

THE VENTURE



April/May 2018

FROM THE EDITOR

Snow, snow and yet more snow but is there more to come. We all hope not.

The ground now needs to warm up so we can get our seeds sown, trees can come into bud and we can say that spring will have truly sprung, but whilst we are looking at the beautiful scenery we also need to be looking where we drive as we might get swallowed up by a massive, and they are getting bigger, pothole. They seem to appear overnight and grow before your eyes. I'm sure one day a car will disappear into it, never to be seen again. I just hope it isn't my car.

Why are the roads allowed to get some bad? You would have thought we the Country taking back its power from Brussels we would have all the money to fix what we wanted when we wanted but perhaps to get ahead we need to revert back to Roman times as I'm sure they didn't have pot holes then!

Enough of my whinging best you get on and read what others have to say.....

Don't forget to let me have anything you would like included in the June/July 2018 issue please let The Editor by **16 May 2018** at the **very latest**. Articles can be emailed to: venture@horseheath.info. To advertise your business please contact the Venture Team on 01223 891086 for more details.

Dear Friends

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*Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise  
Without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With him mayst rise:  
That as his death calcined thee into dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.*

Words from Easter, By George Herbert 1593-1633) which is one of my favourite poems so much so that I've set them to music to sing as an anthem.

As each year we remember the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first Easter do we really grasp what an earth-shattering event it was. St Matthew portrays the Resurrection as literally an earth-shattering event - *And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat upon it.* (Matthew 28:2 (RSV) - but earthquakes aside the Resurrection changed the way the world is. When God created the world he set in train a cycle of life and death, a process of evolution in which plants and animals are born, live, die and decay to be replaced by new plants and animals. As it says in Genesis - *In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return to the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art and unto dust shall return* (Genesis 3:19 (AV) - the Resurrection broke that cycle and brought to us a new form of life that goes beyond death, eternal, resurrection life. Because God raised Jesus from the dead we are not limited to an earthly life of 'three score years and ten' we can have a life that continues for eternity. We need not fear death as the end of all things.

There is, though, a catch. The catch is that although the Resurrection of Jesus has brought eternal life into the world our passage from the cycle of life, death and decay is not automatic. To obtain eternal life we have to respond to Jesus. We have to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Belief that Jesus is the Son of God is not just a matter of saying the words (the evil spirits of the Gospels did that). The belief that leads to eternal life is a belief that leads us to follow Jesus' teaching, to obey his commands, to live lives of praise, prayer and service in Jesus name.

When we believe, when we live lives of faith and action then eternal life is not just a hope of life after death, it is the life we live here and now. Eternal life is the life of faith, its starts now and continues beyond death. If it doesn't start now there is nothing to continue when we die so

*Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise  
Without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With him mayst rise:  
Alleluia Christ is risen  
He is risen indeed Alleluia*

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## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Our Valentine Lunch held on Saturday 10 February was a great success with lots of friends of the church in attendance a grand sum of £400 was raised for the upkeep of the church building. Many thanks to everyone for coming and to all who helped in the preparation, washing up and running stalls and raffle.

### Future Events:

**Tea & Chat** Wednesdays 18 April and 16 May held in Church from 2.30pm

**AGM** in Church Wednesday 11 April, 7.30pm in Church All Welcome

**Annual** Garden Party Saturday 16 June in the garden of Hartford House by kind permission of Jim, Phil & Francesca McCaughan usual stalls, teas and entertainment from 2pm.

**Our Sunday Club** for children will not be held on Easter Sunday but will resume on Sunday 6 May. 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> |
|-------------|----|-----------------------------|
| April       | 1  | CONGREGATION : EASTER       |
|             | 8  | Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler     |
|             | 15 | Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler     |
|             | 22 | Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison   |
|             | 29 | Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison   |
| May         | 6  | Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson    |
|             | 13 | Mrs Newman & Mrs Pearson    |
|             | 20 | Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley      |
|             | 27 | Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley      |
| June        | 3  | Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone  |
|             | 10 | Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone  |
|             | 17 | Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler     |
|             | 24 | Mrs Mayes & Mrs Wheeler     |
| July        | 1  | Mrs Miller & Mrs Harrison   |

## HORSEHEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting was held on Monday 12 March in the Village Hall. In attendance were 2 parishioners, our Parish Clerk Melanie Laing, our District Councillor Andrew Fraser and our County Councillor Henry Batchelor.

### **District Council news – [www.scambbs.gov.uk](http://www.scambbs.gov.uk)**

*Elections* – the May elections will be the first for the new size Balsham Ward, which will be smaller by losing Shudy and Castle Camps and will be represented by a single Councillor. One of our current Councillors, Andrew Fraser from Balsham, is retiring and we thank him for his years of help and advice.

