

THE VENTURE



April/May 2017

FROM THE EDITOR

Has anyone else been affected by the dog fouling in the village? There seems to be an epidemic of dog mess around the village. I've recently started walking the footpaths through the fields around the village but you can't admire the view as you are too busy looking at your feet to make sure you don't step in any "messages". I know I personally don't own a dog but if I did I'd make sure I cleaned up after it. The Countryside is for everyone it isn't a dogs toilet.

I have been informed that the residents of Cardinals Green and Alington Terrace are on a different bin collection to the rest of the village, so I would like to apologise to them for any confusion. The recently delivered 'South Cambs' magazine doesn't have them listed under Monday B but if you use the South Cambs online Bin calendar it does show Cardinals Green as the opposite coloured bins to the rest of the village.

I have made the alternations to diary at the back of the Venture, I hope that it doesn't confuse people having two listings

Don't forget to let me have anything you would like included in the April/May 2017 issue please let The Editor by **16 May 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

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Dear Friends

We are now approaching Easter on Sunday 16 April, the most important time in the Churches year. Unlike Christmas when we are only celebrating one thing; Jesus birth, over Holy Week and Easter we have the events of Jesus Triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), the Last Supper (Maundy Thursday), and Jesus Crucifixion (Good Friday) to commemorate before we reach the celebration of Jesus resurrection on Easter Day.

This year Horseheath is hosting the Liturgy of the Cross on Good Friday at 12noon which incorporates the reading of the St John Passion. I am very much looking forward to leading this most significant service at Horseheath for the first time. The other services in Holy week are taking place in the other Churches of the team, Palm Sunday at Castle Camps 10am, Maundy Thursday Agape Study Camps 7pm and Easter Day 8am Service of Light and 10am Easter Eucharist at Castle Camps. Details can be found elsewhere at [www.3churches.eu](http://www.3churches.eu).

Before we get to Easter we have the Churches Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 5 April at 7pm in Church when Church Warden are chosen and PCC and Deanery Synod members are voted in. For historic reasons the Vestry meeting is open to all who are resident in the parish as well as those on the electoral roll. To take part in the APCM you need to be on the electoral Roll, let me know if you need an application form.

Looking forward please put Saturday 3 June in your diary as it is the date for our Garden Party which is followed by a concert in Church in the evening. I've not been to a garden party before but it sound like a great event.

All Blessings for a happy Easter.

Ian Fisher (Team Vicar)  
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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Our AGM will take place in Church on Wednesday 5 April at 7pm, the PCC would welcome new Members. We meet four times a year to discuss the maintenance and general running of our Church. If you cannot make the AGM and would like to become a Member please let Pat or Judith know.

Cleaning and re-oiling of the Knave floor has taken place with the help of a donation from the SCDC Community Chest and Perry Removals for removing and returning our Pews, we thank you both.

Another thank you to all who supported our Valentine Lunch held on Saturday 18 February, £270 was raised for the upkeep of our church. Also Thank you to Alan and Audrie Bishop for hosting our Tea & Chat in their home over the winter months, we shall return to Church on Wednesday 5 12 April and 17 May at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Sunday Club for children meets on the 1st Sunday of every month in Church at 10.am.

**Forthcoming Events:** Good Friday 14 April 12 noon Service Veneration of the Cross to be taken by Revd Ian Fisher.

We are holding a "Summer Soiree" (an evening of music) at 7.30pm on Saturday 3 June in Church the tickets will cost £12.00 which includes a glass of wine and light refreshments hosted by Duncan Maletka and his group. Also on Saturday 3 June in the afternoon we are holding our annual Garden Party in the Garden of Jim McCaughan, adjacent to the church with the usual stalls, teas and entertainment.

Do come and Support us all proceeds go towards the upkeep of our church building

Pat & Judith  
Church Wardens

### Church Flowers and Cleaning

| <u>Date</u> |    | <u>Cleaning and Flowers</u> |                        |
|-------------|----|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| March       | 26 | Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler     | ] No Flowers -<br>Lent |
| April       | 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    |                        |
| May         | 7  | Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley      |                        |
|             | 14 | Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley      |                        |
|             | 21 | Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone  |                        |
|             | 28 | Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone  |                        |
| June        | 4  | Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler     |                        |
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|             | 18 | Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison   |                        |
|             | 25 | Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison   |                        |

## HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

[www.horseheath.info](http://www.horseheath.info)

A meeting was held on Monday 20 March in the Village Hall. In attendance were the Parish Clerk Melanie Laing and one parishioner.

