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## Editorial

Welcome to your award-winning Autumn edition of the Warbler. Yes, that's right we got a Silver award for The Warbler. Read about it later in this edition.

I was sad to see The Hole in The Wall close at the end of June, as I am sure were many people in the villages. As for who will take it over, we have heard that people from a pub in north Cambridgeshire are involved in negotiations, which are still in the initial stages. We will keep you updated as the negotiations move ahead.

Those of you who travel through Six Mile Bottom will also know that The Green Man is up for sale. I'm afraid that, at this point in time, we don't know if anyone has shown any interest in taking it on. Again, we will keep you informed as best we can. That said, keep an eye on the website, [www.wilbrahams.co.uk](http://www.wilbrahams.co.uk) for the best up to date information.

I'm afraid the doom and gloom continues because as of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September the number 18 bus stops running. It is one of several services that Whippet coaches cannot afford to continue running. There is money for the service as I understand it, but the County Council cannot get an operator to take it on. On a lighter note, look out for Greta's poem on page 66 concerning its demise.

Speaking of poems, we have several in this edition. I hope you enjoy them all.

St Nicholas Church have been holding a succession of discussions on Art and the Scriptures written by David Shepard, who has written a piece where he explains that the aim is to make connections that can get us thinking and talking.

I understand that both parish councils are planning a joint meeting to discuss the amount of articulated lorries that come through the villages.

We would love to get more letters from you. For this edition, we have the sum total of three. There must be something out there that pleases you, irritates or annoys you. Don't forget this is the only way you can make sure everyone in the villages of Gt and Lt Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom reads what you have to say, as it's delivered to them residents. We do like reading your letters and look forward to the amount in the next issue at least doubling.

There is a report from the Flower and Produce show including the winners. There were a few categories where there were very few entries, one of which was the photographic category. Chris Fell has written a letter inviting people to a meeting to try to encourage more people to take pictures. We would also like to encourage all you photographers out there to let us have some of your pictures. You never know, you could be on the front cover of the next edition.

If you have dates for events, then let us know and we can put them into the diary.

The back cover, taken by Chris Fell, shows swallows nesting in speaker outside the Memorial Hall, and for more twitching experience, there is a bird theme to the crossword.

I hope you enjoy your Autumn edition of The Warbler.

John Torode, editor

## Options

Jenny and I decided we should go on a holiday.

Jenny says ‘What about a cruise?’

Well, I say, great but too expensive.

OK says Jen, you choose.

We could go on the River Cam, I hear they do trips.

The thought of going up and down the river gave us the pips.

The Lake District seemed like a good idea to go walk about.

Well, that’s alright but would our legs hold out?

Then Jenny comes up with a good plan.

Cut a barrel in half and sail from Quy to Lode and back again.

So folks, if you hear of two old dears getting in a mess,

Please offer to help two damsels in distress.

Greta Rees

## Letters

### Dear Editors

Thank you for the delightful party you gave for contributors, distributors and others connected to The Warbler on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. It was a generous thought and an enjoyable occasion.

It was a team event. John Bramwell left a family visit early to help set out the tables, and, in Tony Ryan’s absence, to make the punch and serve at the bar. It was Martin Gienke who had the original idea, who negotiated support from the parish councils, invited a speaker from The Cambridge Independent (at the suggestion of the LW Parish Council), and who, with his wife Gill, prepared the delicious food. Martin also hosted the event. Others helped with stocking and staffing the bar and with clearing up afterwards. So, it is especially to Martin, Gill and the parish councils that we say a big THANK YOU.

There was just one thing wrong. You, the editors, put in many hours on every issue, far more than the rest of us. It is you who should have been receiving the recognition, not giving it! Let’s register and record that right here.

John Tanburn.

## Dear Editors

It would appear to some, that I'm always complaining. After my "Dog Poo" poem was published in your magazine, everyone in the villages wanted to tell me about their experiences on the same subject. This leads me to believe, that the vast majority of us care an awful lot about our community and we want it to be a pleasant place to live.

My most recent episode concerns another stinky subject – sewers. Again, I'm sure it's only a handful of residents that are unaware of the problems they cause, when they put things down the sinks and toilets that are not supposed to be plugged into the sewerage system.

Kitchen roll, wet wipes (even if they say flushable!) and sanitary products are not to be flushed away. Dispose of them in your black bin. Rinsing dinner plates, swimming in grease is another problem, because once the fat reaches the drains, it's going to solidify and block the sewer. Instead, wipe plates with cheap kitchen roll and put it in your green bin.

A section of sewer on Angle End, Gt Wilbraham, had blocked and it had backed up all the way to our house in Ratford's Yard. Anglian Water rectified the problem with speed, so with thanks to them, the sewer smell is gone for the time being. It was blocked with wipes and fat. This problem is not exclusive to our part of the village, so I thought I could use the Warbler to remind everyone in the Wilbrahams and SMB to think carefully about how they dispose of their waste.

Yours faithfully, Sarah Fordham

## Dear Editors

### **Photography in the Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom Meeting 12 September at 7.30pm**

This year the entry to the Photographic section of the Flower and Produce Show was very disappointing in terms of the number of entries.

Prompted by this, I have decided to offer a series of photography based meetings over the winter months. I should like to encourage anyone who takes photographs; whether with their mobile phone, an expensive SLR or even a drone, to come along to have some fun.

I have some ideas for meeting topics, but those who attend the first meeting will influence the way forward. Above all it should be fun and (hopefully) a little instructive as well!

If you think that you might be interested, come along to the Committee room at the Memorial Hall on September 12th, or if you are interested, but cannot make that day, then let me know and I will ensure that you are kept informed.

Regards, Chris Fell

## Bee Orchids Cover Photo

The bee-orchids which I photographed in mid June were kindly spotted for me by Renee Tanburn, who had seen them whilst walking and alerted me. I managed to visit them a couple of times before I returned for a final foray towards the end of June, when I arrived just after the Council contractors had strimmed them down!

I don't blame the contractors - after all these are very small flowers which may not seem significant until you get close, and not every contractor is a botanist!

However, as the footpath in question is that between Great and Little Wilbraham beside the road and it runs between a grass verge on the edge of the road and a hedge and the orchids were under the hedge, I suggest that our parish councils direct the contractors to strim the verge but not below the hedge in future.

Some people have suggested to me that Bee Orchids are a protected species and that it was therefore illegal to cut them down. I don't believe that this is true in fact. Very few British plants are protected and although the Bee Orchid is scarce, I don't believe that it is truly rare. This doesn't mean that it isn't worth looking after it though.

Chris Fell

### **Help wanted to renew the Great Wilbraham Play Equipment**

If you have an interest in renewing the old, and 'past its best' play equipment, please join a working group that is looking into what needs replacing, what to replace it with and how to raise the funds to do it.

Please contact Edd Brunner to get involved: [edwardbrunner@gmail.com](mailto:edwardbrunner@gmail.com), 07739326366

### **18 Bus Service**

The County Council wants to continue with this route and expected it would be straightforward to get another operator but, so far no one has tendered, even though there is more money on the table - not even Whippet who claimed it couldnot afford to run it with the current subsidy. If no bus operator comes forward then this popular route will have to cease.

The County Council is barred from running its own buses and the Mayor who is now responsible for our public transport services has yet to make up his mind about using his powers to franchise our bus services.

The summer holidays are adding to the difficulty in getting this sorted before the end of the month so it is doubtful that something will be in place for when Whippet pulls off the route, at the end of August 2017.

## Award winning Warbler



Your Community Magazine, The Wilbrahams' Warbler, received the Silver Award in the Low Frequency category at the 18th annual Cambridge Building Society Community Magazine Awards. The category is for magazines with nine or less issues a year. The award carried with it £50 which is going towards the Celebrating Warbling event, held earlier in July.

The judge's comments said

Best front page – Spring 2016: “Very innovative and striking.” (*Thank you Chris Fell*)

Best photo – Summer 2016: Sunset inside back cover: “Dramatic sky.” (*Thank you Martin Gienke*)

Editorial – Spring 2016: Untold Stories: “Much info given in a digestible way.” (*article about volunteering – thank you John Tanburn*)

Low frequency award: “Centre page certainly great. Traditional content presented well. Quite lively and packed with info. I like the very original crossword idea!” (*Thank you John Bramwell*)

The awards are held to celebrate the hard work carried out by groups, charities and colleges to provide their local community with interesting and relevant news and information. This year, 29 magazines entered with a combined circulation of 95,000. Representatives from the publications attended the awards ceremony held at Cambridge United Football Club, which gave them a chance to share ideas and get feedback from the judges.

The Cambridge News' Chief Reporter Chris Elliott returned again as one of the judges. Chris is a stalwart of the awards having been involved since the beginning of the awards and is a firm advocate of the printed publication.

He was joined on the judging panel by The Cambridge News' Finance Director, Peter Burrows, Cambridge United's Chairman, Dave Doggett, and Clive

Weatherley, Joint Creative Director of the creative agency, Mobas.

The judges had the tough task of assessing magazines published in a 30-mile radius of Cambridge throughout 2016. They considered editorial quality, community content and overall presentation as well as the publication's usefulness to those it serves.



Martin Gienke, one of the three editors of the Warbler, collected the award from Chief Operating Officer of the Cambridge Building Society, Andy Lucas, who said, “It’s always wonderful to see how many different types of publications there are out there to serve their communities. I know the judges have a very difficult task to find the winners because the quality of the content is always so strong. The dedication and passion that goes into producing the magazines is clear to see. But the awards aren’t just about who wins but a chance to bring these editors and publishers together to share ideas and experiences.”

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# Wilbrahams' Community Choir

Our community choir has had a great summer. We had a very well attended Annual General Meeting at the end of April. From this we assembled a small group of choir members to help organise our summer concert.

The concert, which took place on a balmy summer evening on 7th July in the Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall, was a great success. We sang a wonderful varied collection of spirituals, songs about the sea, French songs and some classics. We were supported by the talented "Tofty Club" who played a number of pop classics, which were uniquely adapted and a pleasure to listen to. Between the acts Catherine Humphrey performed a mellow saxophone solo, perfect for a relaxing summer evening. In the interval we enjoyed strawberries with Prosecco and soft drinks.

All in all it was a wonderful evening for everyone, and on top of that we raised approximately £570 for the Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall. A fabulous result!



Many thanks to the Tofty Club and Catherine Humphrey for their superb performances. Also thank you to Tony and Eliot Mann for skillfully serving the Prosecco, and to Evie Nichols and Catherine Humphrey for being on the door. Thanks also to choir members who came along to sing and for assisting with the preparation, delivering flyers and helping on the day.

