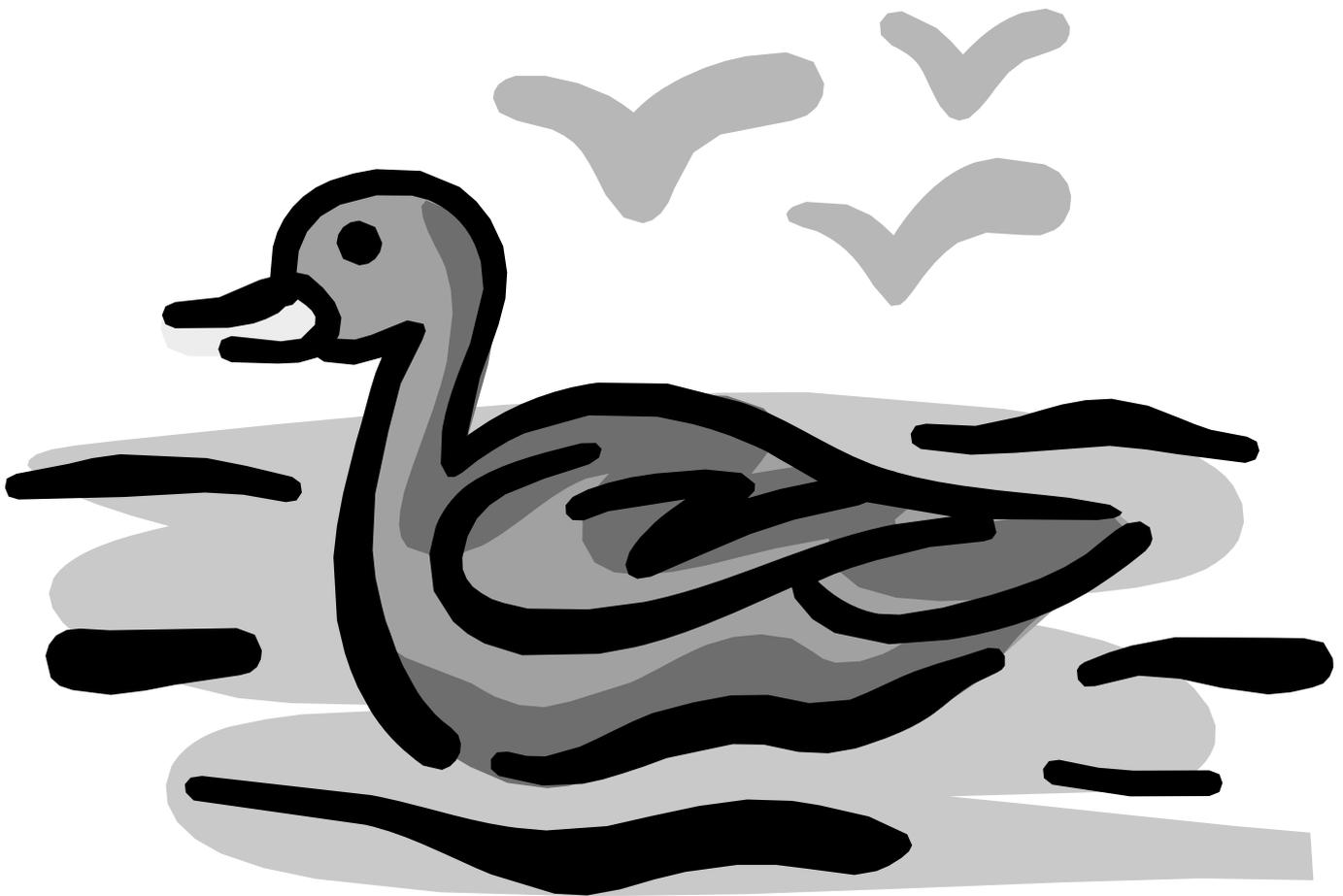


# THE VENTURE



June/July 2012



## FROM THE EDITOR

Wet, wet and more wet. Is there anyone else out there with newly formed webbed toes or is it just me? I know that it was sunny this last weekend but it is wet again today.

