



# SPRING 2015



Hello everyone,

It's been a good winter, hasn't it? There have been some cold days and some hard frosts but it hasn't been the really hard winter everyone was predicting. I've still got a quarter of a tank of oil left and I've only had the one delivery.

I think everyone had a successful shooting season - so it's time to keep your eye in by shooting some clays during the spring and summer.

Orchard Street has been abuzz with activity over the last week as the Devereux's moved out of Number 11 to go to Wilbraham and Matt and Jo Eaton moved in. That's going to shake up the teams for the Inter-Street Quiz.

The wagtails are in evidence once again. Ever since I've been here there has been a pair around my house. They used to nest in the ivy on my wall until I cut it back. I'm sure this year's pair are several generations down from the original pair but they obviously still see this as home. It's a sure sign that spring is just around the corner.

I had always thought that they were a migratory species, but I've just done a little bit of research and discovered that they are entirely indigenous. So where they go in the winter I don't know, but I never see them. There's obviously a wagtail over-wintering hotel somewhere.

Have a happy spring

Nigel

**CLOSING DATE FOR THE NEXT JACKDAW CHATTER  
IS THE LAST MONDAY IN MAY**

## Bill's Bit

Well together another winter gone, we hope, and ein't that been a mild one again, hardly any frosts and about one flake of snow. I shall soon begin to believe in this global warming bit but I still think it is natural, not 'cos we all drive cars and cows fart a lot more. They reckon all the effort mankind makes all over the world to cut down emissions all goes out of the window in about five minutes when there is a volcano eruption.

Colin tells me we ein't had nothing colder than -4 (that's 25° in proper degrees) so far. I know that ein't too late for some rough weather, but we can look ahead a bit now. Spring is only round the corner. You look at all the ends of the branches - there's tiny leaf buds just showing, pull the end back a bit and there's a whole bunch of tiny white what will be leaves, just busting to get out. I look across the Orchard at the grass and I'm sure that's just a tiny bit greener than that dull old grey green what that's been all winter. I tell you what, the best white I like to see this time of year is them there snowdrops round Quy Hall, and don't they look a treat again this year. You look in that little meadow where there is a grut old beech tree and for about 100 yds all round its feet that's covered with snowdrops and aconites. The churchyard is alive with them this year. We put some near Peg's grave and I'll bet she's appreciating them now.

Ein't that good that the ladies have started snowdrop picking again to sell for village charities. Well done Gilly for reviving this old tradition, and thank you Ellen for letting it happen. They tell me Mal, Viv, Joan and Linda pick down there regular. I'll bet they don't have to wrap up too warm 'cos I'm sure there's plenty of hot air going round as they chat while they pick. I'll bet Eileen Taylor is looking down feeling rare pleased that you have started picking them again 'cos she organised it for lots of years.

While we ein't had much rough weather that has been tidy wet, and all the land is a bit boggy. That'll soon dry out and we shall be able to get on the old gardens again. I've only got a few leeks to dig out in

mine, so I shan't get very muddy. The farmers have all got their beet out fairly easy though with all the modern four wheel drive tackle. Years ago we would have been getting tractors stuck every day in a wet old year like this. That used to be quite good fun! I do like this latest innovation of stacking the beet in a long row just inside the hedge. Have you seen that grut big machine what comes along and puts them over the hedge onto lorries on the road outside. That's got to be good for keeping mud off the roads, and they won't have to lay down these here ugly concrete pads like they used to. Talk about shift some beet in a day. I just remember when a lorry would come early in the morning and it took till dinner to fill it up using beet forks and chucking all the beet over the sides. This year they tell me 19 big artic lorries went down Station Road eight o'clock time and they had all been filled and gone by 11 o'clock. I see Paul has been round cutting a lot of hedges again. I reckon he makes a good job of that, you might see a few broken bits, but come May they'll all be out a treat. Well I've got my sheep home again for lambing and the whole flock (all 7 of them) look well in lamb. I hope I shall have some by the time you read this, but ein't that lovely to see a big flock of sheep in Quy Common. I don't reckon there has been sheep in there for about 50 years since my old dad was shepherding. I reckon they belong to young James Hempsted, Freydis's grandson, who lives in Church Road. I suppose they are all in lamb, and won't that be a lovely sight if we see 100 or more lambs jumping and skipping about down there. Well done James, that takes a bit of doing to get started in farming with all these here large farming empires about. You might know that Matt and Jo have now moved up to the posh end in Orchard St. As winners of the inter street quiz last year we hetta ask them a few quiz questions first to make sure they were eligible to come and live up here. They passed with flying colours, so look out all you other streets. I think Matt, as a first time prospective dad, is getting a bit anxious about the birthing bit. Don't worry Matt, that's the

middle of lambing time so expert help is close at hand from either me or young James.

