



SPRING 2013



Greetings Villagers,

As I write this, it still feels as if we are in the grip of winter. There's no sign yet of it warming up, but I'm really hoping the move into Spring is not far away.

Last autumn I planted up three nice big pots with a mixture of daffodil and tulip bulbs which I put in my outhouse to protect them over the winter. I looked at them a few days ago to see stems at least six inches tall which bodes well. I mentioned to Mel Roff that I was still wary about putting them outside because of the current frosts. She told me that potted bulbs like this don't get affected by frost, just look at how daffodils in the ground are very hardy. I've put them outside now, so I hope they'll thank me and give me a nice array of blooms. We haven't had so much rain since New Year but after all the rain during the autumn there are still places where you can see the water table virtually breaking the surface. Down at Frog End, where the Gun Club meets, there's one area where the ground has been sticky, gloopy mud for weeks now.

Anyway, it's time to put all this behind us and look forward to brighter times ahead.

You can get into the spirit of things at the Bingo and Beetle drive and for the children there's the Easter Bunny Hunt.

All the best.

Nigel

**CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT JACKDAW CHATTER
IS TUESDAY 28TH MAY 2013**

BILL'S BIT

Welcome to 2013, and ein't that been a cold and miserable one so far? I suppose we are bound to be unlucky with a year ending 13, but I don't reckon I have ever seen so much water lay about. Down Quy Fen the Cut is way over the top of its banks and even the grass area over towards Lode is covered with water. There's a load of ditches around Crickles and the Norrisses what we usually walk across; they're too deep to even jump across this year. I walked across Browns Park where Paul has got rape set and your feet go in half way up your wellies. I don't reckon that's going to be a very good crop. Still they all managed to get their sugarbeet out eventually and now they're biting their nails waiting for it to get dry enough to get on the fields again for drilling.

The snowdrops got their roots a bit wet this year and decided not to come out so soon. I reckon they were about two weeks late, but they have made up for it now and look a treat all round Quy Hall, but I think that lovely area under the beech trees is more yellow aconites than white snowdrops this year.

Ellen was saying the village would be welcome to pick them like they used to to sell, but it all stopped 'cos none of the shops in Cambridge would buy them any more. I suppose they can get them cheaper from Russia or somewhere. Still that was nice of you to offer Ellen.

I suppose you are now getting excited about your wedding in Quy church in April. I'm sure that will be a good do afterwards down in the Hall gardens. I wonder when the last wedding reception took place there? Then Matt and Jo are also getting married in April, at Anglesey Abbey followed by a wedding breakfast and a Ceilidh in the Village Hall. Good luck to you all, that's about time we had some more village weddings.

The shooting season finished on a good note. There had been a lot of good shooting thro the season, with record bags. Something we see in the bag this year for the first time for several years was a snipe.

They ein't been about while the seasons have been fairly dry, but this year there's a tidy few about down Wilbraham Fen and down by Anglesey Abbey. I've got a photo of Jasper holding one, and I reckon

that will be a rarity in a few years time. We've had some lovely days beating, and ate well on occasions. We like Emma Butler's cooking, most weeks she would bring a tin of shortbread, flapjacks or similar to pass round. If you could get to the tin before Windybanks they went down a treat. One day Shaun had a game pie. I reckon that was about 2' square and 3" thick mostly meat with only a little pastry round it. Blast a slice of that went down well. On the beaters day a good crowd of us turned out. I got pheasants with my first two shots, but got back to my usual conservation shooting after that by only hitting one more with about 20 shots. Chris's son Ed is shooting well now. Look out Chris he will be showing you up soon. Anyway that all finished up with a good meal and a pint or two over the Bell at Bottisham.

I asked Paul how things were going now the season has finished and he is looking forward to starting again now for next year. One surprise he tells me, is that the Heronry, which has been over Crickles for more years than I can remember, has moved this year. Apparently they are all building nests in Primrose Walk now. So we should be able to get a better view of these gangly old birds and their young.

We decided to go for a winter sun holiday in Turkey, only we got it wrong and didn't get much sun or heat. The hotel was massive and among the 500 or so there was only us four speaking English. Still all the food and drinks were included, the only trouble was I got a gippy tummy about half way through. That ein't half upsetting when you can see all that free food and drink floating about and you're only drinking water. We did have a bus ride up to the mountains which was good, with steep roads and sharp drops, but the whole country looks a bit poor and run down. I think we can cross Turkey off our list of favourite countries.

