

THE VENTURE



August/September 2015

FROM THE EDITOR

How are your onions growing? I've had to pull mine up as they've started to get white rot and I know that if I don't then whole crop will have to be chucked out.

Other crops haven't fared too well either. The runner beans are taking forever to climb the poles so I don't think we'll be getting many beans there. The carrots are also taking their time in growing too.

I visited a garden in Castle Camps last week and was very jealous as their beans plants were big and bushy and full of flower. There was even a bean on there 10 inches long, I nearly picked it.

The school holidays will be in full swing by the time this issue comes out, I don't know about you but I do love a trip to the seaside. Which is your favourite place? Something classic like Southwold or something with all the razzmatazz of Great Yarmouth or Clacton on Sea.

I hope you all enjoy your Summer and I'll see you on the other side when we we'll start the countdown to Christmas.

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

During July a new Clock Cabinet replaced the old one having been attacked by Woodworm and dismantled to make way for the Bells to be descended from the Tower. We are very grateful for the design by our architect and the splendid workmanship of local carpenter Bernard Polley. Should you wish to take a look and are able to climb up to the Tower then come along to the Church on Saturday 12 September from 10am. to 6pm.

Minor works required in our Quinquennial have been completed by Richard Campbell and we thank you all.

Tea and Chat: 9 and 30 September in Church 2.30 to 4pm, all welcome

Sunday Club: 2 August and 6 September 10am – Children all ages welcome

Enjoy your Summer time.

Pat & Judith

Church Flowers and Cleaning

<u>Date</u>		<u>Cleaning and Flowers</u>
July	19	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	26	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
August	2	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
	9	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
	16	Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone
	23	Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone
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	13	Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
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	27	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
October	4	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson

HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting was held on Monday 13 July in the Village Hall. In attendance were the Parish Clerk Bernard Yallop, our District Councillor Andrew Fraser, our County Councillor Roger Hickford and 5 parishioners.

County Council news

The 'Local Highways Initiative' for 2015-2031 is being reviewed, however the funding will be the same and new applications will be invited by the end of October. We were turned down last year when we applied for a new layby on the West Wickham Road to serve the Parish Burial Ground, so will apply again.

District Council news

The inspector has not approved the South Cambs Local plan up to 2031 and approval is now expected by the end of the year.

Maintenance

- The broken gate by the speed limit sign at the entrance to the village from Streetly End has been replaced. The Horseheath name sign is still to follow.
- The damage to the speeding control up near The Red Lion has been reported.
- The allotment gate has been mended.

S106 money

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

A planter has been installed in the playground to grow edible plants and encourage children to be responsible for growing food and eating healthily. A big thank you to Gemma Brewin at School House for organising this.

We now have a planting plan for the spring bulbs and are looking for volunteers to plant around the village in the autumn - please contact Anita de Klerk, whose details are in the list below.

Buses

We have had a complaint about buses from Cambridge not stopping at the correct position of the request bus stop near the cricket field and will be taking this up with Stagecoach.

New Parish Councillor

We are very pleased that Rachel Paintin has agreed to join us to replace Christine Newman. She lives on the Linton Road up near the pub.

New Parish Council contact details:

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Parish Clerk: Dr. Bernard Yallop T: 01799 584262 E: bernardyallop@tiscali.co.uk

Parish clerk vacancy

Bernard Yallop has decided to step down as our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer after 17 years service. He has been a great support to us all and we thank him for keeping us ticking over without problems, coping with the extras demanded by the Government and improving all our paperwork, particularly our annual audit return. We are looking for a replacement and would like to hear from anyone who is happy to work an average of 4 hours a week. The pay is £9.00-£12.00 an hour depending on experience, however no specific experience or education is essential, apart from basic computer skills, and training is available. Please contact me or any Parish Councillor if you'd like to hear more.

The next meeting will be on Monday September 14 2015 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Stuart Miller, Chair

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1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

We have now finished for the Summer term but what an actioned packed term it was. We held a Promise ceremony for Ella and India, at the same time we also said 'Goodbye' to Mollie, Natasha, Sorrel, Susanna, Lily and Hermione who are all 10 years old and will be starting Guides in September, hopefully. We also said Goodbye to Helena who is moving to Balsham Brownies in September and also to Ellie who now has other commitments on a Wednesday.

During this term we continued with our Agility badge by mastering ball skills, we did this in different ways so the girls had fun. We had a great time at the Brownie Fun Day where all the activities were based on America as the day was held on Independence Day. The activities varied from cooking pancakes on a campfire to baseball, making funky foam badges to dream catchers. They also had to look for items in the wooded area whilst making animal noises. It was funny hearing the Brownies getting more and more excited.

We also had a great Campfire with 1st Linton Guides. The girls all arrived with either an animal mask or their faces painted as an animal from Nepal. The girls all paid a donation and £80.00 has been sent to Nepal Disaster Relief fund.

