

CAMPS

Review

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Castle Camps
School

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new residents!

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Castle Camps Clubs & Amenities

Children's Activities

Brownies Horseheath	01223 891086
CATS (VH)	01440 762290 – Trevor
Toddler Group (VH)	01799 584785 – 9.30-11.30 Weds (term time only)
Youth Club (VH)	01799 584379 – Fridays 7-9pm (term time only)

Recreational Clubs

Bowls Club Apr-Nov	01799 584684 – Tom Walker
Carpet Bowls (VH)	01799 584694 – Wednesdays 7.30pm
Gun Club	01799 584217
Tennis Club	www.facebook.com/campstennisclub
Yoga (VH)	01799 584890 – Caroline Daunt
Art Club (VH)	01440 730035 – Sue Moss (alternate Thursdays 10.30-1.00pm)
Good Companions (VH,50+)	01799 584016 – Maureen McKenna

Village Amenities

The Oak	01799 584207
Mobile Library	2nd Tuesday of the month
11.25-11.40 Camps End	
12.15-12.50 Claydon Close	
Hanchett Toys	01799 584979
Saddlery, Horse & Pet Feeds	01799 584802
Castle Camps School	www.castlecampsschool.co.uk

Useful Contacts

Oil Syndicate	01799 584527
Parish Council (VH)	01799 584428 – 8pm 2nd Thursday (every other month)
Mel Laing, Parish Clerk	01799 584428/ castlecampspc@gmail.com
Parish Maintenance Volunteer Group	ccpc.mikepeirson@gmail.com
Linton Health Clinic	01223 892555
Non Emergency	101
Village Hall enquiries	01799 584596
C of E (Churchwarden)	01799 584012
URC (Secretary)	01223 892214
Castle Camps Website	www.castlecamps.org.uk

Shudy Camps

Shudy Camps Parish Council – for information, see website www.shudycamps.org.uk
Parish Clerk: Andrew Webb – clerk@shudycamps.org.uk – 07757 740090.
St Mary's Church, Shudy Camps – Churchwarden: Andrew Webb – 07757 740090

(VH = Village Hall)

From the Team

As Christmas quickly approaches and our diaries get busier it was warming to see how the villages came together for Remembrance Sunday. The striking photo on this issues cover was taken by Tony Smith, a local photographer (www.facebook.com/tonystog/) The village stood still, took reflection and came together for refreshments in the hall. On days like this the community is so strong, I for one feel grateful to be part of it.

The school has once again played an active role in supporting our local children whilst giving them an energetic and engaging first term. Its wonderful to see the smiley faces coming out of school each day, I can only imagine them in the last couple of weeks before Christmas!

As a team, we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year. We do hope you enjoy this issue, and please continue to send in relevant material.

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Dates for the diary

November
22nd Crazy Ceramics at the Village Hall from 3pm
27th Crazy Ceramics at Baby & Toddler Group

December
7th Ladies Xmas Party at the Village Hall

18th Playground Group Christmas Hamper Raffle to be drawn
24th Carols 6-7pm, Castle Camps Village Green

Do you have an event? Email gemma@frazzledesign.com so we can include in the next issue!

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	*Balsham Bandstand	Twice monthly	2nd & 4th	Tuesday
1	Linton	Flaxfields	10:00:00	11:00:00
2	Camps End	Sangers Farm	11:25:00	11:40:00
3	Shudy Camps	Main Street	11:50:00	12:05:00
4	Castle Camps	Claydon Close	12:15:00	12:50:00
5	Horseheath	Old Nurseries	14:00:00	14:40:00
6	West Wickham	Streetley End	14:50:00	15:05:00
7	West Wickham	Council Houses	15:15:00	15:30:00
8	Balsham	Bandstand	15:40:00	16:45:00

Notice Board

Ploughing Exhibition

On 20th October 2019 the annual 'Ploughing Exhibition' was held at 'Top Field' Castle Camps. Each year we donate all the money raised from this event to a charity.

Our chosen charity to support this year was 'Petals' - the Baby Loss Counselling Charity.

We raised £650.00, which has been sent to them. We would like to thank everyone who supported this event.

Urgent Appeal

The Playground group are in need of a chairperson and new committee members. If you would like to get involved and help us raise money for additional play equipment please contact us as soon as possible at, cindycamps@yahoo.com or sueherbertccpc@gmail.com

Thank You

Having lost my very special bracelet at the Harvest Supper, I was delighted to have it returned to my door by a mysterious benefactor. Thank you so much! Barbara Cooper

Thank You

A big thank you to John for organising the trip to the Palace of Westminster.

