

SUMMER 2013

Hello everyone,

Maybe, just maybe, summer has arrived at last. I have at least been able to feel more comfortable about getting out and preparing my vegetable plot. This year I'm growing beetroot, peppers, a variety of beans, lettuces and tomatoes. I'm hoping for some decent results. Talking of decent results...lately I've been having one of those techno-crises that we all suffer from time to time. For many years I have had a phone contract with Vodafone, however, when I updated my old mobile to a smartphone the signal in my house reverted to being non-existent; I was getting better reception in the middle of a field than I could get in my living room.

For a while I simply put up with it as a usual technology malfunction. Eventually I got fed up and went to the Vodafone shop in Cambridge to see if it might be possible to boost the signal in my house. "Yes it is," said the sales assistant and pointed me towards the Vodafone booster product that costs £100.00. After a nano-second of reflection I decided to go to another phone shop where it turns out they have a neat bit of kit that can analyse the mobile reception for all the different providers by postcode. It turns out that there is an aerial behind Geoff Hall's house that is perfect for O₂. And so it transpired. Having changed supplier I now get a perfect signal. This may be a useful piece of information to other villagers who have poor mobile reception. O₂ seems to give the best reception round these parts.

All the best.
Nigel

Bill's Bit

Well they reckon that's summer, together, but I ein't seen much sign of it yet, have you? That's still so bloomin' cold, you wouldn't reckon anything would grow, but all the trees are coming out nicely in leaf. Stow plantain looks so pretty with all these different shades of green busting out, and that's good that they have felled a few of them old rotten trees in there and took off a lot of the ivy. The old conker trees are a picture now with their candles all starting to bloom, but I can still see thro' the tree, as I look out of my window and most years that's such a mass of big strong leaves that you can't by the time the candles are out. Either that's that old fungus what conker trees had for a year or two or that's Nature trying so hard to catch up, so she don't quite finish one stage afore she starts the next. That's certainly true with the rape crops. You look round, them what are growing have gone to flower sometimes with the plant hardly out of the ground. At least we can now see some lovely yellow fields around the countryside but I don't know what sort of yield that will bring. I believe the corn crops are alright, but all late drilled which will reduce the yield. Poor old farmers again.

Anyway back a month or so. I had a rotten lambing this year, when anything what could go wrong did. I put six ewes to the tup and only had one ewe produce live lambs. She had three lambs and hardly any milk, so Jean had to bring two of them up on a bottle. Then one of them was going ever so well and suddenly died while the other, a cripple from birth, gradually got worse then died. So my score is one lamb from 6 ewes; yet running with my sheep, eating exactly the same grub and in the same pens were some ewes belonging to Alastair and he got 8 lambs from 4 ewes. Even then Jean had to bring up one of Alastair's lambs on the bottle with my two, and his is now as fit as a fiddle. I reckon someone up there is getting at me. Mind you I didn't have it as bad as a lot of people with sheep in all them frosts and deep snow drifts.

My sister Betty, on the isle of Man, reckoned they lost a tidy few on a farm near her and all the locals, her daughter's family included, had a day going round digging out sheep, and they hadn't seen snow before in the 6 or 7 years they had been on the Island.

Anyway onto brighter things. On April 15th Paul and Jamie the keeper saw six swallows darting about over the broadwaters. Early I reckon, but Barry Cox see them as well. On the same day Paul saw all the field fares still swooping about the fields. Now they are usually long gone by the time the swallows come. He also reports seven young guinea fowl running about Crickles, which must have hatched out late last autumn. Sadly if they sit on eggs the buzzards are nearly sure to get the young chicks. There are still around six pairs of these lovely looking, but so vicious birds that will soon be breeding again down Crickles area. There are also a load of Reeves pheasants left around the woods. Hopefully they will breed again and they are better able to hide away than the bright coloured Guinea fowl. The Marsh Harriers are still hunting around Wilbraham Fen and have decimated the small birds, especially the English Partridge. Paul was concerned that he saw a Harrier circling over Station Rd bridge recently, but we hope they are not widening their hunting territory. That's lovely to see all these big old birds of prey with their wide wings and soaring flight, but they couldn't half do with culling a bit, for the good of the smaller types of bird.

