

CAMPS REVIEW

**Thanks to
local food
producers**



Photo: Will Anstee, Ploughing After Harvest. Taken by Ali.

Castle Camps Clubs & Amenities

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Art Club (VH)	01440 730035 – Sue Moss (alternate Thursdays 10.30-1.00pm)
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Castle Camps School	www.castlecampsschool.co.uk
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Useful Contacts

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Shudy Camps

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Cover photo: Will Anstee from Parkins Farm, Camps End. If you would like to feature on a future cover, or would like to nominate someone, please get in touch. You don't need to have done anything, just simply be a member of our community. Any community is about the people, and the diversity of everyone in it should be celebrated.

From the Team

Dear Reader,

It's that time again for a spot of village news. Except this time, dare we say it, you might have one of the first shop mince pies in hand. Raise your hand if you just can't resist... Christmas seems to get earlier each year, as does harvest with our warmer climate! Our last issue was published as harvest got well underway. Usually, we celebrate this at the end of September or early October. So we'd like to say, thank you to local food producers who have brought harvest home. It's certainly been a challenging year with a very wet winter followed by spring drought. It's reported to be the worst wheat harvest in 40 years! Hopefully, 2021 will be better all round for everyone.

It's difficult to know what the next few months will bring where coronavirus is concerned. It's highly unlikely that all of the usual festivities will go ahead, like organised firework displays for Bonfire Night. The Covid-safe Halloween trail in Castle Camps should be fun, if it hasn't slipped by when you are reading this.



As the evenings draw in, remember that we are all still here together in this community. Friends are a door knock or call away. So get cosy and dig out those wintry Harry Potter movies (if you don't already watch them all year round). And remember, as Dumbledore said: "Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

We hope you enjoy reading this issue. It feels early to say it, but since the next issue will fall in the New Year, we wish you all a warm and safe Christmas.

Take care.

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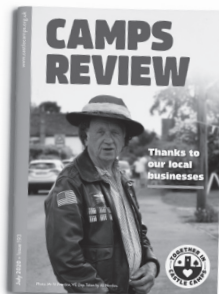
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News from Castle Camps Parish Council

Good news – we have been informed that a mobile Post Office will be attending the Village Hall car park every Thursday!

The mobile Post Office will be there between 11.00am and 12 noon, from Thursday 5th November 2020. Please support this with your custom.

Another success, Highways have been able to stop the river running in Bartlow Road.

A soakaway has been placed in the verge and connected to the road drain, and piping has then been placed in the adjacent property's verge which connects to existing drainage to take the water away. Unfortunately, the water is still coming out of the bank in several places, and this will be monitored closely by the Parish Council.

With the starting of building work of 10 properties in Bartlow Road, the Parish Council were disappointed to learn that a planning application to build bungalows had been withdrawn by the developers without the Parish Council being informed.

Members of the Council have attended meetings on Zoom, one of which was South Cambridgeshire County Council Covid Volunteers Group meeting. They wished to thank all response volunteers and explain their support in the future. If you wish to find information on local Covid infection rates, go to coronavirus.data.gov.uk

The Parish Council would also like to express it's thanks to our volunteers for their assistance in the past few months and in the future.

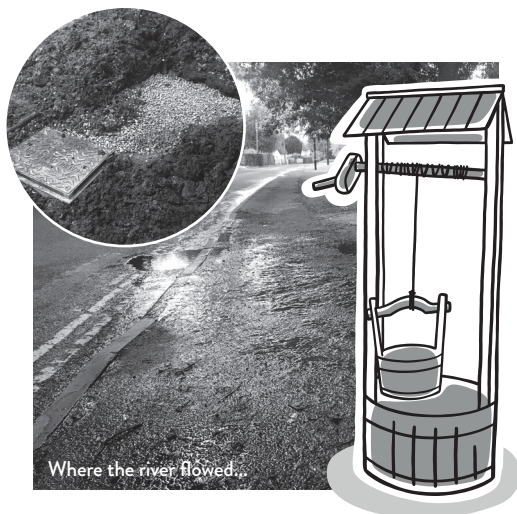


Another meeting was on the proposed improvements to A1307, including a roundabout at the junction with Bartlow Road and alterations to the Dean Road junction for safety reasons. The proposed bus lane on the road towards Cambridge was rejected.

The High Street will be resurfaced in December or January.

A reminder that dogs must be on a lead on the recreation ground and are not allowed in the play area. Bicycles and scooters should not be ridden in the play area for the safety of all users and a bicycle rack will soon be in place.

The play area recently had it's annual inspection and maintenance is required to the surface of the area. Watch for a request for volunteers to assist with this.





Camps Village Hall

Yes, we are still closed and the general feeling from committee members is that we should remain closed into next year. However, as mentioned in the last Review, we will provisionally take bookings for 2021 but cannot guarantee them taking place until the situation becomes clearer.

We know that some village halls are starting to partially open for selected activities that are compatible with the Covid restrictions, but most of our activities are sociable events, such as dancing, youth club, theatrical etc.

One hall requires the activity organiser to sanitise the floor, equipment, toilets and handles between groups! Also, being on the floor for pilates and yoga with the windows open for ventilation in winter would not be so pleasant!

We don't have the resources to monitor and manage the hall with such restrictions which additionally highlights our current dilemma of aging committee members, some of whom are in poor health.

We desperately need an infusion of enthusiastic younger residents to take over some of the current roles.

Or just join the committee with fresh ideas for hall use, all once the virus has abated.

Please contact me on the email below or Dicky Moore, our chairman, at Richard.ccvh@outlook.com if you would like to discuss the above.

Terry Chapman
Secretary to the Management
Committee of Trustees

Provisional
BOOKINGS
are being taken
for 2021

Village Hall hiring rates

Full day hire for the full Hall:

Castle Campers: £100

Shudy Campers: £120

Non-Camps hirers: £160

Hourly rates:

Main Hall rates for these above three categories are: £10, £12, and £16 respectively

Small Meeting Room rates are: £8, £10 and £12 respectively

Please ring Susie on 01799 584596 to book or view, or email terence.chapman44@gmail.com

Details can also be viewed online at www.hallsforhire.org.uk and www.venues4hire.org

Vanda Kiddy celebrating her 90th birthday at the village hall, 2019



Photo taken by Victoria Kiddy



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The Great Camps Bake-off

Spectacular fundraising for charity

With efforts that deserve a Paul Hollywood handshake (with gloves/hand sanitiser), our community came together on what was a blustery and wet weekend to support a charity cake sale at the mobile shop.

Organised by Carol Hayes with Michael Prentice and Deb Butler, on 25th-26th September there was a phenomenal cake stall. And guess how much was raised in aid of ovarian and bladder cancer charities?

**£1,040 was raised
across two mornings!**

This is an amazing effort. The lovely team would like to thank everyone that baked, contributing to the two full tables,



and everyone who donated money and ate the goodies! From éclairs to Victoria sponge cakes, there was plenty to enjoy. Thank you for supporting such a wonderful cause that is close to their hearts. Well done all!



Notice board

Community Book Swap – The phone box in Castle Camps is still brimming with books!

It will keep going until further notice, so feel free to take any and replenish with books you no longer want. The phone box on Main Street in Shudy Camps is also full of good reads!

