

CAMPS REVIEW



Photo: Roy and Jane Harper on their wedding day. Taken by Ali.

Castle Camps Clubs & Amenities

Children's Activities

Brownies Horseheath	01223 891086
CATS (Village Hall)	01440 762290 – Trevor Bishop
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

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Carpet Bowls (VH)	01799 584694 – Wednesdays 7.30pm
Gun Club	01799 584217
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
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Mobile Post Office	Thursdays 11.00-12.00 Outside the Village Hall
Hanchett Toys	01799 584979
Saddlery, Horse & Pet Feeds	01799 584802
Castle Camps School	www.castlecampsschool.co.uk
Three Counties Mobility	01223 756440

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 (VH = Village Hall)

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

Cover photo: Roy and Jane Harper on their wedding day, 5th June 2021. 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 in it.

Hello everyone

It's summer! Or at least it was until this current week when writing this intro. Lots of rain. "Freedom Day" was delayed 'til late July, but it does feel like we've been given our freedom, seeing people, eating out, having fun. It's also been the summer of football! With a new Premier League client, my interest was reignited and nostalgia stirred for '96 and '98. But where was all the support? In the supermarket I go to, there was next to nothing beside a couple of shirts, footballs and flags. There always used to seem so much hype. I wondered if it was a lost love after disappointment or Covid caution. That said, England didn't disappoint this time even though we didn't take home the trophy! And the team are a top bunch doing so much good in communities. There was also the Tokyo Olympics! Team GB claimed 22 golds, 21 silvers and 22 bronze medals in Japan! Very impressive. An effort totalling 65 medals which matches 2012.

Everywhere is looking very green and fresh! The road closure on Bartlow Road dragged out but at least there'll be a safe pavement. And the Chapel is having some tlc to the tower and roof. It's funny to think that the next time I write this, it will be for the November edition. And given that so much has changed since the start of 2020, who knows what will happen next. So until the next time, take care and stay strong.

Article submission

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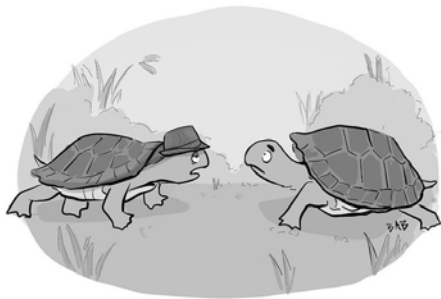
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"I panicked when they said we could come out of our shells again."



"I like this painting because it has a bench."



"It appears that the vaccines are effective and the humans are returning to work. If things go as planned, we'll have the run of the house by the end of the year."

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News from Castle Camps Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the 20th May in person, for the first time since March 2020. It was good to see people in person rather than looking at a screen. Providing Covid restrictions allow, this will continue in future.

During the meeting the Chair was re-elected and Mike Peirson was elected Vice-Chair. Working parties were set up for Finance, Planning, Playground and Maintenance.

The Parish Council were active in stopping lorries using the High Street during the recent road closure in Bartlow Road, and are supporting 20's Plenty campaign for village roads. Please remember that the limit at present on the village roads is 30 m.p.h.

We are also becoming pro-active in the safety around the school, in particular parking during drop-off and pick-up times; double yellow lines are there to keep everyone safe.

We have been advised the paving in the village will be resurfaced sometime this financial year.

By the time the Review is published the play area will have been independently inspected.

Reminder that the response team is still active and if you need help, please do not hesitate to contact someone on the team or a Parish Councillor.

Thank you to Esme, Sue and Dave Buckingham for their continued delivery of prescriptions to the village and surrounding areas.



Superfast broadband with fibre optics

Whilst we have broadband in the village, the fibre optic facility only reaches the green cabinets and does not reach our homes. We have copper wire from the cabinet to our homes, therefore limiting speed.

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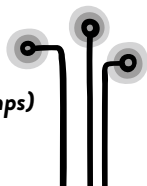
The government want all communities, personal and business, to benefit from this.

But BT Open Reach (the provider) will not fund it unless there is sufficient demand. So we as a community must demonstrate our desire for Superfast Fibre Optic by surveying the community and thus providing numbers indicating a significant demand.

I have been tasked by the Parish Council to drive this project. I therefore ask that you email or text your interest to the Parish Clerk on castlecampspc@gmail.com or respectively 07528924261.

Many thanks.

John Biggs (Councillor, Castle Camps)





Vacancy

Castle Camps Parish Council Co-Option Of Parish Councillor

There is a Parish Councillor vacancy
on the above Council.

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Tel: 01799 584844

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News from Shudy Camps Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan

We reported in the last edition of the Review that an initial meeting of a Group to discuss the possible development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Shudy Camps was being arranged. This duly took place on 20th April, when those attending were informed of the status and requirements of, and the responsibilities and process for, compiling a Plan. The most important points were: (1) that a Neighbourhood Plan was legally binding, (2) that the Parish Council had to take the lead in compiling a Plan and (3) a Plan could not be used as a mechanism to block development but had to support sustainable housing and other growth and infrastructural enhancement.

A variety of views was expressed by those present about whether development in the parish was desirable, the degree of risk to the parish in not having a plan to supplement the protection given by the policies in the District Council's Local Plan, and whether something as formal and demanding as a Neighbourhood Plan (which typically took 3 years to put together and had to be approved by a referendum) was needed. It was noted there were other options, albeit not legally binding, such as a Parish Plan or Design Guide which would also enable residents to have their say over development.

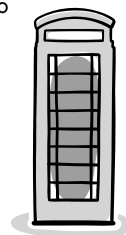
Those attending the meeting were asked to take seek the views of residents and report their findings to the Annual Parish Meeting in May. It became quite clear from this exercise that there was no appetite in the village to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Most residents who expressed a view

valued the current small size and relative tranquillity of the village, and felt the Local Plan provided adequate protection against inappropriate development now that a 5-year land supply for housing had been established.

Given this response, the Council resolved not to pursue the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, or indeed any other form of parish plan, at the present time, but to review the position in a year's time to see if there was any more interest.

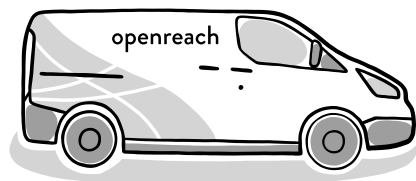
Nosterfield End Telephone Box

The Parish Council bought the old Phone Box in Nosterfield End some years ago with a view to renovating it and turning it into a second information point for the parish. The project has become thwarted by the erosion of the verge round the box which has made access to it from Haverhill Road hazardous. An application to the County Council for funding to insert a hard kerb to promote safe access to the box was unsuccessful. The Parish Council is now consulting residents in Nosterfield End about possible future options for the use of the facility and is inviting their comments and suggestions. We would encourage as many residents as possible to respond to this consultation. In the meantime, the Parish Council has written to the Post Office asking for the adjacent post box to be moved to a safer location in order to address the problem of the degradation of the verge by post vans and other vehicles.



Fibre Broadband in Shudy Camps

We reported in the May edition of the Review that the Parish Council is supporting an initiative to get superfast broadband installed in the village through a Government-subsidised scheme and that many residents had expressed their interest in the scheme, not least because of the need for an improved service to support the increased incidence of homeworking. The progress of this initiative has proved to be lengthy and complex, but the Council continues to enthusiastically support it and we hope to report progress in the next edition of the Review.



Supporting the community

The Parish Council would like to reiterate its thanks to all those who devote their time on a voluntary basis carrying out various roles and activities in the village.

We are very grateful to everyone who spends their time to make the village community a better place in which to live.

There is still an opportunity to take over the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and anyone interested in promoting crime prevention in Shudy Camps should contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@shudycamps.org.uk.

On the Parish Council, Cllr Anita Kiddy has been re-elected as Chairman for a further year and Cllr James Gordon as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Paul Malins has taken on the role of Footpath Warden which has been carried out for the last 40 years by Roger Lemon. The Parish Council is very grateful to Roger for his long and dedicated service to overseeing the maintenance of the network of paths in the village, the great value of which has been even more apparent during the COVID restrictions. Finally, Andy Webb has stepped down as Parish Clerk. We thank him for his dedication over the past 3 ½ years. Jackie Dockerill has been appointed as Andy's successor from 1st July and we look forward to welcoming her.