### Annual Parish Meeting

This is not a Parish Council meeting but an opportunity to have your say on village issues.

Our MP Lucy Frazer asked us to suggest a Horseheath event for her to visit, so we have invited her to the Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 12 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. She will take questions at the start of the meeting so come and ask her about Local Plans, the A1307, Brexit, the NHS, or anything else. Do come along to question her and our County and District Councillors and hear reports from village organisations.

### County and District Council news – [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk) & [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk)

As our meeting moved back a week we did not have our County and District Councillors with us and therefore had no reports from them.

### Planning

- An outline application has been submitted to build nine new houses opposite The Red Lion pub. About 25 people attended the Parish Council's planning meeting and a decision was made to object to the application.
- there was no objection to an extension at Springfield Cottages on West Wickham Road.
- there was no objection to a Lawful Development Certificate being issued for a small sliver of land behind Bridge Corner on West Wickham Road.

### Allotments

Another vacancy has come up for an allotment at Alington Terrace, Cardinals Green. Please contact the clerk at the address below.

### 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 are seeking to build a team of about 6 people to operate the equipment a few times a year. Please contact the clerk at the address below.

### Speed Indicator Devices

On a similar theme we are also considering investing in two Speed Indicator Devices in partnership with other local villages. These flash up a vehicle's speed and are a proven method of calming speed in villages. We shall apply for a Local Highways Initiative grant later in the year to help pay for this.

### Notice Board

There is a new Notice Board in Cardinals Green near the junction to Mill Green, replacing the two smaller ones. One side is open for use by all-comers.

### Maintenance

We are chasing this list:

- Road drainage – Alington Terrace. This has been worked on but is not right yet.
- Trees at Dene Rd/A1307 junction.
- Weeds in road gutters in Cardinals Green. Horseheath has now been done.
- Footway – Alington Terrace to bus shelter and cycle rack.
- White lines on village sign junctions and sharp bends through parish.

- Damaged road / pothole opposite Field View Studios.
- Vegetation overgrowing directional sign on A1307/Montfort junction.
- Missing and damaged bollards on A1307 / Montfort junction.
- Overgrown land at A1307/Alington Terrace junction.

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.

### **Accident diversions**

Following the fatal accident past Park Farm on the A1307 in January we were concerned that traffic diversions were so inefficient with traffic blocking Cardinals Green from both directions. However, The County Council and the Police tell us they cannot guarantee this will not happen again were a similar situation to arise in the future as they feel their diversion through the village was sufficient.

The next meeting will be on Monday 8 May at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Stuart Miller, Chair

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## **1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES**

We all had a great time on our weekend away in the middle of March. We had 17 Brownies, Laurené our Young Leader, Emily our Guide helper and 6 adults at the Jarman Centre in Newmarket. We enjoyed being Pirates for the weekend especially looking for the 'hidden treasure' when the Brownies tried Geocaching. The Brownies were joined on Saturday morning by Balsham Rainbows and they all decorated a treasure chest, made an eye patch, a pirate hat and a jewel encrusted cutlass. You definitely need to be careful with those cutlasses they look really sharp!

We will be holding a joint meeting with 1st Linton Guides as a fundraiser for Red Nose. We will all be wearing red, for a red fashion show, and then putting out toy pets through their paces at the Second Toy Pet Show. All entries will receive a certificate and their might be a prize for the "best in show".

We are still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, they will be giving them out at the tills until be 2 May but please don't hold on to them until then please put them in the box in Horseheath Post Office, if you don't have a school or playgroup to donate them to.

Our numbers are slowly growing again but we can still take more so if you have a daughter who would be interested in joining us please register her at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://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](mailto:brownies@horseheath.info)

## **A604 CLUB**

Since the last Venture we have held our AGM. Don Harvey, Chairman, gave a report outlining the events of the past year and the Accounts were accepted. The Programme for 2017 was handed round.

A new Committee was formed with Don Harvey, Chairman; Nanette Blackmore, Vice-Chairman; Denny Pearson, Secretary; and Christine Newman, Treasurer.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5 April and we will be meeting at Sturmer Nurseries for lunch. The May meeting will also feature food as it is our Fish and Chip lunch. Our June meeting we have Paul Finch who is a benefits adviser.

