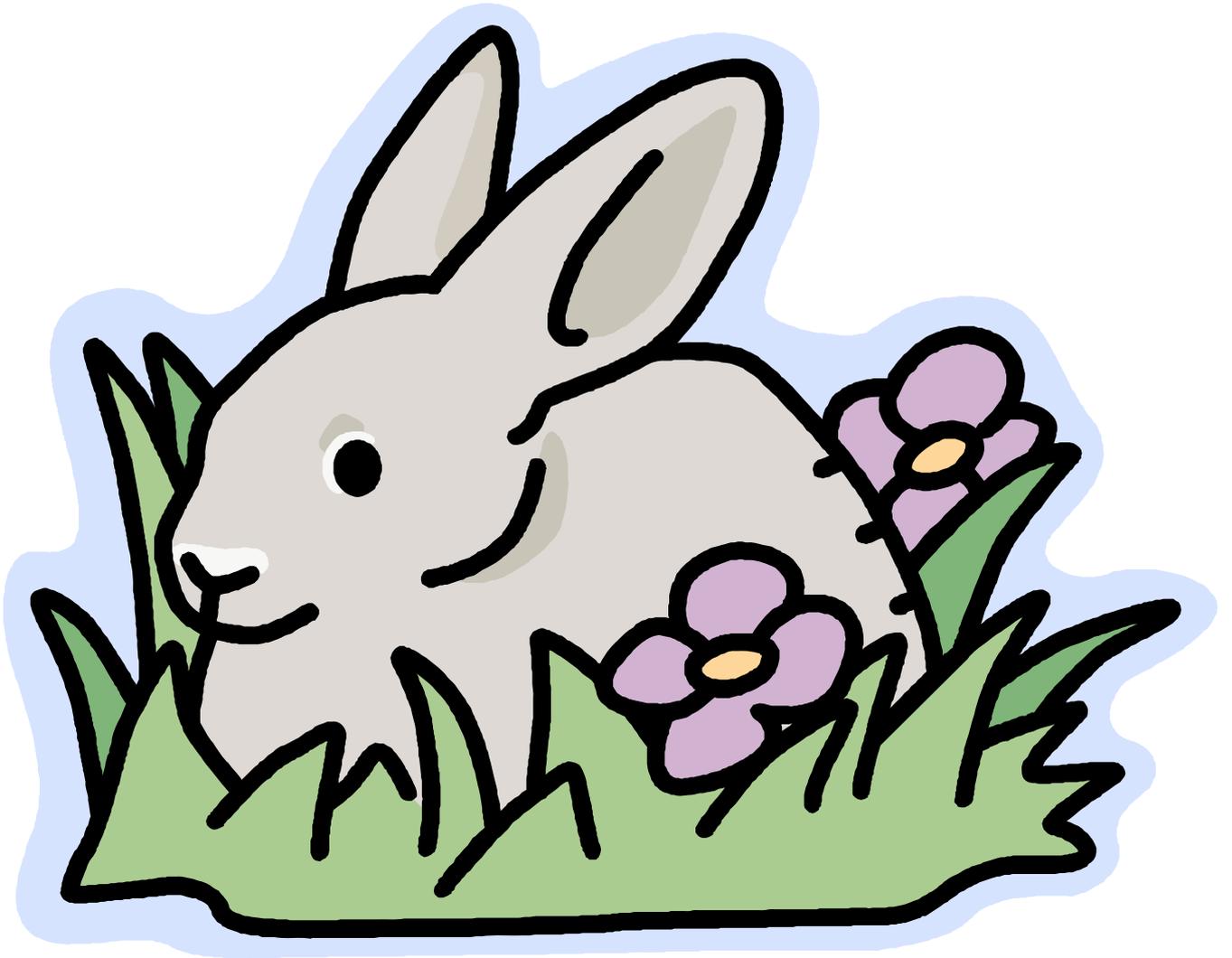


THE VENTURE



February/March 2013

FROM THE EDITOR

Its snowing!!! But it is also very very cold, and will be for at least another week or more. I hope you are all looking after your elderly neighbours by either clearing snow, doing the odd bit of shopping for just checking on them to make sure they are OK. I know I am.