Mind you Paul says he has seen several Wheatears about up Wilbraham way and down by Spring Plantain, and he ein't noticed them in Quy before.

Have you heard the Cuckoo yet? Linda heard it on May 17th, but she was _ a second behind Johnny Chapman. They were together and he heard it Cuck---, but Linda didn't hear it till the ---koo. Lynne and Jasper were out riding Buster on April 25th when they heard it. Can anyone beat that? I thought praps I wouldn't hear it this year 'cos I am going away, but I went down to feed my calves about half seven yesterday, 25th, and he was hollering away at the bottom of the Orchard, so that pleased me.

How about the cygnets then? Didn't she do well bringing seven off on May 14th. A couple of day's later Paul reckoned she only had three up by Quy Mill, but Joan reckoned six. Seeing as they can't count very well down Station Rd, me and Jean took my grandson Hector for a walk and were able to follow the whole brood up Primrose walk. There were seven then on 21st and they looked so cute with some riding on mum's back while dad swam along behind looking so proud. They swam back to their nest across the Broadwater and all these little babies struggled out of the water and thro the reeds to sit with mum on her old nest, while dad swam back and forth to keep guard. There are at least two Herons' nests in Primrose Walk, Linda tells me, and she thinks probably eggs by now with birds sitting tight on them. She reckons they don't half kick up a racket down there, I don't know if the rest of the Herons are still in Crickles?

A theatre group have been rehearsing in the Village Hall and they volunteered to do a free dress rehearsal show in the Orchard free to villagers. There was a good crowd turned out and the children joined in the banter. They even got Paul and Richard to dress up as Mexicans much to the amusement of all us watching. One person who missed the show was Johnny Chapman. He had lost his hunting bird and needed to find it. It has a radio collar on so John could track it. He searched all over Quy and beyond and eventually tracked it down to the Catholic church in the middle of Cambridge. It wouldn't come to his lure so he had to get up at 3.00am next morning to be there when it woke up. I'll bet that's the earliest he's been to church and the longest he has stayed near one for a long while.

Two valuable dogs were pinched from the Pink House one night and then some more two days later. Cameras up there picked up some good photos, but the police wouldn't accept them. Then Paul Clarke saw some blokes with guns on Stow field, so he pinched the keys out of their car and called the police. Armed police came out, guns were found but still no prosecution. They even give them the guns back! In another instance cameras picked up a couple of vandals knocking

down Chris Butler's fences and gates down by Anglesey. Paul says it was quite clear who the vandals were, but still the police wouldn't do anything. In fact they got stroppy 'cos Paul had them on film. It even says in E cops "criminal damage to gate. No suspect has been identified, will monitor as on private property". The country is getting a right farce when the police have to be so politically correct they have to let vandals and burglars off, presumably so they don't tread on their human rights. I think they should tread on something a good deal tenderer than their rights when they catch them.

Paul reckons the old badgers are still thriving well, there is at least six well established setts in the village. They don't do much harm except to Hoover up a few ground birds' eggs. He is sure the Roe deer are doing alright, but you don't see many of them at the moment 'cos they are giving birth or looking after very young fawns. He saw one in the woods the other week, and thought it was in distress and then when he got to within a few feet of her he realised that she was giving birth, so he quietly went away. There was a young buck recently with a badly broken leg hobbling about. It was kindness to put it down, rather than let it suffer but they examined the carcass and there were no other wounds so it was unlikely that poachers had targeted it, just an unfortunate accident.

