

# THE VENTURE



August/September 2018

## FROM THE EDITOR

I remember last time I was moaning about having to cut the grass as it was growing so much but look what happened in that short two months – the grass is now brown and crispy and the only green bits I can see are the weeds which seem to grow without any moisture whatsoever. A friend was only saying to me a couple of weeks ago that in three months' time we'll all be moaning it's too cold. What I wouldn't give for a bit of 'cold' every now and then as long as that bit of cold had some 'wet' attached to it.

I think if the 'wet' ever happens I'm going to go and stand in it and thank whichever God is listening. I'm rationing what gets watered, if it does get some water it might be grey water from the bathroom and kitchen. I've even relocated an empty water-butt so I can keep it in one place instead of buckets dotted around the garden.

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

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Dear Friends

Some of you will have just returned; some will be just about to go; some of you may be actually reading this on your holiday. Holiday time is here! In our evermore-frenetic world we all need opportunities to recharge our batteries. No doubt, we will find August all too short for this, so make the best of it. Whether you're planning to go abroad with a view to lounging in the sun, or chancing the weather in this, or simply spending some quite days at home holidays are a time for rest, for relaxation and for recreation.

The word recreation came into the English language in the 14th Century from the Old French which had taken it from the Latin *recreationem* –recovery from illness which itself comes from *recreare* – to refresh, restore revive (*re-* again + *creare* to create). I had been aware that recreation was being created again but lacking a classical education I had not appreciated its links with recovery from illness, although with a little thought it makes perfect sense.

The idea that our times of rest, relaxation and recreation are ones of healing seemed to me highly appropriate. It also points up the fact that healing is not just about curing bodily ailments. As human being we are not just bodies but a complex interaction of body, mind, soul and spirit who live and interact in a social setting. Distortions in any of these can lead to unease if not disease. In the world we live in all of us suffer from some distortion or another and are in need of healing. The Church of England report 'A Time to Heal' said

*'Healing, we might say is what the Church's mission is about. Healing wholeness, salvation – these words embrace what God has achieved for us through the incarnation of Jesus Christ.'*

Since moving here last year I have had ideas of developing the ministry of healing at All Saints Horseheath, with healing services with the laying on of hands and anointing. I would be glad to hear comments about such plans. If we do begin such a ministry in Horseheath we need to bear in mind that in the Christian context healing is not about some magical curing brought about by a 'healer' laying their hands on you but is more like going on holiday. It is a re-creation by the power of God Spirit, which enables us to face the world and ourselves.

Healing is going on all the time around us, in our hospitals, in homes, in our churches, and I hope on your holiday this year.

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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

A note was left in the church porch regarding the state of the grass etc in our churchyard. All Saints Church churchyard is what is known as a closed churchyard and when it was closed the upkeep was taken over by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC). For the first few years we had the same contractor cutting the grass and strimming where necessary but now they seem to change contractors on an annual basis and this leads to problems at the beginning of a season. This year we had a period of wet weather before the contractor commenced his cutting and the grass had got extremely long. Another problem was that SCDC had not allowed for any strimming to be done and so the grass around the graves was very high. We called for a meeting between ourselves, the contractor & SCDC and resulted in the strimming to be re-commenced. Today apart from looking very dry the contractor is beginning to get it under control and we have been assured his contract is for two years. As churchwardens looking after your church we do our best to keep it in good order but sometimes the matter is taken out of our hands and it takes time to put it right.

Our Annual Garden Party held in the garden of Hartford House by kind permission of Jim, Phil and Francesca McCaughan, music by Duncan and Freddy was a great success again this year and thank you to all the helping hands for giving up your time £603-00 was raised towards the upkeep of our Church.

Our Children's Sunday Club continues to expand and we are currently learning to play the handbells. We meet on the first Sunday of every month 10am to 11am in Church, new members always welcome.

### **Future events for your diary:**

No Tea and Chat in August but we return on 12 September, 2.30 to 4pm in Church.

Harvest Lunch, Sunday 28 October Horseheath Village Hall.

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust, Ride Drive & Stride in Cambridgeshire takes part on 8 September, for further information contact Pat on 892484.

We look forward to seeing you at the events.

Pat & Judith  
Church Wardens

### Church Flowers and Cleaning

| <u>Date</u> |    | <u>Cleaning and Flowers</u> |
|-------------|----|-----------------------------|
| July        | 29 | Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley      |
| August      | 5  | Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley      |
|             | 12 | Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone  |
|             | 19 | Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone  |
|             | 26 | Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler     |
| September   | 2  | Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler     |
|             | 9  | Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison   |
|             | 16 | Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison   |
|             | 23 | Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson    |
|             | 30 | Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson    |

## HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting was held on Monday 9 July in the Village Hall. In attendance were 2 parishioners, our Parish Clerk Melanie Laing, our District Councillor Geoff Harvey. Our County Councillor Henry Batchelor was away on holiday.

