THE VENTURE



October/November 2017

FROM THE EDITOR

Haven't the nights turned chilly lately. I hoping I can hold out until mid-October before I upgrade the duvet to the winter model but I think it may be touch and go. I'm already wearing bed socks and having the occasional hot water bottle – OK quite regular hot water bottles.

The garden is starting to die off now. I've pulled all my tomato plants up as they were getting blight, a most unattractive disease for a tomato looks like someone has been beating them up with their bruise like blemishes. The beans are almost finished but the carrots, beetroot and leeks, if you've grown them, are all doing well.

The next question is when to start the winter digging? I noticed a couple of weeks ago where the gardener had already started but surely if you start too early the weeds will keep growing and you'll have to start over again. On the other hand if you start too late the ground will be too wet and/or hard to dig. I ask myself this question every year, all I know is I like to have it all done before the end of October.

Don't forget to let me have anything you would like included in the December 2017/January 2018 issue please let The Editor by **16 November 2017** 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.

Dear Friends

This year we will be celebrating Harvest at Horseheath on Sunday 15 October at 10am. The church's celebration Harvest Thanksgiving is, in the scheme of things, a relatively new celebration in the Church of England. Our present observance of the festival dates back to 1843, when the Rev'd R S Hawker introduced it at Morwenstow in Cornwall. The idea quickly caught on, perhaps because it picked up on popular feeling and worked alongside the secular feasting and thanksgiving that had accompanied the end of Harvest. In 1862 the Convocation of Canterbury issued a form of service. The 1928 revision of the prayer book included provision for Harvest. It may have taken the Church of England some time to make harvest official but since time immemorial people have given thanks for the Harvest to whichever deity they have worshipped.

The ancient Israelites had at least two festivals associated with Harvest: the Feast of Weeks for the wheat harvest and the Feast of Tabernacles for all the other produce of the fields, vineyards and olive grove. These feasts . were times of much merriment and at the latter much sampling of new wine.

At the beginning of the Harvest, 50 days before the Feast of Weeks was the celebration of the first fruits. The first sheaf of wheat was taken to the priest to give thanks to God. Giving the first fruits to God was very much an act of as the rest of the harvest was far from guaranteed. The first fruits could be all that there was. Even so, the Israelites thoughts were not on themselves but on God. When all was gathered in the Israelites thought then of others and shared with those less fortunate, the widows, the orphans and the strangers.

We are, without a doubt, fortunate and blest. Our harvests are abundant; our supermarkets are stocked with food from around the world. But the effects of pollution and global warming may mean that the future quantity and quality of our food is far from guaranteed. We should also remember that today farming and the whole of the food supply chain is big business and can be endangered as much by the economic climate as the meteorological.

It is important at harvest time to remember not just our present fortune but also those who are responsible for the growth and production of our food, to pray for them and for the environment in which they work. We should also remember that God's gracious bounty is something we should share with those less fortunate.

This year we are supporting two charities, any gifts of produce will be donated to the Haverhill food bank, and we will also be supporting Christian Aid's Harvest appeal which is focusing on the production of pigeon peas in Malawi. We will be welcoming a speaker from Christian Aid to tell us about this and other work they are undertaking. So we very much hope you will be able to join us for the celebration.

Ian Fisher (Team Vicar), ian.fisher@btclick.com

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

We do apologise if you have saved the date of Sunday 8 October for Harvest Lunch this has now been changed to Sunday 29 October 12.30 for 1pm in the Village Hall ,tickets for record purposes only will be available from Pat 892484 or Post Office. As we do not make a charge for lunch a basket for donations to the church will be available on the day. We do hope you can make it.

Future dates for your diary:

Sunday 1 October - Sunday Club

Sunday 15 October - Harvest Festival Service at 10am

Wednesday 18 October – Tea and Chat in the Church

Sunday 29 October - Harvest Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30 for 1pm

Sunday 5 November - Patronal Festival with Family Eucharist and Sunday Club

Sunday 12 November - Remembrance Service at 4pm

Wednesday 15 November – Tea and Chat at 5 Cornish Close

Sunday 19 November - Eucharist at 10am

Sunday 3 December - Christingle Service at 10.30am with Sunday Club

Saturday 9 December - Seasonal Coffee Morning at 11am in Church

Sunday 17 December - Eucharist at 10am

Pat & Judith Church Wardens

Church Flowers and Cleaning

<u>Date</u>		Cleaning and Flowers
October	1	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
	8	Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
	15	Harvest Festival – Congregation
	22	Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone
	29	Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone
November	5	Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler
	12	Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler
	19	Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	26	Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
December	3	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	10	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson

POPPY APPEAL

Kevin Meeks will be calling around the village collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal at the beginning of November.

HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

www.horseheath.info

A meeting was held on Monday 11 September in the Village Hall. In attendance were 14 parishioners, our Parish Clerk Melanie Laing, our District Councillor Andrew Fraser and our County Councillor Henry Batchelor.

District Council news – www.scambs.gov.uk

The visit by the new SCDC Chief Executive Beverley Agass, who had asked to speak at a Horseheath Parish Council meeting was postponed and she will now be invited to the next meeting on Monday 13 November.

Changes to the collection of paper are likely to be made by Christmas due to the uneconomic cost of separate collection.

The Community Chest scheme has been enlarged. Horseheath has already received two £1000 grants – for windows in the Cricket pavilion and for goal posts in Audley Way.

County Council news - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

There are a number of public consultations in progress, on Childrens' Centres; on Libraries, to see how to best use the buildings as usage is dwindling; and on HOOPS – Housing Options for Older People aged 65 or over. Go to the CCC website or ring 0345 045 5200 for a leaflet.

Three strategies have been presented for improving bus routes and cycleways on the A1307 ranging from £30-130m under the Greater Cambridge Partnership scheme. There will be public consultation early next year. They should be on the website shortly.

New Parish Councillor

Terry Mundy was co-opted onto the Council. He is an engineer and lives at Bridge Corner on the West Wickham Road.

Planning

- The development of 8 houses on land adjacent to the Old Police House on Linton Road was considered. This previous scheme for 9 houses was opposed by the Parish Council, reflecting the views of those at the public meeting, back in March but the application was subsequently withdrawn. Once again the Parish Council voted unanimously to refuse the application, reinforced by the findings of a village survey. We are very grateful to a residents group for carrying out this survey, which got views from 125 households and showed a two thirds majority against the development due to its position outside the Parish development framework, inadequate village infrastructure and services, with a negative impact on the character of the village. They also helped by organising a planning expert to help us with the technical details of the application. It is unfortunate that these matters need the help of outside experts but we will need to be prepared to hire again in the future as the applications get more complex.
- The retention of barn and storage buildings at Cottage Nursery in Cardinal's Green is still out for consultation.

Burial Ground access

We continue to seek final approval to install a path to the new layby on West Wickham Road to meet the terms of our purchase of the Burial Ground from the Diocese to provide an alternative access other than through the churchyard.

Maintenance

We have reported and are chasing this list:

- Trees at Dene Rd/A1307 junction.
- Footway Alington Terrace to bus shelter and cycle rack
- Damaged road / pothole opposite Field View Studios
- Missing and damaged bollards on A1307 / Montfort junction
- Road drainage Alington Terrace. This has been worked on but is not right yet.
- Overgrown land at A1307/Alington Terrace junction
- Damaged road surface West Wickham Rd/Linton Rd/Haverhill Rd junction.
- Damaged directional sign Howards Lane /A1307.
- Damaged road surface A1307/Linton Rd junction.
- Missing 30mph sign at village entrance from West Wickham.

For any Highways issue we encourage people to complain independently to Cambs County Council at <u>www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk</u> where there is a 'Report a Highways fault' form. We understand there is greater likelihood of action with more complaints.

Reminders – please contact the clerk at the address below if you are interested:

Allotments - There's still a vacancy for an allotment at Alington Terrace, Cardinals Green.

Speedwatch - This is the scheme where equipment is provided for villagers to record speeding cars in the village with a warning letter sent to those drivers who exceed the limit. We now have 4 volunteers and ideally would like another two people to help operate the equipment a few times a year.

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

Stuart Miller, Chair t: 893250

e: stuart@stuartmiller.co.uk Clerk: horseheathpc@gmail.com

1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

We start the new 'year' by saying "goodbye" to Phoebe, Tally, Lizzie and Izzy who have all decided that it is time for them to leave Brownies. We wish them well as the start their new challenges.