I'm so glad I made the effort at Easter to plant my potatoes, onions, carrots, broad beans, etc. They are all coming through nicely. The greenhouse is also full of seedlings, which is good but soon they will need to go out but the ground will be too wet. I've already had to re-sow my dwarf beans as the first lot have rotted.

With all this rain, I do wonder if it will ever stop and we'll have to build another ark. If you had to build the ark what animal would you leave behind? For me it would be ants, I can't stand them. They make the lawn all bumpy and then they come in the house, they are just creepy little animals. I also don't like snails either, all they seem to do is eat things in my greenhouse – pepper seedlings this year.

Anyway, back to reality, don't forget to let me have anything you would like included in the August/September 2012 issue please let The Editor by **16<sup>th</sup> July 2012** 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 SAINT'S CHURCH

Much as I love the Church of England, I wish it wasn't always tinkering with things to make them more "accessible" (which usually means "dumbed-down"). But it's nothing new.

Back in the 1950's, a group of Cambridge New Testament scholars were preparing the New English Bible. They decided that the phrase "fatted calf" in Jesus' story of the Prodigal Son was out of date. So, leaving Cambridge's hallowed courts, they organised a trip to Smithfield Market, armed with a list of a dozen modern alternatives.

Cornering the head butcher, they pointed to a prize side of beef, and asked him which of their phrases best described it. The puzzled butcher scratched his head.

"None of these is any good, Gov'nor. You see, we always call it a 'Fatted Calf'."

I think the message for the Church is: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"

All blessings

GRAHAM†

## Church Flowers and Cleaning

<u>Date</u>		<u>Cleaning and Flowers</u>
May	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>QUEENS JUBILEE – Congregation</b>
June	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Rowe
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Rowe
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dr & Mrs Morse
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dr & Mrs Morse
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Mizon
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs Mizon
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Keys
August	5 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Keys
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Mayes
September	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs Mayes

## **NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS**

By the time this goes to press we will have had a good Church Fete, so a big “thank you” to everyone who helped and made it a success. Pictures from the day will appear on both of the following websites: [www.horseheath.info](http://www.horseheath.info), or [www.theconnection.org.uk](http://www.theconnection.org.uk).

The next **TEA AND CHAT’s** is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June and it will take place in our Church at 2.30pm and everyone is welcome.

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## **HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 14 May in the Village Hall. In attendance was the Parish Clerk, Bernard Yallop and five parishioners.

### **Affordable Housing**

We started with a presentation from Hastoe on progress with affordable housing for the village. You may remember that in 2009 we asked Hastoe Housing Association to progress a scheme for 4 two bedrooms houses. The next step was for Hastoe to find a suitable site and having drawn a

blank with the first 4 sites they now feel that they have identified a site in Audley Way. Unfortunately there is only room for 3 dwellings but our view is that this scheme is worth progressing due to the absence of other sites. Accordingly we have invited Hastoe to arrange a consultation session in the Village Hall so that everyone can see some plans and ask questions of Hastoe and District Council officials, who will be there. This will be around the beginning of July. Hastoe made the point that priority would be given to applicants with Horseheath connections and that the dwellings would be for rent only.

### **Trees and hedges**

The District Council may not be able to afford buses but they have put more effort and finance into planting trees and hedges. Our tree warden, Nita Miller, has had a Jubilee Oak planted next to The Cricket ground to replace the ash that came down some years ago. These are oaks that were grown on the Sandringham Estate. The other items mentioned last month have now been approved - some trees next to the old Sasex site, the replacement of the trees on the corner of the Alington Terrace and a hedge up on the A1307 between the Red Lion and The Mill House to fill in the gap and help stop snow drifting across the road. There is some discussion whether the other side should be done next year.

### **Jubilee Mug**

Talking of the Jubilee we have given a grant to The Village Hall who are organising a commemorative mug for each household as part of their Jubilee celebrations.