Time to look through the holiday brochures and dream of sitting next to George Clooney on a sandy beach looking out over a crystal blue sea but in reality it will be a field with tents in and it will be raining.

I've been thinking about my garden recently, wondering what to do differently. Whether to re-turf the lawn after getting rid of the ant hills, getting more shrubs/roses or what different vegetables to grow. I'm terrible at making decisions, you should see me with a menu in a restaurant. I'm not fussy but I know what I like and sometimes what I want isn't on the list and then I'm all disappointed and grumpy.

Oh to be 6 and not care....

Anyway, back to reality, don't forget to let me have anything you would like included in the April/May 2013 issue please let The Editor by **16th March 2013** 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 SAINT'S CHURCH

SPOT THE DOG

We keep a little dog in All Saints' Church. To the right of the altar there's a very handsome Tudor monument, dated 1586. On top of a black marble slab is the effigy of Sir Gyles Alington, clad in full armour and with a dog at his feet.

The dog shows us that he died of natural causes. Effigies of knights who died in battle rest their feet on lions instead! And if they were Crusaders, then their legs are crossed.

Sir Gyles' dog is called a Talbot. There were not many different breeds in Tudor times. There were Greyhounds, big dogs like mastiffs called Alaunts, and Talbots. Talbots were short-legged, floppy-eared hounds with a heavy bite. They had a keen sense of smell and were heavy enough to bring down a stag. Usually white, they're sometimes shown on pub signs as white with black spots. This is probably a mistake: a confusion with Dalmatians, the carriage dogs of the Eighteenth Century.

But the All Saints' Talbot should be white with black spots. That's because he was the crest of the Alington family: in heraldic terms, *a Talbot passant, proper, ermine*. He also features on one of the modern tapestry kneelers that are such a lovely feature of the church. See if you can spot him next time you come in!

All Blessings

GRAHAM†

Church Flowers and Cleaning

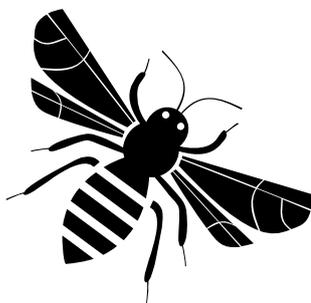
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February	20 th Mrs Rowe & Mrs Powell
	27 th Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	3 rd Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	10 th Dr & Mrs Morse
March	17 th Dr & Mrs Morse – No Flowers
	24 th Mrs Keys - No Flowers
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	10 th Mrs Mizon – No Flowers
	17 th Mrs Mizon – No Flowers
April	24 th Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson – No Flowers
	31 st Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson – EASTER - Congregation
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May	28 th Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley
	5 th Mrs Rowe & Mrs Powell
	12 th Mrs Rowe & Mrs Powell

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

The February 'Tea and Chat' will be hosted by Audrey and Alan Bishop at their home, 5 Cornish Close on 27th February at 2.30pm. All are welcome so please come along to this Tea and Chat.

The next fundraising event for the Church is a Spring Lunch on Saturday 2nd March. Come along to meet up with old friends and make some new ones too whilst enjoying hot soup, jacket potatoes, etc

Ruth Keys
Churchwarden



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HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting was held on Thursday 17th November in the Village Hall. The meeting was scheduled for the previous Monday but was postponed due to the weather. In attendance was the Parish Clerk Bernard Yallop, County Councillor John Batchelor, District Councillor Richard Barrett and two parishioners.