This term we will be getting ready for the Over 60's Christmas Luncheon and preparing for Christmas with crafts. Look out for your invitations which will be posted through your door during November. We have been invited to join Balsham Rainbows on a night walk with cocoa afterwards and hopefully a campfire with 1st Linton Guides after half-term.

We are also working on our Toymaker badge this term so if you have any buttons you no longer need please think about donating them to the Brownies for their sock puppets.

If you have a daughter who would be interested in joining us 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 us an email.

PAULINE, KATIE, and LAURENÉ E: brownies@horseheath.info

A604 CLUB

The A604 Club has met each month so far this year. We went out to Sturmer Nursery, where we had a late lunch, or an early tea, depending on when your day starts. That was for August and our September meeting was for a fish and chip lunch. We had our usual raffle and a football card and there was a lot of lively chat.

Our October meeting is the second Wednesday, the 11th, when we will have a retired District Nurse as our speaker. This could offer some useful information for all ages and an opportunity to ask some questions.

November will see us going to Scotsdales, to see the Christmas decorations and our December meeting will be our Christmas lunch. This should be a lively outing.

Anyone who is interested and would like more information, please call me on Cambridge 290875. I would love to hear from you.

DENNY PEARSON Secretary – 01223 290875

HORSEHEATH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

We hope you have had a good summer. We have had a busy summer in preparation of our Heyday which was held on the Saturday 9 September. It was a great event and we want to say a big "thank you" for all those who attended and battled through the rain!! We were lucky as the first 2 hours was dry and sunny but then the clouds turned black but certainly not the mood of the heyday attenders! We all rushed into the hall and it was great to see so many stay on and help us raise all much needed funds for the hall. The tea and coffee stall was very busy during this period!! The dog show was well attended and was well received, well done to all the winners of the classes.

Thank you also for all the kind donations, the generosity shown was amazing. We also want to thank our helpers on the day we could not have run it without you all. The prizes for the raffle were outstanding this year and we are very grateful to the donators of these. The total money raised was in excess of £1600 and this will help with much needed renovations to the hall to keep it at a good working standard. We have one unclaimed Raffle Prize, if you still have your tickets from the fete and have number yellow 215 please get in touch with Christine.

Our next event is the Children's Halloween disco on the Friday 27 October 6-8.30pm. We have a great DJ who will be running the disco with lots of games mixed in. The bar will be open for the adults and hot food will be available as well as many spooky goodies....... Tickets available soon so look out for the posters - a free drink will be offered for the best dressed mum and dad!! So get those spooky outfits out!!! Halloween is just not for kids you know!!!

On Friday 24 November we will be running our quiz night so sort your teams out!!

The village hall is available for personal hire for parties, events or a class. It can be booked for a one off or on a regular basis.

We are always looking for more members to join our committee so drop us a line if you are interested.

Look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events

100 Club Winners

July:Shirley Campbell£30.00August:Brian Mizon£30.00September:Eleanor & Oliver Hilson£30.00Heyday:Alan Bishop£100.00

Mel and the Village Hall Committee

Villagehall@horseheath.info

Facebook: Horseheath Village Hall



CASTLE CAMPS C OF E (V.C.) PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was wonderful to see everyone back to school last week – there was a lovely atmosphere and much excitement for the new academic year. Our new Reception children have settled in well and have made a very positive start. The children are looking very smart in their new uniforms and we are grateful that parents are supporting our policy on uniform.

Harvest Festival - Friday 29 September

This year we will be celebrating our Harvest on Friday 29 September with a special service in the Hall at 2.15pm. Harvest is a good opportunity to think of the needs of others, so on that day and during the week, we will be collecting food donations for the Haverhill Food Bank (REACH), which supports local families in need. We look forward to welcoming Tina Rice from Haverhill Food Bank this year, to talk to the children about how our donations will be used to support others in the community.