We had a fascinating and informative guide around the Houses of Parliament, which make what you see on the television very relevant.

Welcome to the Village

Diane Forsey

Rebecca Ferguson, Dave Wright and Olivia Wright

Congratulations

Rebecca and Dave on the arrival of Tabitha Daisy on 16 Aug 2019.

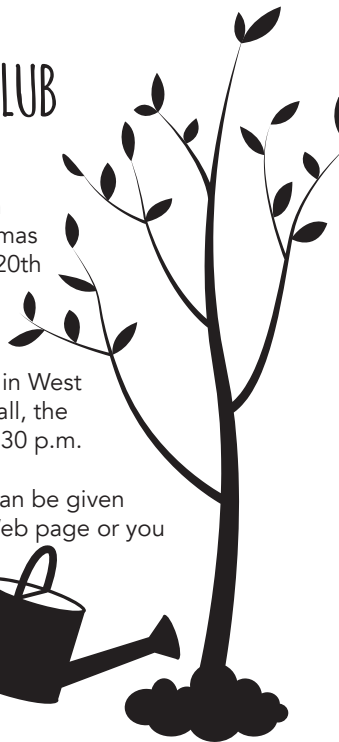
WEST WICKHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At the first of our talks that take place from October to April we were pleased to welcome Melanie Collins from Mickfield Hostas in Stowmarket. Melanie covered all aspects of growing Hostas, including using metal trays of water to stand them in as snails do not like metal and can't swim.

Our next meeting on 18th November is touching on the subject of Climate Change. Our speaker, Olivia Norfolk, has carried out research amongst the Bedouin in South Sinai, and will share her ideas and what lessons we can learn from the Bedouin.

On December 16th we are holding a Xmas Quiz, and January 20th the talk topic is Scented Gardens. You are all welcome to join us in West Wickham Village Hall, the meetings start at 7.30 p.m.

More information can be given if you access our Web page or you can ring me on 01799 584262.
Rosemary Yallop



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The Hundred Parishes Society

by Ken McDonald, Secretary

As Christmas approaches, we are more likely to hear the distinctive sound of church bells. Most of our church towers were erected with the specific purpose of housing bells high above the rooftops so their sound could be heard over a wide area, calling people to worship or, sometimes, to celebrate a special occasion.

Church bells come in many different sizes, the larger giving a deeper tone. Of Hundred Parishes churches, Saffron Walden has most bells with 12, the largest weighing over a ton. Some bells are extremely old: Great Waltham, Little Hallingbury, Little Hormead, Strethall and Westmill each have one dating from the 14th century.

Each bell is rung by a separate person, pulling gently but firmly on a bell rope from below. A practised team of bell ringers can create a wonderful sound as the bells are swung in a predetermined sequence. The simplest sequence is to ring the lightest bell first and so on through to the heaviest, producing a round of descending notes.

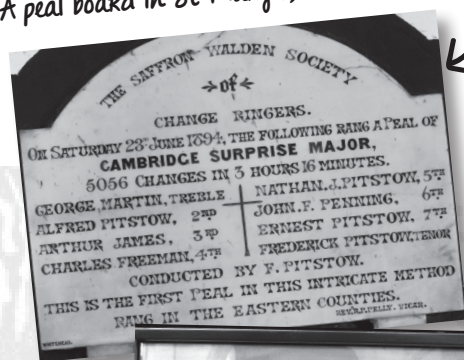
The round may be repeated many times or, on the conductor's instruction, the sequence may be changed by swapping two bells. There are many possible sequences for ringing a given

number of bells: for eight bells the number of different sequences is 40,320. An experienced team will sometimes attempt to ring a continuous set of changing sequences. Long ago it was decided that anything over 5,000 changes of sequence would be termed a "peal".

A peal typically takes around 3 hours so requires organisation and great concentration and stamina. Peals are rarely attempted, but when successfully achieved they may be recorded in the church on a "peal board" giving the bell-ringers' names and the title of the change sequence or method that was used.

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

A peal board in St Mary's, Saffron Walden



A list of the six bells of St Mary's, Westmill

No.	Maker's Name	Date	Note	Width	Weight
1	John Warner	1870	F	26 1/2"	3 2 0
2	Thomas Mears	1838	E	26 1/4"	4 0 2
3	Lester & Pack	1759	D	27"	4 3 16
4	John Danyell	1460	C	31 1/2"	8 1 3
5	Willelmus Rufford	1350	B	32"	6 1 3
6	Miles Gray	1616	A	34"	6 2 9

A 5.5 cwt bell cast in 1705 in St Mary's, Stansted Mountfitchet



LOOK FOR A BOOK IN CASTLE CAMPS

If you find this book you or your child are welcome to take it home to read. Once its been enjoyed perhaps you can hide it (along with others if you like) so another child can enjoy. Happy reading!