If anyone is interested in joining the Club please get in touch, either call Don on 01223 893428 or Christine on 01223 891086. We are a friendly little group.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

CHRISTINE  
Treasurer

## **HORSEHEATH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Hello from the village hall committee.

Well we have had a great start to the new year with the annual Burns Night celebration. Thank you all who attended, helped with the cooking and with the clearing up at the end. It was a great night.

We have been busy planning our annual events and have a few exciting events coming up. Firstly is our AGM on the Monday 24 April at 7.30pm where we will be looking to go forward with a new Chairperson. We are unfortunately losing Adrienne as Chairperson who has given the village hall committee 10 years of hard work. Adrienne will be a great loss to us at the committee but she is concentrating full time now on a bustling catering business 'Wildflour' which is keeping her very busy. We wish Adrienne the best of luck in her ventures and are sure to see her at our events in the future and certainly around the village and at the food markets !!

We are always looking for committee members so please if you have some spare time come along and see what we do.

Our next planned event is a Wine Tasting/Quiz on Saturday 20 May, doors opening at 7pm. Hot food will be included and an auction at the end of the evening. You don't need to be a wine buff to have a go and should be a good social evening. Tickets will be £10 per person, £18 per couple. Come along for a fun evening.

We have an end of summer event on Saturday 9 September. More details to come in the next Venture....

Lastly we will be holding a Halloween disco for the children on Friday 27 October, so get your spooky outfits ready. It will be an interactive disco with games and prizes. Dressing up is a must.

We rely on you all attending our events to enable keeping the village hall going, as even empty, it costs to keep running!! But also so we can have fun together and keep the community spirit going. So don't forget the village hall is for hire for parties, and events, clubs or classes. It can be hired as a one off or on a regular basis so if you are thinking of running a class or know someone give us a call.

Sadly it has come to our attention that two boys have been messing about on the village hall flat roof. They had come on BMX bikes. Not only is this highly dangerous leading to a serious injury it could cause damage to the roof which is a CRIMINAL offence. Any further issues like this will be reported to the police. Please respect our community.

#### 100 Club Winners

|           |                 |        |
|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| January:  | Marjory Powell  | £30.00 |
| February: | Brian Mizon     | £30.00 |
| March:    | Michaela Cowell | £30.00 |

Last call for 100 Club and Social forms to Christine.

Look forward to seeing you at the wine tasting evening

Mel and the Village Hall Committee  
[Villagehall@horseheath.info](mailto:Villagehall@horseheath.info)  
Facebook: Horseheath Village Hall

### **THE MEADOW SCHOOL, BALSHAM**

In February we had our long awaited Ofsted Inspection, to date I have not received the report back on how well the school performed during the inspection. The report should be returned within 14 days of the inspection or 23 but this is only in exceptional circumstances. I have been chased every 2-3 days but to no avail. As soon as the results are known we will put a statement on our school website and obviously let you know too.

On a positive note, we have been incredibly proud of our sports teams this month. We sent teams to play in tournaments for tag rugby, netball and hockey. Sadly we didn't win any of them but our team spirit and brilliant attitude was recognised and we won the 'Spirit of the Games' award in hockey. Congratulations to all of our sports stars.

We were also invited by the organisers of the Balsham Community Orchard to take all of our children from the Infants to the orchard to help plant the new hedgerow. It was quite a sight to see 100 children marching through the village kitted out in their outdoor messy clothes and wellies, clutching a trowel. The children had a fantastic time and absolutely loved being tasked with the very special job. After they had planted all of the saplings they explored the orchard, fascinated with the different trees and of course the huge pile of manure, which we had to keep reminding them was not a mountain to climb! We were even luckier as on the day we went the first blossom on one of the trees was through and the children took great delight in searching for this one tree. We look forward to being able to keep visiting this wonderful community venture and see how our hedgerow is growing.

We have also been treated this month to a spectacular production of 'King of all Polar Bears' by Years 3/4/5. The children put on a super show which was full of acting, singing and dancing. Well done to all of the children and staff for a great way to end the topic.

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

NICHOLA CONNOR  
Headteacher

## DOG FOULING

There is a higher than usual instances of dog fouling in the village. This is unsightly and most unpleasant when you don't see it before you either step in it or mow over it. Both of which have happened to me recently.

The South Cambridgeshire District Council has the following information on their website about Dog Fouling:

"Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 it is generally an offence for anyone in charge of a dog to allow it to foul unless they clear it up. If there is a persistent problem with dog fouling in your area we have a number of options.