Red, White and Blue Day - Friday 6 October

Castle Camps Primary School is set to join thousands of pupils across the country this October by celebrating Red, White and Blue Day. This is a national event that increases our awareness of the difficulties faced by our service families, while also raising money for ABF The Soldiers' Charity, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity. **Children will support this event by wearing red, white and blue to school on Friday 6 October and donating £1 towards this worthy cause.**

Reception Open Morning

We shall be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents (Reception places 2018) on Wednesday 1 November between 9:30am – 11am. If you know of any parents looking for a Reception place for 2018, or are considering an in-year transfer for an older child, we would be most grateful if you could pass on the information. Bookings can be made via the School Office.

Midday Supervisor Advert

We are seeking to appoint a positive and energetic Midday Supervisor. The vacancy is Monday to Friday from 12.00pm – 1.00pm, 5 hours a week.

The ideal candidate will:

- Have experience of working with children
- Have positive ideas for lunchtime games and activities
- Be reliable and flexible

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- A happy school with happy children
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Visits to the school would be warmly welcomed. Please contact the school office either by email office@castlecamps.cambs.sch.uk or by telephone on 01799 584270 to arrange an appointment or to request an application pack. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) disclosure.

Remembrance Day

On the 11 November, the whole school and staff will join together at the United Reformed Chapel, Castle Camps, to observe the two minute silence to remember the fallen. We will raise money for the British Legion again this year by selling poppies in the week prior to Remembrance Day.

It has been an extremely positive start to the new academic year and I look forward to updating you of our progress and achievements later in the term. Until then, please accept my very best wishes for the months ahead and do not hesitate to contact me via the Office if you wish to discuss any community/school matters.

Alexandra O'Connor Headteacher

THE MEADOW SCHOOL, BALSHAM

Welcome back to the new academic year. The start to the term has not been without a few challenges to keep us on our toes. Just 3 days before we broke up for the summer we flooded again. This was the fourth time in just over a year and this flood was by far the worse we have suffered with the ICT Suite, two Early Years classrooms, two Year 1/2 classrooms, corridors and the staffroom all effected. Carpets and toys we had replaced not even 5 months previous were once again ruined. Ironically, this flood happened the day after we heard our appeal for funding to fix the drainage issue was turned down by the Government. We have now written to Lucy Frazer MP in the hope that she can secure us some help from the Government.

This term the learning for every year group is focussed on 'Space' with our topic – Out of this World. This was launched with the whole of Key Stage 2 going to the National Space Centre in Leicester for as many of the children described, 'the best day ever!' They got to be astronauts, complete scientific tests, try out space equipment and they were even there on the day the Cassini satellite was crashed and were part of the live broadcast. While KS2 were out the Infants were not to be outdone, they had a planetarium visit where the children were literally in awe of the planets and astronauts flying overhead and around the dome. They also had visitors from the STEM group who helped them learn more about the planets, make space food (which tasted yucky), complete activities whilst wearing space gloves and they also got to make space slime!

If you have a child due to start school in September 2018 and would like to come and look around our school then please contact the school office to book a tour.

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

NICHOLA CONNOR Headteacher

WEST WICKHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

West Wickham and District Gardening Club's AGM was held on Monday 18 September. Our Chairman reported that our gardening year had been a very successful one with excellent outings to Moat House in Little Saxham, Ashdon Hall and Wisley; a super Plant Sale when we raised £832 and six talks on a wide variety of topics taking place on the 3rd Monday of the month from October to April.

Our membership is stable and finances healthy. The Committee was re-elected, Arthur Mawby Chairman, Andrew Morris Treasurer, Sue Boase Committee Secretary and Rosemary Yallop Programme Secretary.

Our talks for Monday 16 October and Monday 20 November are "Aquatics, Marginals and Bog Plants" by Ian Seager and "Daylilies" by Dr Paula Dyson of Strictly Daylilies Nursery at Histon. These talks begin at 7.30pm in West Wickham Village Hall and visitors are most welcome.

Rosemary Yallop - 01799 584262

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES

It is time to book your appointment for your Flu Jab. The flu jab is available at all sites, just ring your own surgery and then specify which one you want to attend.

You are eligible for a free flu jab if you have any of the following conditions:-

- Ischaemic heart disease
- Stroke and TIA (Transient Ischaemic Attack)
- Liver and kidney disease
- Immunocompromised HIV, on certain drugs, patients without a spleen, on chemo or radiotherapy
- Morbidly obese BMI greater than 40
- Chronic respiratory disease COPD, bronchiectasis, fibrosis.
- Asthma but must be using inhaled steroid
- Are a carer
- Cancer patient
- Family of people on chemotherapy living in the same house
- Pregnant mums
- Aged over 65
- Diabetes

We can offer pneumonia and shingles to those who are eligible.