Most of all, thanks must go to Gill Humphrey, our talented Musical Director, who put an enormous effort into the performance. Gill volunteers her time and expertise, we are so fortunate to have her. Thanks also need to go to Gill's mum Sheila Mander, who was a big help on the day and offered lots of practical advice.

On a final note, if anyone was inspired by our performance to join the choir please come along! We meet for choir practice at 8pm every Thursday during school term time, in the meeting room at Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall. If you need any further information please contact me at [vanessajnichols@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vanessajnichols@yahoo.co.uk) or 07876363707 or take a look at our website at <http://www.wilbrahamcommunitychoir.org>.

The choir has a number of performances lined up for the remainder of the year. We hope to see you there!

Vanessa Nichols

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# Celebrating Warbling



Great and Little Wilbraham Parish Councils and the Warbler editors said thank you to fifty Warblers at a gathering in the Memorial Hall in July. The Warblers were those who contribute articles, photos and information to the Warbler, deliver the Warblers and advertise in the Warbler. The special guest, Adrian Peel, who is a journalist from Cambridge Independent, gave an insight into

the background of the Independent and some tips for writing, Cambridge Independent Press was first established as a newspaper in 1815 and was published until 1981. The Iliffe family, which published the title for many years, has re-established the Cambridge Independent in 2016 to provide community-focused content in print and online.



There was a stimulating interchange of ideas from the audience about the press in general and the public criticising the press at every opportunity. However, many positive and very complimentary opinions about the Cambridge Independent were voiced as well. Representatives from the Parish Councils expressed their thanks for the Warbler and the contributions of all those who contribute to its production. Stephen Bartlett, Chair of the Gt Wilbraham Parish Council, talked about the Warbler playing a unique

and vital role in communication in the Wilbrahams.

On behalf of the editors, Martin Gienke spoke of the debt the community has to all who contribute material to the Warbler and the wealth of talent in the villages. This input is essential to maintain the high quality of the magazine. The Warbler was in the top15% in the 2016 National Parish Magazine Awards. The glowing feedback from readers is very rewarding to the editors, but it is really down to all the Warblers for keeping the content fresh and lively and informative. A huge vote of thanks is due to all who contribute.



The Editors

- 25A : A wading bird, sacred in ancient Egypt. (4)
- 31A : Unfortunately dead and gone. (4)
- 27D : Occupying all corners of the board. (4)
- 28D : Shot by the ancient mariner. (9)
- 34D : Big version is a thriller. (6)

## Untold Stories : Malcolm Potter

*I (JT, italics) visited Malcolm (MP) and Sue Potter in their delightful house in Little Wilbraham. Twice – the first time the dictaphone failed. They are very hospitable and Sue bakes delicious cakes, so where else?*



JT Malcolm, you grew up in Great Wilbraham – you must have lots of memories of what it was like to grow up here.

MP We were always out – on the playing fields or tracking or playing hide-and-seek. It was an outdoor childhood. Unlike most childhood to-day.

Yes. Grandad lived up Angle End by the chapel, and he kept pigs. We used to help him. He had a haircutting business in his shed on Sundays. We always had to go to Sunday School, but we were not always on best behaviour there. I did get a prize one year – Treasure Island – for good attendance. You got an orange and apple as well. Next week, for some reason I got banned.

*What about day school?*

Yes, we had some good times at the junior school. We had some nice teachers. Mrs. Naylor was the head teacher. She lived straight across from the Carpenter's Arms. Very hard old girl, she was. One time we went for a nature walk up Butt Lane, and we had to write about what we had seen. I wrote that I had found a cuckoo's nest. So out in front of the class, I had a whack across the hand with a ruler for that.

*Do you reckon that getting a whack across the hand with a ruler did you any harm?*

No. Not at all. It kept things in place. Junior school days were good. We had a lot of fun. We used to catch bats behind the library sign.

*What did you do with the bats when you had caught them?*

We used to take them home and keep them in a box for a day or two.

*What did your mother think of that?*

Not very much at all. You had to keep your head well away, I can tell you.

*Then you released them. What other wildlife did you get involved with as a boy?*

We used to keep different types of birds. Even when we moved to Little Wilbraham, we had barn owls for a few years, and a European eagle owl. It started with a rescue bird. It grew to four barn owls, and we hatched our own as well.

*What about birds in the wild?*

Yes, we used to spend hours birds-nesting. We collected eggs. The churchyard trees used to be full of straw, tree sparrows' nests. They've gone now.

*Yes, tree sparrows are rare in this country now. What about other wildlife?*

We collected lizards. There were lots in the churchyard. On a sunny day they would be basking on the gravestone. We took some home and kept them in a big glass jar. After a week or so, there would be youngsters.

*You were a lizard breeder?*

Yes. Then Mum would say it was time to let them go. The other thing we used to do was go down to the fen, to a place we called the moon duck pond, and we used to catch grass snakes there. We used to keep grass snakes.

*At home? What did your mother think about that?*

That was very out of bounds.

*Did any ever escape?*

Just once. It got up the front drive, but we collared him. Dad used to keep rabbits and pigs for market.

*What sort of things did you used to get into trouble for?*

Quite a few things. It used to be a regular thing on a Saturday night. We would go next door to dear old Charlie Norton. He used to keep all the verges cut, and all the paths and road clear. He did a great job. We'd get a bag of chips and watch Juke Box Jury and The Lone Ranger. Once, the Lone Ranger's gun jammed, and he was putting bullets on a rock and hitting them to make them go off, and make the Indians think he was still firing. We decided that we'd get some of Dad's cartridges and go up Butt Lane and try that. We only got as far as the Co-op shop, which was where Nick Franco lives now, and the local policeman, Mr. Drane, came along. Les had been home and got some of his Dad's 12-bore cartridges and I had got some of my Dad's 16-bore cartridges, and our pockets were bulging. Mr. Drane said "Where are you boys off to?" "We're just going for a walk up Butt Lane, Mr. Drane." "Oh, are you? We'd better have those pockets out." We reckoned Mr. Drane had saved our lives. He was a good policeman.

And we always had a lot of fun on bonfire night. We'd build a huge fire on Church Close. It's all built on now, but then it was a meadow. One year, we had built the biggest fire ever, ready for the 5<sup>th</sup> November. but our tearaway mate Russell lit it on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.



We used to buy bird scarers and treat the fuses so that there was a delay. You could light them and be minutes away before they went off. On Thursday nights they used to have bingo in the old hall, which had a tin roof. We tossed the scarers onto the roof. They made a terrific bang.

*You were good with fire and explosives, what with that and the cartridges.*

Yes. There was a fellow down the other end of the village who was always telling us to clear off. One trick-or-treat night we thought we would give him a treat. We got a flat box, and the biggest, squashiest cowpat you could imagine, put it into the box, and put it on his doorstep. We covered it with a sheet of newspaper, rattled the door like the devil, and lit the newspaper. When he came to the door, he automatically stamped on the burning newspaper, with consequences you can imagine.

*You used to go up the church tower?*

We used to take marbles up there and put them down the watershutes to see if we could hit cars coming round the corner. We never did hit one. We used to sit up there and watch cricket sometimes. One time, old Bill Dixon climbed the ladder and slid the bolt on the trapdoor across so we could not get back down. We were up there all that Saturday afternoon. He did come and let us down in the end. We had some good times up there. We did once leave the trap door open and the pigeons got in and messed all over the bells, but we cleaned it all up so that was all right.

*You mentioned Bottisham College. When you left there, what did you do?*

I worked for various engineering firms. Then I got into the Wilbraham garage with Peter Mappedoram. We had some really good times there, with lots of laughs. There was a tree there that had lots of nuts. Three of us thought we should get some of those nuts. Muggins here was up the tree. The others had gone: Grandpa Mappedoram was at the bottom of the tree, and the tree started shaking. "I'll give you jolly nuts, young Potter", he said. Then he went after one of the others, who was hiding on a haystack. He slid down it, fell into a furrow and winded himself, so Grandpa Mappedoram just picked him up. So we all got caught over that.

*There were some characters about.*

Yes. I remember old Charlie Norton having a time of it cutting the grass between the churchyard railings. "I can't think why they need them", he said "Those inside aren't coming out, and those outside don't want to go in."

*You got married at some stage?*

I have two sons from my first marriage: Ashley lives and has his own graphic design business in Japan and is married to Yuka. Wayne lives in London and is doing landscape design. My first wife went off with my best mate – I still miss him. I married my wonderful wife Sue in 1979.

*Your working life moved on?*

After a stint at Teversham Motors, I started up my own workshop in Fulbourn.

*Did you employ people, or did you work on your own?  
All sorts of cars?*

No, I worked on my own. Pretty well anything, really. When I retired, Listers approached me for occasional work. They were building classic racing cars from 1957 and 1958.

*What sort of price do people pay for these?*

I guess by now they are well over £400,000. The Lister Lightweights, which Moss used to race, are probably even more than that. Some will be driven, some will be bought for collections.

*You are a keen motorbike man yourself.*

Yes, I still keep my classic bikes, and still go to the Isle of Man every year, and take part in the parade at the Manx Grand Prix. I have had bikes all my life.

*Thank you, Malcolm, for sharing these memories with us – and for all the ones I have had to edit out to fit into the space available.*



John Tanburn

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# Great Wilbraham Parish Council

## **Launch of the Villages' new website**

For those of you who have not visited [www.wilbrahams.co.uk](http://www.wilbrahams.co.uk) recently, I would recommend you do to see the new web pages for the Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom. Any comments would be most welcome.

## **Co-option of New Parish Councillor – Chris Hanson**

Following the notice of the Parish Councillor vacancy due to Andy Goryn's resignation, we are pleased to announce that Chris Hanson was co-opted as a member at the July meeting.

Chris is already active in the community. He is part of the Fabric Committee for the village church and a member of the Commons Rights Holders committee. Chris is now retired from running a building company for 35 years, he is very fond of Great Wilbraham and is keen to ensure it remains a special place.

## **Resignation of Parish Councillor – Patricia Davis**

At the June meeting the Parish Council was saddened to receive the resignation from Patricia Davis who plans to travel extensively in the coming months. During her time on the Council Trish was instrumental in revamping the village website and supporting the Parish Council with all forms of communication. In addition, she was a significant force behind the conversion of the village telephone box to the community book exchange.

Trish has said she is happy to continue to support the village with the website, book exchange and continue to investigate village archive options.