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County & District Councillor's Report

A1307 Update – The process of upgrading the road continues the next schemes to be implemented will be the signalised crossing at Hildersham, the junction work at Dean Road and the roundabout installation at the Bartlow Road junction, Linton.

The local liaison forum meetings are still occurring, they are public so please do register to attend the forthcoming ones to have an input.

An update that might be of interest – the County Council deferred the GCP's planning application to build a new 'Travel Hub' just outside Hauxton – a similar application to the one that is being proposed on the Babraham side of the A11, so it isn't a given that these will get permission at the first time of asking.

New Business Growth Fund – The District Council has launched a new fund that businesses looking to grow and expand can now apply for. It's aptly called the 'Growth Fund' and between £1,000 and £50,000 can be applied for at one time. Full eligibility criteria can be found here – <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/growth-fund-grant-scheme> or by email openforbusiness@scambs.gov.uk

Flooding – The downpour at the end of July caused significant flooding in many of our villages. It was particularly bad in Linton with serious flooding in Lonsdale and Bakers Lane caused by run-off from the building site at the top end of Horseheath Road. As your local councillors we have, along with residents and the parish council, raised your concerns about the site being

allowed to start building without full planning permission. This is an ongoing issue. The flooding also highlighted the lack of maintenance of the Highways drainage systems with drains clearly blocked and adding to the issues. After discussions with the County Council and the District Council they have agreed to jet the drains clear over the next few months.

Consultation on Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – As a county, Cambridgeshire has well below average tree cover and relatively little land managed for nature. A new draft SPD is now open for consultation. The new SPD aims to ensure that planning applications of all scales properly consider biodiversity, and how to enhance it, from the start. It sets out how we expect developments to meet the policy requirements for increasing biodiversity, including policies within the 2018 Local plan, as well as national legislation. The aim is to ensure a minimum of 10% biodiversity new gain is achieved on all projects, and that this will benefit the specific ecology and wildlife of Greater Cambridge. The public consultation closes on September 17th – <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/biodiversityspd>



Grass Verges – Councils nationally have been under pressure to cut verges less and have more wild flowers in response to collapsing bee populations and concern for the natural habitat generally a change in policy was announced in March.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/wildflowers-bees-and-plant-species-to-thrive-in-cambridgeshire-after-changes-to-roadside-verges>

Verges should have been cut back around junctions and blind corners, but if there are any locations of particular safety concern, please let Henry know.

Cycling Consultation – Another cycling consultation is now open for comment, this time run by the Greater Cambridge

Partnership (GCP). It's asking for comment on the 13 cycle corridors that were identified as being well used, that could benefit from some improvement and possibly join up with the active travel network. The consultation runs from now until August 16th and can be accessed here – <https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/cycling-plus> or by emailing consultations@greatercambridge.org.uk

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An update from your local MP

Lucy Frazer QC MP

I know this year has been very tough for so many people. But it has been great to see how our local communities have pulled together to help those in need.

After an immensely successful vaccine roll out we are able to see life return to normal. We have seen that effective vaccines are a vital part of ending the COVID-19 pandemic. Through vaccination, we can stop those most at risk from getting the virus, reduce hospitalisations and see fewer deaths. The vaccine rollout, which is the largest inoculation programme this country has ever launched, has been a truly remarkable achievement.

In the spring I had the opportunity to visit Staploe Medical Centre to find out more about how staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to deliver the rollout in our region. The organisational demands of this challenge have been vast but staff and volunteers have gone above and beyond to ensure everyone who is eligible and wants a vaccine can receive one.

Throughout the pandemic volunteers in every village have made a significant effort to help those in their communities.

I wanted to let you know that I am organising a COVID Community Champions Awards to recognise the efforts of those who have made a contribution during this tough time for our area and country.

If you would like to nominate a local individual to thank them for the work they have done across Cambridgeshire then please email me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk with:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your email
- Name and contact email of the individual you are nominating for the COVID Community Champion Award
- The reasons why you are nominating them

The closing date for nominations is the 30th September. I will be announcing the winners in the autumn and holding a special event in Parliament to recognise their hard work.

Like many people, much of my time has been spent dealing with the virus and its impacts but I have also managed to ensure that work continues with local organisations on local issues.

And I wanted to let you know specifically about an issue I have been dealing with which affects Castle Camps and Shudy Camps.

I am actively supporting the Granta Catchment Resilience Programme (GCRP) in order to protect the River Granta chalk stream, which is an integral part of both the local ecosystem and agriculture. The Programme is a collaborative effort between Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), Cambridge Water (CW), the Granta Land Managers Group (GLMG) and Water Resources East (WRE). The overarching aim of the Programme is to develop a catchment-based approach to managing water resources, flood risk and natural capital in the Granta catchment. As many readers will know, the catchment is predominantly

rural with several villages along the banks of the river and is susceptible to flash floods that can cause localised flooding in the villages of Bartlow, Linton, and Hildersham. The Programme is promoting nature-based solutions, such as wetlands and recharge basins, as part of an integrated approach to managing water resources while minimising the risk of flooding. These initiatives will also improve the water quality in adjacent rivers, as well as supporting river base flows and naturally recharge groundwater. This in turn will help us protect the biodiversity which makes the Cam Valley such a unique and special environment.

I recognise how important access to a reliable broadband connection is these days and how much that has been highlighted during the pandemic when many people have needed to work from home and access services online more regularly. Since I was elected, I have campaigned to ensure that the whole of the constituency can access superfast broadband, working with

Openreach and the government-funded Connecting Cambridgeshire programme to eliminate broadband not spots. I am aware of areas of Shudy Camps where constituents cannot access reliable superfast speeds and know that the Parish Council is working hard on a progressing a Community Fibre Partnership (CFP) with Openreach which would provide a way for many homes and businesses to receive better broadband access. I have offered my support to the Parish Council in this work and would urge any householders who have not yet signed up to the CFP to do so. I am committed to finding solutions to enable all my constituents to have access to superfast broadband.

Don't forget if you need help with accessing local services or have a question or a query that I may be able to help with, then please email me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk.

Best Wishes

Lucy

HALLOWEEN TRAIL 2021

After the success of last year's walking event in Castle Camps, there will be a trail again this year. It would be fab if you'd like to take part by decorating your house and being included on the route map. Donations of sweets would be appreciated (wrapped only) and if anyone would like to volunteer to help run the event, that would be great! Look out for a flyer nearer the time.





Camps Village Hall

Well, the 21st June didn't happen! We're hopeful that the 19th July freedom date has happened when this issue is published.

Our last committee meeting on 21st June was mainly spent on actions needed for the re-opening. (You can always see our draft Minutes on the Castle Camps website.) We were pleased to co-opt local resident John Biggs onto the committee. We still have available spaces for further trustees, so please let me know if you are over 18 years and interested in getting involved in your community.

We are grateful to trustee Mike Peirson for successfully applying for the Government Restart Grant. This gave us £8,000 towards all the redecoration and refurbishments we will need to get the Hall back to a smart and welcoming venue.

Our Chair, Dicky Moore, put his practical skills to work by repairing and replacing some rotting panels on the patio doors. Thanks Dicky. We're just waiting for the broken glass to be replaced.

One recent project is a lighting upgrade and so far we have replaced all the required safety lights with modern equivalents. The project will continue with LED upgrades for the other lights. We are also due the required 5 year electrical inspection.

We were very pleased to have been given a £5,000 bequest by the executors to the estate of the late Mr Alec Chapman. Alec and his late wife Anne were long term supporters and contributors to both the old and new hall. The executors have agreed that

we can have a commemorative plaque to recognize this very generous bequest.

We have had some restricted formal events recently following government guidelines and, all being well, we intend to open for social events from the 19th July and will take provisional bookings. Along with other organisations we have postponed our AGM to next year.

For more information about us, just enter our Charity registration number 300375 into the Charity Commission website and review all the available data..

Terry Chapman
Secretary to the Management
Committee of Trustees

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



Farewell to our lovely postie

Thank you, Steve!