### **Speeding**

Richard Southwell, Ninian Bickerton and Bernard Yallop met with a County Council highways man to look at solutions to curb speed in the village with physical barriers as they have in some other villages. He proposed the narrowing of the road near each of the junctions with the A1307, possibly stopping up the T-junction by the village Green making cars go round the Green instead plus possibly a 20mph limit. We are now going to get some plans drawn and some firmer costings with a view to showing these at the same public consultation as the housing plans above. We would be very interested to hear your views..

### **Dog Mess**

When the Brownies carried out their annual litter pick they came across many bags of dog mess placed at the end of the footpaths. Once again we appeal to dog owners to clear away the mess and to help we have installed 2 bins for dog mess at the end of footpaths on the Haverhill Road and on the West Wickham Road that will be emptied by the District Council. There is already a bin on the Roman Road at the junction with the road to Streetly End.

### **Village Website**

This has taken a lot of work from our committee led by Tori McKillen, who has done most of the work to get it designed and developed and training the contributors from the Church, the Village Hall, the Parish Council, the Archives and so on to get their information onto the site. The site is now live - go to [www.horseheath.info](http://www.horseheath.info). We would love to hear your comments and suggestions.

### **Broadband**

In order to help improve our chances of getting an enhanced broadband connection please register at [www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk).

### **Election**

As this meeting was the Annual Parish Council meeting we had elections for officers. Stuart Miller will continue as Chairman and Denise Lindsell will continue as vice-chair. The contact details of the Parish Council are as follows:

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The next meeting will be on Monday 9 July 2012 at 7:45pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

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

We all had a great time with Balsham Rainbows and Brownies when we visited the Royal Mews (we saw the Golden Coach) and Girlguiding UK ICANDO activity centre. It was great to see all the girls have fun, running around and doing what they wanted, from putting on plays and puppets shows to using the Xbox 360 Kinect, even the adults had a go on that too. On the way home we drove past the Olympic Park where all the action will be happening in a couple of month's time.

During this term the Brownies have been learning how to Maypole Dance with the help of Judith Jolley and Pat Smith. The Brownies have been asked to Maypole at the Church Fete on Saturday 26 May, do please come along and see their performance, they have all been working so hard to get the steps right.

Horseheath Brownies will be joining the other Brownies packs in the District at our Fun Day at the beginning of July. The day will be based around a new resource, *On your Marks*, which is connected to the Olympics' games. We hope to be inventing a new sport as well as taking part in chariot races around the Jarman Centre, which will end with a campfire and lots of good singing.

Also during this term we have our annual Strawberry Evening in Dr & Mrs Bertrum's garden and the District campfire to attend. It is never a dull moment when you're a Brownie.

The Brownies would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has been collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids and Tesco's for Schools and Clubs vouchers for us again this year. The order for the Sainsbury's vouchers has now gone off but we still have a few more weeks for the Tesco vouchers so please passed them on.

PAULINE AKA BARNEY  
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# Your new village website is now live



## www.horseheath.info

You can find lots of useful information about the village, local organisations, the Church, Parish Council and the Village Hall. The majority of the village archives are accessible from the website too! There is an events calendar to keep you up to date with village events, and a business directory. There is no charge to be listed in it so get in touch if you wish to be included.

Our 'latest news' blog will also keep you current on what's hot in Horseheath so please do keep coming back to see how the site evolves over coming weeks. We would love to hear your feedback on the website and any suggestions for how we can improve it.

For all things website please contact [admin@horseheath.info](mailto:admin@horseheath.info)



## **A604 CLUB**

Since I wrote in the Venture we have enjoyed Fish & Chips, delivered by Glen from Chippys of Haverhill with desserts made by Don Harvey (bet you didn't know Don could cook!). We also enjoyed a very interesting talk from Puskin Gowlett, from Linton about her roots and early life.

Earlier this month we visited Scotdales for lunch with many members buy their bedding plants and other essentials for the garden at the same time.

At the end of May we will be having Val Spencer, a retired District Nurse from Linton Health Centre, coming to visit and talk about 'the old days'. Andrew Westward-Bates is returning on 13 June to talk about Old Cambridge and Peter Jackson, from Scotsdales, will be coming on 27 June, Peter will be bringing along a selection of plants for the summer garden which he sells to us afterwards.