District Council News

Richard Barrett told us of more budget cuts including another 100 staff going. This is bound to have an impact on some services. The District Council contact centre has been experiencing some difficulties so has been moved to Cambourne from St.Ives. It is still overloaded on Monday mornings and the advice is to avoid that time as they are always blocked with enquiries after a weekend. Council tax will be increased by 1.95%. (The Government has said that rises over 2% would trigger a referendum.)

County Council News

John Batchelor had a similar tale to tell of reduced budgets and the inevitable pressure on services.

Affordable Housing

The plans for the three dwellings in Audley Way were refused by the planners. However a revised application has now been submitted to the District Council, following some minor changes to the positioning and detailing of the buildings.

Speeding

We have not yet heard about our grant request, with John Batchelor warning us not to expect too much and to expect delays even when if the scheme is agreed. There has been a revision in the amount of free 30mph stickers available for the bins and we are now seeking a cost effective solution.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Dawn Gouldstone has stepped down as a Councillor after more than six years. We thank her for her service, which has in recent years included responsibility for footpaths. Please get in touch with me – details below - if you would like to find out more.

Dog mess

We are still receiving complaints about dog mess on the pavements, footpaths and verges as well as bags of the stuff left around the village. So we once again we appeal to dog owners to clear away the mess and the bags. There are 3 bins for dog mess at the end of footpaths on the Haverhill Road and on the West Wickham Road and on the Roman Road at the junction with the road to Streetly End.

Commemorative Stone in Church wall

We will fix date once all the funding is in place.

Trees

The Jubilee Oak was badly damaged by careless strimmers when the District Council last cut the verges. It has now been inspected by their Tree Officer, who tells us that the tree will not now flourish as it should with slow growth and early death. He is endeavoring to get us a replacement.

Maintenance

The bushes at the junction to Alington Terrace have started to obstruct the road and have been reported. The missing 30mph repeater signs have also been reported but not yet replaced. The overhanging branches from the Church trees have finally been completed.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th March 2013 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Stuart Miller
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1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

We just started back to Brownies and welcomed Morgan, Eowyn and Olivia to the pack. Morgan and Eowyn were previously Rainbows but Olivia is new to guiding and her Mum made the enquiry through our new dedicated Join Us site - www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested - where all new enquiries from both girls and volunteers are now made.

In December the Brownies gave the best performances yet at the Over 60's Luncheon, the number of 'congratulations'. 'what a lovely bunch of Brownies', 'they are so talented' I've had is tremendous. I knew they were talented but I didn't know how talented.

We are busy getting ready for our annual Pack Holiday to the Jarman Centre towards the end of March. We will hopefully have better weather than last year and be able to have a picnic outside for lunch when the Rainbows visit. We will also be attending the District Thinking Day celebrations, being held at Castle Camps Village Hall, in February as well as crafts and activities for the Chinese New Year of the Snake. Which year were you born under? I'm monkey but I guess you knew that anyway!

As mentioned above, if you would like to put your daughter on our waiting list you will need to register at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested but if you would like more information on what we do then please drop me an email.

PAULINE AKA BARNEY
E: brownies@horseheath.info

A604 CLUB

By the time you read this we will have started back at our fortnightly meetings.

At the end of November we had an early Christmas Tea to get us in the mood for the December festivities, we then had the Brownies Christmas lunch, finishing off with our Club Christmas Lunch at the Rose and Crown in Haverhill.

We are still finalising our speakers for this year but can advise that our AGM will be on 13 March, a little later than planned due to prior commitments of the Committee. Speakers already booked are Andrew

Westwood Bates with a film on Old Cambridge, Peter Jackson from Scotdales and our popular Fish & Chip Lunch. We will also be holding a Bring & Buy Sale for club funds.

Our meetings are from 2.30pm on alternate Wednesday's, next meeting is 13 February, if you would be interested in popping along to give us a try but need more information please contact Don on 893428 or Christine on 891086.