Rural crime – There seems to be many farm thefts occurring these days along with hare

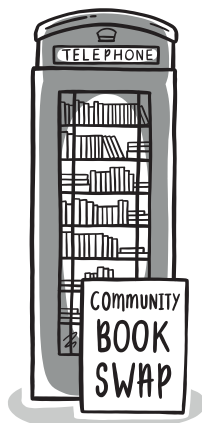
coursing. To report anything suspicious, call 101 or go online and follow the steps at <https://www.cambs.police.uk/>

Linton Pharmacy – Sue and Dave Buckingham and Espe are continuing with direct delivery to residents.

Mobile Post Office – From 5th November, every Thursday between 11.00am and 12 noon at the Village Hall car park.

Covid response team – The Castle Camps Community Response Volunteers are continuing to support the Parish. Contact Sue Herbert on 07579 793 765 or email sueherbertccpc@gmail.com for support.

Clean pavements – No one ever wants to step out the front door to a doo-doo. So please pick up after your pooches, whatever the type of footpath.



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Community spirit

On the High Street

Local businesses have done an exceptional job in providing to us. Throughout the summer, the High Street has been busy with people buying from the likes of Michael Prentice, the Oak, Roughacre Brewery, Wildflour Kitchen and Olmstead Honey.

One lovely day on 1st August, I was out and about taking these photos. It was particularly busy, so much so, that a local reporter also captured moments of the day and wrote an article which you can still read online.

There are also other businesses that have quietly got on, tackling the challenges that this global pandemic has brought. So this is literally a thank you to everyone that's adapted and continued to deliver in our villages. And to those who have patiently waited. It has no doubt been a tough time.

I'm sure no one will mind me saying, but as the hottest days came and went and kids prepared to go back to school, there seemed to be a little less trade. I guess low infection rates and so on meant people had an increased confidence in reacquainting with some old routines, and the government were asking people to get back to work.



Lesley in The Oak



As I write this on a warm autumnal morning in late September whilst walking to the church, our situation is quickly changing with infection rates at least doubling on a weekly basis. By the time this is in print, restrictions may look very different again.

I don't mean to scare. It appears to be life for now. This is just to say that our local businesses stepping up to the mark in the last six months makes us very lucky. On our doorstep we have fresh groceries, takeout and convenience foods, beers, pies and treats, pet feeds and more.

There might be colder days ahead, but let's continue to support our local businesses.

I'm sure with a spot of planning, you could even organise Christmas with the provisions here in Camps. I know early in September, people up and down the High Street were already brainstorming how they could provide more in the months ahead. So do keep an eye on what they're up to!

Together. Thank you.

Ali



Michael Prentice, butchers



Wild Flour Kitchen & Roughacre Brewery

Local news feature: www.suffolknews.co.uk/haverhill/news/market-goes-from-strength-to-strength-9119686



 Facebook groups to look out for:
Castle Camps Community Board
Castle Camps and Surrounding Villages
Castle Camps History
Memories of the Camps



Waverley Christmas

To all in the Camps

Together in Castle Camps

Eco bench and more

I'd like to thank everyone who has supported this project. By mid September, everyone's donations had raised over £300! This meant it was time to organise the reward. An eco bench was ordered and it will hopefully be here in Camps later in October to enjoy. It's taking a little longer because it is being engraved and the engraver has taken annual leave. The bench is made from 100% recycled plastic and designed to look like wood. The benefit of this is that it won't need repainting and it should last. So enjoy your walks and keep your eyes peeled. It won't be too far out of the village so that it is accessible to people of varied abilities.

It's very much become a collective effort as donations into the pot haven't been just for badges, but also face masks made by Carol Hayes, plants at Prentice's and any spare change. Totally lived up to the word, together. Thank you all.

We are going to keep the project rolling with masks and badges out there. You should also find something new from me soon. A Together in Castle Camps (or the Camps) tote bag. I haven't finalised a design yet. These will most likely cost £5 each, covering costs and with £2 from each sale going back into the community. So come New Year as we support the High Street and celebrate our togetherness, we will hopefully have more funds to put something else back out in the community. Let me know if you have ideas. Maybe it's simply another bench or planters for example.

This project is very much about celebrating our togetherness as a community in the present, and especially in these difficult

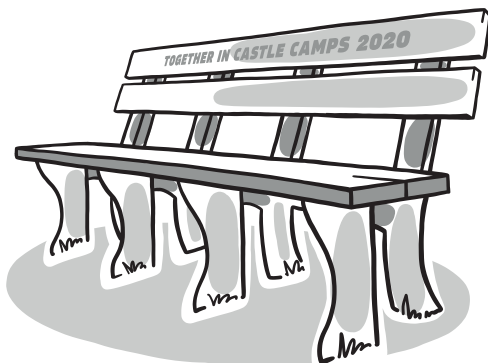


times. Whilst that is an aim, the other is for the output to benefit the community as soon as possible, like with the eco bench. For village histories, do explore the various Facebook groups out there. And if anyone enjoys listening to podcasts, I've started one – simply search *Conversations in Castle Camps* in Spotify or Apple Podcasts. It might not go anywhere, but do let me know if you fancy taking part!



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News from Shudy Camps Parish Council

The Parish Council continues to meet virtually during this strange semi-restricted inter-wave pandemic period we are going through. Members of the public are very welcome to take part in our meetings, details of which are publicised on the website <https://shudycamps.org.uk> and in the Information Point (erstwhile Phonebox) in Main Street.

Matters we have discussed have included:

Dog Waste Bins – We are still awaiting the go-ahead from Cambridgeshire Highways to install these in Main Street (2), Blacksmiths Lane and Nosterfield End. In the meantime, we would continue to ask all dog owners to clear up and take home any deposits their pets leave on public footpaths.

Highways Improvement Scheme – The Council has submitted proposals under this annual scheme to improve the appearance and safety of the verge to the highway in Nosterfield End in the vicinity of the ex phone box prior to its renovation as a second Information Point for the parish. An earlier proposal to improve safety on the sharp bend in New Road by the installation of a footway has been dropped. Instead, we are seeking to address this problem by asking our verge and hedgerow contractor to cut

back the roadside vegetation to create more space for pedestrians on the verge.

Street lighting – We were expecting LED street lights to be installed in the parish by the end of September, but at the time of writing, most of these have yet to be installed.



We welcome the installation of these lights as they should provide considerable energy cost savings.

Planning Applications – We have considered and generally supported a number of planning applications referred to us for comment by Greater Cambridge Planning. We particularly welcome the attendance of applicants at our meetings to discuss their plans with us.

A1307 Improvements – We are closely monitoring and taking part in the update sessions being run by Greater Cambridge Planning to update local communities on proposals to enhance safety and traffic flow on the A1307 between Addenbrookes and Haverhill. We are looking forward to work beginning on the roundabout at Bartlow Road crossroads next year, though the dropping of the Transport "hub" at the crossroads is regrettable.

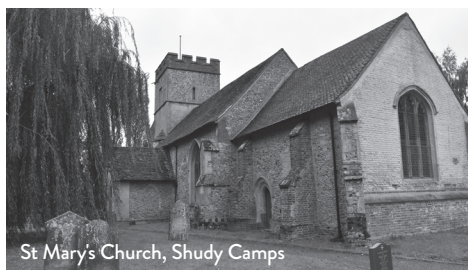
Coronavirus – After the lull during the summer, Coronavirus cases are again increasing in South Cambridgeshire, albeit the incidence of infection remains low.