Feel free to take a photo and post it on our facebook group 'Look for a book in Castle Camps'



Let's get the children of the villages to read. Cut this out, pop in a freezer bag with a book you don't want any more. Then next time on your walk why don't you hide it somewhere for a child to find, maybe in a church? In a telephone box? Or even in a bus shelter!

If you find a book pop a photo on 'Look for a book in Castle Camps' facebook group



Castle Camps School



Christmas Fair

Saturday 23rd November 1:00 to 3:30 pm

MEET A SPECIAL VISITOR

Craft Stalls Tea, Cake and Mince Pies **FACE PAINTING**

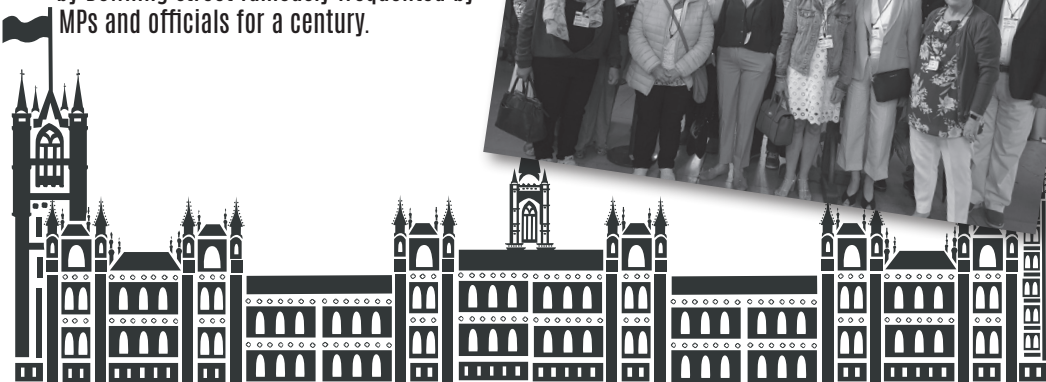
Nerf Shot Zone The Kitsch Hen Raffle

Pocket Money Games





The tour of the Palace of Westminster for the Camps parishioners proved to be a fascinating and most enlightening visit rounded off by a lovely lunch at the Red Lion by Downing street famously frequented by MPs and officials for a century.



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R.A.F. Memorial

The memorial was introduced in 1994 and has been an important part of the village, particularly on Remembrance Sunday. Recently, it was noticed that the paving in front of it was badly cracked, apparently by a vehicle having been driven over it.



Three local tradesmen, Clive Germany, David Edmead and David Jobson were anxious to see the paving repaired and offered to give their time, equipment to the project for free. They contacted Build Base in Haverhill and they kindly offered to provide the materials, as a donation to the work.



The project was completed and the memorial is now ready for the next Remembrance Service.

Many thanks to Clive and the two Davids, as well as Build Base for their kind donation.

Well Done!



Learning together with faith, hope and love

It was fantastic to see the children arriving back at school refreshed after the Autumn break. Following a successful phased entry to school in September, our new Reception children settled in very quickly and we couldn't have asked for a positive start to the term.

Harvest Festival

This year, we celebrated Harvest on Friday, 27th September with a special service in the Hall at 2:15pm. As part of the assembly, representatives from REACH gave a short presentation and explained how our harvest gifts would be used by the local community. The children sang beautifully, read clearly and KS1 and EYFS performed a wonderful version of 'Big Red Combine Harvester' (with actions). Thank you to everyone who donated food items – they were extremely well-received.

Banham Zoo Visit

On Wednesday, 9th October all the children in KS2 visited Banham Zoo in Norwich. It was a fantastic experience and the weather was perfect, too. During the trip, the children split into class groups and visited different sections of the zoo. Particular highlights were seeing the lemurs, watching a Bird of Prey display and travelling around the site on the zoo "train". Thank you to all the staff and helpers for making the day so memorable and to the Friends of Castle

Camps School for contributing towards the overall cost.

Year 2 Music Festival

Children in Year 2 visited Linton Village College on Thursday, 17th October to sing in the Linton Y2 Music Festival. All schools within our cluster were represented and the children sang a beautiful Harvest song. Thank you to Mrs MacBean for organising the visit and to Miss Furner for her support on the day.