Our postman, Steve, has got to be one of the nicest postmen out there, right? Always lovely to chat to, he's been part of the fabric of our villages for a long time, delivering our post and ever-growing number of parcels. And outside of his role with the Royal Mail, he grew up in the Camps with his parents.

On the 3rd September 2021, we will be saying goodbye to Steve as he retires.

We will be sad to see him go, but we are also grateful for his service for over 28 years! Did you know, since around 1924, there's only been three different postmen in our villages? So much dedication. So thank you, Steve, and we wish you all the best.

If you would like to say a thank you to Steve, below you will find a "tear-off" slip.



Steve Albon

A farewell comment would be lovely and all will be collated in a book for him. There's also the option to donate to a fund that will be put towards a special thank you. **Please return your contributions to Sue Buckingham or Lindi Kent.** Sue can be found at Parkside, Park Lane, Castle Camps. And Lindi at Lily Cottage, High Street, Castle Camps (next to the memorial). You can call Sue on 07879 477763 or Lindi at 01799 584012.

Farewell, Steve!

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Airmid is a simple, secure app which you can log into using your NHS app login or your SystemOnline account. An NHS app login can also be created directly via Airmid.

Over the next few weeks we are planning to trial this mobile app with a number of pre-selected patients to test its suitability.

If you have the NHS app, why not download Airmid and take a look? We would welcome any feedback you may have.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

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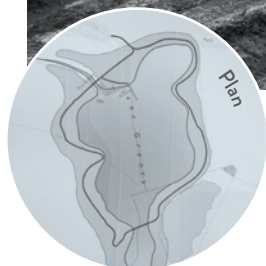
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A lake in the making

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Lake construction, July 2021



Whether you walk between Castle Camps and the church or drive past the

Millennium Wood, you will probably have noticed mounds of earth appearing in the field which are gradually being shaped. This is destined to become a 15 acre lake which will be accessible to the public and feature a path all of the way around the perimeter for your enjoyment. The landowner also hopes to create the opportunity for fishing. Maybe you'll even be able to take your paddle board on it! And us aside, it's sure to be great for wildlife and conservation.

The sculpting of the landscape is being managed by Norwood who are based in Thaxted. Together with Mr Haylock, they drew up plans for his vision of a lake. Planning and environmental consultants are on board and it will take approximately 2 years to build the main banks. We might have a little while to wait before we can gaze across the water with the sunset rippling over it, but this is the reality of building to the contractor's standards and changing seasons.



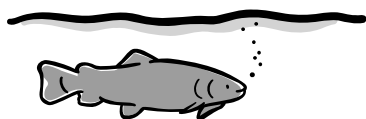
Wet fields in winter months and machinery can be a recipe for getting stuck! So for some time it will look like mounds of dirt, but the bank structures are being built up in a way that soil shouldn't need to be double handled.

You may not have realised, the flowing water that the footbridge crosses over is actually the River Granta! This will run through the middle of it and at the moment there's a holding pond. As soon as the bottom part of the lake is built up, water will start filling in the lower end. It will be made to look as natural as possible and fencing will be put in place to protect the footpath.

The Haylock family has farmed in Camps since 1926. As many of us know, farming isn't getting any easier and diversification is basically essential to keep going. The government actively encourage diversified farming and as such, offer schemes which subsidise this kind of development for wildlife, conservation and recreation.

In the village meeting at 7pm on Thursday 22nd July, some concerns were expressed by parishioners. This was largely around the lorries on the roads transporting the soil and

damage to verges, and uncertainty about what it will become. The lorry drivers have been asked to respect local residents and further conversations will be had to help minimise any disturbance. Road sweepers have also been out to clear the roads. The intention is to keep the lake low key; enjoy walks and fishing. If anything like a coffee shop was desired in the future, it would have to go through planning. Although the impact at this stage is unknown, it will certainly add a lovely feature to the Camps, especially being alongside the wood. Apparently, the site even used to be a medieval pond! You can see the area marked as Pond Bay on the map (left) found on Google.



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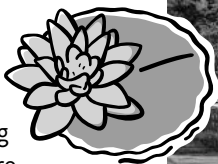
Online classes and private one-to-one sessions.

Small groups from 17th May. Olmstead Green.

For more details and to book, contact Gemma
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Notice board



WANTED – If anyone is splitting up water lilies or have any to spare, the village pond on Bartlow Road needs them. Simply drop them off at The Old School House in Castle Camps, and Hilary and John will do the rest. Thank you.

Water lilies will be great for the pond. Not only do they add colour and vibrancy, they keep ponds and the wildlife in it safe and healthy. They provide shade to keep the water temperature down during hot weather and shelter any wildlife in it, and in blocking out some of the sunlight, algae growth is kept down. They also absorb nutrients in the water that would normally feed less desirable green plants, keeping the water clear.

Recycling – As pill blister packs and empty crisp packets cannot be put in our recycling, Marion Searle kindly collects these from Camps people and takes them to Haverhill market once a month where they can be recycled. Feel free to drop your packets at Marion's house, 1 Park Homes. Alternatively, she can pick them up from you if you contact her on Facebook or by texting/calling 07891126994.

A little thank you – The more people you bump into, with time you realise that there's several people in our villages that quietly get on with jobs. Jobs you may not even realise are happening, but you probably would if they stopped. From the people who take their lawnmowers on footpaths around the fields, to pond maintenance, litter picking on walks and the upkeep of grounds like our churches, this is a little note to say, thank you!

Retirement – Alice Anstee is retiring from the delivering the Camps Review to Camps End



Alice Anstee out walking Ella

after (according to her daughter-in-law) 38 years. I am sure everyone in Camps End would like to thank Alice for her dedication, as would those involved in producing the magazine.

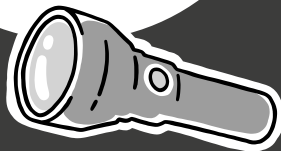
Welcome to our villages – Lately a few Facebook posts have popped up from people who have just moved to our villages. And with new houses, our community will continue to grow. This is just to say, welcome, and we hope you enjoy life here.

CYCLISTS

Calling all cyclists

Please be aware of motorised vehicles when out and about on our village roads, especially when pulling out of entrances onto the roads.

Take care and give space to pedestrians on our paths. We all have a right to be safe when out and about in our village.





Neighbourhood Watch



I have been asked to circulate the following:

We have been made aware of a Covid Vaccine Passport scam email going around that purports to be from the NHS and informs recipients that they can apply for their "Digital Coronavirus Passports".

Clicking on the link within the email, takes you to a convincing but fake NHS website that asks for personal and payment details (for an admin fee).

The website has since been taken down, but in case similar emails/websites appear, can you please circulate the attached alert to your residents, members, groups and mailing lists.

And just to reiterate, your vaccination status is obtained FREE through the NHS App, website or by calling the NHS on 119.

More information can be found on the gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstrating-your-covid-19-vaccination-status-when-travelling-abroad>

Please note that any Phishing scams can be reported to SERS (Suspicious Email Reporting Service): report@phishing.gov.uk

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Keeper of the clock

Part Two



It's mid May and in the middle of a hot week, like someone turned out the lights. Got my camera with me on my morning walk because after talking about the chapel bell in the last issue, well right now, it's not there!

Snap. As you can see in the photos, the tower is down, plus the very edge of the roof. Why? It was in much need of some TLC after woodworm had a feast over the years. So much is it part of the fabric of Camps life, I swear I still heard it in the night on the first day it was down!

I know for some of us that live around the chapel, we'd find it somewhat sad to imagine life without the bell ringing. But since the last article, some old newspaper articles from the 70's were passed my way. There was debate over whether the bell should ring!

An invite to a public meeting went out for the 9th June 1971. "Does the chiming of the clock on the chapel keep YOU awake at night? Come to a Public meeting [...] and discuss this complication." Complication?

Following the meeting, newspaper articles share the verdict:

"Carry on chiming' – villagers vote to keep time in tune.

A village clock that chimed out for the hours for 114 years before falling into disrepair can keep the chimes now that it has been renovated. [...] The bells had been silent for three years before £200 was raised in record time by the villagers to restore them."

Another article, "Camps votes to keep on ringing in the old..." celebrates villagers "claiming a victory for tradition last night when they voted overwhelmingly to keep



the chimes..." In the minority, a writer who moved into a cottage called for change and said, "We live in a world which is changing. People are becoming more tolerant towards one another." There's even a third report.