The Parish Council is continuing to update the COVID-19 website it set up earlier in the year and to maintain the WhatsApp Help and Chat Groups to disseminate information and spread a bit of cheer.

We will be continuing to work with South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council to support the steps they are taking to help those at higher risk from Coronavirus.

Greater Cambridge Local Plan – Proposals submitted under the "Call for Sites" for development under the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan were published on 15th September. Two of the proposals would, if endorsed, have a considerable impact on the parish. While this process is still at a very early stage, the Council will be taking a close interest in it and awaiting the opportunity to take part in the consultation exercise on the proposals next year.

Opportunities for Volunteers – We continue to look for volunteers to take over two jobs which our previous Chair, John Haine, has



St Mary's Church, Shudy Camps

carried out for some time and would now like to relinquish, namely, maintaining the Parish Council website and locating and recording the data gathered from the Moveable Vehicle Activated Speed (MVAS) monitoring equipment shared with several other parishes. As noted in the last Camps Review, both roles require some IT proficiency and training will be given. If you are interested in either or both role, please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@shudycamps.org.uk

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A1307 Update – The work on the A1307 is continuing, with the next updates to our stretch of the road being average speed cameras installed between Haverhill and Linton. Going through the processes is a new roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton junction of the A1307 and a remodelling of the Dean Road crossing on the dual carriageway.

There have been workshops over July and August looking at specific schemes on the A1307. The schemes that drew the most concern were the proposed westbound bus lane at Linton and the loss of the rural 'hub' at Linton, but there is a slim chance this could be looked at later down the line.

For more up to date detail go to GCP website – <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/> or do ask John, Henry or your Parish Council's representatives on the GCP.

Experimental Traffic Orders – The County Council, acting on government legislation, has started implementing some temporary traffic regulation orders around the county. The first few are only in Cambridge city at the moment and are designed, whilst the roads are supposedly quieter, to close some roads to vehicles (bar emergency services) to encourage non-motorised travel. There is talk of trialing some in rural areas, but nothing concrete yet.

Self-employed Support – The government has announced that the self-employed can claim an additional payment from them. Info can be found on the government's website or John and Henry can assist via the District Council.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant – Round 2 of the SCDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant is now open. This year the grant is focussing on three main themes – cycling, community buildings and tree planting & other nature-based initiatives. Applications are invited from parish councils and community groups. The total available is £100,000 with individual grants of £1,000 £15,000. The scheme opened on Wednesday 1st July and the application deadline is 5pm Wednesday 30th September.

Electoral Register – The District Council is doing its annual canvas to get the electoral register up to date. Please do encourage anyone that you know isn't registered to do so and follow the steps laid out in the letters that SCDC are sending out.

Devolution – There is some talk within central government that they are leaning towards more unitary authorities in the country, so fewer layers of local government and just one authority that deals with everything. This is the current setup in Peterborough. This will be a constantly moving beast, so keep your ears to the ground.

Fostering – The County Council are constantly on the hunt for more foster carers. They are having a big drive and are holding various events around Cambridgeshire to promote this. If you, or know anyone, who is interested in this, please contact the County Council directly – fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or 08000520078.

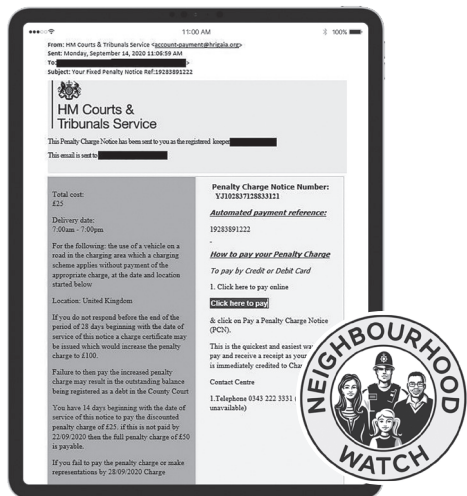


Neighbourhood Watch

Theft and phishing scam emails

Since the last report there have been items stolen from All Saints church, and this resulted in the church being shut for a couple of weeks. The church has now reopened. This was reported to the police, but we have no further news yet.

I wanted to make people aware of the following phishing scam shown here.



We've seen a number of reports of people receiving this fake Penalty Charge email. The email claims the recipient has driven on a road that has a charging scheme and as such a penalty is payable. Note however that it does not give details of the vehicle, the location, nor the date or time of the incident. If you receive the same or a similar email, do not click the link. This is a phishing scam designed to steal your personal information and money. If you receive it, forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk

Lindi Kent

Shudy Parish Neighbourhood Watch

I have decided to stand down as coordinator for NHW which I have been doing for a number of years.

It is an important role I think and hope that someone will be able to take over. If you think this is something you could do and want a chat, do call me on 07791 130335.

Many thanks.

Anne Fear

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Text and direct message scams

It's not just convincing emails

Please do be mindful of scam text messages received, much like you would emails.

Jury Service Summons Scam

The text asks recipients to do jury service or pay a fee to postpone, and it genuinely looks like it's come from the UK Government, linking to a convincing branded website.

A real summons for jury service would ask you to confirm whether or not you can attend and to explain your reasons for being unavailable. Any message mentioning exchanging money should be ignored.

It is also possible that the same tactic could be used in scam emails, letters and phone calls. So be careful.

Impersonating a Friend Scam

A Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP) supporter was contacted via their messenger account by someone pretending to be a friend, asking for help. The impersonator later transferred to WhatsApp to continue the conversation and also sent an email without asking for the

target's email address in an effort to convince them. The scammer said he was having trouble accessing his online banking and was waiting for new accounts to be opened, and needed help paying an urgent bill. The scammer urged his target to go into their bank account and told them to download either 'Teamviewer' or 'AnyDesk'. Fortunately the individual did not do this as these allow someone remote access to a device. Instead he informed his friend that his accounts had been hacked.

CAPASP warn it is quite possible the friend's email account had been compromised, allowing hackers to access details of other accounts stored in the inboxes there. You can find out if your account has ever been compromised in a data breach by visiting <https://haveibeenpwned.com/> If your details have been affected by a data breach you should change your password immediately.

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Something beautiful

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Byway 7

A post-lockdown hair cut



Recently the byway has been coppiced. This is probably the haircut you weren't expecting after lockdown. It is however not a random act of demolition, but a thought for its future. It's not been coppiced for decades, so to keep the hedges and trees healthy for generations ahead, it has been cut down and wood removed by a professional forestry service. The hedge hasn't been removed, simply coppiced to allow new growth.

So why coppice?

As described by the *National Trust*, coppicing remains a popular conservation practice for the benefits it offers to wildlife and to the trees themselves. Trees naturally retrench (shedding their branches to extend their lifespan) and coppicing can be an excellent way of simulating this to increase the life of the tree. Even in small woodland, the benefits have been observed with a dramatic increase in the number of different plants and animal species that inhabit it.