**District Council news** – [www.scambsgov.uk](http://www.scambsgov.uk) ; [cllr.harvey@scambsgov.uk](mailto:cllr.harvey@scambsgov.uk)

The most newsworthy item from our councillor, Geoff Harvey, is the SCDC Business Fund for small business start-ups. Applications direct to SCDC please.

They are also starting a 'Blue Plaque' scheme for houses across the district. Let Geoff Harvey know - e-address above - if you had a famous former owner of your house and I would be grateful if you would let me know also for the Archives.

**County Council news** – [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

*Local Plan* - The big ongoing issue has been the Local Plan that has been under review by a government inspector for well over four years and we now understand that if the plans are found 'sound', with any necessary modifications, they would be able to be adopted by the Councils. The aim would be to adopt by the end of September 2018. The big stumbling block has been the provision of a 5-year housing supply, which has now been met and has helped to defeat the appeal on the development on the Linton Road.

*A1307 improvements, or to give it the full title, Cambridge South East Transport Study* - In summer 2018, taking all of the supporting information and consultation responses into account, the Combined Authority and the GCP Executive Board will consider how to proceed with the project. The GCP Executive Board will decide if the phase 1 proposals presented should be developed further for implementation and choose a preferred strategy for phase 2.

They will then consult with us again on the details of the preferred strategy, should any of them be taken forward. For more info go to [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridge-south-east-study/](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridge-south-east-study/).

**Highways**

- New bus stop markings opposite the Cricket Field going eastwards will be undertaken when other road markings are done.
- We will re-submit our application for a Local Highways Initiative grant for upgrading pedestrian crossing at the A1307/Howards Lane and warning signs to indicate Howards Lane unsuitability for large vehicles.

**Speedwatch**

We are still struggling to form a team for this 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. Please contact John Miles - [john.miles@scambsgov.uk](mailto:john.miles@scambsgov.uk).

**Defibrillator Units**

Last month I reported on an initiative to install defibrillators in villages and we have agreed to install units in Horseheath and in Cardinal's Green probably at the Village Hall and by the Mill Green turn, depending on permissions. The suggestion that old red telephone boxes are purchased to house the units proved too expensive.

**Planning**

*Land adjacent to the Old Police House on Linton Road* - Following refusal of the application to build 8 houses, the landowner appealed and this has just been dismissed by The Government Planning Inspector. The Parish Council submitted a 'written representation' against the appeal so are pleased with this result, which supports the view of the majority of the village, based on public meetings and surveys.

*Flint Cottage* - The Parish Council approved a two storey side extension on condition that Listed Building agreement was obtained, as it is in the curtilage of Norfolk House.

*5 Meadow Cottages* - The Parish Council approved a two storey rear extension.

The following applications are still out for consultation or enforcement:

*Cottage Nursery* - retention of use of barn and storage buildings

*Thistledown* - ditch piped without permission

*The Stables* - various planning conditions need enforcement

## **Audley Way play area**

Bench still to be installed.

## **Bike Racks**

There have been two bikes, one black and one white, which apparently have been chained to the racks by the Cricket Field and are taking up space. These will be removed in 2 months if not claimed.

## **Maintenance**

We have reported and are chasing this list, which shows some progress.

- footways - Damaged pavement surfaces following path sweeper
- footway – Alington Terrace to bus shelter and cycle rack
- missing and damaged bollards on A1307/Montfort junction
- road drainage – Alington Terrace.
- gutter weeds in Horseheath and Cardinal's Green
- pathway weeds Alington Terrace to the Montfort
- footpath sign missing A1307 towards Cardinal's Green
- damaged directional sign Howards Lane/A1307.
- damaged road surface A1307/Linton Rd junction, A1307/Haverhill Road 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 [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk) where there is a 'Report a Highways fault' form. We understand there is greater likelihood of action with more complaints.

## **Memories Event**

The Horseheath Archives now runs to 14 volumes and over 700 photographs, along with a few books and DVD's and I would like to stage another 'Memories' event at The Village Hall but need to borrow/buy cheaply some display panels to show the photographs. We would need at least 27m panel space which would be over 1m off the floor or 12m if double-sided. It's been 10 years since the last event.

## **Tennis**

I mentioned blue plaques above, so really should tell you about Harry Wendelken a potential future blue plaquer, who lives at Hydra on the West Wickham Road. This year he played in the Junior Championships at Wimbledon, where he was knocked out in the first round of the Boys Singles, but went all the way to the semi-finals of the Boys Doubles event. He is ranked no.5 in the UK and no.109 in the world in the Junior rankings. Harry is moving to a tennis school in Sweden later this year. Congratulations and good luck to Harry.