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

*A1307 Improvements* - The consultation on the 3 preferred schemes has now been extended until 9 April due to the recent severe weather disrupting the leaflet drops. There have been over 500 responses already and the suggestion of blocking the central reservation at the Dene Road crossroads and the no-right-turn from Linton High Street are already under review.

*Bus changes* - Stagecoach are changing bus times in our area with the time of the various 13 services altering between 5 minutes earlier and 22 minutes later than they are currently.

### **Highways**

John Howard presented our application for a Local Highways Initiative grant for new bus stop markings opposite the Cricket Field, upgrading pedestrian crossing at the A1307/Howards Lane and warning signs to indicate Howards Lane unsuitability for large vehicles. We should hear by the end of March.

### **Planning**

*Land adjacent to the Old Police House on Linton Road* - Following the refusal of the application to build 8 houses the landowner has appealed but we have yet to give a start date for the process by the Planning Inspectorate.

*5 Alington Terrace* – Extensions approved by the Parish Council

*Wapentake, Linton Road* – Extension approved

*Cottage Nursery, Howards Lane* – Still out for consultation

*Barns south of Howards Lane, Cardinal's Green* – Conversion to a dwelling approved subject to conditions.

### **Parish Council Elections**

There will be elections this May if more nominations are received than places on the Council. If you want to get involved, get a form from the Parish Clerk - e-address below - and submit your nomination by Friday 6 April.

### **Biodiversity Grant**

Terry Mundy has handled our application for a Biodiversity grant to establish Red Mason bee nests in the Parish Burial Ground as pollinators and bees in particular are in steep decline. Red Mason bees are far more efficient pollinators than honey bees and do not need the same skilled support. We expect to hear whether we have been successful by mid-March.

### **Speedwatch**

Our volunteers have undergone training so we can expect to see them in the village shortly. 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.

### **Speed Indicator Devices**

We have purchased two devices with seven other villages and have been using one to count traffic prior to using them for speed recording.

### **Litter**

The County Council recently cleared the A1307 of litter and the Brownies do an annual litter pick, which is much appreciated. To build on these efforts we will be dividing up the village among Councillors and volunteers to collect more litter. I know that several people collect rubbish from the country footpaths and we thank them for their efforts and ask that this continues with all walkers. We also ask that more dog owners bag up dog waste and either take it home or place in the dog bins provided and not leave it by the paths.

## **Maintenance**

We have reported and are chasing this list, which shows some progress. Our MP Lucy Frazer has offered to help get some action on potholes.

- 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
- potholes by the Church, the Village Green, opposite Field View Studios, by Montfort House.
- 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 Cambridgeshire 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.

## **Age UK Community Warden Scheme**

A warden from this scheme supports four people in the village offering daily contact, Monday to Friday, either by a phone call or visit to establish their well-being and help with shopping, paperwork, etc. We have agreed to increase our contribution after a request from the charity.

## **Village Sign**

Refurbishment has been organised for later in the year.

## **Annual Parish Meeting – Friday 27 April**

This is not a Parish Council meeting but an opportunity for parishioners to raise any concerns with County, District and Parish Councillors and hear reports from all the village organisations. Topics this year are bound to include the improvements to the A1307 and the suggestion from Haverhill Chamber of Commerce for a completely new road from Haverhill to Fourwentways. Following last year's attendance by our MP Lucy Frazer, we have invited the new Mayor of Cambridge to address the gathering but have not received an acceptance yet.

## **Meetings**

Members of the Council attend 3 area meetings:

*A1307 Parishes Forum* – for the villages from Horseheath to Fourwentways affected directly or indirectly by the road.

*Eight Parishes* – a chance to air problems with our District Councillors in the Balsham Ward and officers from South Cambs District Council.

*Haverhill Area Forum* – organised by Haverhill Town Council

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

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

The next meeting will be on Monday 14 May at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Stuart Miller, Chair

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Clerk: [horseheathpc@gmail.com](mailto:horseheathpc@gmail.com)

## **1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES**

We have just returned from our annual holiday to the Jarman Centre in Newmarket. Our theme was "All the Fun of the Fair" and the girls made skittles and a bowling ball (sock version), mardi-gras masks, clown puppets and decorated old CD's as clowns. The weather was too cold for us to try and find the geocaches we had hidden last year, we also had to have our campfire indoors, in the wood burner, due to the weather but the Rainbows enjoyed it as much as the Brownies did.

We are yet to book our 2019 holiday but I think, even with low numbers, we will have a good time whatever the weather.