I am sure you will have seen that a large section of the Village Hall wall has been rebuilt. It was getting dangerous, and I think they have made a good job of the repair. When Richard and Brendan were taking down the old one they found a section with L Crisp carved into it. Obviously Ant Crisp, at some time in the past when he was doing a repair, had carved it there. They were able to put it back in the new wall. See if you can find it when you next pass. I did tell Linda about it and it made her a bit sad but I reckon she was tidy proud of it as well. Did you see Quy on Countryfile the other week? No one mentioned Quy, but they were down by the Broadwaters catching some water mussel things. That's a good job David Hurrell had painted up that nice seat there 'cos that was shown close up on the telly.

Ellen Francis had a happy wedding in church in April. Lots of the Quy ladies went up to see the happy bride come out of church and then her and Henry scuttled off in an old land rover that they had somehow managed to back into the church gateway. The reception was at Quy Hall and Henry had lit the whole place up from the main Hall all the way up the lawns. Linda reckoned you could see it all from Primrose Walk and the Iron bridge; she said it looked a picture. We were out in the garden about 5.00clock and a big cheer went up from the Hall direction. I reckon that must have been when the happy couple went into the marquee. Well done Ellen hope you enjoy living here in Quy in the old family home.

We've had a couple of deaths lately. Sadly Deanne Lucas has died at only 42. It is such a shame - she leaves Shaun and the children to carry on life without her. That ein't much fun to lose someone you love and I am sure they are all suffering very badly. We are all very sorry for your loss Shaun, and send you and your family all our best wishes.

Some of you may remember Bernie Marfleet who farmed all his life opposite the church on a Council holding, until he retired about 15 years ago. I reckon he was the last real small holder in Quy, if you don't count me and John Ramsey, who only do it part time. Bernie took the farm over from his dad in about the 50's and farmed it till he retired about 15 years ago. Since then he has cut the grass around the church and cemetery for many years. That's funny how we found out he had died. He went to live with his daughter in Cornwall about Christmas time and in March this year Joan Froment and Freydis were on a holiday, in Scotland (I think), when they met some other people and started talking, as you do. "Where do you come from," said the other people. " A small village near Cambridge called Stow-cum-Quy," says Joan. "Oh," they say, " We had someone come to live near us who had lived in Quy. He died the other week," and that is how Quy found out that one of its old residents had died.

Mentioning John Ramsey I went to see him the other day. He asked to come home from Arthur Rank house, and I was pleased to see how well he looked, but I think he is still very poorly. We had a good chat about old farming times, and I look forward to another visit when I get home in July.

Yes that's right we are off on holiday again: five weeks in America this time. Fly to Salt Lake City then tour Yosemite Park, San Francisco, and up the west coast to Canada. We shall miss you all but are really looking forward to it. Now when we were sorting out with Sue, the new vicar, some papers that David Lewis had left, we come across a register that Peg had done of all the Quy church match, hatch and despatch entries since the 1500s. That don't half make interesting reading. I got it all up to date from the registers in the church now and copied it out. I gave a copy to Mal to look after, if any one wants to look, but I am taking the original to America. I have got a half promise from the Mormon church, who hold the largest register of records for the whole world, to copy it for me and make it into a booklet. Hope I get on alright. I tried to say it was a business trip for Quy church and that the PCC should pay for the flights, but I didn't get much of an answer.

Oh well see you all in a month or more. Yes I know I am abandoning the hay, but it will have to wait till I get home. I wouldn't mind betting that June will be a glorious hay month, but I don't care.

See you all at the fete on July 6th
Cheers Bill

For those of you who don't get involved in game shooting here in Quy, the 'Paul' that Bill keeps referring to is Paul Currington who owns the shooting rights to this estate. Ed.

Parish Council

Firstly can we thank all those who took the time to fill out the County Council traffic calming review. With your help perhaps we can now get the scheme we were originally promised back in 2007. Hopefully 30mph through the village, as soon as we know the outcome we will let you know.