Apparently Geoff and Sue were having a bit of trouble in bed (no not like that). Their noses were nearly touching the ceiling so Geoff decided to unload some of the money from under the mattress. He took a load of twenty's down the pub but when he went to pay with one Gerry told him it was years out of date and not legal tender. Geoff had to go to the bank to cash some in. I hope he thought it might be a good idea to spend some of it on a thinner mattress!

Don't forget to go to the Steam Rally when that's on in the Park this summer. Joan Froment tore me off a strip for not mentioning it last year, so I'd better get in her good books now. Put the dates in your diary 25th and 26th July.

Sad to say Eric Keighley died a week or two ago. Him and Jane have lived in Orchard St for 34 years and joined in most village events. He was a regular member of the Saturday dinnertime discussion groups in the Swan right up till a few days before he died. I won't say we always agreed with one another, but we were quite happy to agree to disagree and I did enjoy his company. He will certainly be missed. I spoke last time about this here new faster broadband. Well that ain't all that's cracked up to be. I went on it a few weeks ago, and I've had no end of trouble. Sometimes I can't get service for hours at a time, then that will go off when you're looking for things on the net. That has seemed a bit better this last week, and I see BT have been digging the cables up by the church. In any case that ain't much faster. I can now get 7Mbs, whereas before I could only get 1.5Mbs. That sounds a big improvement but that don't seem to be much, especially when they talk about 30 or 40 Mbs? I know Don Fleet is also having a lot of trouble and can't get more than 5Mbs. He has had BT out lots of times and they tell him it is the cable from the Prince Albert round to the church where the trouble is. I've heard it said they can get 22Mbs in Vicarage meadow.

Paul Currington tells me we've had a pair of red Kites about round the Norrisses for several weeks. They were about this time last year, but didn't nest here. He reckons the old buzzards frightened them off, but let's hope for better luck this year. He also tells me there are loads of English Partridges about here and down Wilbraham Fen. He says he'd seen many birds pairing off just before Christmas. That's usually about February afore they start. They've left a lot of French Partridges over Wilbraham way, but they don't seem to breed too well naturally, and any way the buzzards get most of their young chicks. They've also left a tidy lot of pheasants around the woods with plenty of White ones. The Reeves pheasants don't seem to be increasing down Anglesey Abbey way. This winter he had a new part time keeper around Quy woods, young Piercy (don't know his other name) but he lives where Bernie flack used to live. You'll know where I mean 'cos there is always a pile of mud on the road outside his house off his truck. He's really a plumber by trade, but very keen on birds and the shooting scene. He has done a grand job so Paul says and certainly the birds flew well and looked in good fettle.

Piercy was telling me in the Pub about some of the different pheasants he wants to have a go at rearing this year. Ein't that nice to be young, keen, and so much enjoying what you do.

We ein't seen hardly any woodcock this year. Only two in the whole year's bag. Probably that was mild in Scandinavia in November and they decided to stay there rather than migrate to England.

It is always so nice to see Roe deer about the fields. We normally see five or six on shoot days, laying in one of them fields over by the Pink house. Paul tells me they counted 26 on one evening last autumn, with several young at foot. We still see a load of muntjac deer round the woods, they don't half look cute when they scuttle along like a little old pig, but they do a lot of damage to the trees.

Funny old do about the rabbits this year I am told that there is only half the numbers some places. One place where they had 80 on a

drive last year they only got 10 this year. Paul says he's been told that's a lung disease they have caught, like pneumonia (and there was me thinking what a good job the wire I put round my field had done). Now when you think about it we have heard of lots more cases of pneumonia in people this winter, dunno if there is a tie up!

Beaters day this year was another enjoyable day. Once again I took my old gun out of the case for its once a year airing, but I think that must be getting a bit old; I had about 8 shots and it didn't hit a thing all day. Well I did get a tidy handful of feathers out of an old magpie quite high up, but that just turned sharp and skedaddled across the sky. With a bit of luck I damaged its breeding parts, 'cos we don't want too many more of them about. What with them and the buzzards they are decimating the small bird population around the woods. I know they trap quite a lot of magpies here in the season, but when will the "experts" allow someone to thin the old buzzards out a bit, before it is too late for all the small birds we love to see.