It really won't take as long as you think to see new growth. What you may not have seen

before, is that if you looked up to the top of the trees, there's been a number of ash trees with the disease ash dieback. This is a fungal disease which the *Woodland Trust* predicts will sadly kill around 80% of ash trees across the UK.* The spores from the fungus can blow tens of miles away and land on leaves. Once it penetrates the leaf, the fungus then grows in the tree, eventually blocking water transport systems and causing it to die. The tree can fight back, but year-on-year infections will eventually kill it. Coppicing these dying trees in the byway will help to keep people walking along it safe.



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Village speed deterrent

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The village (Castle Camps) is now taking a proactive measure to help educate the road users who commute though or live in the village. We want to protect the parishioners and try and keep them safe. We now use two methods to help educate:

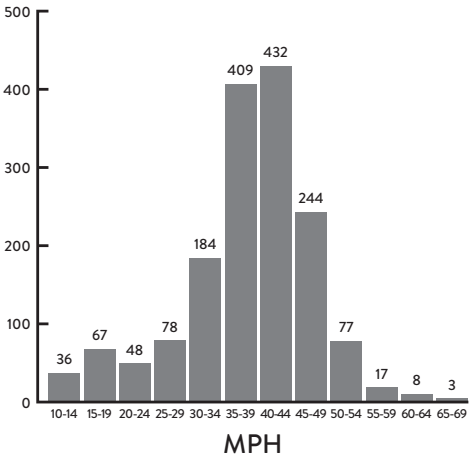
MVAS (Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign)

– The Parish council has purchased a share in two of these devices that are designed for residential and village locations. Eight councils have clubbed together to purchase these and use them on a rota basis. These are used at random places in and around the village and can be set to monitor traffic in the 30 and 40mph areas. They are locked onto a bracket which can be attached to any signpost in the village. These record the time date and speed of every vehicle going past and can be used to obtain a picture and pattern of when it is most effective to ask for police enforcement officers to attend and do proactive speed watch. There is a lot inside each box and this links to a computer software that analysis the traffic. Shockingly the highest speed we have had recorded is 69mph in the 40mph location in Park Lane and 52mph in the High Street location below. This was at 1pm in the afternoon. Fortunately, a school day where children were off the street.



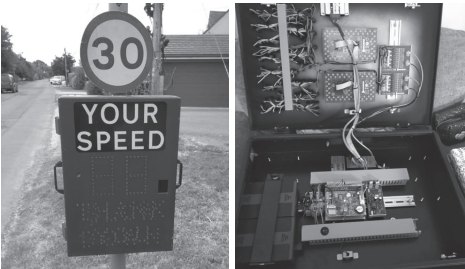
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Speeds recorded in new 40mph buffer zones



Speedwatch – The village has 9 trained volunteers who do Speedwatch. From the MVAS we know the high risk times where traffic is not behaving. It is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers

Photos contributed by Mike Peirson



to reduce their speeds. In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated (even across county borders), enforcement and prosecution follow. The Speedwatch volunteers do this for 4 reasons:

- To help reduce death and injury on the roads
- Improve the quality of life for local communities
- Reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- Increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

Road Safety Week is coming up, organised by the charity Brake. They say: "With someone injured on a UK road every four minutes, and vehicle speed playing a part in every crash, it's time to come together to say that there is **NO NEED TO SPEED.**"



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Deck The Camps

We wish we could say it's carols, a panto or play. Alas, coronavirus means those things will have to wait for a future day. But as Christmas gets near, let's spread some magic and really decorate our houses this year.





The Connection

News from the Anglican churches of
Castle Camps, Shudy Camps and Horseheath

Dear Friends

There is a saying, 'How do you make God laugh? Tell him your plans.' I am writing this for the November edition for a copy deadline of October 1st, so I am well aware that anything I say about our plans for services in November and December, let alone January, may be totally redundant by the time you are reading this. But hey-ho, nothing ventured, nothing gained. Let's give God a big laugh.

From November to January there are a lot of special services to plan and we are aiming to hold the usual range of services. In November we start on the 1st with the Patronal festival service at Horseheath in the morning, and our All Souls service of remembering in the afternoon. At this service we invite families who have lost family or friends over the last few years to join us as we remember all people who have died. The service begins with us lighting candles to remember our loved ones who have died and during the prayers we read out a list of their names. This service would normally be at Shudy Camps because it is a small intimate space, which in the present circumstances means it is precisely the Church for us not to use. So as it is a bigger setting, we are moving the service to Castle Camps.

The following week (the 8th) is Remembrance Sunday.

The numbers that normally come to the service are such that neither All Saints nor the Chapel would prove large enough to safely accommodate the service. We are though allowed to hold outdoor services, so we are planning an outdoor service on the Recreation ground, to be followed by the usual act of remembrance at the Village and RAF memorials.

That brings us to December and the good news is that Christmas is still on the 25th.

With some of our more popular services, our Carol Service at All Saints, Carols and Crib services at Horseheath, Midnight Mass at Shudy Camps and Family Eucharist on Christmas Morning, we will need to have a booking system to ensure that we are not over full. We have already decided to have 2 Crib and Carol services at Horseheath. Even then we may not be able to accommodate everyone who would like to attend. We are still working out the details of how this will work so keep an eye open on the Village website and the Church website <http://www.3churches.eu/>. The slight problem that we have with all our Christmas services is that at present, congregational singing is prohibited, so we won't be able to all join together to sing our favourite Carols. **We are though allowed a small choir; so, if you feel you can carry a tune and would like to be part of such a choir, particularly for our carol services, please let me know.**

Of course all this might change, but I think that the difficulties we might have in organizing our services are nothing compared to the problems families will have fitting Christmas around the rule of 6. There is at least one too many people that we would like at Christmas dinner than we are allowed. This is going to be a year when cards, phone calls and other Christmas greetings will have a much greater significance. It did cross my mind that as things are, Church may be the only place where everyone in a family can legally get together, so let's hope that current measures get a grip on R and we are not forced to close the Churches again.

So, wishing you good health and happiness for the coming festive season and New Year.

Love and prayers.

Ian.



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SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS DAY			
Horseheath	10.00	Patronal Festival Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Communion for All Souls	Rev. Lesley Gore
Castle Camps	16.00	All Souls Tide Service	Rev. Ian Fisher
SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 3 BEFORE ADVENT			
Castle Camps	10.15	Outside service on the Village Hall Recreation ground. Acts of Remembrance at Memorials	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Remembrance Service	Cathy Watts
Horseheath	16.00	Remembrance Service	Rev. Ian Fisher
SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER – 2 BEFORE ADVENT			
Horseheath	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	18.00	Evensong	Rev. Lesley Gore
SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING			
Shudy Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Maggie Guite
Bartlow	10.00	Morning Service	Congregation Led
SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Castle Camps	10.30	Joint service with URC (Chapel URC TBC)	Rev. Ian Fisher
SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Linton	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Maggie Guite
Horseheath	10.00	Christingle Service	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Lesley Gore
Castle Camps	16.00	Service with readings and Carol Choir (no congregational singing)	Rev. Ian Fisher

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Castle Camps	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Stir up Sunday	Cathy Watts

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Horseheath	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	16.00	Carol Service TBC	Rev. Lesley Gore

THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE

Horseheath	16.00	Crib Service (Please note – ticketed event)	Rev. Ian Fisher
Horseheath	18.00	Crib Service (Please note – ticketed event)	Rev. Ian Fisher
Shudy Camps	23.30	Midnight Mass	Rev. Ian Fisher

FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

Castle Camps	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Lesley Gore

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER – ST JOHN

Shudy Camps	10am	New Year Covenant Service	Rev. Ian Fisher
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SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 2021 – CHRISTMAS 2/EPIPHANY

Linton	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Maggie Guite
Bartlow	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Lesley Gore
Horseheath	16.00	Evening Service and Healing	Lindi Kent, Rev. I Fisher

SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY – EPIPHANY 1 BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Castle Camps	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Family Service	Cathy Watts

SUNDAY 17TH JANUARY – EPIPHANY 2

Horseheath	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	18.00	Evensong	Rev. Lesley Gore

SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY – EPIPHANY 3 – WEDDING SUNDAY

Shudy Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Morning Service	Congregation Led

SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY – EPIPHANY 4

Shudy Camps	10.00	Joint with URC	Rev. Ian Fisher
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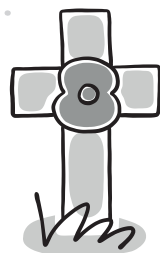


Activity

Remembrance walk

Why not take a walk to All Saints church from Castle Camps? If you're new to the area, there's a footpath just past The Old Inn opposite the war memorial. Where the path splits, heading right takes you direct to the church. There's lots of history up there!

Once you are at the church, see if you can find the resting places of those who fought in the wars. At the time of Remembrance, remembrance crosses are often placed on graves by individuals, making it a little easier.



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Castle Camps C of E (V.C.) Primary School

Learning together with faith, hope and love

These are indeed exceptional times, but it was wonderful to see everyone returning to school – there has been a lovely atmosphere and much excitement for the new academic year. Our new Nursery and Reception children have settled in well and made a very positive start. It has been a pleasure witnessing their first few weeks and I hope, even under the current circumstances, the parents will remember their child's first day as a happy day. The children are looking very smart in their new uniforms and we are grateful that parents/carers are supporting our policy on uniform.

Staffing

As we start the new academic year, I would like to welcome Miss Melissa Rankine (Deer Class Teacher) and Mrs Gemma Swan (Teaching Assistant) to the staff. They are very much part of the team already.

Hedgehogs are currently working with Mr Johnson, Class Teacher, on Thursdays and Fridays. Mr Johnson has been working closely with Mrs Lawson (our Early Years Leader) to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

Visitors

Unfortunately, we are not accepting visitors to the school at the moment. However, if you need to speak to a member of the office staff in an emergency, please wear a mask when entering the main foyer. This is to keep you and our Office staff safe and reduce the risk of transmission.



Supporting our Armed Forces

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils are signatories of the Armed Forces Covenant, which shows their commitment to supporting the active and retired Armed Forces community. Saturday, 27th June was Armed Forces Day (#SaluteOurForces) and at the request of the Local Authority, we produced a short photo collage to support the event. The theme of the video is how the military has inspired and supported us, particularly during the current pandemic. It includes photographs of the children saluting, pictures/videos of military personnel with close ties to staff at the school and ends with a dedication to 1st Lt. Kenneth Allen (48th Fighter Wing RAF Lakenheath) who was killed during a training exercise on 15th June this year. This term, we will be continuing to support the Royal British Legion by selling poppies in school.

<https://www.castlecampsschool.co.uk/gallery/>

Reception Open Morning

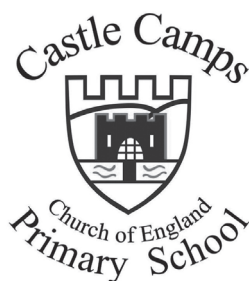
Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to conduct parent tours this term. However, we have set up a webpage for parents regarding information for 2021 Admissions. On the webpage, you will find all the information needed regarding applying for a place, including a video and a virtual tour of the school. The closing date for Reception Admissions is 15th January 2021.

<https://www.castlecampsschool.co.uk/admissions/>

***Until our next update,
please stay safe.***

We are continuing to encourage all our families to observe the Rule of 6. Obviously, if children are mixing in much larger social groups outside of school, this will increase the risk of transmission in school, too. Please do everything you can to support us in keeping our children, families and staff safe by reducing the risk as much as possible.

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Marsh Mail

Linton Village College

In the last month we have welcomed our newest cohort of LVC students as well as enjoying the reunion with Years 8-11 who haven't attended school in person since March. Hearing the buildings alive again with the sound of students learning has been brilliant.

Our system of controls to enable a full reopening has involved lots of changes to the way the College operates.

The students and staff have done an amazing job of rising to the challenge of this new way of schooling and acclimatising to different routines.

Despite all that has changed at Linton Village College, there is still plenty that is reassuringly familiar. While teachers now move around the site between lessons, the joy of observing students learning and acquiring new knowledge and skills remains. School systems may be unrecognisable with staggered timetables, year group zones and many other logistical adjustments, but the interactions between students and staff and the College's relational approach continues to make LVC a special place to learn and work.

Aspects of our community provision have also reopened this month. The youngest site users have returned to Linton Granta Playgroup and Linton Out of School Club with Covid-19 risk assessments

and adjustments in place. Both facilities provide important childcare for local families. Our Community Sports Centre has also seen an increasing usage since it reopened with Covid-19 restrictions in place, with many local clubs restarting.

Unfortunately, it has not yet been possible to reinstate all community activities yet. The enhanced cleaning requirements and the need to ensure that year group zones are not compromised means that our Adult Education programme has been cancelled this term. Lettings and other extra-curricular activities have also needed to be put on hold while we focus on ensuring the safe and effective delivery of our core educational provision.

We will continue to review this position and hope to be able to recommence evening classes at some stage in the New Year, depending on the Covid-19 context.

The support and understanding of our parents and wider members of the College community at this exceptional time has been very much appreciated.

Helena Marsh
Headteacher



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Mobile library

Service update

The Cambridgeshire Mobile Library Service got on the move again at the end of September, and are visiting on the usual days and times as before. Whilst returning to the regular stops, unfortunately access to the vehicle is limited to help keep staff safe. Books are to be selected in advance.

Customers can pre-order books to collect from the usual reservation service at <https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk> This is currently FREE of charge. There is also the new Select and Collect service which allows you to request a collection of books based on your tastes. Visit <https://cambridgeshire->

[self.achieveservice.com/service/Select_and_Collect](https://cambridgeshire-) or call 0345 045 5225.

Simply choose the mobile library as a pick up point and order as far in advance as possible to ensure a selection is ready and issued for you to pick up from your stop (Ideally a week in advance, but the service will do their best with forms received after this).

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Tips for autumn gardening

Time for a tidy

Before the colder days creep in, we can give our gardens a tidy. There's fallen leaves to clear, and simple tasks that can help your garden look neat throughout winter. It also means you've got a head start next spring.

Tidy the borders – Remove dying leaves and collapsed stems from herbaceous perennials, either pulling by hand or cutting at the base with secateurs. Leave any stems that have attractive seedheads for the dicky birds.

Remove weeds, then spread compost or well rotted manure over the soil to insulate plant roots – the worms will work it in over winter.

Collect autumn leaves – A few piles of leaves under hedges and so on can provide shelter for wildlife. But remove leaves from borders and places that can be slippery. You can make leaf mould, a great soil improver.