When Ant Crisp was alive he dug up a medal in his garden. Linda has cleaned it all up and it was a George V medal awarded to Pte J. C. Bardwell 51952 from the Notts and Derbies. She also found out from school records that a Peggy Bardwell left Quy school in 1935 to go to Madingley. Thinking about it, one of my sister Peg's friends was

Peggy Bardwell and I remember Peg saying she left the village before she left Quy school. Any one else know anything about this family. The only church record is a Christening in 1931 of Mavis Jean to John and Gertrude Bardwell of 34 Main St (stockman). That's the house where David Payne now lives and at that time it was tied to Bush Farm. Jon Chapman was hunting with his Harris Hawk over Longstanton, he noticed the police helicopter hovering about and then two policemen came running across the field towards him. One of them got the old handcuffs out and said, "Caught you. We're looking for a young handsome man". Then he did a double take and looked at Johnny again and said, "Sorry to have troubled you sir"

Jon was also telling me of his success last year with his barn owl. He would let it out during the day and it would come back to be shut up at night. About this time of year it started to act strange like all men do when the hormones start to rise. He then saw a female barn owl close by and so he let his owl stay out at night as well. Doing what come naturally they set up home in a barn near by and eventually brought off three chicks. John said that his barn owl was coming home for food and whisking it off to his partner and family. Good story. Later the chicks were booted out to find their own territory, as is nature's way. The female went off and Jon's male went back home. We are pleased to report his owl is feeling funny again and there is another (or the same one again) female barn owl hanging around. Fingers crossed for nature to repeat itself.

The Old Country Fair won't be so organised this year now that Joan Hall has passed away. I know Malcolm appeared to be in charge, but we all knew his missus was organising him. Several of us went to her farewell service in Swaffham Prior church and then went up to the Newmarket racecourse to watch a televised race in which her own horse was running. They tell me a few £'s changed hands, and a little bird told me that Rev Sue asked someone to put a £1 on each way for her. It was third and she won a few £'s back, but don't worry Sue I wont tell any one.

The bench what sits in the Park over by the Broadwater was getting to be in need of a little TLC, so David Hurrell and me took it away for David to repair. Now I didn't reckon many of you would miss it at this time of year, but that weren't half nice that so many people asked what had happened to it. Don't worry David has now repaired and varnished it. As soon as it is warm enough for us old foggies to go out again we will be over there to put in a new concrete base and re-erect the seat. You might have noticed that the bench down by the Horse Pond and that one by the Village sign have also been repaired. Thanks to Geoff Hall.

Many of you have also noticed the flint wall by the Village Hall is in need of repair. Some of the flint fell out and, on looking at it, the last ten yards of the wall need to come down and be rebuilt. That's quite a big job, but tenders are out for it and they hope to repair it all in about April.

Big celebrations up Herrings Close this year. Brian Thorby will reach the ripe old age of 60. Well done Brian you can soon join this hard working, but good fun state of retirement. I'm sure we can find you a few more jobs to do around the village - I know how much you like doing practical jobs.

On a more serious note poor old John Ramsey has been quite poorly but he tells me he is getting better. Well done John, hope we shall soon see you tearing about on your old tractors again.

Oh well not much news this time. I shall have to sack my reporters. There was another little titbit that Maureen gave me. I wrote it down somewhere and now can't find it. Neither can she remember it. This old age is a bugger ein't it.

Cheers Bill Watts

Photographic Competition

Last year we ran a photograph competition. There were 30 entries and the winners were published in the Christmas edition of the magazine. This year we are running the competition again; the subject is anything special about Quy. It could be something to do with an event, a particular building, a view or some people or animals. There are two categories: Under 16 and Adult. Entries by August 31st to Ray Jakes, 10 Albert Road.

We've already had a couple of entries from Emma Butler which indicate that the quality of competition is going to be high.



QVA Report

It seems a long time since I wrote the last one of these before Christmas. Did you guess what the Christmas lights were supposed to be this year?

There's not been a whole lot happening so far for the QVA this year. The only event we've had since the last Jackdaw was the Ceilidh, which was a really enjoyable night. The turnout however was a little disappointing and we'd like to know why; was it not advertised enough or did it clash with something else? If you tell us what we did wrong then we'll do something about it for next year.