## **Parish Councillor vacancy - Can you contribute to the life and development of Great Wilbraham?**

Trish's resignation means there is now a vacancy. The position requires energy and dedication to local affairs. The Parish Council drives our village vision; provides a voice for the village on local government and policing, and its views are sought on all issues affecting residents such as planning applications, tree applications and attention to the regular tasks of village maintenance.

The Parish Council consists of seven members and meetings are generally every two months. Training is freely available for the new members.

The Council are keen to fill the vacancy as soon as possible and hope to do this using co-option at their November meeting. If you would like to learn more about the role please contact the Clerk, Natalie Mulvey, [clerkGW@wilbrahams.co.uk](mailto:clerkGW@wilbrahams.co.uk). To apply, you will need to complete an application form and submit this along with a statement of why you wish to be a Parish Councillor and any relevant skills and interests you possess.

## **Highways**

The Parish Council are currently working on key areas of HGV traffic and speeding through the village.

To address residents' concerns, the Parish Council is seeking to provide an overarching solution to these problems. Suggestions being discussed are extending the speed restrictions and the installation of repeater signs. Members are keen that measures will be positive for all local roads and will be working with neighbouring parishes. To support this aim a joint meeting with the members of the Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom Parish Council is planned for September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the Parish Council also remain concerned about the general state of repair of the roads and footpaths and there is a regular dialogue with Cambridgeshire County Council Highways team to ensure agreed actions are delivered in a timely fashion.

## **Cycle Paths**

Robert McCubbin, from LWPC attended the July meeting to explain his cycle path vision and he presented a map of possible routes which he believes could be used as part of the Greenways project. The Greenways project aims to establish a high-quality network of routes into Cambridge from surrounding towns and villages. They will primarily be commuter cycle paths, but with additional benefits for pedestrians, horse riders and leisure. Great Wilbraham Parish Council pledged its support to Robert's proposals. Subsequently, a meeting has been arranged by MP Lucy Frazer, the Greenways Project Team and representatives from the Wilbrahams to agree what needs to be done to ensure Robert McCubbin's excellent initiative is ready for presentation to Greenways 2 as soon as work begins on that next phase of the project.

## **Dog Fouling Signage**

Parts of the village continue to be spoilt by people who do not clear up after their dogs. When out with your dog you should always be prepared to clean up if your dog defecates. If you fail to clean up after your dog, you could be issued a fixed penalty notice.

Keep Britain Tidy has campaigned successfully on the issue of dog fouling. Their campaign 'There's no such thing as the dog poo fairy' led to massive reductions in dog fouling in participating council areas. Some communities saw a decrease of up to 90%, while on average a reduction of 43% was recorded across the 94 participating local authorities. The Parish Council has purchased some of their effective signage for display at key locations in the village.

### **Affordable Housing**

Members of the Parish Council met with Cambridgeshire ACRE to discuss a new affordable housing survey; a report on discussions held and a proposal will be presented at the September meeting.

### **Parish Council Internal Auditor**

The Parish Council is still looking for someone to act as its internal auditor for 2017-2018. If you would consider taking on this role and would like more information on what is involved, please contact either the Clerk or Chairman of the Finance Committee - Roddy Tippen, [rodnytippet@gmail.com](mailto:rodnytippet@gmail.com)

### **Next Council Meeting**

The next scheduled council meeting will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome.

Please check the Parish website for regular updates - [www.wilbrahams.co.uk](http://www.wilbrahams.co.uk)

Natalie Mulvey, [clerkGW@wilbrahams.co.uk](mailto:clerkGW@wilbrahams.co.uk).

## **Little Wilbraham Fete 2017**

**Saturday 16 September 12 noon - 2.00pm**

**St. John's Church & Church Yard**

To contribute books, gifts, toys bric-a-brac and tools (DIY, kitchen or garden). Please note no knives, jumble or electrical.

Please leave items in the church porch during the week beginning 11 September

To make or donate home and garden produce.

Fruit, vegetables, jam, marmalade, chutney, bread or cakes

Wrapped and labelled, and please state if nuts included

Please bring by 11.00am on the morning of the Fete.

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# Little Wilbraham Parish Council

Your Parish Council met on 12<sup>th</sup> July in Little Wilbraham Church

## **New Councillor**

Robert McCubbin was co-opted as a new councillor. He moved to Little Wilbraham in 2012 with his wife Anne-Marie and two sons. He works at ARM on Fulbourn Road and takes a keen interest in provision of cycle paths to the villages.

## **Council vacancy**

Gill Clifford has stepped down as councillor and so we are looking for a replacement for the ward of Six Mile Bottom (SMB). Anyone interested in joining us, to have a say in the future of our villages, please contact the Clerk ([clerkLW@wilbrahams.co.uk](mailto:clerkLW@wilbrahams.co.uk))

## **Six Mile Bottom Social Club**

The social club approached the Parish Council for money towards refurbishments (installation of a disabled toilet, a new outside door and replacement of seating). We were able to use £513 of S106 money earmarked for SMB and a donation of £1000 from council funds to put towards the project.

## **Little Wilbraham defibrillator**

The Parish Council has taken responsibility for the old phone box in Little Wilbraham. It will be used to install a defibrillator. A further unit will be installed outside the Six Mile Bottom social club.

## **Traffic Working Group**

The Parish Council intend to apply for a weight limit on the Little Wilbraham to SMB road to restrict HGV traffic. A traffic survey needs to be carried out to make this application and will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **Reporting Highways Problems**

Cambridge County Council have a useful website for reporting highways related problems. This is a good way to report damaged road signs etc:  
<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

## **Planning**

Bidwells have submitted a planning application for 22 houses south of the Wilbraham Road in SMB. The Parish Council will meet at SMB social club on Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss this and will advertise the meeting to residents in SMB.

## **Future Projects**

We are gathering a list of ideas for village projects that we should prioritize over the next few years. These will be discussed at our meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November. See the notice elsewhere in the Warbler or contact [Cllr.Carter@wilbrahams.co.uk](mailto:Cllr.Carter@wilbrahams.co.uk)

Dave Humphrey, Chairman



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It has been an incredibly busy Summer term and one, I hope, the children have enjoyed. The open morning was a great success and congratulations must be made to the Year 3/4 athletics team who all won bronze medals at the recent Youth Games event. More recently the performance of the musical Oliver was phenomenal and I would like to congratulate Mrs Neish, the children and staff who helped make it such a success.

I was so proud of the children during our whole school trip to Milton in July. They were so well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. To see children working well together from across the school was a delight. We really value the parents, staff and volunteers who helped, their support is hugely valued.

We have now said a sad farewell to our year six pupils. I would like to say what a privilege it has been to be part of their school life and I am certain Mrs Neish would agree with me that they have been a pleasure to teach. I wish them every success at their future schools, they are ready for their next stage of education and I hope they will remember Great Wilbraham Primary fondly.

We will also say farewell to two members of staff. Mrs Babouris has taught in Fieldmice all year, we would like to thank her for her support and efforts and wish her well at her new school in Cambridge. Mrs Horsfield has also left. She has worked at the school for over 16 years and loves the school. We wish her every success in North Lincolnshire at her new school and we will miss her greatly. We would like to welcome Mrs Forshaw into Fieldmice class in September and look forward to working with her. She has already been in a couple of times and is looking forward to starting in the new academic year.

It is the end of an excellent year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped this year be such a success. Ofsted came and went within a day and we were pleased to achieve the Good grading with the new high standards. This term was followed up by the SIAMS Church of England inspection assessing us as Outstanding. The staff have worked incredibly hard throughout the year and deserve huge thanks for their efforts.

Richard Brown, Headteacher

14D : Summer visitor, may be in a flight. (7)

42A : Sounds like It may not tell the truth. (8)



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# Strip the Willow and Do-Si-Do's at the Barn Dance

Cowboy hats, straw hats, jeans and gingham were the order of the day for the Barn Dance at the end of June. The Wide Glide Band provided music with a caller helping participants through the various moves. A BBQ and salad bar completed the atmosphere with special Hamburgers from Michael's Butcher and turkey burgers. £600 was raised for acoustic panels for the hall. For further photos see [Wilbrahams.co.uk](http://Wilbrahams.co.uk)

## **Sarah Fordham tells it in poetry.**

We took our partners by the hand,  
And danced along to Wide Glide Band.  
To the rhythm, we stripped the willow  
And learned to do the Do-Si-Do.  
A sell-out crowd at Wilbraham Hall.  
Friends young and old and short and tall.  
Some sporting hats, some wearing checks  
Or gingham scarves around their necks.  
Guitar, accordion, fiddle too  
And Sibby told us what to do.  
The dance floor packed right from the start.  
Such fun to watch if not taking part.  
With Peter's superb barbecue.  
Lots of delicious salads too.  
The whole Hall permeated fun.  
Next year, let's hold another one!

Sarah Fordham



## **We Need Your Input**

Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom Parish Council would like your ideas for improving our villages. We are looking to prioritize village projects for the next few years that will maximize benefit to our communities. All suggestions will be discussed at a Parish Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please send your ideas to [Cllr.Carter@wilbrahams.co.uk](mailto:Cllr.Carter@wilbrahams.co.uk) or speak to one of your Parish Councillors; David Humphrey, Tony Stead, Edward Brunner, Andrew Carter, Rupert Chennells, Robert McCubbin



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## Gardens Raise Fund for charities

The garden of Robert and Richard Turner in Little Wilbraham was open two successive Saturdays in July to help raise funds for two charities, Petals and Well-braham. The first, Petals, provides a free counselling service to any parent affected by depression, trauma or shock by suffering miscarriage or the loss of their baby.



The following Saturday Robert Turner and his family hosted a lovely visit to their beautiful garden including an amazing three/four course lunch.

The event was to raise funds for the Well-braham's group, which promotes mental health and wellbeing in the Wilbrahams. The total raised for Wellbraham was £340 which included kind donations from people unable to attend. This means that every event put on by the group is free. This autumn these includes a talk on dementia by the Alzheimer's Society and a Watercolour Workshop run by Helen Clarke.



It's sad to say, my garden leaves a lot to be desired. Despite the dreary weather, I am feeling quite inspired. I've toured a cottage garden at a Well-brahams' event. Enjoyed the flowers close-up from the best side of the fence. I didn't know that lily flowers could even grow that size! Arrays of stunning dahlias are worthy of a prize. Their fuchsia bush, amazingly, almost as tall as me, compared to mine at home that's lacking flowers and tiny. Their lawn is lush and spongy. Mine is sparse and full of weeds. They're growing spuds, courgettes and leeks. I've just got runner beans. My garden lacks some colour, it's just several shades of green, but the garden at Reed Cottage is the finest I have seen. There is barely any weeds in sight. It's a phenomenon. I think their garden's great enough to rival Monty Don.