On 11 July we will be celebrating our 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a party where we will be joined by guests for the surrounding clubs.

If there is anyone in Horseheath who would like to visit, or perhaps join our little Club please contact either Mary on 01223 891025, Christine on 01223 891086 for more details.

CHRISTINE

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

[www.castlecampsschool.co.uk](http://www.castlecampsschool.co.uk)

At last the sun has returned and the field has dried out! Amazing what a difference space at break times makes. We have already been preparing the swimming pool for use after half term. A sigh of relief as the annual 'testing' season passes even though some people, in higher positions, tell us this does not happen.

You probably have not noticed but we have gained 42 solar panels from 'Eco-Schools' and they are reducing our electricity use already. We use a huge amount of electricity in a year, but I am sure it will help. We have insulated and draft excluded so with 'cleaner' energy our Carbon Footprint has been reduced.

Thanks to Mr Haylock and Mr & Mrs Waygood who provided us with two enormous containers so that we can collect rainwater from our roof. This should provide us with water for our increasing flower and vegetable beds. Just what we need for a 'drought'! We are in need of more containers and if anyone has the old recycling boxes and you do not want them, we do! They must not be broken, we will collect or you can drop them off.

The 'Best of British' is our theme for this term and we will be holding a Diamond Jubilee Celebration Afternoon Tea Party and the Friends of the School a Castle Camps Olympics. Keep a look out for further news.

The Friends of the School have recently paid for a covered open fronted outdoor "shed/stage", made of wood and it is proving fantastically useful. You will be able to see it if you visit us during 'Open Gardens' on Sunday 24 June, 2012. Come and have a look round.

Once again we always appreciate help so do not be shy to come and visit us, have lunch – on me! The date for our Leavers Service is Thursday 19 July, 2012 1.45pm at Castle Camps Parish Church.

Take care and best wishes from everyone at the school.

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## HORSEHEATH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

12 Months does fly by quickly – it doesn't seem five minutes ago that Beverly Nash joined our ranks! I'm delighted to tell you we have two new members to add to our committee this year – John Howard and Rhiannon Waygood put themselves forward at the AGM and are looking forward to their first outing as committee members at the Oxfam Walk on Sunday 20 May. This takes our numbers to 7 – although we will be losing Mary Prior later in the year when she has her baby.

The new Committee is therefore made up as follows:

Adrienne Powell – Chair	John Howard – Vice-Chair
Beverley Nash – Secretary	Christine Newman – Treasurer
Nita Miller – Booking Clerk	Mary Prior – Bar Manager
Rhiannon Waygood – Assistant Bar Manager	

The AGM was well attended this year with an attendance of 24 interested parties. As well as going over what we had achieved since May 2011 we outlined what we hoped to raise money for this year: revamping the toilets, replacing the carpet in the bar and getting the floor stripped in the main hall. To raise money this year we have a number of events in the pipeline, so look out for our fliers through your door.

This year is a big one for celebrations with the Jubilee and Olympics both taking place in the summer months. We have decided to take part in the Big Lunch. Held on 3 June from 2pm the village hall will be the site of this community get together – no charge – just bring a plate of food to share with your neighbours and friends and have an afternoon in the (fingers crossed) sunshine. The bar will be open and tea and coffee is on the committee! We are also sending a card to Her Majesty congratulating her on her 60 years on the throne – so expect a knock at the door and a committee member asking if you'd like to sign a sheet of paper to be inserted into the card.

As is always the case, we are constantly on the lookout for new members for the committee or just to help out at events – if you would like to take part in what we do or would like to learn more about our events please get in touch – we now have our own pages on the Horseheath website and can be contacted at [villagehall@horseheath.info](mailto:villagehall@horseheath.info). Drop us a line - we are always interested in hearing from you!