The Church green continues to be a problem, with cars parking on it and using it as a mini roundabout, but hopefully we are nearer to a solution. A fence should be going up around it shortly along with the holes in the middle filled.

A few attended the Annual Parish meeting in April, where we have reports from all the local groups and anyone is invited to ask any questions they may have. We hear many comments and concerns around the village but very few come to this or any other meeting. Although this meeting is an open meeting, anyone can come along to the monthly meetings and be invited to comment or ask questions. We usually meet on the second Wednesday of the month and the agenda is always on the notice boards. We do listen to all comments and suggestions raised, some may not always be possible or under our control, but they are all discussed and where possible carried out. We are still trying to set up the neighbourhood watch and if anybody is interested please speak to any parish councillor.

The parish councillors remain the same with myself as Chair but we do welcome a new County Councillor, John Williams and we look forward to working with him, and say goodbye and Thank You to Nick Clarke. Finally we need volunteers to be on the Church Trust, this is a charity that holds funds specifically for the fabric of Quy Church. They meet 2/3 times a year and anybody who is interested please contact myself on email gregg.foster@sky.com.

Gregg Foster

Jackdaw Club Coffee Morning

After taking over the co-ordinating of the Jackdaw Club in December it was a whole five months before I was to hold my first event.

On Saturday May 18th around 50 people attended the coffee morning to help raise funds for the Jackdaw Club. With eight stalls displaying various items ranging from cards to plants, there was plenty of time to browse before having a chat over a cup of tea.

The homemade cake stall was a new addition and did a roaring trade and the card stall gave a percentage of the orders and sales taken on the day. The plant stall was constantly busy with geraniums, runner bean and tomato plants being purchased in time for summer.

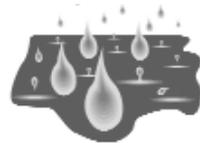
In all the event raised £315. I would like to thank all those who helped make the event a success either by helping run a stall, or donating items and baking cakes and of course to those who attended the morning.

Upcoming Events

We have a bus trip planned to Oakham & Rutland Water in June and this is now full. All we need now is for the sun to shine.

Latest rainfall figures

(February, March, April)



Station Road

	2012	2013
February	18.00mm	21.00mm
March	20.50mm	42.75mm
April	90.50mm	25.00mm
Total	129.00mm	88.75mm

News from Jo's Allotment

So now the wedding is over, and the weather was as kind to us as we could possibly ask for, we are now finding that it is also being very kind to the weeds. They grow, and grow, and we dig them out, and they grow.... It's a good thing I'm sure, as soon as the actual planted things get started they should be happy to.

We have got things a bit organised this year, although I am sure that many of you out there could do a much better job really! Still, we try. A couple of weeks ago we had a lovely day out at the allotment, with pasta salad (gluten free) for lunch and lemonade to drink and everything. We started out with the potato patch, previously occupied with nettles and brambles, and a good bit of teamwork – me getting rid of the big weeds (definitely more fun) and Matt digging it over again and getting rid of all the rest of them (less fun and rather more back breaking) – we now have lots of little trenches. Today we went to check and we actually have lots of little plants. The ones that are meant to be purple look rather green though – I'm not very impressed with them, but given a bit more time they might sort themselves out. After that we made a start on the shallots and onions – it's so tempting just to plant them in silly patterns or words, but Matt tells me rows are better. Less fun though!

And then we have big plans for this weekend as well. There are currents to be covered – they look amazing, so many of them, and lovely long strings – before the birdies come along and eat them all as they did last year. Courgettes, leeks, a cucumber, tomatoes and chillies to go in before they get too big for the little pots they're living in at the moment, and hopefully giving Matt a bit less of a panic when he gets home and they look "all sad".

All topped off with a meal which is fully "allotment grown" nettle soup (so maybe not intentionally grown....) and rhubarb crumble. Yummy!

QVA Update

It's summer! Well for now – we'll see how long it lasts. Spring was a bit too cold, with the snow cancelling the bunny hunt, which was a real shame after it went so well last year.