Reception Open Morning

On Tuesday, 29th October, we held an Open Morning for new reception parents (2020 entry). Parents enjoyed a presentation from staff, our Chair of Governors (Naomi Snowdon) and pupils (Oscar and Lulu), a tour of the school and a short performance by the school choir. If you are still looking for a Reception place for 2020, please arrange an appointment to view the school. Bookings can be made via Mrs Clay in the School Office (01799 584 270).

Author Visit

Author, Gillian Overitt ('Max's Magical Dream' and other stories), will be visiting Castle Camps on Wednesday, 30th October to lead an assembly for the whole school and to work with individual classes. There will also be the opportunity for children to purchase her books and have them signed.

Remembrance Day

On Friday, 8th November, the whole school will join together at the United Reformed Church, Castle Camps to observe the two minute silence to remember the fallen. We will be raising money for the British Legion again this year by selling poppies prior to Remembrance Day.

Phonics Workshop with Mrs Lawson

We hope that parents of children in Nursery and Reception will be able to join us for an informal reading workshop on Tuesday, 12th November, 2019 at 9.15 am

in the School Hall. During the workshop, we will be sharing with parents strategies and ideas to help children develop their early reading skills.

Friends of Castle Camps School: Christmas Fayre

We hope the local community will be able to visit our Christmas Fayre, which will take place in the school on Saturday, 23rd November between 1pm-3:30pm. Please come along and support this event – there will be much to see and do.

KS2 Christmas Production: Community Performance

On Wednesday, 18th December we would like to invite members of the community to attend our Key Stage 2 Christmas Production 'Pictures of a Christmas World' at 2pm. This Christmas tableau brings us carols from around the world as we follow the exploits of one of Santa's elves, who has become separated from Santa and his

team whilst delivering on Christmas Eve. He is befriended by some children who promise to help. Aided by a toboggan and some magic dust, they set off in chase of Santa, but always arrive too late. Travelling to Europe, Australia, Central America, the Caribbean etc they see people celebrate Christmas in their customary ways and songs. Eventually he is reunited with Santa in time to celebrate Christmas. If you would like to reserve seats for the performance, please contact Mrs Clay in the School Office on: 01799 584 270. Tickets are free – the running time is approximately 45 minutes.

The start of the new academic term is always such a happy and exciting time with so many things to look forward to – I wish all members of our local community all the best for the start of this new year.

Miss Alexandra O'Connor
Headteacher

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Report from Parish Council

November 2019

From Cllrs Henry Batchelor, County and District, and John Batchelor, District.

A1307

The work on the bus land and cycle path is progressing and should be completed in December. This will be followed by installing traffic lights at the Hildersham crossroads and at the Linton High Street/ A1307 junction.

The consultation on Phase 2, A11 to Cambridge, closed at the beginning of November.

For more information check the Greater Cambridge Partnership website.
www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSE

PLANNING

In October South Cambs District Council approved a planning application from Welcome Trust for the more than doubling in size of the Genome Centre at Hinxton. The plan is to extend the Centre in the field opposite the existing buildings. As well as expanding research facilities the project includes 1,500 houses. These will only be available to those working on the site

This will inevitably have an effect on the landscape, local villages and put yet more pressure on local roads. A505, A11 and A1307 will all have to take increased traffic.

What has been agreed is the 'Outline' plan that establishes the principle of development, now work starts on the

detailed planning which will need to gain approval before work can start. It is at this stage we need to secure highways improvements and mitigating measures to protect the local villages.

WARNING!

The Planning Department at South Cambs is about to change its computer systems. This should make things more efficient in the longer run but there will be an initial close down of the system for about two weeks over the period Monday 7 Nov through to Sunday 24 Nov. You will still be able to access the website, but no new data will be added whilst the changeover takes place. It is also likely to delay the processing of new planning applications.

UPDATE – The changeover has been delayed until February 2020!

JOINT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are working together to prepare a joint Local Plan for the Greater Cambridge area. Both the Councils committed to an early review of those Plans beginning before the end of 2019.

An Issues and Options consultation is due to begin on 25 November and run through until the New Year.

An Issues & Options report was published on 23 September, giving details of the consultation. This includes the themes the Local Plan will explore. More information about the consultation will be published on 25 November to help people have their say.

There will be further phases of public consultation which will end in a submission of a proposed Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination by the end of summer 2022.