This is my opinion, but I hate to think of the bell not ringing out again after the repairs.

It's true we continue to live in a changing world (thank goodness) and we're even more tolerant (thank goodness again), but this is a rural community and certainly a peaceful one. We're so lucky. I'd sooner that than a motorway or music venue for example. Long may the bell ring! Ali





Remembering Molly Furner

Many of you will know of Molly Furner who lived in Castle Camps nearly all of her life until the last few years. And you will still hear people refer to the thatch cottage by the green as, Molly's house.

We were saddened to hear recently that she passed away peacefully on Wednesday 2nd June 2021, aged 83 years.

Molly gave so much to our community. From years spent as a member of the Parish Council to as many years as a caretaker of Castle Camps C of E Primary School, she continually gave to the village all of her life. Molly was proud of this and especially her involvement on the Millennium Wood Committee, a place we will continue to enjoy for years to come. Her kindness will always be remembered.

Our thoughts are with all of her family at this time.



Photo of Molly contributed by Rachel Furner



Paddy McKeown



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All for a good cause

Cakes, a wing walk and a hike!

A hub in our community, the mobile shop has been host to plant sales, cake sales and more. On Friday 18th and Saturday 19th June, Carol Hayes organised a cake sale in aid of Arthur Rank Hospice.

■ **£331 was raised!**

Thank you to everyone who ate cake and donated money to this wonderful cause.

And talking of the mobile shop, in our last issue, we mentioned how Michael Prentice is set to do a wing walk!

Michael will be taking to the skies on 26th August and raising money for Hinchingbrooke Maternity Unit.

This is where his granddaughter, Harriet, works and it has of course been a challenging time during this pandemic. You can donate to this great cause when at the shop in Castle Camps or online at <https://gofund.me/1c333fff>. In Michael's words, "If Branson can do it, so can I!"



Carol Hayes



Hiking for Macmillan – Russell Kent

"I am raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support by taking part in the 2021 Dedham Vale Mighty Hike. This is a cross-country walk of either 13 or 26 miles.



Russell Kent

My aim is to raise £250, which will pay for a Macmillan nurse to help someone for a day.

But I know that the generosity of many people in Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Camps End, Horseheath and the Linton area will help me to smash that target and help more people.

Macmillan Cancer Support is one of the largest British charities and provides specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer. Macmillan give people with cancer everything they've got. If you're diagnosed, your worries are their worries.

If you would like to support Macmillan, please donate via my JustGiving page which is simple, fast and secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they'll never sell them or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate – saving time and cutting costs."

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The Connection

News from our Anglican churches



There is an incident in Luke's gospel (17:11) when Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem meets 10 lepers, they stood at a distance and asked Jesus for mercy. Jesus tells them to go and show themselves to the priest and as they go they were cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, a Samaritan goes back to Jesus to give thanks. Then in the RSV translation Jesus says to him, 'Rise and go your way, your faith has made you well'. It is generally considered that this translation is a bit weak. We know that all 10 were made well in that their leprosy was cured, so how has this Samaritan's faith made him well? Here the Authorised Version gives us a bit of a clue because it renders the verse 'your faith has made you whole': the man gains something more than a mere cure. But we could go further as the range of meanings includes not just made well, made whole but also healed and saved.

This story tells us that to be properly healed, we often need something more than just a cure.

This is recognised by the World Health Organisation which gives a definition of health as 'a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease and infirmity'. One consequence of leprosy in Jesus' time was that the sufferers were excluded from society, hence why the 10 stood far off. Sometimes it is not the symptoms of a disease that are sufferer's biggest problem but how it affects their relationships,

their feelings of self-worth, or their ability to earn a living. These things can affect not just the sufferer but those around us whole come to feel unwell in turn.

During the pandemic all of us, even if we have been lucky enough not to get the virus, have been made to feel somewhat unwell. The lockdown has affected all our social well-being, more so for those at greater risk who have had to shield, and, judging from the reports I hear, the mental well-being of many. I am hoping that as I write this in June, the final Covid restrictions will have been lifted but we can't, even now, say that we have been healed of the pandemic. We know that even if the whole world is vaccinated, we will not have seen the end of Covid. Like flu, it will be hovering in the background waiting for a particularly virulent strain to break through our defences. We will have to live with Covid and to do that means that we all need to well in the other parts of our life. For that to happen we need to deal with the aspects of our world that make us un-well, the injustices, the inequalities, the prejudices, the pollution, the climate change, the destruction of habitats and much more. We need to be looking to cure the disease of our world, which for me is about salvation for all, which is part of the Kingdom of God. Canon Frank Wright who wrote on healing, 'I cannot claim to be healed, whilst the rest of creation 'groans and travails', for I am part of creation, and bear a measure of responsibility for it'.

Love and prayers,

Ian Fisher (Team Vicar)
ian.fisher@btclick.com

SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST 2ND – THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Linton	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Horseheath	16.00	Evening Service with healing	Rev. Ian Fisher/ Lindi Kent LLM
Shudy Camps	19.00	Compline	Cathy Watts LLM

SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST – THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Castle Camps	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Family Service	Cathy Watts
Shudy Camps	19.00	Compline	Rev. Michael Wilcockson

SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST – THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Horseheath	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Shudy Camps	19.00	Compline	Lindi Kent LLM

SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST – THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Shudy Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Michael Wilcockson
Bartlow	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher

SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST – THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Castle Camps	10.00	Joint service with URC at Parish Church	Lindi Kent LLM Rev. Ian Fisher
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SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER – THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Horseheath	10.00	Sunday Club	Margaret and Pat tbc
Horseheath	16.00	Evening Service with healing	Lindi Kent LLM
Bartlow	10.00	Morning Prayer	Congregation Led

SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER – THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY VIRGIN MARY

Shudy Camps	10.00	Eucharist Patronal Festival with bring and share lunch	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Family Service	Cathy Watts LLM

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER – THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Horseheath	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	18.00	Evensong	Rev. Michael Wilcockson

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER – THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Castle Camps	11.00	Thanksgiving Eucharist and Hog Roast village celebration	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Michael Wilcockson

SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER – THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Linton	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Michael Wilcockson
Horseheath	10.00	Sunday Club	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Morning Prayer	Congregation Led
Horseheath	16.00	Evening Service with healing	Rev. Ian Fisher/ Lindi Kent LLM

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER – THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Castle Camps	10.00	Eucharist Harvest	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	16.00	Family Service	Cathy Watts LLM

SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER – THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Horseheath	10.00	Holy Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	18.00	Evensong	tbc

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SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER – THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Shudy Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Eucharist	Rev. Michael Wilcockson

SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER – THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Castle Camps	10.00	Joint service with URC at Parish Church	Rev. Ian Fisher
Castle Camps	18.00	Team evensong	Rev. Ian Fisher tbc

Save the Date

A village celebration of Thanksgiving

Sunday 26th September

We are planning a village celebration of Thanksgiving as we come out of lockdown. This will include:

- * **A service** in the church at All Saints Castle Camps at 11.00
- * Then a Michael Prentice **Hog Roast** in the church grounds from 12.00
- * There will be **stalls and liquid refreshments**, to which all are invited and also you are invited to have a stall.

Details are still to be finalised, but please make a note in your diaries and more details will follow.

Notes from St Mary's Shudy Camps

At our PCC meeting, we were looking forward to an ending of the Covid restriction and planning ahead for some of our special occasions. We will be celebrating our **Patronal Festival** (the feast of St Mary) on the 12th September with a Eucharist at 11am (when we should all be able to sing the hymns) this will be followed by a **Bring and Share Lunch**, please do come and join us.

We are also planning a **Harvest Supper** on Saturday 2nd October.

Please put these dates in your diary. Further details will follow.



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The United Reformed Church

Chapel building works and a new minister

**Dear Castle Camps
and Surrounding Villages,**

What a strange and uncertain summer we have had so far. Not only with restrictions and stop-light colours changing as quickly as a real one would but also with our precious chapel building works. As work has progressed more issues have come to light, of course this is typical of an older building, but it does make for a frustrating journey. We miss our clock being perfectly timed (thank you Jim Neville!) and the familiar chiming of the bell. If the weather would play ball for a few weeks we could get a move on!