A plan is in progress for some kind of replacement hunt in summer – watch for the adverts around the village. I think the cold got to people for the Beetle and Bingo – it was such a bitter night and I'm sure that's in part why there were so few of us – however those who were there got nice and cosy and we had a lovely evening of it with some people winning more than one prize.

Next event coming up is the knock out games after the fête. We have some new games this year as well as some of the old so you'll have to come along to find out what they are. I promise they'll be just as silly as the events that they are replacing. Should be a good evening, if only so you can come along and have a good laugh at me!

And then the rounders is coming up a bit later in July and I hope that the weather holds for it this year. It's always nice to see everyone getting so involved and the BBQ rounds it off nicely.

Don't forget the moonlight walk which we'll be reprising this year in October, and the horses will be racing along soon – again posters around the village with more details. Do come along - it's having the chance to catch up with people that really makes these evenings!

Matt.

Ely Choral Society

In Nature's Realm

With the magnificent and colourful displays of the Cathedral's Flower Festival fresh in the memory, Ely Choral Society's summer concert 2013 takes nature as its theme. The title comes from Dvorák's Overture in his orchestral trilogy Nature, Life and Love, so it is not surprising that the programme includes his Songs of Nature. Dvorák adds colourful music to Hálek's evocative poetry, describing scenes from the dews of early morn, to the birdsong in the forests and a rural celebration of the whole of Creation.

Music from Elgar (including the ever-popular As Torrents in Summer), Saint-Saëns (Calme des Nuits), the Flower Songs by Britten in his centenary year, and arrangements of songs by Fauré (including Lydia and Le Secret) make up an enchanting programme for a summer's evening.

Jonathan Lilley is joining Ely Choral Society as accompanist for the last time. He has delighted everyone with his playing for the choir on both organ and piano for the past 11 years, but he is leaving Ely to establish the next chapter of his career at Waltham Abbey.

7:30 pm Sunday, 30th June 2013

Lady Chapel

Ely Cathedral

Tickets £20, £15 U18s £5

from: Ely Cathedral Box Office

01353 660349 and online at

<https://tickets.elycathedral.org>

Darwin Nurseries

Spring is always one of our busiest times down here at the Nursery and this year has been busier than most. We had the excitement of a visit by the Mayor of Cambridge who came to officially open our bottle greenhouse. We had a marvellous response to our request for plastic bottles which we built into a greenhouse opposite the shop entrance. It consists of 1,800 bottles in total and is remarkably efficient. It has been built in the memory of Robert Goode who sadly died before it could be completed.

We are currently planting out all the crops that will find their way into the shop in late summer. These include sweetcorn, squashes, tomatoes, potatoes, beetroot, cabbages and pumpkins. We will certainly be ready for Halloween when it comes around! We have now developed our own water-harvesting process which collects rainwater from the main greenhouse and stores it in large tanks to provide 90% of all the water we need.

On the flowering front we are in the process of planting out 15,000 wallflowers which will be ready in October. These are mostly for local contractors but some will be available at the nursery.

We have had an excellent season for hanging baskets both in Quay and further afield. We supplied the Wheatsheaf, Quay Mill Hotel, various pubs in the city centre, Addenbrookes Hospital and Rose Crescent in Cambridge.

We held a Summer Fayre here in June which helps to support our local social firms. There was a good turnout making it a very successful event. Also, Caroline and Dean paid a visit to Bottisham Garden Club to give a talk about what goes on here at Darwin Nurseries. It proved to be a lovely evening, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who came.

Enjoy your gardening this summer.

From us all at Darwin.

Any other business

Having sorted out my phone reception (see Editorial on Page 1) it set me thinking about how my adult life, and therefore that of anyone in their mid-fifties, seems to have had as its backdrop the development of the electronic technologies that we now all take for granted and enjoy (or not, as the case may be).