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THE CONNECTION

News from the Anglican churches of Castle Camps, Shudy Camps and Horseheath www.3churches.eu
Dec 2019 - Feb 2020

The bells of waiting Advent ring,/ The
tortoise stove is lit again
And lamp-oil light across the night/ Has
caught the streaks of winter rain
In many a stained-glass window sheen/
Form Crimson Lake to Hooker's Green

The opening word of John Betjeman's
'Christmas' a poem that catches the
atmosphere of expectation and preparation
for Christmas, this is despite few, if any of
us, having tortoise stoves and oil lamps.
We look forward to Christmas and put a
lot of time and effort into the preparations,
buying presents, stocking up with food and
drink, planning parties and visits. Trudging
around crowded shops on wet December
days may be a chore but it all goes to
making Christmas that really special
celebration.

Some people seem to complain about all
the effort and money that is spent over
Christmas, and begrudge people their
good time, suggesting that having a good
time has nothing to do with the religious
celebration. That attitude always reminds
me of the Puritans at the time of Oliver
Cromwell who had Christmas banned,
no pudding, no mince pies, no Christmas
services, no Christmas. But it always seems
to me proper to have a good time because
we celebrate the most important and
significant birth in history of the world.

And is it true? And is it True,/ This most
tremendous tale of all,
Seen in stain-glass window hue,/ A baby in

and Ox's stall?

The Maker of the stars and sea/ Became a
Child on earth for me?

Of course this tremendous tale is true, and
in this truth lies the destiny of the whole
world and each individual in it. God, the
maker of all that is, was born and lived
among us making possible for us a future
beyond the time and space in which we
live. By his birth Jesus made eternal life
with God possible for us. And if that isn't
worth celebrating I don't know what is. The
last verse of Betjeman's poem runs

No love that in a family dwells,/ No
carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells/Can with
this simple truth compare -
That God was Man in Palestine / And lives
today in bread and wine.

One understanding of these lines is that
the loving family Christmas, the carol
singing, and bells are unimportant and can
be disregarded. I, though, have always
taken them to mean that, however much
we try, we can't celebrate enough to match
the importance of the event. We should
celebrate and help others to celebrate
this most tremendous event. As part of
your festivities I hope that you will be
joining us at Church for one or more of our
services, so that we can share together the
celebration of Christmas.

A very happy Christmas to you all
Love and prayers Ian Fisher (Team Vicar)
ian.fisher@btclick.com

Sunday 1st December Advent 1			
Horseheath	10.30	Sunday Club with Christingle	Judith & Pat Smith
Bartlow	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Michael Wilcockson
Castle Camps	16.00	Carol Service and Readings	Rev. Ian Fisher
Sunday 8th December Advent 2			
Castle Camps	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Family Service	Cathy Watts
Sunday 15th December Advent 3			
Horseheath	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	18.00	Evensong	Rev. Michael Wilcockson
Sunday 22nd December Advent 4			
Shudy Camps	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	16.00	Carol Service	Rev. Michael Wilcockson
Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve			
Horseheath	18.00	Carol and Crib Service	Rev. Ian Fisher
Shudy Camps	23.00	Midnight Mass	Rev. Ian Fisher
Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day			
Castle Camps	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Lesley Gore
Sunday 29th December Christmas 1			
Shudy Camps	10.00	Holy Eucharist Joint with URC	Rev. Ian Fisher
Sunday 5th January Christmas 2			
Horseheath	10.00	Sunday Club	Judith & Pat Smith
Bartlow	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Lesley Gore
Horseheath	16.00	Evening Service and Healing	Rev. I Fisher/Lindi Kent
Sunday 12th January Baptism of Christ			
Castle Camps	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Family Service	Cathy Watts
Sunday 19th January Epiphany 2			
Horseheath	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	18.00	Evensong	Rev. Lesley Gore
Sunday 26th January Epiphany 3 Wedding Sunday			
Shudy Camps	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Morning Prayer	Congregation Led
Sunday 2nd February The Presentation			
Horseheath	10.00	Sunday Club	Judith & Pat Smith
Bartlow	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Lesley Gore
Horseheath	16.00	Evening Service and Healing	Rev. I Fisher/Lindi Kent
Sunday 9th February Third before Lent			
Castle Camps	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Family Service	Cathy Watts
Sunday 16th February Second before Lent			
Horseheath	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	18.00	Evensong	Rev. Lesley Gore
Sunday 23rd February Sunday next before Lent			
Shudy Camps	10:00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Morning Prayer	Congregation Led
Wednesday 26th February Ash Wednesday			
Castle Camps	10.00	At the Vicarage	Rev. Ian Fisher

On the first Sunday of the months there is no morning Eucharist service in the villages of Castle Camps, Shudy Camps and Horseheath. There is however a 10.00 service at St Marys Linton.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH, CASTLE CAMPS

*Church Wardens D. Neal 01799 584264/
Patricia Haylock 01799 584254*

On Saturday the 12th of October we held a Come and Sing Event it was our final Bode celebration.