Coming up on the calendar we have the Beetle and Bingo Drive on Friday the 22nd of March at 7pm in the village hall. Look out for the posters that will be coming out very soon! Also, to complete an action packed March, we have the second year of the newly revived Easter Bunny Hunt at 2pm on the following day, Saturday the 23rd; turnout last year was fantastic so I hope we can match it again this year!

Then further into the future we have the Rounders and the Knock Out Games after the Church Fête (see posters for details).

We've also been talking at the last couple of QVA meeting about some ideas for new events. We've got some of our own and we've already had some suggestions but at the moment nothing is off the table, so to speak, so, if you've a great idea then please contact one of the committee and we'll consider it. Hopefully we'll have made some progress on that front and be able to update you in the next Chatter. (See Tennie's article on the next page.)

Matt.

Future events in Quy

The QVA would like to hear your opinion on events we are considering holding in the near future.... They are:

Auction of promises

The idea would be for people to offer services or promises to auction off. This can be anything that you could offer and people would be willing to pay for, initial ideas are; babysitting; breakfast in bed; an hour of gardening; pony ride. We could ask some of the companies in Quy if they could offer something too. If this goes ahead we would need someone to be auctioneer for the evening.

All in all, it should provide a fun night for all and raise funds for the QVA to put on free or loss-making events.

Quys got talent

Another idea is to have an evening where anyone in Quy would be invited to showcase their talents on stage. Do we have a Pudsey, Diversity or a budding Susan Boyle in the village? Would people fancy giving it a go?

Please let me (tennie.videler@gmail.com) or any of the other QVA members know what you think of these ideas or indeed if you have any others!

Tennie

Jackdaw Club Christmas Party 2012

This year's party started promptly and after welcome drinks had been served and with everyone settled, the guests were served with a fruit cocktail starter. This was followed by a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings – we remembered the cranberry sauce just in time!! After the dessert of raspberry tart and cream, the final course of biscuits and a selection of cheeses was served. There was then time for tea, coffee and chocolates before the entertainment 'Take Two' took to the stage and soon had people singing along, tapping feet and some even taking to the dance floor.

At the interval Father Christmas made a surprise visit distributing a present to all of the guests along with his seasonal cheer. 'Take Two' then took to the stage again before the raffle was drawn. With nearly 30 prizes up for grabs I was soon running around the room handing out goodies.

Geoff Hall then thanked the waiters, kitchen staff and 'Take Two' whilst also introducing Sarah, the new member to the kitchen staff (great to have you on board Sarah). Geoff then announced that this was to be the last event that Maureen and Graham would be organising for the Jackdaw Club and that they were handing over this role to me, from now on they would finally be Jackdaw members. Geoff went on to thank them on behalf of everyone for their work over the last 20 years.

My plea is that

- o If you are a regular Jackdaw member that you will continue as a Jackdaw member.
- o If you've reached the golden Jackdaw age and haven't received an invitation to any events please let me know so that you can be added to the list.
- o If you haven't been for a while, or never, we would love to see you.
- o If you have any suggestions for places to visit on an outing or can recommend entertainment for the parties, again please let me know.

My first planned event is a coffee morning on Saturday May 18th at 10 o'clock in the village hall. Everyone is welcome; young, old and anywhere in between. Any donations for the bottle stall; raffle etc will be gratefully received.

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Parish Council News

Firstly a big thank you once again to Mr and Mrs Carr for their help and support in ensuring we had Christmas lights again this year, and indeed to Matt and Jo for putting them up and arranging them in such a way that it got everyone discussing what shape or pattern they had managed this year.

We have refurbished the bench by the pond and are in the process of refurbishing the bench opposite the Hall by the Broadwater, so you will all be a little more comfortable whilst feeding the ducks.

We are pleased to announce that Colin Hall has been appointed our new recreation groundsman and I would like to thank all those that expressed an interest in this job and also in their offer of help in the future.

The trees have had a good trim up on the recreation ground and we continue to battle with the current mole problem we have, although I know we are not the only parish to have this problem. Could we remind everybody that Dogs are NOT ALLOWED on the recreation ground especially by the play equipment. There are plenty of signs up requesting this but folk continue to ignore them. It isn't pleasant to play in a dogs toilet area regardless of whether you pick it up or not. We are very lucky to have enough places around the village where dogs can be walked without going on the recreation ground.

As part of the Jubilee celebrations an Apple tree has been planted in the Church yard. This was funded with monies left over from the Jubilee by the Jubilee committee.