For beaters day they split into two groups. One group went to Wilbraham, and the other group stayed round Quy. The Wilbraham group had all the booze on their trailer, and didn't we know it when the groups joined up for the last drive in Crickles. Debby was well merry and couldn't stop laughing (good job she weren't shooting). The Quy gang went down Anglesey way first, then to the Oaks at the end of Long ground, before doing Allicky and Quy Fen. Not so many birds about as last year, but I think it was just on the day 'cos there are still a tidy few keep making their way up from the woods to the Orchard. I couldn't go to the beater's meal this year 'cos we all hetta go to Hector, my grandson's 4th birthday tea but I am told the beaters meal was a good do. Several pints and ports did the rounds. Brian Windybanks won the beater of the year award and young Alfie the youngster's award. Matt Rand won shot of the day. He is normally a pretty good shot, but apparently with only his 28 bore gun he took down a very high and fast Partridge. Poor old Chris Butler was ill in bed and missed the beaters day, but Ed made up for it. Ed kindly took a few lagers home for his dad (mind you he drank them first as the

easiest way to carry them) and he didn't feel too good the next day. Paul reported a very good season with the Partridge numbers up on last season and the pheasants only slightly lower. All the guns from both syndicates turned out for the day and Sean thanked them for the season, saying how much we, the beaters had enjoyed it. In their turn the guns said they were well satisfied and would all be back next year - even Trevor "YoYo" Lindsey who can't quite make up his mind yet whether to stay or quit.

Paul Currington was in his element on the day, and it is so nice to see his recovery from the nasty man's complaint he had Christmas time. However I am told he has to cut down on the amount of liquor he drinks. A member of his family sent a plea that when you see him on his tenth pint of guinness please don't buy him any more!

Anyway Paul thank you for running such a good shoot and I do hope that me and Jasper will be there brushing at Quy again next year. Well sorry I ein't got a lot of village gossip this time. I'm gonna blame my reporters, when I ask them they tell me they can't remember anything what's happened, so I'll shut up now and let you all read the best bits of this magazine.

See you at the inter street bowls match on April 30th. Orchard St must do better this year 'cos we were last, last year.

Cheers Bill Watts



Quy  
Carpet  
Bowls

**Inter street Bowls Match**  
**All Welcome**

**Practice night**  
**Thurs April 23rd 7.30pm**  
**"THE MATCH"**  
**Thurs April 30th 7.30pm**  
**Come along and join in or**  
**watch your team compete**  
**for a magnificent trophy**

**Quy Fete Sat July 18th**  
**2.00pm in The Orchard**

**4.30pm**  
**Water Sports**  
**Bar & BBQ**  
**All Day**



## **A bit of local history**

This piece is a short extract from Peggy Day's book, 'Life in Quy'.

### **Non-resident Squire and Vicar**

William Martin, of the banking family, bought Quy estate from the Whichcotes in the early 1720s but he died soon afterwards and his son Thomas, who inherited, sold it to his brother James for £11,500 in 1726. The house Quy Hall was leased out until James retired in 1741 and became an unopposed MP but died, aged 50 in 1744. Once again the Hall was let, mostly to rich retired people who enjoyed the shooting, until shortly before 1820 when Thomas Martin, the black sheep of the family, was virtually banished to Quy with his second wife who was younger than either of his daughters. Their son, James, was only 15 when he inherited the estate in 1821, but his grandfather, John Angier Payne, farmed at the nearby Hall Farm. It was only after 1830 that James Martin took any active interest in Quy. Not only did Quy have an absentee or inactive squire, but also no resident Vicar.

Rev. Thomas Harrison, a Cambridge professor, who had been vicar for ten years, died of smallpox in 1753 aged 36 and is buried in a tomb near the path, now almost covered with a rosebush, in Quy churchyard. There was a succession of eight vicars from the University between 1753 and 1789. Rev. James Hicks of Wilbraham Temple was the incumbent from 1789 to 1825 when the Rev. Edward Ventris became vicar though he continued to live in Cambridge.

Apart from the Sunday service, none of these are likely to have been familiar figures around the village or available to give help during the week.

Thus it was that the local farmers acted as the overseers, surveyors and churchwardens.