An update on our Chapel building works:

I've just this morning had a walk through meeting with our builder and the works are in quick progress thanks to the sunny weekend. While the aesthetics of the front of the chapel is a priority and we desperately miss our ringing bell and our beautiful clock the back "School room" of the building is of the utmost importance. The School room has some subsidence which is being remedied, the majority of brickwork is being stabilised and the roof and beams are being completely replaced.

Many folks have asked about the bell tower and when it will make an appearance and I can say it is currently being made by local craftsmen. The spine of the main roof will also be replaced when the School Room is done and weather permitting. When the exterior works have finished and/or the weather is not favourable the works inside on the main ceiling are being done.

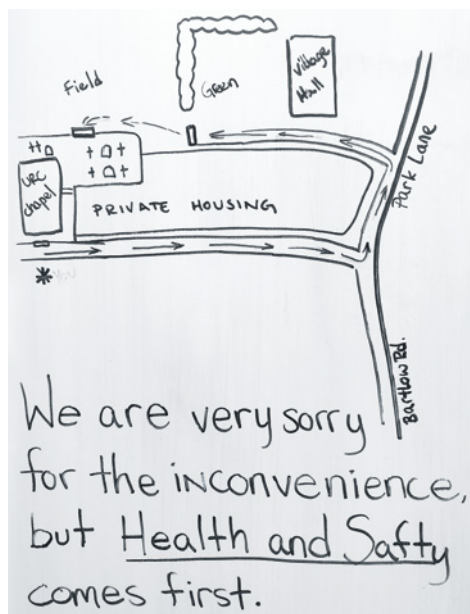


The clockworks are being protected within the church and the exterior of the clockface will also be refurbished.

Although it would be nice to have an expected finish date we cannot ask that of the builders as it would only tempt the weather to challenge it and dash our hopes. Rest assured, work is in the most capable hands and is constantly in progress. If you would like to help I am positive that a prayer for good weather would be much appreciated.

Not all bad news though...

We have a new minister who will be moving nearby in only a few weeks to look after our flock as well as the Whittlesford and Sawston URC churches.



Reverend Phil Nevard will be most welcome and as soon as the building is back into use we'll be sure to make a big fuss over his first service with us.

I would like to thank visitors for their patience with the works and the unfortunate situation of having to visit the graveyard using the temporary back entrance. Martin Haylock has been very kind in allowing us to make a temporary path through his field to access the gate.

In looking for inspiring content for this months publication with Sawston URC, I came across a few interesting facts about August:

- The birthstone for August is Peridot, a gorgeous transparent lime/apple green stone.
- According to Webster's dictionary the word August means "marked by Majestic dignity or grandeur".

- August 23rd is the day of International Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.

So I wrote a prayer for the month using these ideas:

Dear Lord,

When we look at the Peridot stone let us remember the sparkling new growth in bright green that happens when we are open to change, sun

Help us to find ways of adding dignity and majesty to your work and your name every day.

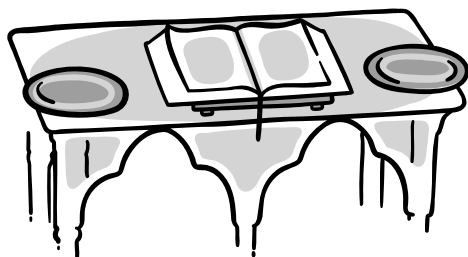
Let us always remember the mistakes made in the past but not to berate ourselves but to learn from them and make amends where we can. Give us strength to fight for Love, Equality, and Justice, always.

Amen

For services and information please see our notice board, email us at CastleCampsURC@outlook.com, or visit www.castlecampsurc.org

All best wishes and we hope to see you all soon!

Sara Davey
Secretary





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

Learning together with faith, hope and love

It is hard to believe that another year is ending and that the summer holidays are already upon us. Thank you for all your support with our control measures and for working with us to keep our community safe. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our children, governors and staff for their hard work during one of the most challenging years we have experienced. The children have really been an inspiration to us all, and we hope for more settled times moving forward into the new academic year.

Arrangements for September 2021 –

We are still finalising specific arrangements for September and I will be writing again to parents towards the end of August to confirm details. We will be working with the Local Authority over the summer, but the current recommendation is that our Bubble System will cease and we will return to our normal arrangements from September.

Sports Day – It was wonderful to see the whole school gathered together for Sports Day this year. I know the children were excited to see everyone together again and it was a pleasure to watch the older children cheering on the younger members of their house teams. Congratulations to Chestnut House (Blue) for winning overall and special congratulations to Lilly Crotty (Y5) and Naoise Carmody (Y6) for winning the Champions Races.

Year 5/6 Event – I am extremely grateful to all the staff and parents that were able to support the Year 5/6 Event. The children had a lovely time and were great fun to

be with. Special thanks to the Longland family for running the disco and giving the occasion a wonderful “festival feel” and to Matt Crawley (and Mr Crawley Senior) for bringing back the inflatable obstacle course for the event. Mrs Clay also went above and beyond to provide all the finishing touches to the event.

Goodbye Year 6 – We are saying “Goodbye” to our wonderful Year 6 leavers, who are all moving on to Linton Village College. This is an emotional day, especially for those of us that have been with them for their whole primary school career. Being such a small cohort makes them even more special and unique to us. They have been an amazing class and I wish them every success for the future.

Staffing – Mrs Lawson will be beginning her maternity leave at the very beginning of the Autumn Term and we wish her the very best of luck. [...] Mrs Sterecki will be working full-time in Hedgehog Class in Mrs Lawson’s absence and we are extremely grateful for her on-going support. Mrs Southall has also been a much-valued member of our EYFS team and we hope that she will continue to visit us next year. We welcomed back Mrs MacBean to meet the children in Squirrel Class and although it has been a long time since we last saw her, it felt as if she hadn’t been away. Mrs MacBean will resume working.

Miss Alexandra O’Connor
Headteacher





Marsh Mail

Linton Village College

It was good to be able to end the summer term with some enriching calendar events such as adjusted sports days for each year group and some day trips. Students really appreciated the experience of taking part in the geography field trip or visiting the theatre. Such events which might usually be taken for granted have felt special.

Students also benefited from virtual opportunities such as arts workshops led by West End actors/dancers and Zooming into a talk with a children's author. While Covid-19 has curtailed some enriching educational activities, it has also encouraged others.

We were able to safely host cluster primary schools to enable some of our Year 6s to benefit from a taster day at LVC. Many other Year 6s have visited us for a school tour.

We were also visited by an Ofsted team in the last full week of term for a monitoring inspection visit. Despite everyone's tiredness at this stage in the academic year, it was good to be able to demonstrate the progress that has been made since our last full inspection in February 2020.

A lot has happened in just four terms. Amongst coping with the operational challenges of the pandemic and developing our remote learning provision, we have also made strides in developing SEND teaching practices and raising curriculum and behaviour for learning standards across the school.

The inspectors will share their judgement in an interim progress report in the autumn term which will comment on the impact that governors and leaders have had on these improvement areas from the last inspection as well as ensuring the safeguarding of members of the College community.

We look forward to issuing our Year 11s with their GCSE results on 12th August. These have been generated by Teacher Assessment processes this year. However, this difference in approach doesn't make the grades any less worthy.

It wasn't possible to safely hold the Year 11 Prom as hoped in July so, instead, we will be welcoming back our Leavers in October for a special awards ceremony where we can celebrate achievements of the year group and individuals within it.

Helena Marsh
Headteacher



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West Wickham and District Gardening Club

West Wickham and District gardening Club would like to thank all those who so generously supported our efforts when we manned a table of donated plants next to Michael Prentice’s van in Camps High Street.

We were surprised to find that we had made nearly £170 pounds.