It was a great afternoon led by James Davey. We learnt songs from the shows, had a lovely tea and then put on a small impromptu concert in the early evening. It was great fun, thank you James and Sarah for all your hard work. LK

Flower Festival

We are in the process of planning a Flower Festival for the May Bank Holiday weekend 8th 9th and 10th of May at All Saints Castle Camps

The theme is VE Day

I will be contacting all flower arrangements in coming months but please contact me if you want to help in anyway. Please put a note in your diaries.

Lindi Kent 01799 584012

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH, HORSEHEATH

Church Warden Pat Smith 01223 892484

The Festive season has arrived and All Saints will be holding their Christingle Service on the 1st December at 10.30am Children to arrive at 10am if they wish to take part in making the Christingles.

Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th December come and join us for mince pies plus our usual stalls.

Children's Sunday Club the 5th January and 2nd February 10am to 11am in Church

Tea & Chat in Church 2.30pm to 4pm
20th November, 18th December 15th January and 19th February

Dates for you diary **Valentine Lunch 15th February in Church from 11.30am** we look forward to meeting you at one of our events.

Should you have time to spare to join our Church cleaning and Flower rota then please contact Pat on 01223 892484 **PS JJ**

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Harvest Supper

Thanks to everyone who came to and/or helped with the Harvest Supper on the 5th of October. Although the numbers attending were lower than previous years, a tremendous profit of £882 was nevertheless made. This will be used to support the Church as a community resource and a contribution will be made to East Anglia's Childrens' Hospices. It was great to welcome a number of people who had not been before and we hope to see you at the Supper again and at other events- the more the merrier!

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held in the Church at 6.30pm on **Sunday 15 December**. We are delighted that Mezzo-soprano and local resident **Yvonne Howard**, who performs regularly with all the major UK opera companies and in concerts and recitals across the world, has agreed to perform for us. Anyone who has been to one of Yvonne's concerts in Shudy will know they are a very special experience which is not to be missed.

Thanks to all who help the Church

Once again we would like to thank everyone who helps to maintain the church and churchyard in any way. As a small congregation in which I at 64 count as a bright young thing, we simply could not keep the building and grounds in decent order for the village. Thank you. **AW**

COMMUNITY CHOIR

After the last most successful Come and Sing event a number of people expressed a wish to start a Community Choir. This will be popular songs, and songs from shows. If you are interested then please contact the Revd. Ian Fisher. This is not going to be church music and is open to all, not just from the villages. ian.fisher@btclick.com (01799 585977)

The last month has included lots of events for LVC students to raise awareness of important issues and funds for those in need.

On the 1st November we marked the end of 'GloWeek' with members of the College community wearing bright items of clothing as part of the charity's national autumn road safety campaign 'Be Seen Not Hurt'. Assemblies focused on important aspects of road safety given that nights are drawing in during the winter months. The initiative also involved us raising money for the Childhood Brain Injury Trust.

This charitable event was particularly poignant as it coincided with the return of one of our Year 11 students, Sam Norris, after a serious motorbike accident in a British Youth Championships race in Glasgow in June that caused him to be on life support and resulted in an acquired brain injury. We are proud of the progress that Sam has made through his intensive rehabilitation and are thrilled to have him back within the LVC community.

We marked Remembrance Day with the wearing of poppies, two minutes' silence

across the school and one of our students playing The Last Post. This has become an important and moving tradition at LVC to remember and pay our respects to those that have given their lives in war and conflicts.

Children in Need day was celebrated with a variety of fundraising activities including a non-uniform day and pennies for Pudsey collection. It is easy to make assumptions that children in Linton and surrounding villages are not touched by the hardship and deprivation in the same way as students attending city schools. However, LVC's community serves a range of diverse families in very different personal circumstances and a large proportion of our students benefit from accessing specialist support services provided by childhood charities.