On 7th April there will be a Police surgery at the village hall where it is your opportunity to meet with your local Community Support Officer.

This will also be an ideal time for those interested in the Neighbourhood watch schemes to come and get more information.

We would like to get a representative from every street, you would get an e-mail from the police and you would just need to forward it to those in your street that are interested and maybe attend a meeting every 3-4 months just to get updated etc. Many streets have already shown an interest and all you need do at the moment is to go along,

have a chat with PCSO John Coppard and fill in a form with your contact details on. If you don't have access to e-mail then perhaps the street representative could phone you with any details. You would only get local information that effects the village and our area but it may well help solve many crimes.

Parish Councillors should have all the details so if you have one in your street and want to join but are unable to come to the meeting just let them know and we can get a form to you.

The Annual Parish meeting is to be held in the hut at the village hall on Wednesday 10th April. We would like to see as many people there as possible this year. This is a great opportunity to have your say.

Gregg Foster
Chairman
Parish Council

<p style="text-align: center;">WANTED VILLAGE HALL CARETAKER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Caretaker/Cleaner required from April 1st</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paid job with flexible hours No requirement to lock up after events.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">More details from Jean Watts 01223 811063 e:mail - jean@stowcumquy.co.uk</p>
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Hello from Darwin Nurseries.

Hopefully by now the sun is shining, the ground is not so wet and you are able to start preparing for planting.

Okay so we did say 'hopefully'!

Here at Darwin Nurseries we have been busy mulching the beds to suppress the weeds and to save watering later in the year. We have also been cleaning and sterilising the main Greenhouse ready for the summer bedding plants. These will be ready by end of April, for those with heated greenhouses, May for those without.

It's not too early to bring in your hanging baskets for us to fill. Last year we produced 800 baskets! It's worth nothing that the earlier you bring your refills in the greater the variety of plants and of course the longer they have to really come on in our greenhouse. Yours will then be the envy of the street.

You may have noticed the work we are having done at the front of the shop; this is going to be our new shrub area and there may even be a place to sit in the sun. Watch this space.

Our animals are fit and healthy and the chickens are producing an impressive amount of eggs!

We held our first ever Seville marmalade competition. There were 21 entries and the winner, as judged by the Mayor of Cambridge, was Clare Wilson. Well done.

This time of year is seed potato time so hopefully you have been chitting them ready, asparagus beds need to be weed free, snowdrops can be moved (after they have finished flowering) and you can be getting on with your tomato, cucumber, peppers and courgette plants. Roses and fruit bushes can be planted and the lawn can have that first cut.

Enjoy your gardening! See you soon.

From all at Darwin.

A letter to the Editor from...

Mrs Eleanor Hewitt (nee Wolfe)
Bembridge
Isle of Wight

Dear Bill,

I was sorting through drawers in preparation for selling my home, and moving in with my granddaughter and her family. And found one or two books on Quoy I have collected over the years and thought I would give my memories.

I was born nearly 75 years ago in what we knew as the old Wheatsheaf with two older sisters and two older brothers. I was over 2 years old by the time we moved into the New Wheatsheaf and for years you could see the remnants of the Cottage's front steps embedded in the Car Park and pavement. The pub was a Wells and Winches pub (a brewery from Bedford). The new house was wired for electricity, but lit by paraffin lamps and heated by open fires in the public rooms and a large solid fuel range for our private use. I think electricity only came to the village in about 1953.

We were lucky to have a bathroom and toilet inside the house, with hot and cold running water which was serviced by a well. The rule of the house was that everyone had to pump 20 pumps before leaving the house, so that the public didn't run out in their outside toilets. Many times I was called back from playing with my friends because I had "forgotten" to do my turn.

The Plantation ran from our house right down to the school playground, serviced by a path with a ditch running alongside, just wide enough to practice jumping without getting your feet wet (hopefully), and halfway down was an iron seat which you would often find me sitting on, waiting for Ruth Brigham to go to school with, until she was moved to a school in Cambridge. Mrs Hunt was the reception Class teacher (called the Little Room for children 4yrs old

to 8) and what a lovely kind lady she was. Mrs Wilson was the head teacher , and she ruled strictly over the "Big room" (for children 8 yrs to 11). She would often call me in to see my brother Peter struggling over a problem.