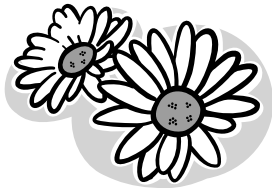
Tables in Hazel Stub, Streetly End and West Wickham were also well supported so that the total amount raised was an amazing £720. We have had no subscriptions this year so this is our total income and will help pay for our fantastic Zoom speakers who have given such interesting talks each month since January. Our latest was on June 21st when Peter Williams from Yorkshire (Hardy Plant Society) talked on Wonderful Weeds, an unusual subject but most helpful with his advice on how to tackle a variety of annual and perennial weeds.

We now have no more Zoom meetings and look forward to our Annual Show on Saturday August 21st in West Wickham Village Hall. I am sure this will be able to be held with precautions in place and we all hope this will be the start of our next programme of events. Thank you to all those who joined in our Zoom meetings who are not members of the club, it was good to have you on board.

The Club is there for any village that has no Club of their own that’s is why we call ourselves West Wickham and DISTRICT Gardening Club and have members from both sides of the A1307.

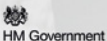
Happy gardening.

Rosemary





From 19 July, it is expected and recommended that people wear face coverings in crowded areas such as public transport.





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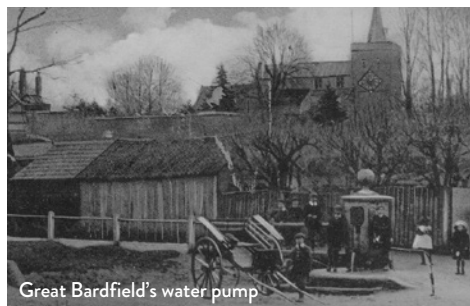
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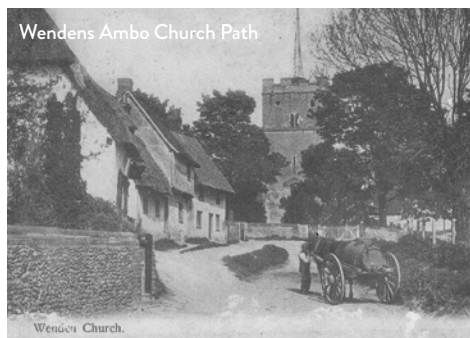
www.hundredparishes.org.uk

On a recent visit to Thaxted's Tourist Information Centre, I could not resist buying their new set of postcards, featuring some of the town's well-known views. Nowadays, it is quite unusual to see postcards for sale – and even rarer to receive one in the post. How times have changed.



Great Bardfield's water pump

Picture postcards became extremely popular in the UK after the introduction in 1902 of the format with a picture on the front and a divided back – half for the address and the other half for a message. Pictures were generally black and white but sometimes coloured. Popularity waned after the First World War but it remained customary to send postcards to family and friends from somewhere visited on holiday or a day out.



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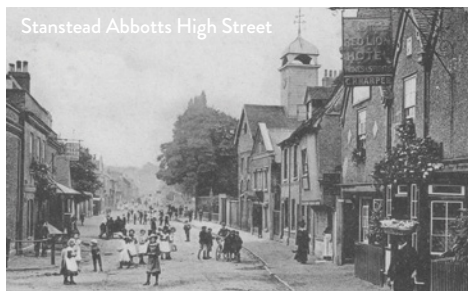
That custom has now almost died out, no doubt due in part to the availability – albeit only in this century – of more immediate means of exchanging messages and photos electronically.



Windmills, G. Hormead

Great Hormead's two windmills

Many people used picture postcards for sending short messages. Until 1918 it cost only an old halfpenny to send a card – that's 480 cards for a Pound (today's price is 66 pence per card). In those early days, there could be as many as five postal deliveries

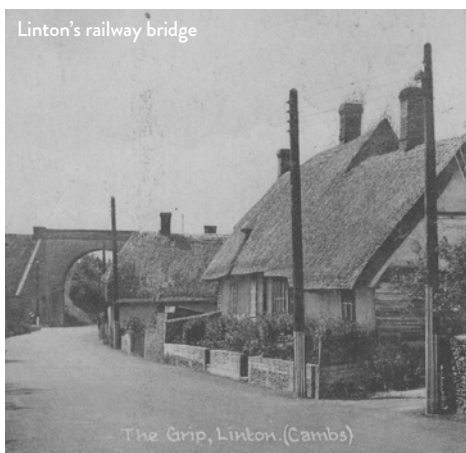


Stanstead Abbots High Street

in a day, at least in towns, so it was not unreasonable to expect a reply the same day.

It wasn't just seaside towns that sold postcards; almost every town and village had its own postcard or set of postcards. Within the Hundred Parishes, it seems that only one parish has never had a postcard – Flitch Green, which became a parish only in 2008. Many of those old cards have survived. They often provide a revealing insight into our past and into an earlier way of life, for example buildings, roads, transport and dress.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



Age UK

An update from your Community Warden

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather, but also keeping cool and drinking lots of water.

I am delighted to say that our Small Villages scheme is currently supporting 13 households. If you need support, have a problem that needs solving, or even just a question, please get in touch as I will always try to help you work out a solution. I'm sure the Age UK Information and Advice Team can help as well. There is a lot of support out there for the elderly – it's just knowing where to look and who to ask! Age UK Information and Advice can be contacted directly on 0300 666 9860.

I've been busy working with the wonderful Voluntary Network Community Transport Team to get my more mobile service users out and about again. This service is open to all elderly, so if you're interested in registering please get in touch with myself, or the transport team direct on 01638 664304.

They provided accompanied door to door service at extremely reasonable prices.

The Newmarket Day Centre social club for the elderly is open again, and is offering various services such as a beauty salon, chiropodist, cafe and activities. If you want to get out of the house, contact them on 01638 664262 to arrange your visit. As an example, a return journey from Weston Colville to the day centre using the community transport is approx £7-8 RETURN, so a lovely day out with lunch could be on the cards.

I'm keeping an eye out for local clubs and activities for the elderly, so if you know of anything, please let me know.

Stay safe!

Faye Parker

Age UK Community Warden, Small Villages

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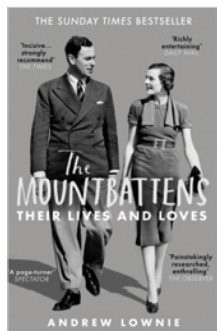
Book Reviews

TITLE: The Mountbattens

AUTHOR: Andrew Lownie

PUBLISHER: Blink

REVIEWER: John Biggs



An entertaining and enlightening book on the Mountbattens with lots of detail about the couple previously unknown, but rumoured. Clearly a painstakingly researched book covering the intrigues of their lives and

influences that they both had over others be they royalty, statesmen or society. An enormous amount has been written about Dickie Mountbatten over the years, a lot of it under his own direction and choreography, but not so much was known and was mainly rumoured about his wife Edwina.

This book puts it all to bed, I can say literally because Edwina was a player and not too discreet. Dickie put up with it as he loved her so deeply, but developed his own relationships much more discreetly and only overtly after her early death. Lots of pictures of the couple cavorting through their many travels across continents. Edwina was the richest woman in Britain and traversed the world in the most luxurious splendour, but was not afraid to 'rough' it as is amply covered in the book. Dickie was married to the Navy, pursuing career advancement ferociously to the detriment of many others.

A hero or an over promoted royal, you can make your own judgement by reading about this powerful couple.

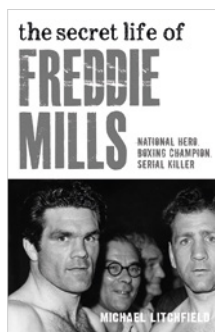
The work they did together in India when Dickie was the last Viceroy is very interesting. What is particularly intriguing is the role played by Edwina during the negotiations of the partitioning of India. Her death and what lead up to it makes for sad reading and of course, Lord Mountbatten's assassination and the family circumstance at the time is covered in detail.

TITLE: The Secret Life of Freddie Mills

AUTHOR: Michael Litchfield

PUBLISHER: John Blake

REVIEWER: John Biggs



Actually, I am not sure why I have included this book for review because whilst I was glued to it, I didn't enjoy it. For those of a certain age (like my father-in-law) the name Freddie Mills means something. Freddie

was an acclaimed boxer of the late forties and fifties, and a national hero of the sixties who it is claimed was a serial murderer. In my opinion, an over zealous detective and an eager journalist looking for the "big one" to make his name and gain some recognition by publishing this book is an indictment. The book is interesting enough and throughout you are constantly awaiting the link to Freddie. When it is exposed, there was for me a feeling of great sadness as he had been a great success and he lead a good life until his retirement from the ring and life

took a different turn for him, ending in his death in a Soho back street. Murdered, it is rumoured by the Krays, the East London criminals, or suicide – we don't know.

