY, which would like into the National Rail network, safely, at speed and kinder to the environment.

Rail is a valued means of commuting to work or leisure, for holidays or visiting relative throughout Great Britain and beyond, increasing our quality of life overall.

Please sign our petition to support the re-opening of the railway at [www.railhaverhill.org.uk/petition](http://www.railhaverhill.org.uk/petition). We can also be found on Facebook (Campaign for a Haverhill Railway, C2CRP) and Twitter (RailHaverhill). Alternatively you can contact our Secretary David Edwards on [davidedwards@phonecoop.coop](mailto:davidedwards@phonecoop.coop).



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## WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Many thanks to all of you who donated plants for our Plant Sale on Saturday 16 May and a special thank you to everybody who came along and bought them. West Wickham Village Hall was full-to-bursting with vegetable and flower plants. We made £679, a record for the Club, which will help enormously in paying for our speakers next year. The annual Plant Sale is our only source of income apart from our minimal subscriptions and small groups such as ours fight to survive in these days of ever increasing prices.

We are West Wickham and DISTRICT Gardening Club which means we are also there for residents of outlying villages. Your support at our Plant Sale and Annual Show would be so welcome, even if you cannot find time to join as a member. Indeed, should you wish to come to one of our talks please do so as a welcome visitor.

We now look forward to two evening private garden visits - Dip on the Hill, Ousden on Monday 22 June and Cobbs Hall, Great Saxham on Monday 13 July followed by our Annual Show on Saturday 15 August. Our autumn programme of talks can be found at <http://westwickham.org/clubs/west-wickham-district-gardening-club/>

For further information ring Rosemary Yallop on 01799 584262



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## VILLAGE DIARY

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|-----------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May       | 26 | Black bin collection                                                                                                                                                             |
|           | 31 | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone                                                                                                                         |
| June      | 1  | Green and Blue bin collection                                                                                                                                                    |
|           | 3  | A604 Club                                                                                                                                                                        |
|           | 7  | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley<br>Sunday Club, Horseheath Church, 10am                                                                                     |
|           | 8  | Black bin collection                                                                                                                                                             |
|           | 10 | Tea & Chat, Horseheath Village Hall, 2.30-4pm                                                                                                                                    |
|           | 13 | The Meadow School June Revels                                                                                                                                                    |
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|           | 29 | Green and Blue Bin collection                                                                                                                                                    |
| July      | 2  | Induction Service for Revd Maggie Guite, 7.30pm St Mary's Church, Linton                                                                                                         |
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| September | 13 | Village Hall Treasurer Hunt                                                                                                                                                      |
|           | 26 | Curry Night at Horseheath Village Hall                                                                                                                                           |