## **QVA Report**

There were two successful days Carol Singing which were well supported by adults and children. An apology is due to part of Station Road which was not covered due to lack of time, steps will be taken to remedy this in future. A total of £280 was collected and split equally between EACH and the Childrens Society. The Ceilidh was on February 28th; there is a report later in the magazine. The next event is the Beetle and Bingo on 20th March at 6:30. There will be a bunny hunt around Quy Park on 4th April from 2:00 til 4:00pm. These will be advertised nearer the time. During July there will be the Church Fete, 18th July and various Rounders matches. I have included an updated version of the Quy welcome letter which you may find useful for reference.

As always we are happy to admit new members to the QVA or just the occasional volunteer. Also, any ideas on new things you would like us to consider are most welcome, please speak to any member of the committee or email ideas to me.

Due to some printing problems in the past we are trying out a printer based in Burwell for this issue.

Ray Jakes

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## **Eric Keighley**

I would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the many kind expressions of sympathy following the sudden loss of Eric. Such lovely cards, flowers (and hugs) have been a great comfort to myself and Marcus.

Jane

## Jackdaw Club

### Annual Dinner

This year the hall was decorated in a gold and black theme, with tables decorated with balloons, and napkins in the two colours. All 12 tables had been sponsored by local businesses with the names of these listed on the back of the menu cards. Several also donated raffle prizes.

This year's menu was:-

Homemade Butternut Squash Soup

Beef Bourguignon or a Vegetarian Option, Roast Potatoes and Veg

Raspberry Granny Mousse

Cheese & Biscuits

Tea, coffee and chocolates were also served before the entertainment

- 'Take 2' again took to the stage and soon had feet tapping and shoulders bobbing. During the interval the raffle was drawn with almost 30 prizes spread well around the room.

Geoff once again thanked the kitchen team and waiters and once the entertainment started up again soon had people up dancing. The evening finished with a large percentage of people on the dance floor at just after 10.30 and many people stayed on to have a natter with some helping to clear up and do the final bits of washing up.

I hope you all had an enjoyable evening. In addition to my thanks to all those that helped on the day and evening, I would like to again thank the many local businesses.

Tables were sponsored by CKLG Accountants; H Austwick Lead & Copper Roofing; Scruffs Hairdressers; Stuart Darling Ltd, Quay Stores, The White Swan, Objective Imaging, Beacon Planning, Quay Mill and 2 anonymous donors. Prizes for the raffle were all donated; with again local businesses contributing. Abbey Tyres; Anglesey Abbey; Scotsdales; Quay Mill and Tesco with many other personal donations.

The support of these people/businesses helped raise £500 to the cost of the event. Many many thanks to you all. Please let me know if you are over 60, and would like, but did not get an invite. I can add you to my list for our next event. Invites for this year's outing should be with you shortly if you have not already received one.

Christmas Bazaar  
Saturday December 6th

The Christmas bazaar saw a mixture of old and new stalls giving a festive twist to the event.

The card stall made a reappearance with Christmas cards hot favourites with those still needing just a few extras and wrapping paper for the parcels still to be wrapped.

Steve had a 'Water or Wine' stall with participants having to guess if the bag contained a bottle containing water or wine. If you picked the wine it was yours to keep – if you picked the water sadly no prize for you! This proved to be a popular stall and one I'm sure we'll try again. Jewellery was also available for those still looking for Christmas gifts, each item purchased was placed in a free gift bag by Auntie Mal; Mum had again made a Christmas cake and her and dad circulated the hall asking people to 'guess the weight'. Richard Cox was the winner. Well Done Richard hope you enjoyed it.

Karen was soon wrapping up cakes on the cake stall, we try to introduce new varieties each time and everything always goes. The plant stall had a few plants for home and garden but Pam and Mick had again been busy making their festive table decorations and door wreathes and these soon sold out. Joan was as always kept busy on Bric-a-Brac and books whilst Helen and Kath were again busy in the kitchen serving drinks, cakes, hot sausage rolls and warm mince pies. Linda had a table weighted down with raffle prizes, Alice, Shirley and Brian were all needed to run the bottle stall, both stalls always crowd

pullers. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes for both stalls. The event raised over £400 our best yet. So thank you to all the helpers and to everyone that attended.

The next coffee morning is on Saturday 30th May when everybody is welcome.  
Anne Moore

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## **MARCH BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

How many times have you tested your smoke alarm since the start of 2015? If the answer is zero, please go and do it now! We're asking residents to test their smoke alarms every month – mark it in your diary and make sure you press the button.