We start back on 9 September for another exciting year with at least three new Brownies starting. 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. 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

A604 CLUB

Our June meeting was a Bring and Buy, the supply of scones, sponges, marmalade, plants and chutney were bought by our enthusiastic members.

Our July speaker, Peter Jackson from Scotsdales, had to cancel his visit as he was going into hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery. We were unable to get another speaker at such short notice so we enjoyed some games of bingo. Four of our members are going to the Castle Camps Good Companion's Birthday Party on Thursday 23 July.

In September Chris Morse is giving us a slideshow about one of his many trips "down under", we are all looking forward to that.

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

On behalf of the village hall committee I would like to say a massive **thank you** to everyone who donated money, time and goodies for our 2015 Heyday ... as always we were absolutely blown away by your generosity and hope that you enjoyed the day as much as we did. Despite the efforts of the Great British weather we raised just over £1000 which will be put towards the refurbishment of the toilet facilities (to be referred to as the loos!)

Speaking of the loo's – if you weren't already aware they are finally in the middle of being refurbished! Nin Bickerton and his team put forward an agreeable quote and started work in mid-July... so when we re-open the Village Hall after the summer break we will have brand spanking new loos: we are thinking of having a new-loo's party to celebrate – perhaps this could be the new 'thing!'

The Village Hall reopens at the beginning of September playing host to the A604 Club on the first Wednesday of the month, Su Matthew's Pilates classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Becca Harrison's Yoga classes on Mondays, Art Classes, Band Practice, Brownies to name but a

few – plus our very own Village Hall events... despite the busy schedule we are always available for weekend parties and weekday daytimes for other bookings... please bear us in mind if you have a meeting needing a venue, a course without a home, or birthday party looking for a home!

After several years Sharon and Simon Solanki have finished in their role as Village Hall caretakers. On behalf of the committee and the rest of the village I would like to say a massive thank you for all they have done over the years and hope they enjoy their spare time! Michelle Bradley has also stepped down from the Committee after two years and we would also like to thank her for her hard work and efforts.

Sharon and Simon's resignation leaves us with a vacancy for a caretaker for the hall. We have looking for someone for 3-4 hours on a Sunday morning to undertake the duties required. The position would be on a self-employed basis and it would be down to the individual to declare the monies earned for tax purposes. If you are interested in taking on the role please get in touch via email at villagehall@horseheath.info or give me a call on 891691

We are also on the lookout for new committee members – we are now down to a committee of 4 – please do get in touch if you would like to get involved with the Village Hall; it is a very rewarding role and you get to meet some wonderful people !

That is it until the next issue – hope to see you all at the next event!

100 Club Winners

April:	Anne Greenwood	£30.00
May:	Ray Frowd	£30.00
June:	David Luckham	£30.00
Fete:	Teresa Griggs	£100.00
July:	Tony Wheeler	£30.00

Adrienne Powell
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THE MEADOW SCHOOL, BALSHAM

As always the last few weeks of the school year are never dull!

We were recently treated to a spectacular performance of Joseph and the technicolour dreamcoat by our Year 5 and 6 children. They sang their hearts out (and there were a lot of songs!) acted superbly and danced their socks off. On the hottest days of the year, and the school hall full, the children performed with a real energy, and put on a real show.

We also had another reason to celebrate this month after our end of year results were published. We are once again delighted with our Year 6 SATs results. The children's achievements are incredible, with results well above the national averages being recorded for a second year in a

row. The good news doesn't stop there though. For the second year in a row we also scored 100% of children achieving the required score in the Year 1 phonics check. Our Early Years results are the best ever, with 81% of our children achieving the required level, last year the national average was 62%, so we are considerably above. To round off a fantastic year of achievements our Year 2 children's SATs results put us strongly above national expectations too. With these results being some of our best ever. A huge congratulations to everyone.

With lots to celebrate, it was great to see the children participate in the move up day. The children are always excited as they get to meet their new teachers, spend time with their new classes and locate their new classroom. This is no different for Year 6 who recently spent 2 full days at Linton Village College, finding their way around, negotiating a new style timetable and of course meeting many new people. Everyone had a fantastic time at both our school move up days and LVC's with lots of new friendships already being formed.

You may remember from the last edition we had decided to take the whole school to the beach for a day. Some thought we were mad, while others thought it was a fantastic opportunity. The trip was planned with military precision, tide times checked, ice creams booked and extra buckets and spades purchased. The children all arrived at school early with the biggest backpacks you have ever seen and the convoy of coaches was quite a sight. As we walked down the promenade at Hunstanton we caused quite a stir, seeing 270 people arrive on mass and set up camp on the beach is clearly not a sight that is seen everyday.