Sarah Fordham

Please look on the Wilbrahams' Website ([www.wilbrahams.co.uk](http://www.wilbrahams.co.uk)), noticeboards and in the shop window for more details.

Reed cottage Garden

# Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall



Angle End, Gt Wilbraham

[www.hall.gtwillbraham.net](http://www.hall.gtwillbraham.net)

Since the last edition of the Warbler, we have seen the Barn Dance, the Community Choir Concert and the Flower and Produce Show. They have raised £622, £579 and £825 making £2026 in all which will go towards the installation of the acoustic attenuation in the main hall. We have also been awarded a grant of £1000 from Cambridgeshire Community Chest towards this project and we have another grant application waiting for response. This work will make the main hall an easier space to use and gentler on the ears. The Trustees are extremely grateful for the way in which all these events have been supported so well by you the residents of the villages of Great and Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, the Events Committee is having a gathering at the Hall at 8.00 pm, drinks and nibbles provided. This Committee has done very well with the events organised this year. So why not come along to hear about or give your views on what is going on at the hall. You will be very welcome. If you want to get involved in any of these or have ideas for future events, this is a chance for your views to be heard and for you to join the people who have been working so effectively towards the provision of the events – the more who become involved the less the burden that falls on any particular person.

Our next event is the Autumn Food and Craft Fayre on 30<sup>th</sup> September (12.00 noon to 4.00 pm). This promises to be an interesting event too with stalls selling breads, pies, sausages and game, beers, local produce and crafts and featuring **baking demonstrations by our very own Ian Cumming**, former Bake-Off finalist. Please see the separate piece on the event in this Warbler for more information. Hope that lots of you will attend and enjoy this too.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Barry King is holding a music quiz evening at 8.00 pm. Hope to see lots of you there.

With no apology for our attempt to be the first people in the village to advertise a Christmas event, I would like to draw attention to the Christmas Party which will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> December this year – proceeds towards the refurbishment of the children's play area. Please put this date in your diaries and come and support or offer to help with the preparation or running of the day.

Charles Raikes

# Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall

## Programme of Events for 2017

**Saturday 30th September 12-4pm**

Admission £1

Autumn Food & Craft Fair - Produce, baking, crafts, plants, light lunches & teas. Baking demonstrations.



**Friday 20th October 8pm**

Barry King Music Quiz

**Saturday 16th December**  
Christmas Party!



**Tickets for each event (where required) will be sold in Gt Wilbraham Stores, Angle End. More detailed publicity will be issued in time for each event.**

**If you have any suggestions for 2018 please let the Memorial Hall Committee know.**

**Our thanks to the many people who help organise / donate / wash up etc.**

If you would like to volunteer for future events, please email [mail@emma-adams.co.uk](mailto:mail@emma-adams.co.uk)

New volunteers welcome to our next EVENTS TEAM meeting  
Tuesday 5th September 8pm

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 38D : 50 years, flinch without 50. (9)   | 44D : They belong to the queen. (4) |
| 23A : A group of these make a siege. (5) | 21A : No hood or merry men. (5)     |
| 45D : No strings with this one. (4)      | 46D : The bird architect? (4)       |
| 48A : The butcher bird. (6)              | 51A,49D : ET built this bird. (7)   |
| 12D : Cost of a close shave. (9)         | 52A : see 24A                       |

## Spinning Wheel Theatre at St Nicholas

Some would say that there is a certain amount of theatre involved in services in most Anglican churches across the country; however, a real secular theatre company arrived at St Nicholas in June in the form of the Spinning Wheel Theatre and their adaptation of the much loved children's book, *The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

The Spinning Wheel Theatre produces professional touring productions, which are performed in rurally remote venues across East Anglia.



This production came to St Nicholas by chance and at very short notice as they were seeking an alternative venue after a late cancellation in Newmarket. Amy Wyllie, the theatre's Artistic Director, is a granddaughter of Great Wilbraham's Sybil

Goryn and discussion within the Goryn family led to the production being moved to St Nicholas. This was good fortune for the Wilbrahams, as it created a rare opportunity to walk to the theatre.

Despite only 10 days' notice, the production, using two men and two women actors supported by a sound / lighting manager and a director, was well attended and greatly enjoyed by the audience. The stage was set up in the 'crossing' of the church.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) organised drinks for the interval and afterwards.

The PCC is keen for more secular events to be held in our beautiful and ancient church now that we have the new facilities of toilet and kitchen in the tower area and it is planned that the Spinning Wheel Theatre will return on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 at 6.30pm for an adaption of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Tickets can be obtained from [www.spinningwheeltheatre.com](http://www.spinningwheeltheatre.com) or from Gt Wilbraham Stores £10 (£8 concession).

Allan Painter - Parochial Church Council

4D : Generic name for some seabirds. (3)

7D : Twenty four needed for a pie. (9)

11D : Beach, with Sottish music maker. (9)

49D : see 51A

40A : Male 44D. (3)

37D : Complaint? (6)

# Walking for Fun and Health

## **Circular Common Walk, Thursday 27th July 2017, 4.00pm**

This was the first of our walks and was attended by six enthusiastic walkers including one from Fulbourn – it was lovely to meet new faces! We were very lucky with the weather; after heavy rain earlier in the afternoon and a light shower within minutes of starting the walk, the clouds began to disperse and the sun made a welcome appearance.

We set off from the picnic benches outside Great Wilbraham Social Club and walked to Little Wilbraham, along the High Street to the end of the village, then followed the farm track on the left past the windmill to where the track bends right towards a farm. Here, we turned left off the track and walked beside the field with the ditch to our right, following the footpath as it veers left then right and on to the common via a wooden footbridge. We walked straight ahead and took a circular route around the edge of the common, stopping occasionally to admire the scenery - and to make a few adjustments to clothing instigated by the increasing presence and warmth of the sun!

After reaching the common information board and turning right, we walked through a gate and headed towards the road along the glorious tree-lined footpath, bathed in dappled sunlight squeezing through the soft leaf canopy. We all felt very relaxed!

Thank you to those who attended and contributed to a very enjoyable hour and a half – we ambled along at a very leisurely pace! We look forward to meeting others (old faces and new!) on the remaining walks.

Karen Hinkins MHFA Group Member

## **Please join us for one or more companionable walks in the autumn**

**Sunday 3 September 1pm** : Walk to Fulbourn across country. (Not circular, so people can walk as long as they want and then turn round.) Obviously, pubs in Fulbourn will be open when we get there!

**Tuesday 26 September 3pm** : Butt Lane then Green Lane. (Not circular, so people can walk as long as they want and then turn round).

**Monday 16 October 11am** : Short Common walk (45 minutes circular walk)

We will meet at the picnic benches outside the Social Club.

FREE fresh air and exercise - what's not to like! You may even meet your neighbours and make some new friends.

Organised by;

The Well-brahams' (The Wilbrahams' Mental Health First Aid Group)

## A View from the Garden

The hot humid air that paid us a visit for much of June and July is now a distant memory. The all-important Jetstream roaring high above in the atmosphere takes us on a roller-coaster ride, creating a topsy-turvy summer season. Just when the schools finish and everyone goes into holiday mode, the garden has gone into overdrive. The recent rains have created ideal growing conditions, but it's the weeds that have really taken the advantage. From where I've cleared the onions, it's now smothered with bindweed and the remainder of the peas and broad beans are quickly being invaded by fat-hen. The quickest solution will be to cut them with my rotary lawnmower followed by covering with a sheet of black permeable membrane, anchored down with a few bricks and lengths of wood. That will stop most weeds in their tracks and help to make winter digging easier.

In the vegetable plots things are also going berserk; runner beans, courgettes and cucumbers grow faster than I can pick them, potatoes swell into lumpy giants, whilst the lettuce and rocket sprint into flower. The real bonus is that parsnips, cabbages, sprouts and leeks are soaking up the moisture and look as if they will make a good winter crop.

In the flower garden the roses are going over rapidly, and I must admit that my borders look very "in-between", lacking any colour at the moment except for the potentillas. Hopefully the chrysanthemums and michaelmas daisies will soon be on flower to brighten up the autumn.

The apple crop is disappointing. A severe frost in early May took out most of the developing fruits at the tops of the trees, the only ones to escape were inside or underneath and a lack of sun will likely slow up the ripening process. The autumn-fruiting raspberries have been fruiting for 2-3 weeks already and there's plenty more to come. Some of the newer varieties such as Polka and Joan Jay produce some very large berries, and are really good value in any garden.

Lastly, don't forget the summer pruning jobs. It's a good time to trim back evergreens and any of the shrubs that have finished flowering, and take back some of the longer growth on apple trees to help set next year's fruiting spurs. The same applies to gooseberries and currants if you haven't already done them.

Nigel Start

32A : Finch; mixed in kiss. (6)	36A : Smallest thrush in UK. (7)
39A : Sounds like 10th letter. (3)	16D : Heavy lifter? (5)
17D : Parents unknown. (6)	20D : Rent misplaced. (4)
43A : Fast. (5)	47A : Happy dog? (7)
2D : Regret losing first place. (5)	3D : All aboard for a boat trip. (7)
6D : see 29D	41A : Bird of prey. (6)

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# SEPTEMBER

# OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				<b>1</b> BPG walk	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> MHFA walk
<b>4</b> Blue/Green Bins Scripture & Art	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> BPG walk	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> WW	<b>9</b> SMBSSC	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Black Bins Scripture & Art	<b>12</b> Photography meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> GWPC	<b>15</b> WW	<b>16</b> LW Fete	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Blue/Green Bins	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> LWPC	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> WW	<b>23</b> SMBSSC	<b>24</b> Harvest Songs of Praise
<b>25</b> Black Bins	<b>26</b> MHFA walk	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> BPG meeting WO60	<b>29</b> WW	<b>30</b> WMH food & craft fair SMBSSC	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Blue/Green Bins	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Bridge Club	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> WW	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Black Bins	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> WW	<b>14</b> SMBSSC	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Blue/Green Bins MHFA walk	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> BPG walk	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> WW WMH music quiz	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>

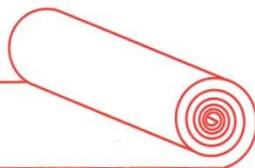
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<b>30</b> Blue/Green Bins	<b>31</b> Halloween	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> WW	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bonfire Night
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<b>BPG</b> : Bottisham Patient Group <b>GWPC</b> : Great Wilbraham Parish Council <b>LWPC</b> : Little Wilbraham Parish Council <b>WGC</b> : Wilbrahams Gardening Club <b>WMH</b> : Wilbrahams, Memorial Hall <b>WW</b> : Weenie Warblers <b>WHSC</b> : Wilbrahams Hall Social Club <b>SMBSSC</b> : Six Mile Bottom Sport and Social Club <b>CM</b> : Country Music <b>WO60</b> : Wilbrahams Over 60s <b>WCC</b> : Wilbraham Cricket Club <b>WBC</b> : Wilbrahams Bridge Club						

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# The Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom Vegetable, Flower and Produce Show 2017

The Show was held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July in Great Wilbraham Memorial Hall and was a great success! This is thanks to all of you who entered the Show and to those of you who came along in the afternoon to enjoy the display, tea and home - made cake, the prize-giving, auction and the raffle!!