The book follows a number of murders and the relationship between the journalist and the detectives looking to solve them.

The link to Freddie Mills is speculative and has ruined his reputation after his death. So the paperback is a quick read being just 262 pages, and something of interest to those liking detective stories with a large element of how police work was in the sixties.



Operation Christmas Child

Shoe Box Appeal

Welcome to Operation Christmas Child which is a Christian charity that sends shoe boxes filled with various items that children would love to receive or use. These boxes go to many parts of the world. Last year nearly 9 million were distributed to countries such as Liberia, Serbia and Slovenia.

This message is to encourage you to get involved and fill a shoebox. It is a way of showing God's love. Each box may be the only gift a child will receive. So often items are treasured for years after and even into adulthood. Adding a photo or short message in the box means so much (no address or surname).

Collection week is November 15th to 22nd.

There are various ways to get involved:

- 1. Fill a whole shoebox with the suggested items OR**
- 2. Donate one or more items OR**
- 3. Make a donation which can be used to buy items or for transport costs**
- 4. Pack an "online box" – £20 you can chose the gifts via the website.**



Suggested items are stationary, toiletries (not toothpaste or liquids), toys, jewellery, hats, gloves, scarves, paper, balls, (there is a long list on the website – see below along with items to avoid).

AGE GROUPS: 2-4 yrs, 5-8 yrs, 9-14 yrs
Boys or Girls

My name is Jane Furlow. I am a year-round volunteer for OCC and live in Abington.

Tel: 01223 893232 / 07745 046921

Email: jane.furlow@gmail.com

Covered shoeboxes can be used or I have a limited number of preprinted flat pack boxes along with an information leaflet you can request from me. I can collect items or boxes. Below is a link for the charity with all the information you will need.

God bless you all. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you.

Jane

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



Girlguiding Linton District

Mystery Trail for everyone during August!

In Linton this August!

Ever wanted to see what Girlguiding does or relive a childhood memory or just want a fun family day out in Linton. Take our Linton Mystery Trail around Linton; everyone can take part.

Visit The Linton Kitchen and pick up a free Linton Mystery Trail sheet.

It has been designed for children of all ages by our very own Linton Rangers (aged 14-18yrs). Take the sheet and solve the clues as you walk around the village. If you find all the pictures and crack the secret message take your finished sheet back to the Linton Kitchen to claim your prize. There is a level one sheet-easy and a more difficult level two sheet; why not try them both.

Our Ranger unit have devised the Mystery Trail so you can all join in a Girlguiding

adventure during the summer. If you live outside Linton come and see what there is in Linton, pick up a sheet and have a little adventure or bring a picnic and have a family outing.

Enjoy the Mystery Trail, the sheets are available at The Linton Kitchen throughout August.

Louisa Powell-Owens
Linton DC

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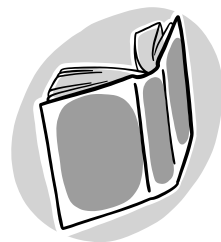


HERE TO HELP...



Linton Library

Latest news and information



Cambridgeshire Libraries continue to follow government COVID-safety advice. At time of writing, we hope to be back to normal service hours in August. For the latest updates on opening times please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library, call 0345 045 5225 or ask at the library.

Responding to a tough year when we've all had to manage around the pandemic, Cambridgeshire Libraries have created a new Libraries and Wellbeing webpage with links to activities, resources and support, both national and local.

Please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/LibraryAndWellbeing and tell us what you think – feedback helps us improve our services.

Children can still sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. Have fun reading during the holidays and collect stickers and rewards! Visit the library to join in, see Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook for Families page @CambslibFamilies or our website for more. We have a good selection

of junior fiction and YA/YA+ booksale currently available at the library.

We hope adults will enjoy reading this summer, too. Travel may still be tricky, but books can always take you to new places! Check out books from the library or download free eBooks or eAudiobooks from our online catalogue onto your device. Please ask if you need any reading recommendations, help choosing books, or with our digital offering.

We hope to be able to restart activities like Storytime/Rhymetime soon, and we are looking for volunteers to help with this and other library events. Pop into the library if you are interested or for more information.

Lindsay Healy and Ann King
Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

Linton Library opening hours: Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 4pm-7pm; Thursday 2-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm

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www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Next issue of the Camps Review out in November. Deadline for content: 1st Oct



Creative Corner

Whether roasting or raining, enjoy the summer

Easy Oreo Truffles – a secret that's not really secret

Ingredients

200g Oreo cookies

100g cream cheese
(e.g. Philadelphia)

200g baking chocolate
(any kind will do really)

Vanilla extract

Total time 1 hr and 15 mins

**Chilling time can vary,
approx 1 hour.**

Almost 10 years ago, my colleague made the most amazing truffles. "Do you want to know the secret?" he asked. "It's just Oreos..."

I found the recipe and ever since, have delighted other work colleagues and friends with this scrumptious treat. They're easy to make and people think you have worked your socks off! They'd be great for parties or quite simply to enjoy yourself.

1) Take the Oreo's out of their packet and put them into a food bag. Grab your rolling pin and bash them until they're crumbs. Alternatively, use a food processor or, I simply put them in a mixing bowl and bash with the end of the rolling pin.

2) Put the cream cheese (I use Philadelphia) in a large bowl. You can add a splash of Vanilla Extract and mix through.

3) Mix the Oreo crumbs and cream cheese. The more Oreo that goes in the harder it becomes to mix but ensure you add pretty much all of it. To be honest, I usually buy 2 tubs of Philadelphia and nearly double the Oreo's and make loads! If you do have Oreo's left over, you can top the truffles once they've been coated in chocolate. It's not essential though.

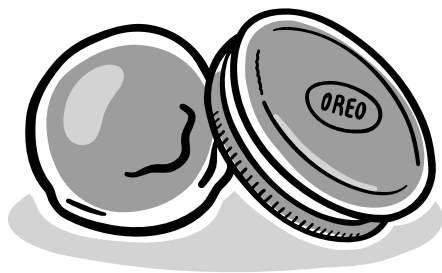
4) Take a heaped tsp of the Oreo mixture and roll it in your hands to make a small ball. The truffles can be made bigger, but they are quite thick and sweet. Continue to roll them into balls and put them onto a sheet of baking parchment.

5) The Oreo's ideally need at least an hour to cool so they become slightly harder and less sticky, making them easier to dip in chocolate. They can be left over night.

6) Before taking the truffles out, start to melt your chocolate.

7) Once the chocolate has completely melted, use forks or a spoon and dip each truffle in the chocolate until they're totally covered. Put the truffles down on grease-proof paper and you can always add some chocolate or Oreo crumbs. I've not done this (you just want to get scoffing) but you can add some lines of chocolate in a different colour.

8) Leave to set and then enjoy!





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Go explore an art trail!

This summer in Cambridge

There may only be a few weeks left to catch this, but as described at cowsaboutcambridge.co.uk –

"Cows about Cambridge is a spectacular public art event weaving its way around the city from Monday 28th June – Saturday 4th September 2021. There are 90 cow sculptures forming a free, fun, family-friendly trail of discovery for local people to explore and enjoy.

There are 44 large cows each one individually designed by an artist and sponsored by a business, and a further 46 mini moos created by schools and cow-munity groups around Cambridgeshire.

To find the sculptures you can download the app (£1.99*), pick up a trail map or download it online.

Using the app you can unlock the sculptures, claim a local reward, achieve a milestone, count your steps and share a selfie on our cow-munity gallery.

If you would like to find out more about our trail there are daily walking and cycling tours of the cows with the official blue and green badge guides in Cambridge. For more information whilst in the city look out for the City Ambassadors who will be delighted to help moo!

*purchasing the app benefits the local charity Break



There will be a final cheerio at our farewell event at The Grafton for your last chance to see your favourite sculptures on 18th – 19th September.