Monthly 100 Club Winners:

April	Jamie Flanagan	£30.00
May	Di Morse	£30.00

Adrienne Powell, Chair HVCA  
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## CASTLE CAMPS PRE-SCHOOL

Welcome to our Spring/Summer newsletter, we hope that you enjoyed the last edition of news from Castle Camps Pre-School and Out of School Club. We are pleased to report the Pre-School and Out of School Club are continuing to progress well. Should you wish to enquire about places for the near future, please do not hesitate to contact us for a registration form.

This term the children have been learning about where they live and their names and addresses. They had fun making and posting postcards in the community post box and have started "All About Me" books. These are designed to promote the child's self-esteem and increase awareness of their own identity, to be shared between the Pre-School and at home.

With all this wet weather the children's plants have been growing nicely in the Pre-School garden. Carrots, beetroot, parsley and strawberries have been planted and we are sure when these are ready to eat the children will be queuing up to try them!

Our Easter Fayre held on 31<sup>st</sup> March was a huge success and we would like to say a big thank you to all involved in the running of it and for coming along to support us. Sports relief was also a success with children donating and learning the importance of raising money for other peoples needs.

Fundraising for the Pre-School and Out of School Club is continuing over the next few months. We are excited about hosting our 80's/90's disco in Castle Camps Village Hall on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Licensed bar - dress up if you dare! Tickets £5 per person - contact Cindy now on 07710 609955 to get your tickets.

Thank you to all those who have supported and continue to support these events, all funds raised go towards improving and making the Pre-School and Out of School Club a safe and happy environment for the children.

Emma Jennings  
Pre-School Committee Secretary



Ofsted inspected Rated 'GOOD' in all areas

**DAISY CHAINS PRE-SCHOOL  
WEST WICKHAM**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to our jumble sale. It was a great success, both in terms of the weather and we even managed to make it a record year in terms of fundraising! Thank you to the staff and all the helpers of which there are too many to thank individually. To everyone who baked and donated and to everyone who bought and supported the preschool.

TINA DANIELS  
Chairperson

**WEST WICKHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

West Wickham and District Gardening Club's final talk of the year 2011-2012 was entitled "Ferns in a Suffolk Garden" by Barrie Stevenson from Cowlinge. Barrie is a most entertaining speaker and the photos of his garden looked wonderful with many types of ferns growing together round his enchanting thatched cottage. Members were able to walk away with pots of ferns that Barrie propagates from spores. Hopefully we will be able to arrange an evening visit there next year.

On 28<sup>th</sup> May Clare Kneen, from Little Walden has invited us to her "Iris Field" to view and order bearded Iris; 11<sup>th</sup> June we have an evening visit to Ousden House, south of Newmarket- a spectacular garden and on 2<sup>nd</sup> July Jim and Hilary Potter in Balsham will let us run round their MAZE from 7pm until we manage to find the EXIT.

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## VILLAGE DIARY

May	26	Annual Church Fete, All Saints Church
	27	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Queens Jubilee : Congregation
	28	Green and Blue Bin Collection West Wickham Gardening Club visit to Clare Kreen's Iris Field
	30	A604 Club – Val Spencer
June	2	Farmers Market, Linton Village College
	3	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Rowe The Big Lunch – Horseheath Village Hall
	<b>6</b>	Black Bin Collection *
	10	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Rowe
	11	West Wickham Gardening Club visit to Ousden House, Newmarket
	<b>12</b>	Green and Blue Bin Collection *
	13	A604 Club – Andrew Westwood-Bates
	17	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	18	Black Bin Collection
	20	Tea & Chat, All Saints Church, Horseheath
	24	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison Open Gardens, Castle Camps School
	25	Green and Blue Bin Collection
July	1	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Dr & Mrs Morse
	2	Black Bin Collection West Wickham Gardening Club visit to Balsham Maze, 7pm
	7	Farmers Market, Linton Village College
	8	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Dr & Mrs Morse
	9	Green and Blue Bin Collection Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm, Horseheath Village Hall
	14	80s/90s Disco, Castle Camps Pre-School
	15	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mizon
	16	Black Bin Collection
	19	Castle Camps School Leavers Service, All Saints Church, Castle Camps
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