The Y5/6 children quickly left us on the beach and went off to visit the fair to celebrate the end of their thrills and spills topic. The look of excitement and enjoyment on their faces was fantastic to see and they certainly enjoyed declaring war on the teachers who went on the dodgems. There certainly wasn't too much dodging going on!

The children squealed and laughed the whole time. They tried out a wide variety of rides from the Miami, to the Grasshopper to the traditional Ginny horse carousel.

The children and adults all enjoyed an ice cream and of course plenty of time to create the most sensational sandcastle creations. They spent hours designing, digging, creating and moulding. We were absolutely astounded with the results. Lots of traditional beach games were also played. Of course it wouldn't have been a complete day without a paddle in the sea, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Luckily the children had all taken spare clothes – they were much needed! We shared the whole day as it happened on twitter, which allowed all those at work to be part of our amazing day. The children were impeccably behaved and the feedback from parents on twitter and our ParentVoice facebook page was incredible.

The summer holidays are now here, and everyone certainly deserves a well earned break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local community for their continued support this year, your help has helped us to make the rapid progress and attain fantastic results once again. The Meadow is definitely back on the up. Bring on Ofsted!

Happy holidays from all at The Meadow.

We share photos and news of everything that happens at The Meadow on our twitter page, @Meadow_Balsham. Take a peek!

Nichola Connor, Headteacher
The Meadow Primary School

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 and jam making. There is prize money and cups to be won and once again a special feature in the domestic classes will be the WEST WICKHAM BAKE OFF, with an award for the STAR BAKER. Anyone from villages neighbouring West Wickham without Horticultural Societies of their own can enter, so we would welcome exhibits from people living in Horseheath.

THE SHOW IS ON SATURDAY 15 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

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Many, many thanks from Bernard, myself and the local Committee of Save the Children for the wonderful support you all gave us on Wednesday 15 July when we opened our garden at Haling in Castle Camps and offered our visitors a cream tea.

The day started rainy but I became more optimistic as the sun broke through and by 2.30pm start it was fine and sunny. We welcomed nearly 70 people and my one regret is that I was not able to thank you all in person.

In the kitchen we were up to our eyes in tea, jam and cream trying to serve everybody. Indeed at 4.30pm Val and Allan emerged from behind the flower bed to politely inquire if they might be served yet. They were more than happy to be given a bag of scones and a pot of jam.

The raffle for a weekend in Norfolk brought in £230 and the overall amount raised on the day and in donations for Save the Children was £708. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and hope you all enjoyed a very peasant afternoon.

ROSEMARY YALLOP

VIEWS WANTED ON FUTURE OF DISTRICT ELECTIONS

A ten-week consultation has been launched to ask how often elections should be held to appoint councillors to South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Local residents, businesses and other organisations are being asked whether there should be a move to 'all-out' elections of the whole Council once every four years, or preservation of the current 'by thirds' system of electing one-third of Council seats each year for three successive years out of four.

The change is being considered ahead of a scheduled boundary review later this year by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE). The review will see wards - the geographical area councillors cover – adjusted to ensure that all district councillors represent approximately the same number of electors.

As part of the review, LGBCE will consider how many councillors are needed to effectively represent South Cambridgeshire residents. If the Council continues to elect 'by thirds', the Commission will look to introduce three-councillor wards across the district. An 'all-out' election cycle - which would begin in 2018 at the earliest – would see a mixed ward pattern, favouring single-councillor wards where possible.

Currently, 57 councillors serve four-year terms representing 34 wards across South Cambridgeshire. Depending on their size, some wards have one councillor while others have two or three, meaning that some residents are eligible to vote in district council elections more frequently than others.

Cllr Sue Ellington, Chair of South Cambridgeshire District Council's Civic Affairs Committee, said: "There are pros and cons to both options for running our elections in the future. We'd like as many residents, partners and other organisations as possible to give us their views, and all feedback will be considered ahead of a vote on the matter by all Councillors later this year."

The consultation closes on 18 September 2015. More background information and an online survey form can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/local-elections-consultation Paper surveys are also available from richard.may@scambs.gov.uk or by calling 01954 713366.

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Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has a limited number of free alarms to give out to relevant landlords and will be doing so at distribution events at its fire stations on the first Monday of July, August and September.

For the full details, dates and where you can collect alarms, log on to <http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety/alarms4life.php>

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

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF LINTON NETBALL CLUB

Linton Netball Club are celebrating their 10th Anniversary this year and have recently held a presentation evening at The Flying Shuttle, Haverhill to celebrate and give thanks to their founder Bridget Savill. Bridget was presented with an engraved vase and a Bouquet of Flowers in appreciation of all the work she has done for the club over the last 10 years!