I begin my maternity leave at the start of December. My colleague, Doug Brechin, Assistant Principal at the College, will take over the writing of the LVC news column for community newsletters in my absence. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

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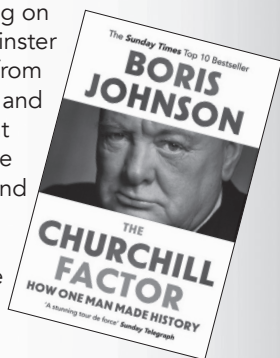
Title: The Churchill Factor
Author: Boris Johnson
Publisher: Hodder & Staughton
Reviewer: John Biggs

Having read biographies of Churchill ,books by Churchill and 3 volumes of his 10 volume autobiography I felt I knew a lot about him until I read these 421 pages and 23 chapters .This book is so very different focusing on his character ,how it was formed throughout his life and how he adapted to circumstances .He was so very much influenced by of course his mother and father but more by the way they treated him rather than cared and nurtured him. The greatest influence was his nanny in his early years and his wife throughout his turbulent career.

Make no bones about it he was going to make his mark on those around him , on this country and the world but this focus to make his mark it began very early in his life.

Johnson investigates the man and takes his character apart in this riveting ,easy to read and humorous narrative.

This genuinely cleverly written book with vivid observations stopped me in my tracks with what is going on in the Palace of Westminster at present----it is clear from Johnsons observations and critique of Churchill that he is emulating the style ,taking big risks and blind determination. A great book written long before he became Prime Minister



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Camps Village Hall

We had a late AGM in September this year due to illness, but I can now advise that same eight committee members as last year were re-elected. This means that there are still four vacancies and a further two places for co-option on the committee.

Come on Castle Campers, we're a very friendly group! If you are over 18 years, bored with watching box sets, Sky Sports and Netflix and want to help your local community, we would love for you to join us. Just let me, Susie Culpin or Dicky Moore know. We've only had one offer of interest so far, so there's plenty of room!

Our first meeting since the AGM was in October and I am pleased to report that our finances are looking good for the first time in a long while, due to consistent and frequent bookings. We hope that early next year we'll be able to think about exterior and interior redecoration, although we are urgently looking to replace the failing strip lights in the Hall with LED versions.

There will be no Social Race Night this year but we hope to run one in 2020. Susie's jumble sales regularly raise significant funds and the next one is planned for Saturday 16th November. Good quality jumble wanted please!

Terry Chapman, Secretary to the Management Committee of Trustees.

Hall hiring rates are as follows:

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Castle Campers: £100

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News From Shudy Camps Parish Council

Shudy Camps Parish Council has considered a wide range of business at its recent meetings which has included the following:-

Planning Applications - we have responded to a number of planning applications referred to us for comment by South Cambridgeshire District Council which in the main we have supported. The Parish Council is continuing to pay close attention to and work with residents on addressing continuing issues affecting the Carter's Farm Barns development. Looking beyond the parish, we have considered the impact on the village of proposed developments in Linton, Haverhill and on the A505 at Duxford.

Local Highway Initiative 2020-21 - the Council has resubmitted the proposal to extend the 40mph speed limit from Mill Green along New Road to the 30mph limit in Shudy Camps which narrowly missed out on securing funding last year. In addition, funding is also being sought to improve safety at the junction of Blacksmiths Lane and Church Road.

A1307 - work has now begun on a programme of improvements to the road which will impact on traffic travelling to and from the village. Brochures giving details of the elements of the scheme, some of which remain subject to consultation, have been placed in the Information Point (Phone Box) in Main Street.

Mosaic Bench and Village Sign Renovation

- we have received regular updates on the progress of the exciting project we are supporting to install an imaginatively decorated mosaic bench in Main Street adjacent to the village sign to replace the existing life-expired wooden one. The new bench should soon be in place. The Council is also obtaining quotations to renovate the adjacent village sign which is showing some signs of deterioration.

Fly Tipping - there have been a number of recent instances of fly tipping in the parish. The Council has been active in pressing Environmental Health to deal with these as a matter of urgency given the potential health hazard that they present.

Dog Fouling - there has been a recent increase in dog fouling of footpaths. The Council is considered how best to address this problem, but in the meantime would ask all dog owners to bag up and take home any deposits left by their pets.

Street Lighting - The County Council transferred responsibility for arranging the supply of electricity to street lighting to Parish Councils from 1 October. We are looking into securing the best value deal for the parish. The current lights are due to be replaced by LED lights in March 2021 which should enable savings to be achieved.

Nosterfield End Phone Box - following the righting of the box, work will shortly start on converting it into a second information point for the parish, taking care to ensure that access to the facility is made as safe as possible given its proximity to the highway.

Jubilee Green - the Council has agreed to seek village green status for Jubilee Green to formalise its valued role as a public facility.