CHRISTINE

CASTLE CAMPS C OF E (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Best wishes for the year ahead. I am sure that we will face lots of challenges in the oncoming year, but at this moment we should reflect on what a fantastic year 2012 was! Olympics, Paralympics, Queen's Jubilee, Tour de France victory, Cricket, Golf, Tennis as you can see I am a bit of a sports fanatic! However, looking inside the sport and the events it is the people that always amaze me. Contestants, coaches, teachers, 'volunteers' (Games Makers) and people like that are truly wonderful. Please make sure that you look out for the opportunities to say well done and thank you to those around you. Say hello, smile, and do not wait for someone to speak to you first. You will find it makes a huge difference. Our children especially need more of this! Too many live in an 'isolated' world, not allowed to go out (it's not safe), sitting in front of a screen or in a pram facing away from the parent, who may well be listening to music or interacting on a phone! Lend a hand and speak. With a smile!

Just recently it has been cold, but school bustles on. We have been outside almost every day and we have all had chances to make snow creations, run about and kick the snow and even throw the odd snowball. Inside we have started inspiring the children through a really interesting and exciting topic, 'Lights, Camera, Action'. If you have any skills or experiences of film or television please contact us and share! The teachers are working hard to plan quality lessons so that all the children can learn and achieve their best. Of course the child has to take responsibility for their learning otherwise there will be little progress. They have to 'think for themselves'!

We are planning a couple of projects this year. Both involve raising funds. First to purchase books for our 'Cosy Corner' (library) and secondly to install a wireless network so that the children can connect to the world on the internet as well as update our ICT room. Both are not cheap and we estimate £5,000 for books and £15,000 for the ICT improvements. If you know or work for a company that would be willing to support us, in any way, please telephone the School Office. Also, if a Castle Camps child (with parent) asks for 'sponsorship' please be generous. Thanks in advance!

We held a wonderful 'Christingle' at All Saints Church, Castle Camps, many thanks to Father Graham and all those who attended. Also, the School had great fun going to see "George's Marvellous Medicine" at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. Very different events but I found both very 'uplifting'. Is it the children's singing and laughter?

Remember we would love you to see you. Please come and have lunch with us, be my guest just contact the School Office, 01799 584270, to arrange a date. We always need help, skills that you could share with the children. Take care and thank you for supporting the school.

Kevin Sheehan (Headteacher)

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HORSEHEATH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

By the time you read this it will be the end of January, but a belated Happy New Year to one and all...! The Village Hall committee are already planning the fundraising events to be held this year and we hope to have another successful 12 months to follow.

Just to put to bed last years events: The Christmas Fayre was an excellent afternoon for stall holders and shoppers alike. The Village Hall made a profit of £270 from stall holders donations, the Chocolate Tombola and the sale of Mulled Wine and mince pies. Many thanks go to all the stall holders – I hope your efforts were rewarded! We hope to host another event next November/December. I would also like to amend a slight error in the last edition of the Venture – unfortunately profits from the Barn Dance were not £9000 as printed - we added a '0' to many and actually made a very respectable and much appreciated £900! I would hate for everyone to think the village hall were rolling in cash and not to continue supporting us!

After a short absence, on 26th January the Village Hall plays host to the annual Burns Night Supper organised by Phyllis Baptie. At the time of writing there have been 41 tickets sold, and providing the weather plays ball, I am sure we have another fantastic evening of good food and company to come. On behalf of the committee and all who attend I would like to thank Phyllis for her efforts organising this for us.

Christine and Pauline will be putting us all to the test again with their challenging and entertaining quiz night – more details of this to follow, but start putting the word round and getting your teams together!

2013 will be a Heyday year with all the usual fun and entertainment held at the village hall... as usual we will be looking for helpers and volunteers to assist in running the day, if you have time to spare and would like to join in please get in touch!

As I always end – we are looking for new members and volunteers to join our committee, April brings around our annual AGM, which we usually hold in conjunction with the Parish Council. If you would like to join us please let us know and we can sign you up there and then!