Clear away old crops – Clear the veg patch before plants rot and compost everything unless it's diseased. Chop beans and peas off at ground level, leaving their nitrogen-fixing roots in the soil to feed next year's crops. You could also sow a green manure to improve soil.

Leave the lawn looking trim – Mow for the final time with your blades set higher than usual, to leave the grass slightly longer over winter. Then cut the border edges with an edging tool.

Put away plant supports – Cut down annual climbers in borders and climbing beans in veg patches and remove the dead stems and foliage. With canes and other removable wooden supports, wash off any soil and treat them with preservative. Store them indoors over winter.

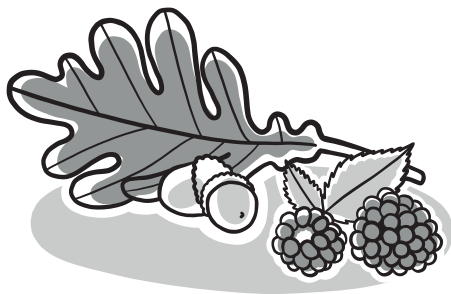
Make repairs – Repair damaged raised beds, sheds and compost bins, and paint if needed. Ensure shed roofs don't leak, and replace any broken panes or vents in greenhouses.

Clean out nest boxes and feeders –

Take down bird boxes and empty them. Old nesting material, unfertilised eggs and other debris may carry diseases, so wash out the boxes with hot water before putting them back. Also remember to clean out feeders and bird baths, and keep refilling.

Sort the pond – Scoop out leaves that have blown into your pond before they sink and rot. Also cut back the foliage of plants around the edge that have died down. Remove pond pumps and fountains no longer in use, wash them thoroughly and store away.

Roderick and Jerry – TV rats and mice may seem cute, but it can become a problem when they make a home in your shed or house. Rodents definitely have Camp addresses, and with the days turning colder, they may call in. As a nation, we love feeding birds in our garden and keeping chickens. So it's worth making sure animal and bird feeds stored outside are kept in secure containers. Keep an eye on those sheds through winter.





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A day in the life of a soprano & choral conductor – Sara & James Davey

How many musicians does it take to change a lightbulb?

Two. One to change the bulb, the other to hog the light!

Professional musicians James and Sara Davey met in London and ended up moving to Castle Camps in 2017 to escape the city and live nearer to James' family. Originally a Saffron Walden boy, James began his musical career singing in the church choir at St Mary's, before going on to study music and emerging as a choral conductor. He conducts several choirs, including locally in Bishops Stortford and Halstead, as well as leading workshops and performances all over the UK.

James's big claim to fame was winning the Choir of the Year Competition with Chantage, who visited Camps to perform at the village fete in 2019.

Sara grew up in East Tennessee, USA, in a very musical family, focused on church, singing and (obviously) wrestling. Her move to the UK was to join the Grammy award-winning acapella group, *The Swingle Singers*, with whom she toured the world for 10 years.

Sara now works as a recording artist, singing for films and video games.



Photos here contributed by Sara and James

Some titles she has sung on are *Hunger Games*, *Wonder Woman*, *Avengers*, *World of War Craft*, *Fantastic Beasts* and *Captain Underpants!* Her most recent solo expedition was the early 2020 release of *Emma*, a Jane Austen period drama featuring Sara's voice throughout the soundtrack.

Before the lockdown in March, it would have been difficult to describe a typical "day in the life". Between choir rehearsals and recording sessions, James might be

Sara is the first voice you'll hear in Gareth Malone's track, *January*



Malone's trailer featuring Sara: <https://youtu.be/Gd5LmrcKFSA>



spotted singing in a Barbershop Quartet at a Bar Mitzvah or whipping up a sing-along with staff at Channel 4 TV, whilst Sara could be on stage with TV's Gareth Malone, panelling the jury at an International Acapella competition, or directing the Wimbish Military Wives choir at Carver Barracks.

However, as the pandemic took hold, work came to a screeching halt and diaries emptied for self-employed musicians everywhere.

Live performances were cancelled, gatherings prohibited, and research into transmission of the virus even suggested singing may be “high-risk”. The conversation in the music industry felt desperate, and quickly became fixated on ‘online’ working.

The first step was to get some recording equipment, so Sara could continue producing quality recordings, and James could deliver online rehearsals. James also retrained in audio editing and began to tackle the virtual choir phenomenon. This is where singers in a choir each record a “selfie” video, singing their part in a song, and the individual singer videos are edited together to form



a synchronised collage of everyone singing as though they were together in person. It has become extremely popular – you would be surprised at how important music and singing is during a crisis.

Aside from their music, Sara has found more time to devote to Twinkling Traveller, her crafting business specializing in handmade jewellery, stained glass, quilting and embroidery. James and Sara also now have a thriving allotment, and they had fun (?) building a patio, with kind support from friends and neighbours. They would like to thank everyone in the Camps community for their help, advice, comradery, and carry-on spirit, especially The Oak pub, Roughacre Brewery, and Michael Prentice's mobile shop.

As the situation around the world changes, new opportunities and horizons present themselves. Both Sara and James agree, they wouldn't want to be anywhere but here.

Next issue...

If you'd like to be featured for 'A day in the life of...' please get in touch with the Camps Review team. Whether it's about your work from broadcasting to gamekeeping, or a hobby like stained glass art, it would be great to hear from you!



A chilling tale for Halloween

of a murder in Castle Camps... And it's true!

Having grown up in Castle Camps, many tales came my way, some of which I questioned whether they were true or not. We're away from the church because inhabitants thought if they moved a mile down the road, they'd escape the Black Death, for example. But there's a tale of a murder here in the village, and it's true!

After the fields had been ploughed, my Mum and I would scour the land to see what surfaced. I knew of a site on our field the other side of the byway where there was a dwelling. We'd simply find pottery and pipes there, where the village once filled the pond/site in with rubbish. I'm not sure I'd ever have known the chilling past with those who resided there, if it wasn't for one day at the school when we learned about the last public double hanging in Cambridge.

The story concerns an Elias Lucas and Susan Lucas. He was 25 and working for a local farmer, Mr Cross. She was described as a good, kind-hearted and unsuspecting woman. From Christmas in 1849, Elias and Susan's sister, Mary Reeder (20), began having an affair. Reports note that Elias was unhappy in his marriage and even wished his child would die, if a ballad can be relied upon. Truly, a ballad was written about this crime. He didn't hide his thoughts and on one occasion told Anne Ives on the road from Haverhill, that "he wished to get rid of his wife ... for he had a bastard child coming."

Elias and Mary discussed if there was any harm in "poisoning for love", and it just so happened that Elias had some arsenic in their pantry, which he'd kept despite being asked by farmer Cross to dispose



Elias Lucas & Mary Reeder

of it. Later in February 1850, Mary prepared a "mess" for their evening meal. Susan complained that hers tasted of slack-lime and 20 minutes later, stumbled to the front door, throwing up in the garden.

By lunchtime the next day when Elias was at work, Mary called for the help of Thomas Reeder and his wife who lived in a house nearby. Thomas found Susan undressed on the floor in the bedroom. Another neighbour, Susan Potter, also helped to make Susan comfortable. She was retching violently. Elias was sent for and returned home, showing no care for Susan's state. But he did ride to fetch the doctor's assistant, Frederick Cramer. When they returned, Susan was dead.