*Reminder – please contact the clerk at the e-address below if you are interested:*

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

## **Article 4 directive**

This intriguing title is a way to help protect landscape features, hedges and trees as well as significant, historic or valued, buildings that are not listed, which we will consider if we start drafting our neighbourhood plan, yet to be agreed.

## **Dual Carriageway Working Group (new Haverhill to Fourwentways motorway)**

Here's an update from Georgina Magin from West Wickham's Group - "The Working Group has met every 6-8 weeks to monitor developments and agree actions. We have written to local councils, environmental authorities and politicians to make our views known, and have been in touch with other interested groups such as Cambridge Connect, Smarter Cambridge Transport, and Campaign for Better Transport. Recently – and after some chasing – the report that proposes the two routes for a new road (called the Pre-strategic Outline Business Case) was finally published - [www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/public-transport-and-transport-planning/180516-A1307-Haverhill-2.3-Issued.pdf](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/public-transport-and-transport-planning/180516-A1307-Haverhill-2.3-Issued.pdf). It contains many weaknesses and flaws, not least that it completely

ignores the improvements to the current A1307 that seem very likely to go ahead under the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) initiative. The Working Group is preparing a response highlighting the main weaknesses in the report, which will be sent to relevant organisations and individuals in the coming weeks. Despite these weaknesses, the A1307 Strategy Board are (we believe) trying to move ahead with the next stage in developing the road, which is producing an Options Appraisal Report. Suffolk County Council has committed £10,000 to this next stage, but we do not know if any other sources of funding have been secured. We have received assurances from Cambridgeshire County Council and the GCP that neither of them will be putting any funds into it, which is encouraging. Lack of transparency of the A1307 Strategy Board remains a problem. This has been raised with our MP Lucy Fraser, and she has given assurances in a letter to our Parish Council Chair, Patrick Charlton, that the Strategy Board members will make greater effort to engage with the affected Parish Councils. However, there has not yet been any contact from the Strategy Board.”

The next meeting will be on Monday 10 September at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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## **1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES**

We have now finished for the summer holidays and said goodbye to Katie, Sunny, Megan, Poppy, Ella and Emily who are all now 11 and will be too old for Brownies. I know that Megan will be moving up to Guides but the others have still to decide. We will hopefully have at least three new Brownies in September but we do have space for more.

We have been busy this term half-term, we finished off the Royal Wedding badge and received a reply from their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Sussex for the wedding card we sent them, we were very excited when I took the envelope to Brownies; we had a great time at the District Strawberry Evening and on our last meeting played water games. I think the Brownies liked making Laurené wet the best.

We are a small group of Brownies and would welcome any new girls joining our merry band so if you have a daughter who would be interested in joining us please register her at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/) or 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  
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## HORSEHEATH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Hi from the village hall.

The committee are getting organised for our end of summer event a casino night see the poster on page 7 for details on where, when and what time. Please come along for a fun night. Tickets available now from Mel, Bev and Linda.

Any donations for the raffle prizes would be greatly received. We need bottles of wine, box of biscuits or chocolates.

### 100 Club Winners

|        |                         |        |
|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| April: | John Greenwood          | £30.00 |
| May:   | Ray Frowd               | £30.00 |
| June:  | Iris & Albertine Miller | £30.00 |
| July:  | Bob Perry               | £30.00 |

Hope to see you at the casino night

Mel - Chairperson

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## HORSEHEATH CRICKET CLUB

Here's a quick update for the Cricket Club.

Midweek cricket is going OK, although the results are not going our way we are second from bottom and out of the relegation zone.

We unfortunately have been knocked out of all the cup competitions but we did get to the semi-finals of one competition.

In the Cambridgeshire League the season is going excellent, we are currently 4 points off second place with six of our last eight games all to be played at home. The League leaders at the moment are unbeaten and that probably means everyone is chasing the runners up place. We are having our best season with the bat scoring over 200 pretty much every week. Several players have scored centuries which is a great improvement on last season. Our batsman Dan Goldsmith is the leader run scorer in the division.

Hope this is ok for you

STEPHEN LANCEMAN

## THE MEADOW SCHOOL, BALSHAM

As this academic year draws to end, it is an opportune time to reflect on all the successes of this year. Back in September, when teachers had planned the learning of the year in detail, mapped out the



school calendar and written the School Development plan, July seemed like an eternity away, and yet here we are again, looking back on another busy, but fulfilling year.