Verge and Hedgerow Cutting - now that the cutting season has nearly ended, the Council will be considering whether to extend the experimental one year letting to contract of the maintenance of areas of grass verge and hedgerow around the Parish.

All meetings of the Parish Council are held in St Mary's Church and are open to the public who have the opportunity to raise any issues affecting the parish in "public forum". Agendas are publicised in advance of meetings in accordance with statutory requirements on the Parish website shudycamps.org.uk and in the information point in the phone box in Main Street. We would very much welcome more residents attending meetings.

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Funding for healthcare across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is under pressure. More people are using NHS services locally, and resources are limited. At the moment, the local NHS is buying more than it can afford which means that some difficult decisions need to be made about the services it can afford to provide in the future.

The Big Conversation has been created to help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), who buy the healthcare services in the local area, to understand what is most important to the local community. Feedback received will be used to create a set of principles that will inform our future plans and help shape our local NHS.

Local residents can give their feedback by attending one of the events taking place across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough during October and November. Or, by completing a short survey online at <https://bit.ly/NHSBigConversation>

Find out more about The Big Conversation and local events online bit.ly/NHSBigConversation



News From Castle Camps Parish Council

Some weeks ago I came across a gentleman clearing the War Memorial Green of leaves and conker shells. On speaking to him, he said he did it every year ready for the Remembrance service. He made me wonder how many people do things to keep this village a pleasant place to live in.

Speed watch continues weather and daylight permitting, and that only happens due to volunteers, who want to keep the roads within the village safe.

So to everyone who does something including running a club or committee for the community 'Thank You'.

That includes your parish councillors, who give their time, voluntarily, and we now have a full council thanks to Cindy Smith being adopted on to the council.

The parish council continue to pursue the state of the pavements, roads and drains in the village, and we are pleased that the paving outside The Shrubbery has at last been repaired.

The play area at the recreation ground has at last had the snagging problems sorted, including a new slide and post supports thanks to the persistence of one of our councillors.

If anyone has noticed the village sign is missing, it is at present being refurbished and will be replaced, when finished, with a new post.



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John Williams

Whilst up on the balcony of the chapel some while ago, I found a framed painting of a ship the 'John Williams VI.' Being interested in ships, I decided to investigate her, by means of the internet.

I found that John Williams was born in Tottenham in 1796 and he had joined the London Missionary Society in 1816. In 1817, he and his wife, Mary, set sail for Tahiti in the South Pacific. For the next 18 years, he travelled around the southern seas, teaching and preaching the gospel.

He had had two ships built out there to help with his work, but he needed a better ship, so in 1834, he returned to England and through lecturing raised £4,000, enough to have a larger vessel built.

He returned to the Pacific in 1838 and his new ship helped him to teach the Christian message, where no missionary had previously set foot.

In 1839, he visited the island of Erromango, where sadly, he was set upon by the inhabitants, clubbed to death and eaten by the cannibals.

The London Missionary Society had a new ship built at Harwich and it was



named 'John Williams' in his honour. Over the years, a number of ships were built bearing his name.

In 1936, collections were made in England by children at Sunday Schools using the 'Ship halfpenny' which, of course, had a picture of the 'Golden Hind' upon it. I am not sure whether the Second World War delayed this, but Castle Camps Congregational Chapel collected for the 'John Williams VI' and she was duly launched and named by Princess Margaret in 1948.

The picture in our possession was

'Presented to Castle Camps Congregational School by the London Missionary Society for help in providing the Children's Ship 'John Williams VI, 1948.'

If anyone has greater information of our local Sunday schools' involvement, I should be delighted to hear from them.

Alan Hardy



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This term we celebrated our 50th birthday. We had a lovely evening, with cake of course, where we celebrated with one of the first Brownies – Rose Barker nee Davies. Rose was interested in how the programme has changed over the years but was glad that the unit was still going strong.

We have already made our Christmas cards and started on the baubles for the village church. We are going to make felt Christmas stockings for the URC tree this year and this will tick off two unit meeting activities giving us over 60 minutes in the Express Myself theme. By the time you read this we will have given our invited guess their Christmas Luncheon and sung carols to them.

You may have noticed poster going up around the villages advertising Girlguiding. As you may have noticed over time our

numbers have dropped. As mentioned last time we hope to have two Rainbows transfer up to us but we do have space for more. I know trying new things might be scary when you are seven but Girlguiding does give every girl a voice, a space to grow and develop into the leaders of the future.

For more information, please check out the Girlguiding website (www.girlguiding.org.uk) or drop us a message on our new email address horseheathbrownies@gmail.com.

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