Also this term we have made Mothering Sunday cards, had a trip to Horseheath Church and celebrated our Founder's birthday at the District Thinking Day service. We now have Easter crafts to look forward to at the end of March as well as a Promise celebration for Tayla-Mae and Hollie.

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/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) 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  
E: [brownies@horseheath.info](mailto:brownies@horseheath.info)

## **A604 CLUB**

The A604 Club will be meeting on the first Wednesday in April. We will be having a bring and share meeting, where anyone who feels able, can bring something, photos, toys, art pieces, or whatever interests them and talk for a few minutes. It will enable us to know a bit about what we all do or have done. We will be meeting at 2.30pm and would love to see new people.

If you would like to know more at the A604 Club please contact either Don on 893428 or Denny on 290875.

DENNY PEARSON

## **HORSEHEATH VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

We have had a good start to the new year with another successful Burns night. It was well attended thank you to all that came and supported it. Christine made a speech to state she was retiring from running the Burns night but we the committee will keep up the tradition and continue to run them with Christine supporting us in the background!

Both Christine and Nita are looking to retire from the committee later this year they have been huge assets and we don't know what we will do without them. We are therefore on the lookout for new committee members so if anyone has some spare time and would like to join please drop us an email. We particularly need someone with bookkeeping skills to take on the treasury role.

Events for diary:

**Casino Night:** We are going to run a casino night on Saturday 8 September so watch out for the posters. We are going to have a black-tie theme and we will have roulette and poker tables. Tickets will be £10 per person and this will include food. The bar will be open. Please come along and support the event.

**Tea with Santa:** We are also running a "tea with Santa" event on Friday 7 December early evening. Posters with more information closer to the date.

Your support at these events is vital for the continual fundraising required for the upkeep of the hall.

The hall can also be hired for private parties, clubs or meetings. Drop us an email for further information.

If you have not paid your Social Club Subscription or joined the 100 Club, please can you let Christine have your monies by the 15 April, you can either drop them into the Post Office or pop them through her letter box at Ranmoor, Haverhill Road.

100 Club Winners

|           |             |        |
|-----------|-------------|--------|
| February: | Les Taylor  | £30.00 |
| March:    | Helen Baird | £30.00 |

Look forward to seeing you at our events.

Mel

Chairperson

[Villagehall@horseheath.info](mailto:Villagehall@horseheath.info)

Facebook: Horseheath Village Hall

**REMEMBERED.....**

David Brown (Wozzie), late of Haverhill Road, Horseheath

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

**THE MEADOW SCHOOL, BALSHAM**

As I sit and write this, the sun is shining and it feels like Spring is finally upon us. It is hard to believe that only two weeks ago the school had to take the decision to close the school at mid-day as the snow fell down thick and fast. Decisions such as this are very difficult to make, but in this instance, the school bus company made the call to collect the children, to ensure their safe journey home to the outlying villages. Our emergency plan to send children home in the middle of the day was implemented smoothly thanks to the efficiency of staff and parents. The decision to close the school due to adverse weather is never any easy one to take, but so many factors have to be taken into account, and in this case, the ability to bus the children to school safely was a major contributing factor. As a rural school, with so many children living outside the village, this is sometimes unavoidable. Let's hope Spring is now here to stay!

Although this term is always a short one, we have still managed to pack in so many experiences which continue to make school an exciting and memorable place for the children. It is our vision that children

learn to be responsible and confident citizens. The children in Key Stage One have been learning all about jobs from the past and thinking about possible jobs for the future! As part of this topic, the whole of Foundation Stage and Key Stage One went to Kidzania in London, and indoor city, run by children! Enormous fun and learning was had as the children visited the 'jobs', earned money and learnt what it was like in a place of work. We have many budding firefighters, vets, dentists, pilots and even chocolate makers in our school!

Providing this broad and balanced curriculum has continued further up the school as well. Year 3 and 4 visited the synagogue in Cambridge as part of their RE topic on Judaism. We aim to ensure that children learn about all the world religions in school, and the children were fascinated by the talk they had from the leader of the synagogue. Learning such as this are vital to help our children become well-rounded and tolerant citizens.

Part of our continued drive to improve our school further, is to gain the Arts Mark. We already offer children opportunities to perform in productions, play musical instruments and take part in music lessons, but we want to ensure that children are exposed to a broad range of arts. This term we have welcomed in two different performing groups to play in school. The first was the 'Demon Barbers' an English folk music band and the other was 'Blues and Roots Ensemble' who entertained the school with an amazing jazz workshop and concert. Both children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the performances and have hopefully inspired our own budding musicians and performers who are performing in their own musical soirée evening this week and in the Year 3 and 4 production of 'Journey down the Nile' next week.