I went up to University in the autumn of 1976; the video machine in the JCR was the first one I had ever seen. It was called 'Tank Pong' and was the most rudimentary video game where two players bounced a small dot across the screen in a kind of tennis game. Things didn't move on much until the early 80s when the introduction of 'Space Invaders' brought a whole new level of sophistication.

I joined my first advertising agency, in Leamington Spa, as a junior copywriter in 1981; in those days I wrote my copy in long hand and gave it to a secretary to type up. It was at my next agency in Birmingham in 1984 that I encountered the first computer that I had ever seen. It was the shiny new toy in the Accounts Department who were the only people allowed to touch it. I was still writing my copy with pen and paper.

(Actually, I still do, but that is just a personal obsession with fountain pens.)

The first time I personally used something akin to a computer was when I moved back to Cambridge and joined an agency in Chesterton in 1985. The agency had a Philips system with four terminals which worked as wordprocessors connected to a central computer that used 5" floppy disks all feeding into a highly temperamental golf-ball printer. Typing electronically was now a capability but when it came to producing artwork, my copy sheets would still be sent to an external typesetting agency who returned galley sheets which artworkers then pasted onto boards which were photographed to create films for the printing process.

The first time I encountered a computer that could do basic Desktop Publishing was, I guess, around 1988, so some 25 years ago but at work we were still using the old wordprocessing system.

I became a freelance writer in 1991 at which point I bought my first baby Mac which enabled me to do basic DTP work although, as I recall, it only came with eight fonts. If you wanted other fonts you had to buy them separately at a cost of around £40.00 each.

The development from that point onwards seemed to become exponential. I can't remember when I bought my first mobile phone, but it was probably around 1995, coinciding with my first experience of the Internet, on a dial-up connection. In today's landscape of broadband, dial-up would seem unbelievably slow to modern youngsters, since even a very basic page would take a couple of minutes to load. Initially there was no such thing as a search engine. You had to know the precise address of the page that you wanted to view.

In the interim the developments in the Internet, flat-screen TVs, SmartPhones and all the rest have been huge. All of which begs the question of where will technology go next? I don't think it is any longer a question of increased capacity which was the first real obsession. Given that the computer on Apollo 11 had a RAM memory of only 128k you can understand why! (The first wordprocessor I bought only had a RAM of 256k.) Today capacity meets the requirement of the average user so it's likely that the moves will be elsewhere.

I think that voice-activation is probably the next area of full-scale development; my bet is that in twenty years time the idea that you will be moving your finger over a touch-screen will seem as antediluvian as that basic video game that I encountered in 1976.

Nigel

Quy Profile

Name: Esmé Veldhuizen

Where do you live? Main Street, with husband James, son Finnbar and Labrador Lobster

What do you do for a living?
Interior designer

What is the best thing about living in Quy? The opportunity to walk the dog on the beautiful estate



What's your favourite food and drink? Tea and cake

Do you have any hobbies? Hockey, I love the summer evening competitions at Cambridge Hockey Club where you can just drop in.

Do you have any bad habits? You'd better ask James....

If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would it be?
Tibet, it's fascinating

What words of wisdom can you give the readers? My interior design top tip: all colours you use in any room should be combined in one item to really pull the room together

In Stitches!

In Stitches, a friendly knitting and sewing group, is relaunching on Tuesday 11th June at 8pm. You are invited to join us on that evening at Lode Social Club for Pimms and cake.

The group will now meet on odd Tuesdays of the month (rather than Thursdays), so in June that is the 11th and 25th. It is completely informal and an opportunity to bring along your current knitting or sewing project, to natter to like-minded stitchers and share ideas. If you are new to knitting or sewing then no matter, come and learn from other members - you will always find someone who has some spare wool and needles, or can get you started on some sort of sewing. We have been meeting for over a year and though we usually work on our own projects, the highlight has to have been the knitted royal family that we created for the Jubilee celebrations. Most of the group are knitters but we have one cross-stitcher, and have had people crotcheting, making bunting and patch-working, so anything goes. You do not have to commit to come every time and there is no subscription. We meet in the social club as it is a friendly and relaxed venue with inexpensive refreshments. There is no need to be a member of the club, though regulars like to support the club by joining. We have members of all ages, from Lode and the surrounding villages. We have yet to recruit a male of the species, though one or more would be very welcome...