Cramer described how Susan's fingers were clenched like a bird's claw and her abdomen was supernaturally blue. He suspected cholera



or most likely, poison, and when questioning the lovers about whether they possessed poison, both denied it. Cramer took evidence, including the loaf remains, sick and two days later, Susan's stomach and intestines! On that return when asking about poison, Elias actually showed him the arsenic package. It appeared to be open and Cramer took it.

Examined at Guy's Hospital in London, two grains of arsenic were found in Susan's stomach and more in the lining. Elias and Mary were arrested and both found guilty of murder on 25th March. Mary even confessed the day after the trial ended, that she had put nearly a tablespoon of arsenic in Susan's food, and it was her love for Elias that led to this. But Elias claimed he was innocent, apart from the adultery. His closest confession was: "I may have told her to do it. But, if I did, I do not recollect it, and it was in my passion."

On 13th April 1850, they were hung on Castle Hill in Cambridge. The ballad sheet says that Elias and Mary were resigned and ready to meet their fate after receiving Holy Communion on the morning of their hanging. The Times reported, "Long before daybreak, every street and road leading into this town exhibited the appearance of a fair-day. From six o'clock in the morning until the hour appointed for the execution, 12 o'clock, the streets were one living mass." There was an estimated crowd of 30,000 to 43,000!*

So next time you walk down the byway on a dark winter's evening, you never know if any one of the three may be there with you in spirit. He certainly pops into my mind when walking the dog after work, with my torch dimming and the wind howling.

Ali

*<http://www.planetatlade.com/broadside-ballads--sister-and-serpent2.html>



Happy Halloween

CASTLE CAMPS
COVID-SAFE TRAIL

You should have received a leaflet in your letterbox about 31st October in Castle Camps. Between 6-8pm, there is a trail for families to collect clues around the village. Registration to include your decorated house or for tickets to take part was 17th October. We hope you all enjoy the evening. For further details, contact Cindy on 07710 609955 or at cindycamps@yahoo.com



The Hundred Parishes Society

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

In these strange times we have seen people unable to attend their place of work. Many have been supported by a furlough scheme. Over the years, governments have taken various steps to care for the poor and those unable to work.

The Act for the Relief of the Poor of 1601 made parishes legally responsible for parishioners who could not work. Most assistance was given as “outdoor relief”, meaning financial help but with people able to remain in their own homes.

The Workhouse Test Act of 1723 obliged anyone seeking relief to enter a workhouse operated by the parish. Several of these buildings have survived including those at Ashdon, Clavering, Finchingfield, Newport and Stanstead Abbots.



Ashdon



Clavering

Under the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834, individual parishes were grouped together in a Poor Law Union, which was responsible for constructing and operating a central “Union” workhouse for the larger area. Many survive and have been re-purposed.



Stanstead Abbots



Great Dunmow

Great Dunmow's Union workhouse has changed very little in appearance since it was built in 1838 at a cost of £8,000 to house 350 inmates. One of the architects, George Gilbert Scott, was a prolific workhouse designer who later designed the Albert Memorial and St Pancras Station.

The Union workhouse at Buntingford was built in 1836 to house 160 people from 16 surrounding parishes. It closed in 1933 and was subsequently converted to private houses and apartments.



Finchingfield



Buntingford



Linton built its workhouse in 1837 in Symonds Lane to accommodate 230 inmates. Today it is a retirement home.

Saffron Walden's workhouse, built in 1836 for 340 inmates, became a hospital and is now apartments.

Life in the workhouse was hard; families were split, husbands separated from wives and parents from their children – a stark contrast to today's benefits systems.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



The Elders and Members of the United Reformed Church wish everyone a

*Happy Christmas
& New Year*



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1st Horseheath Brownies

We have great news. Girlguiding approved face-to-face outdoor meetings just after the last issue and now they have said we can finally meet face-to-face indoors after 24th September. It has been six months since we last met in person and now the leadership team is looking into starting to meet altogether after October half term. There are forms and permission to get from our local commissioner and obviously the parents have to be willing to send the girls back, and the village hall has to be open and accepting bookings.

Until everything is organised we are continuing with our Zoom meetings. We don't always have the same faces at the meetings but it is good to interact with them on the different tasks. So far we have built a compass, followed compass points to make a picture, designed a flag that represents ourselves, discussed the countryside code

and the different customs in each country in relation to what items, e.g. fruit, you can take on holiday with you. I, for one, have learned something.

We still have space if you would like to send your daughter to Brownies. Initially it will be online, but hopefully by the end of October we will be back together in the same room, but safe and socially distanced.

If you would like to know more about Brownies, please check out the Girlguiding website (www.girlguiding.org.uk) or drop us a message on horseheathbrownies@gmail.com Brownies is where the girls have fun learning new skills and enjoy just being themselves.

Pauline, Katie and Laurené

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reminder from
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as the
Dog Poo Fairy*





Book Review

TITLE: Damaged Goods

AUTHOR: Oliver Shah

PUBLISHER: Portfolio Penguin

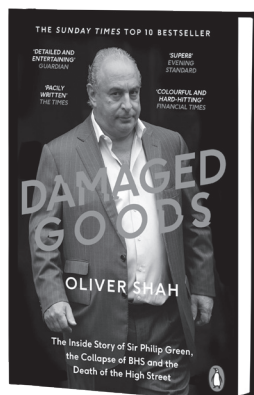
REVIEWER: John Biggs

A thoroughly informative and highly enlightening book by the Sunday Times reporter, Oliver Shah. This book written under the constant threats of legal action, abuse and even violence is more like the biography of the retail tycoon, Sir Philip Green. It is however the story of how he built the Arcadia group which includes the Top Shop, Top Man, Burtons and BHS brands. It is critically how he hit the headlines by selling the business that was the source of his fortune for £1 to an inexperienced, serial bankrupt and charlatan. The story is covered step by step with amazing facts and insights from the reporter, Shah, who as the award-winning business correspondent for The Times had regular contact with Green throughout his career.

Green the barrow boy achieved the heights of the most successful retailer of his time

through his ruthless tactics and careless pursuit of great wealth. It is a story of how he developed from childhood under a matriarchal upbringing, where he collected rent from his mother's tenants to knighthood for services to the retail sector. He was a mummy's boy evolving with the influence and support of his wife, Tina, to have an ability to charm politicians and celebrities, but can and more often does achieve impossible results with his bullying and highly creative, and some will say, unethical tactics.

The reader will be gripped by this book as every chapter and every page has a fact or an action that gives you the feeling that this surely couldn't have happened, a battle between the disgruntled BHS pensioners, the government and the Green family.



The Good Companions

Social club for the over 50's

As many of you will know, The Good Companions club has been completely cancelled this year due to coronavirus.

I would however, like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas.

In 2021, we will look at the situation and see when it may be safe to resume our monthly meetings, activities and events.