It all made for a really lovely 'buzzy' friendly village atmosphere with the added bonus of cricket on the green!!



Congratulations go to the winners of the awards which were kindly presented by Mr. Ray Tilbrook, President of the Hall Trustees:

Stephenson Cup (Highest points in the Fruit and Veg section): Roger Rayner

Les Potter Cup (Runner up in the Fruit and Veg section): Peter Ludman

The Brian Fisher Salver (Highest points in the Flower section): Peter Wilson

The Rose Bowl (Specimen rose): Peter Wilson

David Water's Memorial Cup (Best pelargonium exhibit): Kathleen Dawson

The Social Club Cup (Highest points in the produce section): Ruth Sinclair

2012 Diamond Jubilee Rose Bowl (Highest points in Arts and Crafts section): Emily Lane

The Doris Franklin Cup (Highest points in the Photography section): Carol Whitehouse

Thistle Tankard (Highest points in Under 12's section): Zoe Cumming

The Junior Cup (Best exhibit in the Under 12's section): Zoe Cumming

The winner of the "Spud in the Bucket" competition (the heaviest yield of potatoes) was Richard Wright.

It was great to see some new names amongst the winners!



There are two ‘floating’ cups, the Les Potter Cup and the Doris Franklin Cup which are allocated to different categories each year so it is always worth looking on the back of the schedule where they are listed!

The Show could not go on without a lot of help from many people so THANK YOU VERY MUCH to every single one of you who helped in any way at all. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated!

Huge thanks too, to everyone who kindly made donations to the auction, raffle and cakes for the ‘teas’ ....your generosity is echoed by the record amount the Show raised this year of **£850** for the Hall Funds, £100 of which was made by auctioning Vic Franklin’s stunning painting of the High Street, Great Wilbraham which he very kindly went to great lengths to produce in time for the Show, via his Mother, Doris.



Although the Show was down on entries (450) with few in some categories e.g. Flower Arranging, Craft and Photography, the Hall still looked ‘a picture’ with tables full of produce, flowers, fruit and vegetables and children’s art, very kindly captured by Chris Fell’s photographs!

(You will see that Chris has written an article in the Warbler offering encouragement to anyone interested in photography in the hope that we will have many more entries in the Photographic section next year!)

If there is interest we could organise a few informal ‘flower arranging’ classes before next year’s Show....please let me know!



The ‘Spud in the bucket’ competition proved to be very popular (23 entries) and caused much hilarity and inter-family rivalry as to who could produce the heaviest yield by any method of growing they could muster!!

Thanks very much to you all who lugged your buckets along to the Hall on the morning of the Show....and to the person who had the onerous task of weighing

and packaging up the potatoes! (I still have some buckets of compost which were uncollected – please contact me if you would like them back!)

Has anyone any ideas for a “growing’ competition they would like to do next time?

Hopefully we will be up in the 600's for entries again next year so see what you can do!! Should you have any ideas for classes in any of the sections of the Show or any other suggestions, please let me know ASAP.

Rosie White Tel 01223 881293 mobile 07757982934

[rosiewhite77@hotmail.com](mailto:rosiewhite77@hotmail.com)

(The 2018 Schedule will be printed in the Spring edition of the Warbler and the paper copy is circulated 6 weeks prior to the Show)

DATE OF 2018 SHOW is SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY

Rosie White

## **Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)**

Planning can be a long process. Starting in November 2014, with a suspension from May 2015 until April 2016 for additional evidence to be produced, the Inquiry into the draft local plans for South Cambridgeshire and for Cambridge held its last session in mid July 2017.

In the final week I observed the hearing into two Omission Sites (sites which developers had put forward at an early stage and were not included in the draft Local Plan). The University and some colleges argued on behalf of two adjoining pieces of agricultural land between Coton Footpath on the north and the rear of the houses on Barton Road where the applicants wished to build up to 2000 homes. In the South Cambs Council Chamber, cocooned from the outside world by absence of windows and noise, the developers put their case and the planning officers eloquently argued that the site had landscape value particularly in contributing to the setting of the City. They could have argued that another purpose of the Green Belt is to separate villages from the City. My personal view is that without the protection of the Green Belt, Fulbourn would soon be an outer suburb of the city! Houses are needed.

The answer in the draft Local Plan is to build a new town at the former Waterbeach Barracks for possibly up to 11,000 homes. The Inspectors' Reports may be available during the autumn this year. CPRE will welcome the adoption of the Local Plans (sometime in 2018) when they should give certainty as to where development will take place and an assurance of a five-year housing land supply - something which currently developers exploit by saying that there isn't sufficient. On this pretext the larger villages of Cottenham, Swavesey, and Linton as well as Fulbourn have suffered an unprecedented number of housing applications. CPRE Cambridgeshire (Campaign to Protect Rural England) monitors many such applications and submits objections when necessary.

Shirley Fieldhouse, [www.cprecam.org.uk](http://www.cprecam.org.uk)

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## Country Music Evenings

The months seem to fly past, but I am pleased to say that the Great Wilbraham Country Music Evenings continue to bring the top British Country artistes to The Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall, and some new artistes have come for the first time this year.

In March a duo called Kickin Country came to entertain us, and they gave us an evening of nice country music to suit their audience. In April we had a Wilbraham favourite Travis Logan from Derbyshire, who sang some



good songs as always. In May we had the duo "Best Of Friends", who really are a must for country music fans and in July we had Dave Wilson from Durham. What a lovely evening he gave us, as he sang some songs which were popular for dancers and listeners. A big thank you must go to all who support these evenings. All the help from my trusted helpers is appreciated, and I must say I love our New Village Hall. I am sure in time, once we get acoustics in the hall sorted and a stage, we country music lovers shall be feeling happier.



Derek Fabb

## Chapel to Dental Surgery Conversion

All is going so fast now with the Chapel conversion to a Dental Surgery.

Windows in, plastering nearly finished, painting started!

The cabinets for the surgeries are being fitted.

Finish /opening date around 13-23 October



Claire Jackman

## The Wilbrahams' Songs of Praise

with a Harvest Theme

Sunday 24 September 5.00pm, St Nicholas Church, Great Wilbraham,  
followed by a light supper

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# ESSENTIAL HEALTH

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# The Five Pillars of Health

Living and working in the Wilbrahams, I enjoy good health and help others to improve theirs. With great initiatives like the Well-brahams' walking programme, our community has many opportunities to live well and some further thoughts may be of interest to our readers.

Being well isn't about hard-to-follow programmes or logging your every move. It's about daily self-care. There are Five Pillars of Health that can promote wellness and well-being:

Adequate Breathing

Balanced Diet

Moderate Exercise

Restful Sleep

Positive Thinking



We will be exploring each pillar in more detail in future issues of the Warbler, but here are six simple rituals to get you started today:

1. Drink a glass of water when you wake up. Your body loses water while you sleep, so you are naturally dehydrated in the morning. A glass of water when you wake helps start your day fresh. When do you drink your first glass of water each day?
2. Define your top three. Every morning ask yourself, "What are the top three most important tasks that I will complete today?" Prioritise your day accordingly. What are your "Top 3" today?
3. The 50/10 Rule. Solo-task and do more better by working in 50/10 increments. Work for 50 minutes on only one important task with a 10 minute break before the next task. You can spend your 10 minutes getting away from your desk, going outside, calling friends, meditating, or grabbing a glass of water. What's your most important task for the next 50 minutes?
4. Move daily. Regular movement keeps us healthy and alert. It boosts energy and mood, and relieves stress. Most mornings go for a walk, do some simple stretching at your desk and/or go to a yoga class. How will you move today?
5. Express gratitude. Gratitude fosters happiness which is why some people keep a gratitude journal. Every morning, they write out at least five things they're thankful for. In times of stress, you can pause and reflect on 10 things you are grateful for. What are you grateful for today?

6. Reflect daily. Bring closure to your day through 10 minutes of reflection. Ask yourself, “What went well?” and “What needs improvement?” So, what went well today? How can you do more of it?

Every day we need physical energy, mental clarity, and emotional balance to tackle everything that comes our way. Self-care is the secret to living well. Implementing these six rituals and practising the five pillars of health will help you achieve and maintain well-being. Enjoy...

Juliette Baysham

## **Makeover for The Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom’s Website**

By the time you receive this copy of the Warbler, a newly-vamped Wilbrahams’ website will be on-line. It is mobile-friendly; that means it displays really well on the mobile phone, or on a tablet, as well as on a computer. You will find it as easy to access with the same calendar of events and local posts, but will find these more dynamic and colourful.

Some aspects of the site are still being developed, and the Photo Gallery will not immediately be available. I am still hoping for some contributions to a photo archive for the village. These photos can be as old or as new as you like, and can be of persons, events or buildings. You can hand in the hard copy to me, which I will return, or send me a digital copy by email. I would incidentally like to thank Chris Fell here for all the seasonal photos he has provided us with this year. I think everybody enjoyed seeing the swallow babies grow up!

Do feel free to contribute material spontaneously to the website. If you see a notice that needs to be made public now, for example, do let us know, and we can publicise it straight away. There are an increasing number of groups in the village, Facebook groups and other designated websites, which also communicate local information very efficiently and also allow comment. It would be mistaken of any of us to think, however, that all people access all types of media. Therefore, I think we should all share information as much as possible, even if that means the same information appearing occasionally on the different sites.

If you do send in news, information or events for display on the website, please could you, where relevant, include an image? That image should be in an image format such as jpeg, and should be of a good quality.