The legacy of Cows about Cambridge will continue as the large sculptures are auctioned on Thursday 23rd September at The Graduate Hotel to raise vital funds for local children's charity, Break, and go to their forever homes. If you are interested in purchasing a large sculpture please contact hello@cowsaboutcambridge.co.uk

We hope you enjoy the trail and we would like to encourage you to share your images on the app or via social media [...] Good Luck!"





Camps Review format

For the year ahead

In the last issue, we asked for your feedback about the format of the publication to see if you'd prefer it larger at an A4 size etc. We also asked about interest in an audio version online. One out of the three email responses were in favour of this change, but the others as well as any verbal feedback were all very happy with the current format. Thank you for responding. No Survey Monkey answers were submitted. There was no mention of the audio option. Unless more people requested a change, we are going to leave the format as is for the year ahead (this and the next three issues). From a production point of view where the design and layout is concerned,

it works. I also have a busy work schedule this summer which has been flowing into my free time, which is also the time I'd make for the Review. So I need to keep things straightforward. Advert specifications can stay as is. Further to this, the A5 size is handy for delivery, popping through letterboxes, and storing for those who keep it.

If anyone does have any additional feedback in the year ahead, feel free to get in touch.

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Camps Youth Club

As many of you will know, Camps Youth Club is held every Friday evening from 7-9pm in term time at the village hall. It's busy and well attended, and has been run by a team of three for over 40 years! That team is me, Sue Coxall, my husband Malcolm, and Sue Herbert. Volunteering all these years, it's no surprise that nowadays, we see the kids of kids that once attended many moons ago.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has meant the club (and village hall) has been closed since the first lockdown. We do however hope to reopen in September.

The bit that is harder to say because Youth Club has been such a big and positive part of our lives, is that we all feel that it is time to stand down. However, we cannot just hand it over. So on that note, we would love it if any of you would be interested in helping and bring new ideas and activities to the club.

Volunteering to help run Youth Club could be

really rewarding. Young people are wonderful to be with and it certainly puts the fun in Friday.

If you would like to chat with us about getting involved, please call:

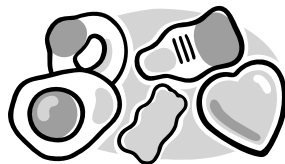
Sue Coxall – 07496 693913
Malcolm Coxall – 07710 171409
Sue Herbert – 01799 584844

Enjoy the summer holidays.

Sue Coxall, Youth Club Leader

From the editor:

Although this lovely team aren't standing down quite yet, I'd just like to say a big



thank you. Over 40 years running Youth Club! That's incredible. I once benefitted from this club – many penny sweets scoffed, dancing at discos to Backstreet Boys and the Spice Girls, and lots of fun doing craft activities. So thank you and I hope others continue to bring the fun to the children in our community.



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1st Horseheath Brownies

We have had a very busy time since we returned to face-to-face meetings at the end of May. We have completed the two skills builders – Influence and Communicate – I mentioned last time, we made father's day cards, wild bird feeders, mini-bug mansions, learnt how to strike a match safely under adult supervision, plus we carried out the litter pick up around the village which raised over £150 for Crisis. Thank you to all those who contributed to this fundraising.

At our final meeting of the summer term Emilia made her Promise and four Brownies – Megan, Amelia, Martha and Olivia – were all presented with the Bronze Award. Congratulations to you all for the hard work you have put in.

We will be starting back in September refreshed and revitalised. So if you have

a seven year old (or older) girl living in your house and they would like to try Brownies, please do get in touch. We would love to see the unit grow so more girls can learn life skills for their future.

If you would like to know more about Brownies or the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards 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 bring themselves.

Pauline, Katie and Laurené

horseheathbrownies@gmail.com
www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/



Flooding Sand bags

On July 20th and 25th, we had somewhat biblical weather with hailstones and torrential rain in a few hours.

South Cambs District Council have reminded us that they can help some residents whose properties are at imminent risk of flooding. As mentioned on their website, there's a supply of sandbags / Floodsax that can be delivered to homes. As you'd expect, there's a limited supply and this is primarily aimed at the most vulnerable residents.



Residents requesting these sandbags / Floodsax – call **03450 450 063** or email streets@scambs.gov.uk during normal office hours. If outside of normal office hours and an emergency, please contact the out of hours number for Environmental Health Emergency on 01253 501 055. Depending on resources, it will likely take officers some time to deliver them. This is why it is so important to make preparations before a flood risk becomes imminent.



Sport

Castle Camps Bowls Club

The season is well under way with matches of various types taking place on most days. This is the most use our green has had for a number of years, justifying all the hard work that goes into the preparation.

Our Steeple Bumpstead League Team sit proudly at the top of Division 3.

Led by Steve Kiddy, they are chasing promotion this year. We are also competing in two other leagues and giving teams from Cambridge and surrounding areas a run for their money.

The most recent Club day saw members compete for the Johnny Culpin Cup, won by Ron Goodwin and John Levey [below].



Ron Goodwin, Mary Walters and John Levey

Reflections of new members

"A couple of years ago I decided to take up bowls. As a newcomer to the sport, I thought back to my childhood and watching over the hedge at the old men playing on the green at the men's club at Castle Camps. I joined the club and have had a warm and encouraging welcome back to the village by the members.

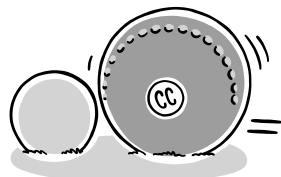
The club this year has welcomed a large number of new members and contrary to my childhood memories, they're not all old men. The sport seems to be attracting a much wider age range of ladies and gentlemen to the game and all have been given a warm welcome to the club. I am glad I have returned to the village that I never really left."

Trevor Ager

"Having retired fully last year I was now able to join Castle Camps Bowls Club, persuaded by Peter. Having lived in Castle and Shudy Camps all my life, it has been lovely to meet up with old friends and many new faces. The club has a relaxed atmosphere and is very welcoming to all.

As with all clubs, we are very fortunate to have a dedicated team who spend a lot of their time on the upkeep and maintenance of the Green on a daily basis. I am glad to have joined and would thoroughly recommend it to everybody, regardless of age and I wish the club every success in the future."

Alex Thomson





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What a Sterling job

A thought on the Euro 2020 and beyond

Football. Love it or hate it, what a team we've now got. Certainly young lions, England can only get better and it felt like the Euro 2020 this summer was a glimpse of what we can expect in the future.

If you felt disappointed at our defeat in the final, well I do not think they are losers. I'm not football mad, but when I think back to the then rising stars like David Beckham and Wayne Rooney, well, aside of their talent, it felt like they were famous for how many hair styles you could make popular or moods. People that don't like football will probably put extortionate pay up there as one reason to think it's unsavoury. But this team that Gareth Southgate has put together, we should be proud of them not just for reaching the final, but for what they achieve off the pitch.

You can Google the team, but to pick a few. Raheem Sterling (26 and arguably star of the tournament) grew up 500 yards from Wembley. Born in Jamaica, sadly his father was murdered and when he was just two years old, his mother decided to move to England to give her children a better life. Sterling's sister took him to football training every day while their mum worked hard, and he says he owes his success to her. So he did his best to succeed and make sure his family would not need to worry financially. Sterling has played a leading role fighting racial abuse in football and beyond and earlier this year became an MBE for his services to racial equality in sport. He's even set up a foundation aimed at helping improve the social mobility of disadvantaged young people.

Then there's Marcus Rashford (23). You've probably heard of him lately as the striker has worked tirelessly to help feed underprivileged children. Rashford's campaign prompted a change in policy by the government last year on free school meal vouchers during summer holidays, benefiting about 1.3 million children. He's helped to raise £20m to tackle food poverty and he became an MBE in recognition of his charity work. He's also worked hard to highlight racial abuse, launched children's book clubs and more.

And Bukayo Saka is just 19 and achieved four A*s and three As at GCSE before leaving school in the summer of 2018. Saka made his Premier League debut in 2019. So young, we can probably expect great things from him in the years ahead.

I don't want to jinx it, but after a long time, it feels like we can once again hope that football's coming home.



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Monday 13 th September 2021	✓		
Monday 20 th September 2021		✓	✓
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Monday 11 th October 2021	✓		
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