I was the first of my family not to go to Grammer School, so Bottisham College for me. We were all given bicycles and were supposed to all go at the same time down Lode road, but my job before school was to collect milk from Fison's farm for one or two people in Orchard Street and my aunt Sarah and Lois, so I was usually racing up Albert Rd to the Newmarket Rd, hoping all the teachers had gone past; often they hadn't and I was always in trouble because the Top Road (Newmarket Rd) was forbidden for us to cycle on. Twice I was caned for it.

The Wheatsheaf had an enormous cellar, handy in the build up to the expected German Invasion (that thankfully never happened). We had part of the village's emergency rations down there i.e. sugar, flour, dried eggs, etc. The containers were enormous and had to be counted and inspected on a regular basis (in case we used them I suppose).

Doggetts Field next to Jim Watt's house (where Herrings Close now stands) had an unexploded bomb, and one day we all went home early from school and the M.O.D. came to fire it. We all had to leave our windows open. Gosh what a bang! There were 2 or 3 bomb holes in Browns field down by the river and in the Winter we used to skate and slide on them- they made excellent ice rinks, as did the Broad water – (no health and safety rules) but we did take care of each other.

The Village hall was the hub of the Village (not the village hall we have now, that was the school. The old Village hall stood by the Cross roads where Quy Court is now ed). We had film shows, Laurel and Hardy – Roy Rogers amongst others, and there were nights of Country and Scottish dancing – but best of all was the Old Time Dancing - sometimes going by coach to the Corn Exchange to really big dressed up dances.

During the summer there were always coaches going to the seaside, but I was lucky - I often went with my friend June, whose dad owned a car (one of very few in the village). There was always something going on and we were never bored.

Once or twice a year a travelling horse drawn religious caravan came to the vicarage paddock, and Jenifer (Minter) and Julia (Hamlyn) and I used to ride the horse up and down the paddock.

The RAF was stationed in Quy Park and gave us youngsters a lovely party for both VE and VJ days. I still have the two books that I received as presents. When all the soldiers left we had a contingent of Land Army girls in the camp, and the Wheatsheaf became a refuge for lost American Servicemen when the girls had to be in early, and the Lakenheath and Mildenhall busses didn't leave until midnight. There were often "surprise" packages left for us youngsters (by then I had two younger sisters and one younger brother), and something "special" for mum because she was always leaving coffee and something to eat for them, my older sisters were all hoping for nylon stockings which were unavailable in England.

The old Burwell & District bus drivers were excellent, and if certain regular passengers or pupils weren't at the bus stop they would toot and wait awhile—they wouldn't do that now!!

The Park was a wonderful place, once all the service people had gone and all the new people moved in – lots of new friends to make and meet under the old Walnut tree that was by the bowling green. There was also a pond, good for catching tiddlers and frog spawn, and the picnics we had. I was pleased to see in one of Bill's write ups about the bunch of violets down the Avenue. There was a big lot of white violets in Doggetts field, but they all went when Herrings Close was built. I was also pleased that Primrose walk was still full of Aconites and snowdrops, but to me, the best field was over the iron bridge to the left where first cowslips made it a field of yellow, followed by a field of white dog daisies, then coming up the Avenue we would look for Marelles (a type of mushroom) that our mum was partial to, and I would hope that Dickie Noble would be bringing his Suffolk Punch in so that I could have a ride. At Brown's farm I always wanted to be the

one to lead the horse from shock to shock to bring the corn sheaves in, and joy of joys then to feed the baby calves by hand.

We used to have wonderful days at Quy Hall, particularly for May Day. We would practice for weeks in the school playground to get it right and then on the day to dance the Maypole was really exciting with all the village watching. I don't ever remember it raining all the years we did it.

By the time we were teenagers we found swimming in the river not quite so exciting, so we used to go down the Cut in Quy Fen. I didn't really enjoy it as I was nervous of the "long Pike" that swam there, and I never found out if this was a ploy by my elder brothers to keep me out. But what I used to do was pick a bunch of wild flowers to put on the grave of that poor man who was killed by lightning.

When food was still rationed dad had an allotment up the Top Road, so we always had plenty of fruit and veg, and in the back yard we bred rabbits and geese. I will never forget coming down in the mornings for breakfast with bread straight out of the oven and a pan of eggs on the stove, pigeon, rook, pheasant, moorhen- anything that the boys could collect without getting in trouble with the game keepers- we wouldn't eat them now would we?