Send items for the website to me, Trish [Trishbdavis@hotmail.com](mailto:Trishbdavis@hotmail.com) or Martin Gienke [martin@gienke.net](mailto:martin@gienke.net)

Trish Davis

# Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Group

**Patient Newsletter from the Practice:** Look out for this eye catching informative letter at the surgery.

**Out of Hours Service:** Since 8 August the Out of Hours GP Service has been based at the Urgent Treatment Centre in Clinic 9 Addenbrooke's Hospital. There are no walk-in appointments so to contact the Service when your surgery is closed you need to call NHS 111. Your condition will then be assessed over the phone by the 111 team and if they feel you need a health professional will refer you to the GP Service. You will then be offered a telephone consultation with a doctor or nurse, a face to face appointment at the Urgent Treatment Centre or a home visit.

Parking for this Service is in Car Park 1 with a fixed charge of £3.60 with a ticket from the Treatment Centre. There are 3 drop off bays outside the Treatment Centre and also disabled parking bays.

We would like feedback from patients on their experience with this Service, please leave comments at the surgery reception.

**100 Appointments:** In July a record 100 appointments were missed, so other patients had to wait longer to get an appointment. If you need a reminder then please register with reception to have a SMS message sent to prompt you. If you do not need your appointment then please ring and cancel in order that the appointment space can be used by another.

**Flu Clinics:** These are the dates for the clinics this year Saturdays 7 and 21 October

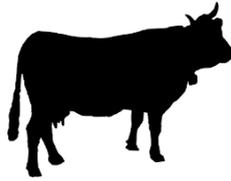
and Thursday mornings 28 September, 12 and 19 October, 2, 9 and 16 November. Do take advantage of the vaccination as 'flu can be a nasty and debilitating infection.

**Patients' Group:** The Patients' Group would be delighted to hear from you – please see the notice board in the waiting room for details, speak to the receptionist or look at the practice's website for further information <http://www.mysurgerywebsite.co.uk/ppg.aspx?p=D81055> and see what your Patients' Group has achieved. We would welcome help with running the group.

**Walks for Health:** The next walks with our accredited walk leader Steve Gilson start at 11.00 am from the surgery car park on 1 September and 6 and 18 October 2017. Do join Steve for a walk. He would be delighted to see you. Anglesey Abbey walks continue on Thursdays at 10am from the reception area.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be Thursday 28 September 2017 at 6.30pm at the surgery.

*Jenny Langton Bottisham Patients' Group*



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## A14

This is from Highways England.

Work on the scheme is progressing well. We've finished clearing the site, built our construction compounds and started the permanent works including earth works and bridge building.

We've continued installing the narrow lanes on the A14. These allow us to gain the space we need to carry out work without closing lanes, minimising the impact on drivers.



Over the next few months, we will continue bridge building and archaeological excavations, and will be excavating and moving the materials needed to build the road.

The A14 Community Fund launched a year ago and we've had some great entries.

The fund supports projects that reflect the changes the scheme

will bring to the area, with up to £10,000 of funding.

So far, we have confirmed funding to 11 different projects

For more current information about this and the A14 Community Fund see <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon/>



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If you would like further information on the new fund, from which income only can be withdrawn for the upkeep and improvement of the building, please contact any of the trustees mentioned below.

Thank you. Graham Clarke, Chairman

Tony Ryan, Treasurer

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## **Wilbrahams - Six Mile Bottom – Fulbourn Over 60 Club**

We hold meetings in Gt Wilbraham Memorial Hall on the last Thursday of the month starting at 2.0pm. So far this year we have had two trips out. The first was to Hunstanton where the sun was warm, but it was very windy. We stopped at Norfolk Lavender for tea/coffee on the way.

The other trip was to Beth Chatto Gardens. Some stayed while others went on to Clacton. Everybody enjoyed the trips.

We had Brian Roy entertaining with song on 25<sup>th</sup> May and on 29<sup>th</sup> June there was a Tea Dance with Andrew Wilson playing his electric organ, where members could dance to old time or modern dances. On 27<sup>th</sup> June Peter Jackson from Scotsdales Garden Centre came and gave us a talk about flowers.

### **Events to come**

31<sup>st</sup> August Jenny Grant talk about Picture Cards

28<sup>th</sup> September Lunch at Breckland Lodge stopping at Elvedon Estate for coffee and tea.

16<sup>th</sup> November Tea Dance with Andrew Wilson

30<sup>th</sup> November Susanne Furness talk on Tax, Cash and Toy Boys

14<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Party

If you'd like to know more ring Miss C Fabb on 880813 or K Precious 880832

## Wilbrahams' Cricket Club Battles On

If you have looked out over the village green (I find it difficult to say “rec”) recently to see a number of orange plastic bollards connected by string around an increasingly small area of shorter grass, you might be mistaken into thinking that the cricket club had folded. Yes the 2nd XI is no more (and No, sadly there has been no interest shown in revival or friendly fixtures) but I can assure you that the 1st XI battles on. The current bleak view across the green is a consequence of this season’s bizarre fixture list whereby our last home fixture was on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, and for the rest of the cricket season until the 2<sup>nd</sup> September we must battle away from home. (But then you know this...you have all had a fixture card put through your letter box, and I’m sure you’ve read it). With no 2<sup>nd</sup> XI this has left vacant some of the best village cricket facilities around. The current tiny cricket square is reduced to net practice only, weather permitting, leaving the undoubted groundsman talents of Goryn & Sons’ somewhat underutilised.

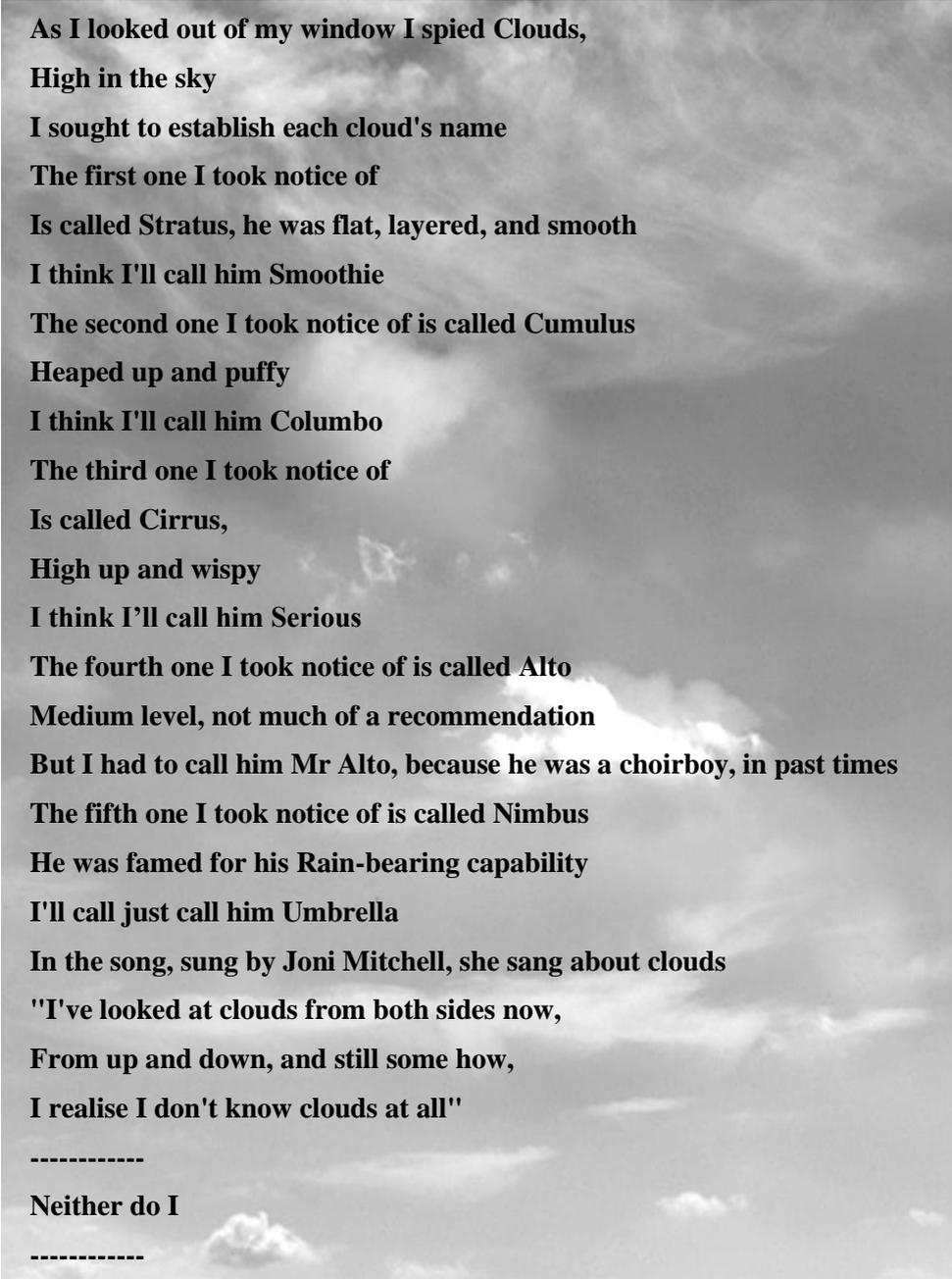
The battle is truly on as we currently (11/8/17) sit second from bottom in the CCA Junior 1 South table, with four to play, two of which are against the other relegation candidates. We have welcomed a couple of new recruits but still have a small (but happy) squad, all of whom have talent to display. The best moments during the season have undoubtedly been our home victories against Madingley, Audley End and Cokenach, all played in front of an increasingly large crowd around the ground, especially on the patio in front of the bar where the beer has been flowing during the cricket and well into the evening. Isn’t that how it should be, win or lose? Our main enemy seems not to be the opposition, but the distractions of a modern British Summer...weddings, stag-do’s, family gatherings and holidays and then there’s injuries and the weather. The availability of players is therefore somewhat variable, but in that we are no different from any other village cricket club. What we really need are some keen youngsters in their teens or early twenties...if you spot one, (or even better, have got one!) please send him/her to me!

Ably led by Ronnie Cameron, our amiable captain and leading wicket-taking leg spinner, the team will win at least two of its last four fixtures and avoid relegation. You read it here first...but by the time you read my prediction it will already be reality!