If you have young children, then why not devise a fun game to get them involved in testing the smoke alarms in the household? If you can't quite reach it, then use a broom handle to press the test button. Don't forget to also test the smoke alarms of those you love. If you have an elderly or vulnerable relative, friend or neighbour, pop by and make sure they have a working smoke alarm. If you think someone is vulnerable and could be at a higher risk if a fire broke out in their home, then please call us on 0800 917 9994 and we can provide advice and support.

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### **Murder Mystery**

We raised £120 from the Snowdrop Murder Mystery. Massive thanks to Simon and Nicky for all their hours of work on the plot and the timelines. Thanks also to Andy and Lorraine for all their hard work laying out the clues and clue sites. All the money goes to local good causes and is added to the Snowdrop campaign. If you want to know the whole story it's available from the White Swan for a £1.50 donation to the Snowdrop Campaign.

Gerry Skews

## **News from Neighbourhood Watch**

On Jan 23rd the window of an unattended VolvoXC90, parked in Station Road, was smashed and a handbag was stolen from the footwell on the passenger side. A similar incident happened at Six Mile Bottom a few weeks ago. During the last few weeks there have also been a number of burglaries in Little Shelford, Barrington and Fulbourn where vehicle keys have been the target and high powered cars such as Audis and Mercedes have been stolen.

Here are a few simple steps which may help you reduce your chances of becoming a victim of vehicle crime.

The sort of items stolen by thieves are easy to access and portable so never leave Sat Navs, handbags, tools, mobile phones, cash or laptops on display in your car.

Protect belongings with an easily identifiable mark, such as your postcode.

Register valuables with [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

Use security devices that make your vehicle more difficult and less appealing to steal from.

Try to park in a garage but if that is not an option, park in a well illuminated area.

Pay particular attention to vehicle security when parking at remote beauty spots.

Never keep car keys close to the entrance door to your house. Keep them concealed in a drawer and ideally take the keys to the bedroom at night.

Viv Fleet

## **News from Bottisham Patients' Group**

### The Red Bucket appeal

We have been raising money to buy a 24-hour blood pressure monitor (ABPM) for use in the Practice since Christmas. So far we've collected £627.01 in the red bucket. However, a very generous patient living in Bottisham has pledged to pay for the monitor outright, for which we and the doctors and nurses are extremely grateful. A particular ABPM has been identified after consulting Addenbrooke's Hospital and we hope it will soon be in use at the surgery. We are left with a considerable sum which can be used to purchase other equipment for the Practice. Whilst the Practice already has the necessary basic equipment to provide good medical care, additional medical equipment like the 24hr Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitor can assist the doctors, nurses and patients with diagnostic tests which otherwise require attendance at Addenbrooke's Hospital. The Practice is currently researching appropriate medical equipment which will further benefit patients. Watch this space and our noticeboard at the surgery for more details of how your money will be spent.

### Heart Start Session

Seventeen patients attended this session run by the British Heart Foundation on Saturday 7th February at Bottisham surgery. Admittance was free including refreshments, and everyone learned a great deal about how to deal with a life threatening situation should it occur to one of their family or friends. There was plenty of opportunity to practice the techniques as they were explained; you can see a number of photos of the session online at [www.bottishammedical-practice.nhs.uk/ppg.aspx](http://www.bottishammedical-practice.nhs.uk/ppg.aspx)

Bottisham Patients' Group Committee

## A Message from E-cops

Posting information on social media sites

Many of you will already be aware that criminals use the internet and social media sites to find out information about you, such as where you live what you like to do etc.

As a number of people are booking winter-sun and skiing holidays at this time of year, it is a concern that people are advertising on social media sites/ Facebook/ village media/ twitter etc. with the dates when they will be away and also some address details when looking for lift-sharing to major airports/ ports.

Please take care not to pass on personal details about yourself and advertise the fact that your property will be empty.

It is also recommended to have luggage labels showing your destination only when you leave, add or reveal the return address only when you are travelling back.

Rachel Carr  
Crime Reduction Officer

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## **News from Darwin Nurseries**

Spring is a wonderful time for us here at the Nurseries, as we begin to plan for the summer. One of the important jobs we do over the winter is to give the main greenhouse a thorough spring clean. This involved replacing the bubble-wrap we cover it with to provide additional heat inside and we disinfect it thoroughly.

We moved our pigs, Porky, Harry and Jack into the area of our permaculture beds; they help to prepare the area by chomping on the weeds and levelling the ground like little bulldozers. It was quite a feat to move them - you can't just pick them up and carry them! The only way to do it is to keep them on half rations for a few days and then lay a trail of food for them to follow in the direction of their new home.