I was in Quy at the time of the Queen's Coronation- what a procession we put on, with several of Sam Fison's tractor and trailers all decked out with streamers, taking the village Queen and Princess down to Quy Hall. The Quy Waters crowd were all there on one of Charlie Barker's tractor and trailers. The procession started on Church green with decorated bikes, prams, horses anything that the people wanted to include. At Quy Hall we had a lovely party and games.

I left Quy in 1957 to get married and have a family and we ended up here on the Isle of Wight - in many ways similar to my home village- where everyone knows everyone, help is always at hand if needed and the church is very central to everything. Whenever I am in the area, to visit family graves, we usually end up having lunch at the Wheatsheaf, and my dear friend, Jane, is still in touch having lived all her life in Quy.

Life moves on and gets faster and faster- but it is fun looking back sometimes. My grand children love to hear my stories.
Good luck to all at Stow-cum-Quy; I hope you get your speed limit soon.

Yours Sincerely

Eleanor Hewitt (nee Wolfe)

Cambridge Baby Sensory...

...are coming to our Village Hall from April. Baby Sensory classes are very new to Cambridgeshire and we are lucky enough to have them on our doorstep!

The classes have been specifically designed from birth to 13 months by Dr Lin Day and offer a world of discovery and fun for babies including; baby massage, singing, signing and light shows to name but a few.

The classes run on Monday's 10am and 11.15am. As a resident of Quy we have managed to get you a discount code as an Introductory Offer. To help with the cost of your first 10 sessions – please use the code QUY48 and the cost to you will be £56 (usually £70).

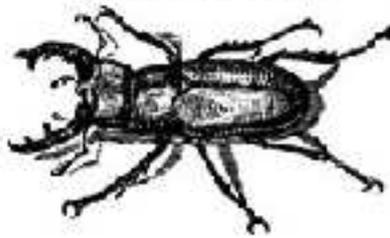
The classes are very popular and you must book in advance to save disappointment. Please contact Juliette on 07966 789785 or email cambridge@babysensory.co.uk or for more information www.babysensory.com and search Cambridge.

Upcoming Events in Quy

Bingo/ Beetle Drive

Friday 27th March

Village Hall 7.00 pm



Entrance £1

Bring your own drinks

Easter Bunny Hunt

Saturday 23rd March



Meet at Avenue 2.15 pm

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A Recipe from Tennie

Beetroot bread

The beetroot in this bread not only gives it a lovely colour but also a slightly sweet flavour and delightful consistency.

Ingredients

170 ml water
225 g raw grated beetroot
3 chopped spring onions
500 g strong white flour
25 g butter
10 ml salt
5 ml sugar
5 ml dried yeast.



Beetroot bread is easy to make and very tasty

As I do it in the bread maker I put the ingredients into the bread maker according to its instructions (the order varies between models from water first to yeast first).

Method

If I were to make this by hand, I would mix all the ingredients, knead thoroughly for at least 10 minutes and leave the dough to rest for an hour or so until it has doubled in size. Knead briefly and put the dough into a bread tin or in a round shape. Leave for another half an hour. Put into a pre-heated oven (220 °C) for about 350 minutes. Caraway seeds are nice in this too...

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre

The 2013 production of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Ruddigore' or 'The Witch's Curse' will be staged at the 'Theatre in a Barn', Downing Farm, Station Road, Swaffham Bulbeck on four evenings in June and a Saturday matinee.

A short synopsis...

The opera begins among a patchwork of intrigue and unrequited love in the Cornish fishing village of Rederring, where a team of professional bridesmaids has been out of work for six months. A shy baronet disguised as Robin Oakapple has escaped the clutches of an ancient curse upon his lineage and is in love with village maiden Rose Maybud who loves him too but is wedded to her little book of etiquette.

The status quo is interrupted by the arrival of Robin's brash seafaring foster-brother Richard Dauntless and then Sir Despard Murgatroyd, the incumbent bad baronet of Ruddigore who must commit a crime a day to fulfil the terms of the curse. He in turn is pursued by Mad Margaret who has been driven crazy by her love for him. Eventually Robin's deceit is exposed and he is confronted by the ghosts of his ancestors who, in an atmospheric scene, descend from their picture gallery to threaten him with agonies if he does not accede properly to the baronetcy and comply with the terms of the curse.