Roddy Tippen, Chairman,  
Wilbrahams’ Sports Club



# Clouds



As I looked out of my window I spied Clouds,  
High in the sky  
I sought to establish each cloud's name  
The first one I took notice of  
Is called Stratus, he was flat, layered, and smooth  
I think I'll call him Smoothie  
The second one I took notice of is called Cumulus  
Heaped up and puffy  
I think I'll call him Columbo  
The third one I took notice of  
Is called Cirrus,  
High up and wispy  
I think I'll call him Serious  
The fourth one I took notice of is called Alto  
Medium level, not much of a recommendation  
But I had to call him Mr Alto, because he was a choirboy, in past times  
The fifth one I took notice of is called Nimbus  
He was famed for his Rain-bearing capability  
I'll call just call him Umbrella  
In the song, sung by Joni Mitchell, she sang about clouds  
"I've looked at clouds from both sides now,  
From up and down, and still some how,  
I realise I don't know clouds at all"

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Neither do I  
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Stephen Harmer



## Over the farm gate

The main talking point for this edition of the Warbler is going to be Harvest, which got underway in near perfect conditions on 7<sup>th</sup> July when I had to rush back from my holiday to start up the combine. Winter barley was as usual the first crop and in temperatures in the high 20s it combined really well. There, however, the good news ended. I had always known that two of the fields had been badly affected by the frosts and drought meaning the quality and yield would be low, but the remaining acreage was similarly stricken leading to an entirely

average harvest for this crop at 6.1 tons /ha or 2.5tons / acre. Quality was acceptable except for 100 tons which had to be sold as feed, the rest has already gone to Stowmarket to be made into malt, probably for malteasers or ovaltine.

The peas which really did look fantastic when the gardening club visited in early June were again only average in yield, but excellent in quality. There are three main criteria for quality in peas, colour and stain, manganese deficiency (marsh spot) and moth damage. The maggots which can be found in fresh peas are the larvae of Pea moth and cause holes in the peas by their feeding which make them unsuitable for human consumption (in Japan). We monitor the flying male adults with pheromone traps and are able to calculate if chemical control is necessary. This year it wasn't, as several foliar applications of manganese sulphate helped the marsh spot and prompt harvesting retained the colour and reduced the staining. The land is already ploughed ready for next harvest's winter wheat to be drilled.

Spring Barley which is usually a very reliable crop here has been very disappointing this year. The heavy rain on 26<sup>th</sup> June came at a vulnerable growth stage of our variety and about 20% of the ears were dashed to the ground and we could not recover them with the combine and had to leave them in the field which was very disheartening.

Sunshine is good however for the sugarbeet and our crop is looking really good with the regular rain showers at least helping one commodity to put on growth. Test digs and analysis show an expected yield of slightly over our 5 year average.

On the machinery front it is going to be a quiet year for investment, all the major items of kit have been replaced recently and we take a breather until the cycle



resumes again next year. We will however be replacing our furrow press which is towed behind the plough to level and firm the soil and give a better finish to the furrows and I have also purchased a new grain pusher to pile the grain higher in the store.

Once harvest is eventually over it will be all hands on deck to establish the next seasons harvest and several of the harvested fields are already ploughed in preparation. I have also been tempted to plant an interim cover crop to capture some nutrients and help to put some organic matter and structure back into the soil. It will also grow tall enough to hopefully hide the hares from the nasty illegal hare coursers who are back again.

Harvest is half way through now and so far has been a ‘smash and grab’, get it while you can harvest and I will be happy to be finished, but they do say that the only harvest not completed yet is this one. Waiting for an early Indian summer.

Chris Ascroft Wilbraham farms



## Weenie Warblers at the Wilbrahams’ Memorial Hall



We are a small and friendly baby and toddler group that meet in the Wilbrahams’ Memorial Hall, Angle End, Great Wilbraham, CB21 5JG. Parents/carers can have a cuppa and a chat while the children play. There is plenty of space in the new hall for the children to let off steam! £1.50 per family – refreshments included.

We’re open on Fridays 9am – 11.45am, during school term time.

Here are the dates we are open for 2017:

8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> October

3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> December

Do drop in any time during the session. Newcomers to the group are always warmly welcomed.

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Sarah Fordham

- | 35D : Beg queen reformed into a water bird. (5) |
- | 19A : One of a mustering of midwives? (5) |
- | 24A,52A : Also known as the peewit. (7) |
- | 9A : Fish-eater; large quarry. (6) |
- | 22D: Hidden inside with rushes. (5) |



## Wilbrahams' Bridge Club

The bridge club is on a summer break at the moment. We decided to do this as many of us are away at this time. When the weather is good many of us also enjoy being in the garden. Little did we know how little summer we would be having, as I sit writing this it is pouring with rain outside! We are going to start again on **October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** when we will have a mini pre-meeting to establish what you want from the Bridge club and how often it will meet.

I do have a list of twenty-two people who have attended at some time or another and we have on occasion had four tables but sometimes we are reduced to only one so we do need some more of you to make the club viable. Those of you who feel that you would struggle playing in a club why not come along and give it a try as you may be pleasantly surprised by how friendly we are. Weaker players are welcome and criticism will be discouraged as we will be playing for the enjoyment of all.

Experienced players would also be most welcome as you could help everyone to have more pleasure in the game. All players are required to play ACOL using the weak no trump convention as this is the most commonly used convention.

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# Bottisham and Burwell Camera Club

Club members are enjoying their summer break and are hoping to take many new images for use in club competitions during the forthcoming year. The annual dinner and social evening was held on 12 May where cups and trophies were presented by the Chairman Gerry Metcalfe DPAGB.

New members of the community who are interested in photography may wish to attend our 'Welcome Back' meeting on the Tuesday 12 September 2017. We are a long established club; meeting originally in Burwell and now for many years our venue has been Lode Chapel. Whether you are a beginner or experienced, you may be interested in developing your photography skills further, so why not give us a try?

The programme for our new year is available on our website - [www.bottburpc.org](http://www.bottburpc.org). This also shows our gallery of members' photographs including the winning entries from previous competitions.

## Dates for your diary:

**'Welcome Back'** First meeting of the clubs year (2017/2018) will be held on **Tuesday 12 September 2017**, when members are asked to bring 3 prints and/or 3 digital images taken over the summer break. Last year's award winning prints and digital images will also be shown during the evening.

**Tuesday 19 September 2017 : 'Lifting the Lid on How'** Jamie Hall, (GDT) European Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2016. Jamie is a wildlife photographer based in Suffolk and will give a digital presentation together with an insight into how he produces his images.

**Tuesday 3 October 2017 : 'An Evening with Andy Beel FRPS'** Andy is a professional photographer, writer and mentor. He is an acknowledged expert in monochrome photography and will be giving a digital presentation of his Black/White photography.

The club has a friendly atmosphere and new members are very welcome. Personal help and advice regarding all aspects of photography, is available from existing members, whose experience ranges over many years. If attending the 'Welcome Back' evening you may bring 3 of your own pictures (any size) that you have taken during the summer. The club always welcomes guests to any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel **CB25 9EW** from 7:30 – 9:30pm. Fee of £3.00 including refreshments, refunded on joining.

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# Carpenters Festivale

The Carpenters Arms first beer festival got off to a slow start on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug., though Heather said the food on Friday night went quite well which included “hot dogs”, “Beef burgers”, and “Pulled Pork rolls” all of which I tried over the weekend and can confirm were very nice.



There were nine different beers on ranging from 3.3% to 5% and 3 ciders ranging from 4.5% to 7.3% which included:

**Carpenters Cask, Sauvignon Blonde, APA (American Pale Ale),** from Crafty Beers.

**Rusty Bucket, Brewers Drop,** from the Brandon Brewery.

**Encore,** from Lacons brewery which won the Overall cask champion international brewing award 2017.

**Meditation, and Cambridge Black** from the Turpins Brewery at Pampisford.

**Minotaur** from the Milton Brewery at Waterbeach.

**Apples & Pears** cider from the Lillleys brewery in Somerset.

**Happy Daze** cider from the Gwynt Y DDraig brewery in Wales.

**Old Rosie** cider from Henry Weston’s brewery in Herefordshire. This cider is always a favourite, but at 7.3% ABV it’s a tad like wobbly water.

The Saturday also got off to a slow start, mainly due to the very wet start to the day, which would have put some hardened beer festival goers off, though there was a free Taxi service from Fulbourn. The day did brighten up and a good time was had by all who attended. This was predominantly made up of local people which was nice to see as Rick and Heather had put a lot of effort into making this festival a success.



In the evening there was a Disco with Mark Carter as the DJ who played a good selection of music at a nice comfortable level to allow people to talk at the same time or dance if preferred.

The Sunday was a better day for the weather and the numbers did increase to sample the beers, and the food on offer. The music was provided by Rick on the drums and John and Richard on the guitar’s. This started early in the afternoon

and kept going until 11pm with very few short breaks, but once Rick gets on those drums he usually needs to be prised off them to stop. The night finished about midnight and a good time was had by all. My personal favourite beers were the Sauvignon Blonde, the APA and the Encore though this can be an acquired taste. There were some beers left over for the rest of the week which would have been consumed had more people turned up, but these things tend to take a time to get established once word has gone round. So, here's hoping future ones will be more successful in the future.

Mike North

## Rain

Today the rain came down, it made me frown  
When I looked out of the window, it made me ponder  
What would happen if there were no more rain?  
I looked out of the window again, and imagined the garden bereft of rain  
No more flowers, or trees  
No more vegetables  
No more need for gardeners  
No more lawns to mow  
No more birds or bees, no more honey  
No more need to visit garden centres  
No more lakes and waterfalls  
No more ducks and other pond life  
No more need for dams  
Nothing for fishermen to catch  
No more clouds to hide us from the sun  
So, I reconsidered my frustration with the rain  
And I thanked God for it.



Stephen Harmer, 6 June 2017

- | 1A : Wader; inexperienced leg. (10)
- | 5A : Do they play cricket with this in Australia? (10)
- | 1D : If you are in trouble, yours may be cooked. (5)
- | 15D : Make a mistake with hair, reshaped as a hawk. (7)
- | 15A : Sounds like trying to sell something? (4)
- | 16A : This bird could be involved in a murder. (4)
- | 8D : Hear different for this flightless bird. (4)

## Musicfest returns to Fulbourn

Way back in 2002 and each year for a couple of years thereafter, there was a Musicfest in St Vigor's, Fulbourn, culminating in 2004 with Noye's Fludde, which featured nearly three hundred and fifty performers including many children from the local schools and a wide variety of other local amateur music makers. Looking back, I see that the Musicfest concerts were widely varied and ranged from the time we hired two grand pianos for one concert, to a choir of thirty singing Rossini accompanied by one grand piano and a harmonium. And all stages in between, from Schubert's Trout Quintet to Some Enchanted Evening, a concert featuring songs from the shows, and a great deal more.



Now, in 2017, Fulbourn Arts are planning something similar for the second half of this current year. In October there will be five separate concerts. One of these will be an organ recital. Our recitalist will be Richard Gowers, sometime Senior Organ Scholar at King's College. This is the first recital on this instrument in my time in Fulbourn (more than forty years), and it

will be a treat to hear the instrument properly played.