We are already beginning to start preparing our bedding plants and some of our vegetables particularly tomatoes, aubergines and cucumbers. Now is the time to think about getting your seed potatoes, onion sets and garlic. We have loose onion sets so if you only have a small plot you can just buy a handful. We also have some broad bean plants in the bottle greenhouse.

We are now beginning to start taking orders for hanging baskets, not just new ones; you can bring in your old baskets and we will refill them and put them in the greenhouse to look after them until you are ready to put them out at home.

Now is the time of year to start feeding your lawn and repairing any patches, fertilizing your roses and planting summer bulbs. It's also a good time to start looking for diseases and pests so that you can control them at an early stage.

Finally, we are now on Facebook so take a look at what we are saying there. We hope you like it.

Have a happy springtime, from all at the Nurseries.

## **A message from E-cops**

Alert: watch out for new “number spoofing” scam

Fraudsters are using a new scam to make the people they are phoning believe they are speaking to a trusted organisation by fooling their phones into displaying any number they choose.

The scam, known as ‘number spoofing’, works by fraudsters cloning the telephone number of the organisation they want to impersonate and then make it appear on the victim’s caller ID display when they telephone them on a landline.

The fraudsters will then gain the person’s trust by highlighting the number to them, claiming that this is proof of their identity, before trying to scam them in various ways.

However, it’s not only individuals who are vulnerable to this type of fraud. The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau also warns that spoofing is used in Mandate Fraud. Emails and telephone numbers of genuine companies have been spoofed by fraudsters in order to fraudulently initiate transfers (for example, impersonating the company director to the same company’s accountant), or modify existing account details (impersonating a supplier with respect to a genuine invoice, or an employee with respect to pay).

Increasingly common

Financial Fraud Action UK’s intelligence unit who issued the alert said the scam has become increasingly common in recent weeks. Whilst the technology needed to spoof someone’s number has existed for years, only recently have criminals begun using it to defraud people. The advice to beat the scam is simple – never assume that someone is who they say they are just because their number matches that of an organisation you know. In fact, if someone tries to draw your attention to the number on your caller ID display, you should immediately become suspicious.

## New variation

This scam comes as a new variation on a type of telephone fraud, where fraudsters call people and pose as bank staff, police officers or other trusted organisations to persuade their victim to part with financial and personal details.

Once criminals have their victim's confidence they will try to extract information such as the victim's PIN, online passwords or other sensitive information which will then be used to steal from their bank account.

Read more on the Financial Fraud Action UK website.

Please note: Action Fraud is not responsible for the content on external websites.

To report a fraud and receive a police crime reference number, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or use our online fraud reporting tool.

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## Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre

We are proud to present Gilbert & Sullivan's 'The Gondoliers' in the wonderful 'Theatre in a Barn', Downing Farm, Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridge CB25 0NW, on:

- Wednesday 10 June 2015 at 7.30pm - £9
- Thursday 11 June 2015 at 7.30pm - £9
- Friday 12 June 2015 at 7.30pm - £10
- Saturday 13 June 2015 at 2.30pm (matinée) - £6 and

7.30pm - £10.

Tickets and further information are available via our website, [www.sbsummertheatre.com](http://www.sbsummertheatre.com) or by contacting Ruth Dennis on 01638 508171.

Please book the dates in your diaries. Although the dates are different to last year, the prices are still the same!

## The Ceilidh

Another night of great frivolity, foot stomping arches and willow stripping! As usual few tickets were sold beforehand but Jane, Viv and Tennie estimated well and produced a very good Ploughman's for the break. Kate sold raffle tickets and Jane and Nigel coped with all the people arriving for tickets on the door. Finally around 45 dancers enjoyed an excellent evening led by Wide Glide who specialise in Ceilidh music.

From my perspective behind the bar it appears chaotic to say the least, but everyone is laughing so much they don't notice any minor deviations from the caller's instructions. Thanks to all who helped and came to support us and particularly to Margaret who is the best washer-upper I know. Hope to see you all next year and even some buying tickets beforehand. Thanks to the shop for selling this year.

Ray

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## Snowdrop Charity

This year we revived the village tradition of picking and selling snowdrops. Thank you to everyone that joined in picking, bunching and selling. We had some great signs from James at Footprint Signs as well.

Thank you also to the White Swan for their donation from the Murder Mystery event. We have raised over £400.00 which is amazing. The money will go to village causes. We also had a lot of fun - so thank you everyone.



Gilly