This tangle is eventually resolved in true Gilbertian style to everyone's satisfaction and although not regarded as one of the most popular, this opera has some of Sullivan's best music and is considered to be a favourite by many Gilbert and Sullivan afficianados.

Performances:

Wednesday 12 June - Saturday 15th June at 7:30pm.

Matinee on Saturday 15th June at 2:30pm.

Details from kari.karolia@gmail.com or on 01638 745490

Lode Chapel

This month, I've asked Keith Morrison, who is a member of the RE:NEW leadership team, to share his story with you....

I grew up in North London and attended a church primary school. My Godmother was a Sunday school teacher at a nearby church, and I think that due to her prompting and faithfulness in prayer I went along. At the age of 8 I went to a preparatory boarding school in Kent for 3 years, and as much as I disliked being there it was there that I understood the gospel, that Jesus had made it possible for me to have a relationship with God.

The following year I came back to North London, and started secondary school. Whilst there the London City Mission came to the school and by the time they left I realised that I needed to do more than just understand the gospel, I needed to do something about it: So I made a commitment to serve God and did so by asking him to lead me by his spirit as I sought to live by the example of Jesus. Living by his example is the challenge a Christian faces every day, through success and failure, through good times and bad.

I felt called to ordained ministry in the Church of England in 1996 and during that discernment process my first wife was killed in a road accident. These were testing times, but I learned from that whole painful experience that God was with me in my suffering and not the cause of it. I studied theology and was ordained in 2001. I met Joy when I was a curate in Ipswich where we were also married in 2003. We have two children William (7) and Libby (4).

These experiences and many others have made me the person I am, and that maybe partly why I felt led to be a Hospital chaplain and now a Chaplain at Arthur Rank House Hospice here in Cambridge. I have learnt that even in the darkest of times Christ's light can enter in, and that we are not alone. I try with God's help to live as a witness to that truth.

Services in March

Sun 3rd Mar, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 10th Mar, 10.30am – Mothers' Day RE:NEW Café & Kids Club (School)

Sun 10th Mar, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Lode Chapel)

Sun 17th Mar, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 17th Mar, 5.30pm – Contemplative Service (Lode Chapel)

Sun 24th Mar, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 24th Mar, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

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QUY PROFILE

Name: Sakshi Zala

Age: 5 yrs

Where do you live? 1 Albert Road,
Stow-cum-Quy

What school do you go to? I go to
Bottisham Primary School in reception.

**What's your favourite food and
drink?** McDonald's kids meal with
strawberry milk shake!!!! (Can eat it every
day for years)

**Do you have any pets (names please
if you do)?** We have 2 turtles, 1 hamster
and a lovely looking dog. Our terrapins
are called Tyla and Tubby, the hamster is
called Raxy and our dog is called Bonny. I love them a lot.

**If you could have dinner with one famous person, who would
it be and why?** Salman khan (Bollywood actor), because he is the
only handsome actor in the world.

What has been the best day of your life? My birthday.

When you are not at school what do you like to do? I like to
watch cartoon movies, play games on my tablet and now I love to play
with Bonny.

**Do you play any musical instruments, if not what would you
like to play?** I have just started learning my piano, hopefully I will get
better soon.

What's your favourite thing about living in Quy? Lots of open
fields and specially our big garden. Can't wait for summer!!!!

What is the best place you have ever visited and why? Ice
skating in front of London eye. I love to skate and that was on ice just
loved it.

What words of wisdom can you give the readers..... Eat more
chocolates because chocolates make you healthier and stronger.



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News from St Mary's

Christingle Sun Dec 2nd

A service when all the children were introduced to the theme of worship around the world. Oranges were given out along with cocktail sticks and small sweets. These were affixed to the orange and handed round for all to see.



Carol Service 3.00pm Dec 23rd.

It was lovely to see the church packed out for this year's Carol Service. A big thanks to all the ladies who had decorated the church. The amount of flowers was amazing and the whole church looked beautiful and the congregation sang lustily to all the well known Carols. All the readers this year were ladies. After the service the ladies had provided tea and cakes for all.

Crib Service Dec 24th

Tony Bevens played the organ for this service, whilst Mike Hatley and Avril Bevens officiated, All the children were given characters from the nativity and they were asked, in turn, to place the figurines into the stable. Chloe and Oliver, two of Maureen's grand children, were pleased to ring the bells and take the collection.

Church Lectern

When Mike carried out a small repair to the lectern he found this inscription on it. " In Affectionate Remembrance of Sarah Francis of Quy Hall, who died February 2nd 1897. The gift of a grateful parish and loving Friends."