If you are not eligible but want a flu jab we are offering private flu jabs through the Granta Pharmacy at all sites. Please ask Reception for details.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Winter is upon us and as the colder months draw in, we begin using our fires, burners and chimneys once again to warm our homes. Chimney Fires continue to be a common occurrence in

home fires in the winter months. We experience an average of 81 chimney fires a year in Cambridgeshire alone.

To ensure you keep your home safe from fire, follow our Top Tips below:

- Whatever fire you have or fuel you burn it is vitally important to have your chimney swept to avoid a build-up of ash and soot
- Avoid burning resinous woods (that quickly build up soot)
- Only burn fuels suitable for your burner (eg: never burn anything other than wood in a wood burner)
- Do not overload the grate/ appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them
- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly the roof space. Make sure it is sound and sparks/fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks
- For each slow burning period there should follow a quick burn to dry out unwanted tar/creosote deposits and to warm up the chimney again
- At the end of each burning season and at least once during the season the entire system should be cooled and thoroughly cleaned to maintain top performance.

Also ensure that Wood and Multi-Fuel burners are installed and regularly maintained by a qualified and competent engineer. You can refer to www.solidfuel.co.uk for further advice and information. Most importantly, ALWAYS fit a smoke alarm that carries the kite mark or British Standard Number 5446 – test your alarm weekly by pressing the test button and know the life of your battery.

ALWAYS also install a Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarm in the room where the burner is installed.

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

PLEASE READ

The events at Grenfell Tower in June were horrifying and devastating and will have far reaching consequences for the residents, families, neighbours and Fire Brigade for a long time.

A few hours earlier on the same evening, my son was involved in a house fire. He was upstairs at his girlfriend's house when there was an electrical fire which started in the garage, within minutes the house was destroyed. He and his girlfriend escaped and thankfully, except for smoke inhalation, no-one was injured. One of the most frightening things about the fire is the rate at which it took hold – he said it took them seconds to get down the stairs but in that time, he couldn't see his hand in front of his face because of the thick dense smoke.

So, when you get home....

- Have a conversation with all the family (especially children) about escape routes from the house
- Check all smoke alarms in the house are working

- Make sure all the family know what the smoke alarm sounds like, and what action to take if they hear the alarm
- Check that the escape routes doors, stairs and floors are clear
- Check keys for doors and windows are accessible in the event of an emergency, know where they are

The Fire Brigade has lots of useful information online about how to keep safe, what to do in an emergency, where to place smoke alarms and steps to reduce the risk of fire happening in the home.

(Practice Nurse at Sawston Medical Centre).

TEA AND CHAT

Friends meet up once a month for tea and chat, We talk about life and laugh at this and that. There are always lovely cakes and bakes. Especially those that Audrie makes. Did you know Audrie went to school with Mary Berry?! I sat beside Angela, she said "I must tell Terry". Last time I went, well.... Esther and me, We had just sat down when Judith gave us tea. I looked up at my cup and was surprised to see. The cup was not full....it was half empty. Thinking I had someone else's cup by mistake, I decided to take another cup that was next to my plate. Well....I will never hear the last of this I fear, As when Audrie heard she said "complaining, I'll box her ears". So... just to say, in case you pop in, Don't say a word....just keep right on drinking. But if I upset anyone, if you were offended, I am really sorry, it was not intended. And I think in the future if I dare go again, I will skip on the tea and take my own gin!

Jenny

THANK YOU

To everyone who supported me prior to my trip to Cambodia with Camps International through Linton Village College. Mid-August I landed back in England after spending 4 weeks away in Cambodia, where I had the most amazing experience. We successfully helped dig wells, toilets, brick lay, paint schools and participate in reforestation programs. The money raised from regular car boot sales and helping those around the village raised over half the cost of the trip.

Thank you again for the support

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December

- 1 Castle Camps School Advent Service
- 2 Castle Camps School Christmas Fayre (TBC)
- 3 Christingle Service, 10.30am with Sunday Club



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