I hope we have as successful a year as we did in 2012. The Village Hall is being used almost every weekday evening and provides entertainment and classes for the local community – as it should. We currently have a Thursday evening free if anyone is looking for a venue to host a class. Please get in touch if you do. Our weekly calendar is as follows:

Monday Evenings:	Zumba with Lisa Telephone: 07412 603 963
Tuesdays Evenings:	Pilates with Su Matthews 07986 692334 su@bodydesignpilates.co.uk
Wednesdays Afternoons	A604 – see page of village website
Thursdays Mornings:	Pilates – Su Matthews
Friday Morning:	Knit & Natter – check calendar for dates
Evenings:	Bible Classes

We look forward to see you at our events and remember the hall is available for you parties /bookings – please get in touch for more information

100 Club Winner

December Cherry Fraser, Horseheath £30.00

Adrienne Powell, Chair HVCA

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CASTLE CAMPS AND OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Happy New Year, and welcome back to our Spring newsletter. The pre-school and out of school club continue to progress although some sessions still remain available. Should you wish to enquire about a space, please contact us for a registration form.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for our Christmas hamper and congratulations to the winner Mike Sadler. A huge thank you must also go to Lesley, the landlady at the Cock pub in Castle Camps, as the tickets she sold their contributed greatly to the total of £332.00 that was raised for the pre-school and out of school club.

A big thank you must also go to all parents, committee staff and teachers who helped with the children's Christmas party. Santa clause made a special visit and fun was had by all that attended.

This term the children are going to be kept busy making arts and crafts for Valentines Day and Mothers Day, as well as learning about The Chinese New Year and Burns night.

Fundraising will continue and a **bags to school collection** is being arranged to take place in the next couple of months. We will keep you informed so you may bring along all of your unwanted clothes, toys, shoes, bags etc into the front playground for collection. We also plan to hold another Clairvoyant night, details of which will be available in due course.

The Pre-School are always happy to receive donations of old toys and books that your children may have grown out of. Please speak to a member of staff if you have anything that might be suitable for the children.

We are grateful for your continued support of these events and all funds raised go towards improving and making the Pre-School a safe and happy environment for the children.

Emma Jennings
Pre-School Committee Secretary



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SINGING AND PIANO TUITION

Frances Howard is an established singing and piano teacher who has recently moved to the area with vacancies for new students. Working from her purpose built studio in Cardinals Green she teaches all types of singing, from classical to music theatre and pop and rock.

Frances recently moved from Cheshire where she had a strong track record of success with student exams and also in helping students to gain entry to performing arts courses. She started teaching singing some 15 years ago after gaining a BA at Keele University where she studied with Clare Hogan-Taylor. After also gaining a performers Diploma on the piano she then completed the Certificate of Teaching from the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (CTABRSM). Although Frances continues to perform as a soprano and pianist, her joy is to see young people develop and express themselves through music and performance.

For information about lessons Frances can be contacted on 01223 892001 or franjh@btinternet.com.

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VILLAGE DIARY

January	28	Black Bin Collection
	30	A604 Meeting
February	3	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison
	4	Green and Blue Bin Collection
	10	Church Flowers and Cleaning – Dr & Mrs Morse
	11	Black Bin Collection
	17	Church Cleaning – Dr & Mrs Morse
	18	Green and Blue Bin Collection
	24	Church Cleaning – Mrs Keys
	25	Black Bin Collection
27	Tea & Chat, 2.30pm, 5 Cornish Close	
March	2	Spring Lunch, All Saints Church, Horseheath
	3	Church Cleaning – Mrs Keys
	4	Green and Blue Bin Collection
	10	Church Cleaning – Mrs Mizon
	11	Black Bin Collection
		Parish Council Meeting, 7.45pm Horseheath Village Hall
	17	Church Cleaning – Mrs Mizon
	18	Green and Blue Bin Collection
	25	Church Cleaning – Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson
	26	Black Bin Collection
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