Mrs Sarah Francis was the wife of Clement Francis, and would have been Ellen Francis' (who now lives at Quy Hall) Great Great Grandmother, I believe.

Pancake party service Feb 10th

Pancakes, soft drinks and tea and coffee were enjoyed by those who attended. After a short service a pancake race was won by Rosie and Ellie White.

Winter Fayre Sat Feb 16th

We were pleased to see so many people come along to buy and sell items. £473 was raised for the Church.

Easter

Your help to decorate the church for Easter will be much appreciated from 9.30am on Saturday March 30th.

Sunday March 10th Mothering Day Service 10.30am

Tony Bevins will be leading this family service to which you will all be very welcome. During the service children will give bunches of spring flowers to mums and grannies.

Maundy Thursday Service 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Quy Village Hall. This will be a social communion service to celebrate Maundy Thursday. There will be some wine and refreshments round a circle of friends. Please come along, you don't need to have been confirmed to take an active part in what we hope will be a jolly atmosphere. The service will be advertised through the whole benefice.

Electoral Roll for Quy PCC.

Every six years the PCC Electoral Roll has to be rewritten. If you are on the present roll we must ask you to re-apply to be on the new roll. Application forms will come through your door shortly. If you are not on the Roll and would like to apply there will be forms available in the Church porch and in the shop. Applications must be in by March 25th please.

Wednesday April 17th Church Vestry meeting and Annual PCC Meeting.

Please come to our Annual meeting , where you can have your say about church matters. The meeting will be in the Village Hall Hut at 7.30pm.

Quy Church Fete July 13th Bill's Orchard

Now is the time to put this date in your diary!! Much of the day to day expenses for running the church rely on a good profit from the fete. Please support it all you can as well as coming along for the enjoyment. Graham and Maureen will again be organising and look forward to as much help as they can get. The afternoon events will be followed by the 'It's a knock-out' type games and sports.

Coffee Mornings

You are welcome to the coffee mornings held every Tuesday Morning from 10.30am to noon in the Village Hall Annex. Come and join us to meet up with friends, make new friends and enjoy a chat with a cup of coffee/tea and biscuits.

Colin Lowe

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(November, December, January)		
Station Road		
	2011	2012
November	35.50mm	69.75mm
December	49.00mm	99.75mm
	2012	2013
January	44.00mm	48.50mm
Totals	2011	385.25mm
	2012	809.25mm



QUY PROFILE

Name Scarlet Watts

Age 7

Where do you live? in Orchard Street

What school do you go to? Bottisham primary school and I like handwriting best

What's your favourite food and drink? Food is hot dogs and drink is lemonade

Do you have any hobbies? My hobbies are Beavers and swimming

What book have you enjoyed reading recently, why? 'The owl who was afraid of the dark' (by Jill Tomlinson) because he kept going around asking people what they thought of the dark and it was funny.

What's your favourite song? 12 days of Christmas by Eddie Stobart.

If you won the lottery what would you do? I would build a swimming pool in the garden

Where did you go on your last holiday? Lapland

Do you have any pets? I have no pets but Grandad has chickens, pigs, cows and sheep and I help.

What's your favourite Easter Egg and why? Dairy milk because it has the best chocolate

Why do you enjoy living in Quy? I like living in Quy because we have a big field to play in with lots of animals



SERVICES FOR ST MARY'S
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(Services at St Mary's unless otherwise stated.)

March

Sunday 24th	10:00am	Benefice Communion Bottisham
Thursday 28th	5:00pm	Maundy Thursday (Quy Village Hall)
Sunday 31st	9:30am	Easter Sunday Service

April

Sunday 7th	9:30am	Morning Service
Sunday 14th	9:30am	Morning Service
Sunday 21st	9:30am	Morning Service
Sunday 28th	10:00am	Benefice Communion Lode

May

Sunday 5th	10:30am	Rogation Service (Bill's Barn)
Sunday 12th	9:30am	Morning Service
Sunday 19th	9:30am	Morning Service
Sunday 26th	10:00am	Benefice Communion Swaffam Bulbeck

June

Sunday 2nd	9:30am	Morning Service
Sunday 9th	9:30am	Morning Service
Sunday 16th	9:30am	Morning Service
Sunday 30th	10:00am	Benefice Communion Quy