We have much to be proud of again this year. July is always a tense time as we await Key Stage Two SATS results to be published. We often question whether our philosophy of good quality teaching, alongside a wide, balanced and enriching curriculum, is enough to maintain the standards we have worked so hard for. However, once again, we are pleased to be able to say that results across all Key Stages are above National results, without the need to test the children continuously. Results from our youngest to our eldest children are worth sharing. 76% of our youngest children in Early Years achieved their 'good level of development' compared to 71% nationally. 95% of our Year 1 children passed their phonics screening, compared to 82% nationally and Key Stage 1 results for reading, writing and maths are 72%, compared to 65% nationally. The Year 6 children have once again excelled themselves, with 73% of children achieving the 'expected' standard in Reading, Writing and Maths, compared to 64% nationally. It is also well worth mentioning, that these results have been achieved, despite the ever increasing standards set by the government, pressures on schools to achieve, budget cuts and moving goal posts. We are so proud of the maturity our children show, their love for learning and their constant hard work. We are also enormously thankful to our hard working teachers and teaching assistants, who enable this learning to happen and to our parent community who support us in this work.

The Year 5 and 6 production is always a good testament to the quality of our wider curriculum, and this year was no different. After weeks of hard work learning songs, memorising lines, erecting scenery and rehearsing dances, the Year 5 and 6 children delighted us all with 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies!' Their performance to the whole school had even the youngest children in fits of giggles with some of their jokes and the performances to their adult audiences went exceptionally well. It is certainly not an exaggeration to say that it was one of the best productions I can remember since being at the school. Tears of laughter and pride were seen in the audience as the children performed with confidence, humour and some exceptional acting and singing talent. We hope that many of these Year 6 will go on to further acting at Linton Village College.

The gorgeous weather this summer has been perfect for our sporting fixtures. Key Stage 2 have participated in Kwik Cricket tournaments, Tag Rugby and even Cross-country running. Each time a team from The Meadow has headed out to play, we have been confident that they will participate fully and with a great team spirit. It is always a pleasure to take young and enthusiastic sports boys and girls to tournaments; and this year has been no exception. We look forward to a new set of tournaments in the Autumn.

As we bid our Year 6 a fond farewell, we look forward to our new arrivals joining us in September. They have already spent time getting to know the school and their teachers and we are confident that the start to their formal education will be really positive. We don't promise that their time in school will be easy, but we do promise that they will be joining a school with a firm ethos of good quality teaching, an enriching curriculum and plenty of opportunities to grow to love learning.

NICHOLA CONNOR  
Headteacher

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

West Wickham & District Gardening Club will be holding its Annual Show in August. This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Air Force and there will be classes inspired by this. 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 & fruit, cut flowers & pot plants, classes just for children, cooking & jam making. This year we are re-introducing a flower arrangement and photography classes. There is prize

money and cups to be won. Anyone from villages neighbouring West Wickham without Horticultural Societies of their own can enter, so we would welcome exhibits from people living in Horseheath, Weston Colville and West Wrating.

THE SHOW IS ON SATURDAY 18 AUGUST AT WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL, OPENING AT 2.30pm with the prize giving at 3.30pm, followed by an auction of produce. Tea and cakes will be available in the afternoon and there will also be a raffle. 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)

## THANK YOU

May I take this opportunity to thank friends, neighbours and all our village community for the beautiful cards and flowers, kind thoughts and wishes after the sudden passing of Ernie in May. All offers of help and assistance was greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to all

Lil

## REMEMBERED.....

Valerie Jacobs, late of Audley Way, Horseheath

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



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## VILLAGE DIARY

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|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July      | 22                                                          | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson                                                   |
|           | 23                                                          | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins, Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                              |
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|           | 30                                                          | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                                              |
| August    | 1                                                           | A604 Club – Speaker: Andrew Westward-Bates, 2.30pm                                                       |
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|           | 18                                                          | West Wickham & District Gardening Club Annual Show, 2.30pm                                               |
|           | 19                                                          | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone                                                 |
|           | 20                                                          | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins, Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                              |
|           | 26                                                          | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler                                                    |
| <b>28</b> | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins |                                                                                                          |
| September | 2                                                           | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler                                                    |
|           | 3                                                           | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins, Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                              |
|           | 5                                                           | A604 Club – Fish & Chip Lunch, 1pm                                                                       |
|           | 8                                                           | Casino Night, Horseheath Village Hall<br>Historic Churches Truest Ride, Drive 7 Stride                   |
|           | 9                                                           | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison                                                  |
|           | 10                                                          | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins<br>Horseheath Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm |
|           | 12                                                          | Tea and Chat, All Saints Church Horseheath 2.30pm                                                        |
|           | 16                                                          | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison                                                  |
|           | 17                                                          | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins, Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                              |
|           | 23                                                          | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson                                                   |
|           | 24                                                          | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                                              |
|           | 30                                                          | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson                                                   |
|           | October                                                     | 1                                                                                                        |
| 28        |                                                             | All Saints Church Harvest Supper, Horseheath Village hall                                                |
| December  | 7                                                           | Tea with Santa                                                                                           |

Note change of date for Bin Collections at the August Holiday.



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