- We can investigate, issue warnings, fixed penalty notices or even prosecute persons in charge who fail to clear up after their dog, providing you know who that person is, have witnessed the incident and are prepared to give a statement and possibly go to court
- We can assess whether there are adequate facilities for the disposal of dog mess in the vicinity
- We can arrange for ad-hoc clearances of heavily fouled areas"

Can I please ask all dog owners and walkers to clean up after their pets. If you can't afford the black 'poo bags' then supermarkets have those handy clear ones in the vegetable aisle with a "please help yourself" sign.

The Editor

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) is proud to announce reaching the 1,000 mark for our Safe and Well visits launched last Summer to support the safety and wellbeing of the most vulnerable residents in the community. Working with key partners including Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Health and Wellbeing Network, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust and the Drug and Alcohol Action Team, CFRS developed the Safe and Well model to offer a holistic approach to supporting people living in their own homes.

Building on the previous work of Home Fire Safety Checks, the Safe and Well visit encompasses a range of other areas including preventing falls in the home, monitoring alcohol use and consumption, staying well, warm and nourished at home and crime reduction including fraud and scams. The Safe and Well visit now provides the Service with sufficient information to support individuals and, with consent, to refer individuals to selected partner agencies, who will be able to support them further.

Our Safe and Well visit incorporates smoke alarms as part of a comprehensive list of checks. For more information please visit our homepage at: [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) and click on Safe and Well visits.

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## **BALSHAM COMMUNITY MARKET SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2017**

Thank you to those of you who came along and supported our local farmers and food producers. It is really important to support local small business as well as British farming as they are key to the success of our local economy as well as our local community.

We had a good turn out again this month although the flow of people was more steady than the previous market where the majority of people arrived within the first 45 minutes. The Easter egg hunt went down very well with the children. I think there were around 20 children who took part. Photos can be found on our website page.

Our next market is Saturday 13 May from 2pm to 5pm. As well as stalls inside the Institute, there will be stalls outside too. Keep a look out on our Facebook page or website for regular updates.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 13 May.

Debbie Paton

[www.facebook.com/balshammarket](http://www.facebook.com/balshammarket) and [www.balshammarket.wordpress.com](http://www.balshammarket.wordpress.com)

## **REMEMBERED.....**

Sonia Cockman, late of The Old Thatch, Cardinals Green, Horseheath  
Marjory Powell, late of Dean House, Cornish Close, Horseheath

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

## WEST WICKHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

On Monday 20 March, Rob and Denise Sheriff, previous owners of a Dahlia nursery in Suffolk came to talk to us on " How to grow Dahlias".

Their illustrated talk gave us all the information we needed to grow the very best blooms. It covered the storing of tubers, pests and diseases (a can of sulphur seems indispensable), propagation by cuttings, supports and finally how to show off your beautiful flowers to best advantage when entering a competition. There are 56,000 varieties at the moment of which Rob grows 500. One can choose from huge giant blooms to tiny pom-poms and some of the new types of dahlia are quite stunning with many different shapes and colours in petals and foliage.

Our next meeting is on Monday 24 April, avoiding Easter Monday, when we look forward to finding out how to plant up containers. This will be the last talk in our programme and we then get ready for our GRAND PLANT SALE on Saturday 20 May, a date I hope you all have in your diaries.

If any of these are of interest to you just come along and we will give you a warm welcome. More information is available from Rosemary Yallop on 01799 584262.

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# **Question Time with your MP Lucy Frazer Come and have your say**



## **Annual Parish Meeting**

**Friday May 12th at 7.30pm at The Village Hall  
Doors open at 7pm    Drinks at the bar plus free snacks**

## VILLAGE DIARY

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 27 Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Green and Blue Bins
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 5 Horseheath Church PCC AGM, 7pm  
 9 Church Cleaning only – Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison  
 Palm Sunday – Castle Camps Church, 10am  
 10 Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Green and Blue Bins  
 13 Maundy Thursday – Agape, Shudy Camps Church, 7pm  
 14 Good Friday – Liturgy of the Cross, 12noon, Horseheath Church  
 16 Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison  
 Service of Light – Castle Camps Church, 8am  
 Easter Eucharist – Castle Camps Church, 10am  
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 24 Horseheath Village Community Association AGM  
 West Wickham and District Gardening Club  
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 7 Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley  
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 Horseheath Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm  
 12 Annual Parish Meeting, Horseheath Village Hall 7.30pm  
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