Maureen McKenna
Chairperson



Creative Corner

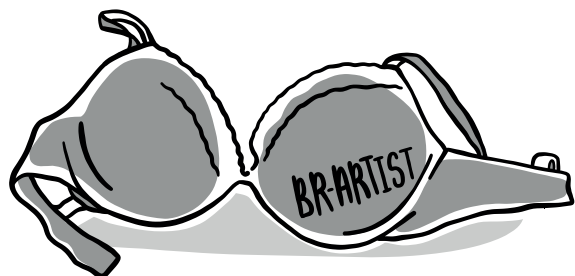
Art in unexpected places

Art will always turn heads when you see things like a banana taped to a gallery wall, or sneezing rats sprayed on the London Underground (Banksy). I do love a bit of graf. We haven't had any submissions for this issue (the space in this creative corner is open for your art or anything creative like a photo, poem or recipe). But we did see some controversial outdoor pieces in the community at the end of August. One in particular gained attention.

The br-artist

Catch wind of a wooden pentagram in the Millennium wood with five (?) bras suspended from it? There's a few ways people probably see this. Sex cult? Satanic ritual? Or just art, a bit of fun perhaps? I haven't included a photo just in case we inadvertently distribute a ritual marking... But it's most likely someone has been inspired by a movie. Or maybe the individual really has something to say? Girl power!? By the way, an exclamation and question mark used together is called an interrobang. How cool is that word! I'll leave it for your interpretation although it has been removed from the C cup-more tree, should you feel inclined to go and look for it.

Ali



Autumn Fires By Robert Louis Stevenson

In the other gardens
And all up in the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over,
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

Photo postcard spotted on eBay. I didn't win it, but I hope the person who did is somewhere in the Camps.

Photo from eBay



Lemon curd

It's not exactly an autumnal preserve, but my Mum made it and it was so delicious, it needs sharing. Lou Lou only used lemons, but you can use whichever citrus fruits you wish.

Ingredients

3-6 lemons, limes, oranges
– you need 240ml juice,
zest of half the fruit
4 medium eggs, plus 2 yolks
160g caster sugar
125g unsalted butter

Makes 2 x 190ml jars

Use in sponge cakes,
meringue pie, or simply
spread it on some bread!

Keeps for up to 1-2 weeks
in the fridge.

Zest half of the fruit and juice as many as needed to get 240ml of juice. You may need more fruit, depending on their size/type. Sieve the juice, straining out any lumpy bits and reserve.

Whisk the eggs, egg yolks and sugar together until they are well mixed and light and frothy in texture. Then stir in the zest.

Gently melt the butter on a low heat in a medium, heavy-bottomed pan. When completely melted, whisk in the juice.

Slowly pour in the egg mixture, stirring constantly.

Continue stirring and cooking on the low heat until the mixture has thickened to a custard-like consistency. This may take up to 15 minutes but don't be tempted to increase the heat at this could scramble the eggs.

Remove from the heat and whisk to remove any lumps.

Ladle into warm, dry sterilized jars, filling them to about 5mm below the rim. Seal, leave to cool and refrigerate.



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Timetable

*BALSHAM BANDSTAND		TWICE MONTHLY	2ND & 4TH	TUESDAY
1	Linton	Flaxfields	10:00	11:00
2	Camps End	Sangers Farm	11:25	11:40
3	Shudy Camps	Main Street	11:50	12:05
4	Castle Camps	Claydon Close	12:15	12:50
5	Horseheath	Old Nurseries	14:00	14:40
6	West Wickham	Streetley End	14:50	15:05
7	West Wickham	Council Houses	15:15	15:30
8	Balsham	Bandstand	15:40	16:45



Local public transport

Bus timetables: 59 and 19

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59 – TO SAFFRON WALDEN / AUDLEY END	MONDAY TO FRIDAY					SATURDAY	
High Street, Castle Camps	08:01	10:20	12:20	14:20	14:20	08:05	11:50
St Mary's Church, Shudy Camps	08:03	10:22	12:22	14:22	14:22	08:08	11:53
Carter's Farm, Shudy Camps	08:05	10:24	12:24	14:24	14:24	08:10	11:55

59 – TO HAVERHILL	MONDAY TO FRIDAY					SATURDAY	
High Street, Castle Camps	07:04	08:32	10:27	12:27	14:27	10:50	15:20
St Mary's Church, Shudy Camps	07:04	08:32	10:30	12:30	14:30	10:51	15:21
Carter's Farm, Shudy Camps	07:05	08:33	10:31	12:31	14:31	10:52	15:22

Visit stephensonsofsex.bushub.co.uk/all-bus-services/59 for the latest schedules, other locations and times.

19 – TO HAVERHILL	MONDAY TO FRIDAY					SATURDAY	
Carter's Farm, Shudy Camps	09:31	12:01	14:01	17:36		-	-
opp The Manse, Castle Camps	09:36	12:06	14:06	17:41		-	-

19 – TO BURROUGH GREEN VIA LINTON	MONDAY TO FRIDAY					SATURDAY	
Castle Camps, High Street	10:33	12:33	15:03	18:08	18:35s	-	-
Castle Camps, opp The Manse	-	-	-	-	18:36s	-	-
Carter's Farm, Shudy Camps	10:38	12:38	15:08	18:13	18:30s	-	-
St Mary's Church, Shudy Camps	-	-	-	-	18:31s	-	-

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Sport

Castle Camps Bowls Club

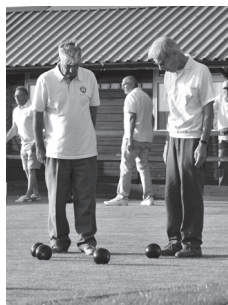
The bowls club was quiet this season due to coronavirus. Keeping safe at home during lockdown meant the familiar sound of woods tapping together on a summer's evening wasn't heard for a while. Once organised outdoor sport was allowed to resume, some members regrouped at the green to enjoy the game once more.

Despite a disrupted year, the club decided to hold their interclub Tommy Walker Shield tournament on the 19th September, the weekend they closed the green at the end of the season. Together (and apart) outdoors, they played in teams and then as individuals. The singles games saw talented players in the finals, including Tommy Walker, Russell Woodley, John Bennett, John Levey, Ronnie Goodwin and Peter Cottage. They make it look easy!

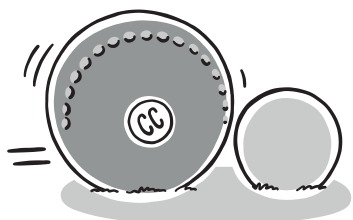
Russell Woodley and John Bennett went through to the final. It was a great game which saw Russell win and take home the shield, presented by Tommy Walker.

Finishing the evening with fish and chips, Mary Walters wished everyone a safe winter and hopes to see everyone together again in 2021.

The club welcomes new members, so if you fancy having a go at the sport when it reopens in April, stay tuned!



Tommy Walker & Russell Woodley



Well done, Russell!

If you would like to report on your club/sport next year, from cricket to bowls and football etc, please do get in touch.

Bin Collection Schedule



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Monday 9 th November 2020	✓		
Monday 16 th November 2020		✓	✓
Monday 23 rd November 2020	✓		
Monday 30 th November 2020		✓	✓
Monday 7 th December 2020	✓		
Monday 14 th December 2020		✓	✓
Monday 21 th December 2020	✓		
Monday 28 th December 2020		✓	
Wednesday 6 th January 2021	✓		
Monday 11 th January 2021		✓	✓
Monday 18 th January 2021	✓		

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