As Easter approaches and another term ends at The Meadow, we are reminded once again of the privilege it is to teach enthusiastic young children, eager to soak up all the experiences we can offer to them. The children and staff have all worked hard and are ready for some rest. We wish everyone in the community and school a very Happy Easter.

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

NICHOLA CONNOR  
Headteacher

## **WEST WICKHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

Hemerocallis to most of us is the old orange thug that we inherited years ago, but on Monday West Wickham and District Gardening Club found to their amazement that there are 5,000 or more different daylilies.

Dr Paula Dyason and her husband Chris run the Strictly Daylilies Nursery at Histon and hold a national collection. The slides she showed us included every mix of colour bar blue and white. Paula hybridises them herself at the nursery and the beautiful shapes and mix of colours were amazing. Easy to grow in any soil, they only need a fairly sunny spot. I would advise going to the Strictly Daylilies Nursery website where you can see all these varieties in bloom and check the dates of their open days in July.

Next month is the last of our series of talks before the summer and we have a real treat to offer you. Mike Warren is coming from Ipswich to give a talk on "Climbers, Crawlers and Creepers" which sounds slightly sinister but I am assured is more to do with vertical gardening. This is on Monday 16 April 7.30pm at West Wickham Village Hall.

Already we have seeds germinating and plants being potted up for our annual Plant Sale on Saturday 19 May at West Wickham village hall. Last year we made over £700, so be sure not to miss out on it this year- put the date on your calendar now!

I am sure you are all looking forward to some sunny days out there in the garden after the awfully cold weather we have experienced so far this year.

Happy Gardening to you all.

Rosemary

## **CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

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6. **Smoking** – need a helping hand to quit? Our partners can offer you the help and advice you need to stop smoking.

You are under no obligation to answer any questions that you do not want to, but the more information you provide us with, the better we will be able to support you. We can also provide advice in relation to promoting the health and safety of individuals with hoarding concerns, as well as providing valuable information to care providers.

**To find out if you are eligible for a visit, call us on 01480 444500 or email us at [firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk](mailto:firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk).**

## **BYE' BETTY**

Fiercely independent, with a voice from the pages of "Howards End" Betty Walker was truly that rarest of gems. Her unique sparkle and huge energy has been missed since her sad departure from Horseheath's shores several years ago now for imposed retirement in an exclusive residential nursing home a few miles from Cambridge. It was here sadly she lived her final days screened just yards from the open air and freedom she must have craved to experience one last time!

Looking back, I tend to think Betty was never happier than when accompanied by one of her favourite Labradors on a hill overlooking a wide expanse of spring barley. Yet, she contributed so much to the

village she came to call home after being widowed before leaving the commuter belt community of Elsenham, Essex several years ago for a "new beginning!" Indeed since taking up residence at Hunters Lodge tucked a few yards from the West Wickham Road bend near the Church she loved, she had the good fortune "whether by accident or design" to live virtually next door to some of her closest friends, and who towards the end of Betty's life offered touching support when sadly she was unable to manage alone.

Admittedly, I did not regularly move in Betty's intimate circle of friends, nor would I consider myself to have been one of her closest acquaintances, but whenever we chanced to meet, she was always refreshingly the same. She was never, ever dull, and upon an "enthusiastic greeting" at Church fetes and bazaars, book stalls, Quiz nights, and Parish Council meetings, or outside the Post Office was always willing to chat with great animation for as long as you had a convenient "half hour or so to kill"! It seems only a handful of years ago, in spite of leading such a committed and industrious life, Betty had all the time in the World..... for everyone!

Sadly, I missed Betty's funeral but I was so pleased to hear a few of her closest friends from Horseheath were able to attend.... We shall all miss her!!

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# Annual Parish Meeting

**Friday April 27th at 7.30pm  
at The Village Hall**

Doors open at 7pm

Drinks at the bar plus free snacks

## VILLAGE DIARY

|           |    |                                                                                                          |
|-----------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|           | 26 | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                                              |
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|           | 21 | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                                              |
|           | 27 | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Smith & Mrs Jolley                                                     |
|           | 29 | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins, Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                              |
| June      | 3  | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone                                                 |
|           | 4  | Horseheath: Black Bin, Cardinals Green: Blue and Green Bins                                              |
|           | 10 | Church Flowers and Cleaning – Mrs Mizon & Mrs Gouldstone                                                 |
|           | 11 | Horseheath: Blue and Green Bins, Cardinals Green: Black Bin                                              |
|           | 16 | All Saints Church Annual Garden Party, Hartford House, 2pm                                               |
| September | 8  | Casino Night, Horseheath Village Hall                                                                    |
| December  | 7  | Tea with Santa                                                                                           |

Note change of dates for Bin Collections at Easter and May Bank Holidays.



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