We look forward to seeing you on the 11th – please give either one of us a ring or call round if you'd like to know more.

Clare Wilkes, 33 Longmeadow, 811 693

Catherine Onley, La Calinda, Mill Lane, Commercial End, 811 309

Upcoming Events in Quay

Quay Church fete

Saturday 6th July 2 pm

Bill's orchard



'It's a knockout'

Saturday 6th July



After the fete from 5 pm

Bill's orchard

Rounders

Friday 19th July



6.30 pm

The recreation ground

Horse racing

Friday 20th September



7.00 pm

Quay Village Hall
Dinner included

Tennie's Recipe

Elderflower cordial

Nothing whispers 'summer...' quite like a glass of elderflower flavoured cold water.

Ingredients

Elderflowers (best picked when they have just started to bloom and on a dry day)

Sugar

Lemons



Remove any insects from the flowers and any big stalks and place in a pan; just cover with cold water and simmer for about 30 minutes (although I have been known to do it for a much shorter time). Remove from heat and strain out the flowers through a sieve or a muslin cloth. For every pint of liquid, add about 12 oz sugar - more or less to suit your taste - and the juice of half a lemon. Dissolve the sugar, returning the pan to heat if necessary. Then leave until cold and bottle. It will keep for a bit in the fridge but can also be frozen.

This cordial can be served with still or sparkling water (or sparkling wine...) or added undiluted to fruit salads. I love the Victorian combination of gooseberries with elderflowers- consider beating some of this through your cream when making gooseberry fool....

Fire Service Reorganisation

A public consultation into plans to combine Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck fire stations has been launched.

The consultation will run for eight weeks, ending on July 2. The results will then be collated and evaluated, prior to being presented to the Fire Authority at its meeting in October for a final decision. If approved the building works could start by the end of 2013.

Leaflets containing a survey have been distributed to all residents in the Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck areas. The survey is also available online via our website – www.cambsfire.gov.uk

If you have any queries, need further information, or would like a copy of the leaflet in large print, Braille, audiotape or another language, you can contact us by email feedback_web@cambsfire.gov.uk or phone 01480 444555. This will be an answer phone, please leave your name, number and comments and we will get back to you.

Chris Strickland
Deputy Chief Fire Officer

Lode chapel

Time for a Dunking...

Were you christened as a baby? I wasn't – in fact, I was in my early twenties before I got baptised and by then I was too heavy for the minister to hold me in his arms! So what actually happens if you decide to become a follower of Jesus later in life? Well, if you want to find out, then join us on Sunday 16th June when you'll be able to witness some baptisms by full immersion. Baptism is an ancient symbol of commitment and renewal. For Christians being immersed in water symbolises our past mistakes and failures being washed away, and when we come up out of the water we are identifying ourselves with the new life found in Christ.

We have a portable pool which we'll be setting up in the courtyard of Bottisham Primary School and you'll be made really welcome for this special occasion. I'll be baptising three people – one in his 40s, and two in their 60s – so come and hear their stories and hear why they want to publicly declare their faith in this way.

...and a Trip to the Jungle

I also want to let you know that this summer RE:NEW is offering your child the opportunity of spending a week in the jungle. That's right - it will soon be time for our annual holiday Bible club jam packed with the usual craft, games, challenges, songs, and general silliness! Just like the successful Amazon Adventure, Waste Watchers, Summer Knights, Cruising with Noah, and Champions holiday clubs of previous years, all local children aged 5-11 are invited to come along and join in the fun.