The Club was set up in 2005 following a back to netball course run by Helen Stepney at Comberton Village College. The course was attended by Bridget Savill who enjoyed it so much she decided to set up her very own club! 10 years on and the club is still going strong. We have a great bunch of ladies who train each week with the aid of a qualified coach. The ladies team enters the Katy Colson Cup as well as the Cambridge District Netball League in the summer and the Adult Friendly League in the winter although there is no obligation for anyone to play competitively.

This year we have set up a youth section to our club for school years 9-11 as there is no youth club within a 9 mile radius. We hope to enter a youth team into the league next season. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of a local business who has donated balls, bibs and pump to help get our youth section started.

We are a friendly group of ladies and girls who always welcome new players. We train every Monday evening, usually term time only, at Linton Village College outside courts, although this summer we have decided to train through the summer holidays 7.30-8.30pm. The club is open to ladies of any age, experience and fitness level and for girls in years 9-11. Once the girls leave secondary school they can join our adult section.

We are holding an Adult Registration Evening on Monday 7 September 7.30-8.30pm and a Youth Registration Evening on Monday 14 September 6.30-7.30pm.

If you would like to know more about our netball club please contact Bridget Savill on 07972 598668 or Angela Bridgeman on 07729 879300 or complete an enquiry form on our website www.lintonnetballclub.weebly.com.



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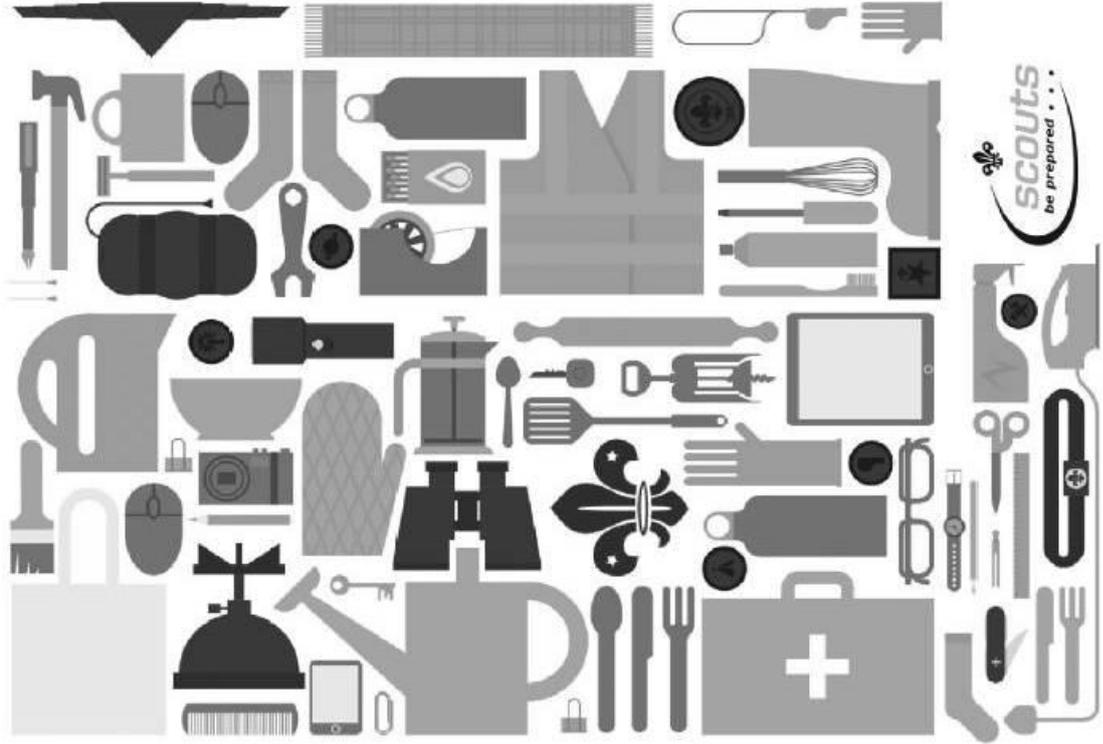
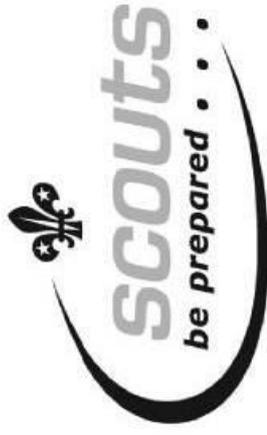
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VILLAGE DIARY

July	26	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	27	Green and Blue Bin collection
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	12	Climb the All Saints Church Tower, 10am-4pm
	13	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison Village Hall Treasurer Hunt
	14	Black Bin Collection Horseheath Parish Council meeting – 7.45pm, Horseheath Village Hall
	20	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	21	Green and Blue Bin collection
	26	Curry Night at Horseheath Village Hall
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October	4	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	10	Meadow School Balsham PTA Autumn Craft and Gift Fair 10.30am-4pm
	11	