We have a good grand piano and there will be a piano recital, a violin and piano concert, an evening of lieder and song with our local tenor Nicholas Jackson; and to leaven the mix a little, a visit by the Phoenix Chorus – ladies singing close harmony and barbershop. This last is a first for the church, and much to be anticipated.

More details of all this in forthcoming issues of Fulbourn's The Mill, and there'll be posters and fliers – but see below a listing of the dates of the planned events.

October 3 Amarins Wierdsma – violin with Ed Liddall – piano

October 7 Phoenix Chorus – Ladies in close harmony

October 15 Richard Gowers – organ

October 21 Matthew McCombie – piano

October 27 Nicholas Jackson – (tenor) with Christopher Gould piano

David Shepherd

33D : Could be in a murmuration. (8)

13A : Condemned to the Tower? (5)

# Six Mile Bottom Sports and Social Club

## Latest News:

After more than two years of talking, the Parish Council has agreed to help us with our refurbishment. They have promised a grant of £1513. We are now looking at other areas for help.

The ladies of Six Mile Bottom and the surrounding area are now setting up the 'Six Mile Bottom Women's Friendship Group', which is loosely based on the Women's Institute. It is open to all and meetings will be at the Club on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 7.30 pm and ending at approximately 9.30pm. Speakers will be invited to give talks on various topics and give demonstrations, where there may be a small charge. Refreshments will be available. Please see the notice board for details. We hope to hold a 'Bring and Buy' sale on a Saturday morning towards the end of November.

## Information

A reminder that we have a mobile post office here at the Club on a Thursday, and that the Club is available for hire to all members free of charge for parties, functions etc. so please spread the word. Non members would not be charged, but would be asked to make a donation to Club funds. Please see any committee member for further details.

**What's on :** Please look at the notice board nearer the time for more details

**Saturday 9 September** Play Your Cards Right night.

**Saturday 23 September** Roger's Telly Addicts night. Come along and test your TV knowledge.

**Saturday 30 September** at 10.00 am Coffee morning with a tombola, cakes and a raffle in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.. Any help would be much appreciated.

**Saturday 30 September** Carpet Bowls night.

**Saturday 14 October** Name the celebrity night. Come along and have a go at guessing the names of celebrities from old photos.

**Friday 20 to Sunday 22 October** The Club will be closed; trip to Morecambe.

**Saturday 28 October** A special Halloween Play Your Cards Right night. Come along in Halloween fancy dress!

**Saturday 11 November** Geoff's Mr and Mrs competition night. Loosely based on the TV show. There will be food of some sort on the night. Please see notice board nearer the time.

**Saturday 18 November** Charity Race night. Proceeds to go to this year's charity - Muscular Dystrophy.

**Friday 24 November** Annual General Meeting. 8 pm for 8.30 start.

Geoff Wood



## Art and Scripture discussion evenings in St Nicholas'

I have been delighted with the enthusiastic response to our series of discussions in St Nicholas'. At the time of writing we have met twice. I personally have found that faith has made more sense of art, also that art has made more sense of faith. The idea of these six discussions is to connect particular works of art with Bible passages. On the first evening' the theme was two moments 'caught' in time, looking at versions of the Supper at Emmaus. Chiefly we looked at Caravaggio's wonderful painting which is so full and rich with detail and meaning. Also, Rembrandt's painting of Belshazzar's Feast from chapter five of the book of Daniel, a scene of writing truly 'on the wall'. On our second evening, we looked at works of art depicting the Annunciation and the Visitation from Luke's gospel, Holy ground, as a drawing of Rembrandt forcibly reminded us.

This isn't a history of art course, although art history comes into it. Nor is it simply about art illustrating the Bible. The aim is to make connections that can get us thinking and talking.

I am looking forward to the remaining four discussions. Forthcoming subject matter will include William Blake's 'Ancient of Days'. This wonderful watercolour etching depicts Proverbs 8:27, clouds parting and an old man wields his compasses "on the face of the deep". We will also be looking at various ways that artists have tackled the subject of Christ's crucifixion.

All are very welcome. Remaining dates: 28th August, 4th and 11th September. Timings: 7.15pm for a 7.30 start, finishing around an hour later.

Bethan Howe tells me that there are more plans afoot for activities in Great Wilbraham, specifically an after school church activity. She says "watch this space"!

David Sheppard, ordinand at Westcott House

## Getting the best from your hard floor

Stone and ceramic floors can look fantastic, but they do need to be cared for properly to get the best out of them. Glazed ceramic tiles (including quarry tiles) are easy to keep clean with a mop. If you can find a pattern repeat (usually in varying positions on the tile) then it's almost certain that they are glazed ceramic. You can't damage them by using the wrong product and they never need sealing.

Soiling can build up in the grout lines, but this can be removed with a strong detergent and a scrubbing brush, followed by a good rinse.

Unglazed ceramics, including brick, terracotta and traditional East Anglian paviours, are also unlikely to be damaged by using the wrong cleaning product, because they are acid-resistant, but without an adequate seal they are all very porous, and can be permanently marked by every-day soiling or spills of coloured liquid or oil. If the floor darkens when wetted, or water soaks in when left, then it is definitely time to re-seal. Always clean the floor very thoroughly before sealing.

Slate is also acid-resistant, and whilst less porous than unglazed ceramic, it should be sealed. Riven slate often shows a build-up of either soil or limescale along the riven pattern, which can be removed by scrubbing, and you can use a dilute acid to dissolve any limescale. Rinse well.

Sandstone (or flagstone) can be difficult to clean because it has such a rough surface, but it, too, is acid resistant. It does require sealing, but is not as vulnerable to spills as unglazed ceramic.

Travertine, limestone and marble are all acid sensitive and will be permanently etched if acidic cleaning products are used. There are many limestone & marble shower enclosures that have been damaged with just a single use or spill of commonly available cleaning products. This damage can usually be rectified, but it's not a DIY job. Read the label carefully before using any product on these stones.

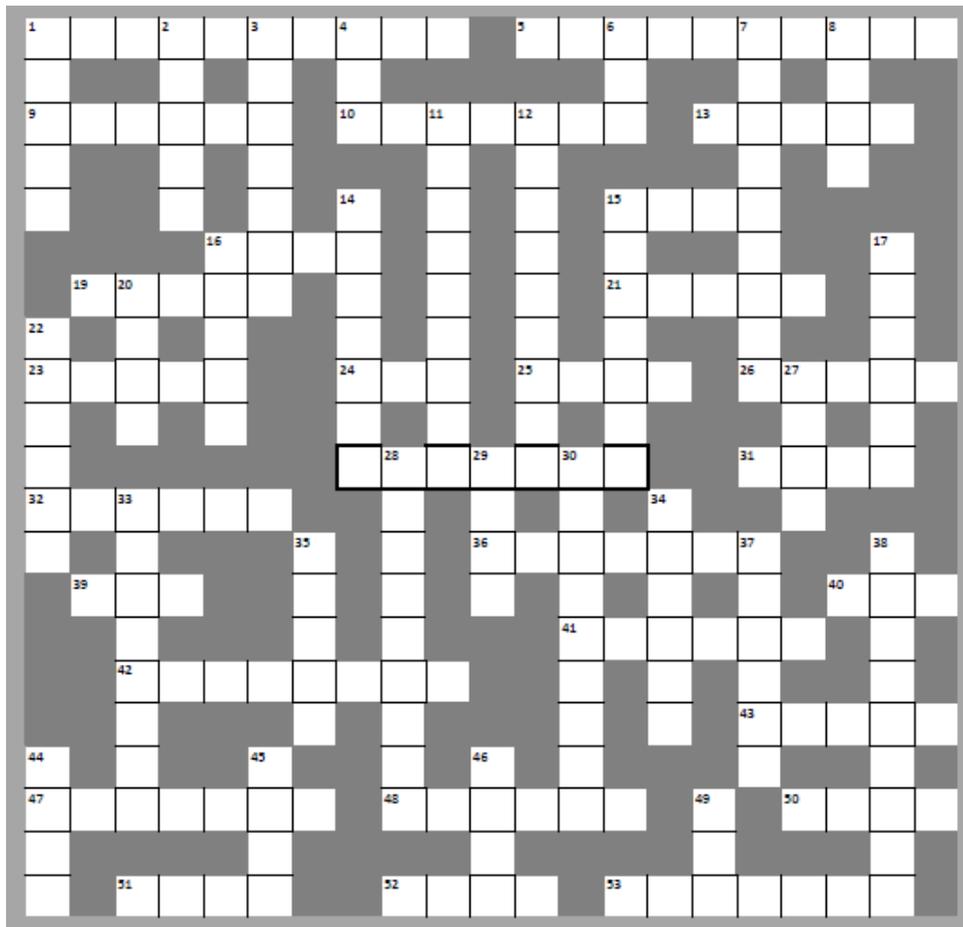
Travertine is essentially young, soft limestone with voids, or holes. It is usually supplied with the major voids filled, but the surface is pitted, and these pits do hold soil. Limestone varies in hardness, and the softer ones, including Travertine, are very porous and require a lot of sealing. Check the adequacy of the sealer by seeing if the floor darkens when wetted.

Harder limestone and marble will polish. Polishing means using progressively finer grades of diamond to close up the stone's pores and harden the surface, bringing up a shine and making the floor more resistant to scratching. It does not mean applying a wax, which will always be softer than the stone, and be vulnerable to scratching and discolouring. If you have a floor capable of being polished, removing any wax or other sealer is the first step in getting the best out of the floor.

Penetrating sealers soak into the stone, and are therefore protected from wear, but don't add any sheen. Topical sealers form a layer on the surface, and so can add sheen, but do wear. Always use a penetrating sealer on any porous stone, and, if the floor won't polish, consider using a topical sealer after that if a sheen is required.

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# BIRDS



John Bramwell

All the answers are bird names. Some well-known and others a little obscure. A selection of clues is shown below and the remaining clues are scattered in the magazine in boxes for you to find. The name in the central box will be revealed when you solve the adjacent clues.

The solution will be put on the website at the end of September.

53A : Add what sounds like a 'cuppa' to mixed Choirs and this bird will pop up. (7)

50A : Sounds like it goes underground, but it is a starling from the east. (4)

29D,6D : A group of these may make a parliament (4,3)

30D : Duke cried, changed to a source of down. (9)

10A : From within the weakest relay, this bird can soar. (7)

26A : Involved with the defeat of the armada? (5)

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Us older generation are encouraged to keep our independence despite our age.

At the moment I'm feeling like an old bird, stuck in a cage.

Greta Rees

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