This year it's a Jungle Jamboree and it's taking place at Bottisham Primary School during the first full week of the school holidays. The club itself runs 9.00am until 12.30pm from Monday 29th July until Friday 2nd August, and we invite a donation of £2 per day per child as

a contribution towards our costs. The performance of the musical is being held at 10.30am on Sunday 4th August and admission to this is free, although we will be taking an offering towards some charitable work in Africa. We're inviting families to bring some snacks and sandwiches and to join us on the school field afterwards for a picnic lunch – there'll be a bouncy castle and an ice-cream van in attendance too. The club has been organised by RE:NEW and the team members will be people from this and other local churches. As always, the club is operated in line with our child protection policy – the welfare of the children at the club is very important to us. Registration forms will be going into the local schools soon – please do send them back swiftly as places are allocated on a first come first served basis and we have to limit the number of children we can take. If your child doesn't give you a registration form, or if you want to ensure your child's place by booking early, then you are also able to register on our website www.re-new.me.uk.

Simon Goddard

Services in June

Sun 2nd Jun, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 9th Jun, 10.30am – RE:NEW Café & Kids Club (School)

Sun 9th Jun, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Lode Chapel)

Sun 16th Jun, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

Sun 16th Jun, 5.30pm – Contemplative Service (Lode Chapel)

Sun 23rd Jun, 10.30am – Joining with the Benefice Service

Sun 23rd Jun, 6.20pm – Traditional Service (Great Wilbraham Chapel)

Sun 30th Jun, 10.30am – RE:NEW The Bigger Picture (School)

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Quy Profile

Name:

John Taylor

Age:

31, very nearly 32, but not quite as old as my wife!

Where do you live?

Vicarage Meadow

What do you do for a living and what would be your dream job?

I'm a teacher and subject leader for Design & Technology. A dream job if I could ditch the marking, well I would say doing something to save the planet in some way but this is my dream, so I'd chill out as a Pro Surfer, retiring with a surf shop somewhere like Hawaii and making my own boards!

What's your favourite food and drink?

My favourite subject! Persian food, my Mum's was the best. My wife makes an awesome shepherds pie. Ice-cream, usually chocolate and it's best in Italy if you ever visit. Guinness, pear cider, good wine and so it's not all alcoholic I better add, chocolate thick shake, cappuccino and espresso!

Do you play any musical instruments (if not what would you like to be able to play)?

I would love to be able to play the piano and guitar. As it is though I can play one tune on the piano that my sister taught me, she is amazing on the piano, and I can play the harmonica.



If you could have dinner with one famous person who would it be, and where would you eat?

It would have to be someone who has had an interesting life, lots to tell, lots of stories and someone to learn from. So Johnny Cash, just to make my Dad jealous. As it's Johnny Cash we should eat somewhere more like Texas, but I would say at a restaurant in Chicago called 'Merl's' because at the bar you sit on saddles rather than bar stools and the food's good, well worth a visit of you're ever there.

What was the last film that you watched?

At the cinema 'Fast and Furious 6' but at home it was 'Finding Nemo' for the one millionth time as that's all my daughter now watches and that's after my son went through the same phase too!

If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Tehran, Iran. I miss my Gran (my Maman-Bozorg), I'd love to see the places my Mum grew up and I have so much family I've never met.

What would you do if you won the lottery?

After making sure our future was secure i.e. my wife, children and myself, I hope I could share the wealth with family and good friends. For me, I'd have a split screen VW camper restored but with a Porsche engine, I'd move somewhere with surf and teach my children to surf, hoping they'd become pro surfers one day and if not surfers, do something they want to do I suppose!

What has been the best day of your life so far?

My wedding day and both days my children were born.

What words of wisdom can you give the readers.....

'If you think too much about tomorrow, sometimes you forget today' I heard Dennis Rodman say that when I was younger and it stuck in my memory although I need to remember it more often.

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