

A Recipe from Tennie



Sloe gin

This feels slightly like preaching to the converted, as I am sure many of you already make this seasonal special. The only problem is that you need to leave it for three months! Pick the sloes after there has been a night frost as this will make them sweeter.

Ingredients

500 ml gin (this doesn't need to be the best gin, some of us feel we need to explain to the vendor that we are making sloe gin, rather than just drinking cheap gin.... Vodka works really well, too)

about 250 g sloe berries without stalks, picked on a dry day

50 g sugar

10 peeled almonds (optional): my mother likes to add almonds but I prefer my sloe gin without. I thought I'd mention it so you can vary or make up your own minds.

Pierce the berries all over with a pin or needle to allow the colour and flavour to seep out. Add to the gin with the sugar, shake to dissolve the sugar and leave it to steep for at least three months. My mother taught me to filter it, but I quite often pour it straight from the bottle.

Cheers!

(I think you are right, Tennie; a lot of our readers are already converted to making their own Sloe Gin, but it's always worthwhile trying to gain more converts! Nigel)



QUY HISTORY BOOKS

Many of you will know that Peggy Day (nee Watts), my late sister, wrote many booklets on the history of Quy. Unfortunately most copies of these have now been sold, although many villagers hold their own treasured collections. I had thought to reproduce some more copies, but the cost is too prohibitive. Even to photocopy some of them would cost £6 per copy.

I have now scanned most of them and they are available on a disc for anyone who would like to make their own copies, or just read them. Price £4 to go to Quy Church.

You will also remember that I took a copy of all Quy church records from 1500's to 2012 to America, and the LDS church copied them for me. I hope to put them in a booklet some time but it will be a massive tome. Anyone interested should look up the files on the internet, and pick out ancestors names from index, then look at relevant entries.

Look on: FamilySearch.org. Click on: Books. Enter title in search box: "An indexed Transcription of the Registers of the Parish of Stow-cum-Quy"

Quy Books

Name	Size	Pges	Author
Life in Quy up to 2000	A4	50	Peggy Watts
Late Victorian Quy Book 1	A4	56	Peggy Watts
Late Victorian Quy Book 2	A4	48	Peggy Watts
Letters from Home	A4	33	Peggy Watts
Quy thro, 2 twenty five year reigns	A5	20	Peggy Watts
Peasants to Labourers	A5	54	Peggy Watts
Stow cum Quy pocket history	A5	20	Peggy Watts
Memories of QuySchool	A5	26	various
History of Quy School	A5	40	Peggy Watts
Quy in early Victorian times	A5	48	Peggy Watts
More letters from home	A5	80	Peggy Watts

Quy old Village Hall	A5	20	Peggy Watts
Copy of all Quy church records Baptisms, Banns, Marriages, Burials 1500,s to 2012	on PDF file	375	Peggy Watts
Church Book	A4	18	John Sutherland
Quy at war	A4		Jim Watts
History of Quy Fen	A5	71	Peg & QF Trust
Grave positions & Epitaphs Surnames	A4	50	Bill Watts
Staine Hundred Chronicle 1854	A4	20	Peggy Watts
Staine Hundred Chronicle 1884	A4	37	Peggy Watts
Staine Hundred Chronicle 1894	A4	55	Peggy Watts
Staine Hundred Chronicle 1904	A4	58	Peggy Watts
Staine Hundred Chronicle 1914	A4	68	Peggy Watts

There is a copy of all these books in the History Cupboard in The Village Hall. If you see Mal Hatley 01223 811759, she would let you look at any of them, but they are not for loan.

Bill Watts

Lode Chapel

And Finally...

Well, here it is... my final magazine contribution before I move on to pastures new! To those that have read my articles over the last eight years – thank you. I've often been blessed by people telling me that they have been challenged or encouraged by what I have written – and it's good to know that I've stimulated people to think about God, sometimes in new and unexpected ways.

This month, as Christmas approaches, I want to give you a few invitations...

1. Get In The Picture...

This is the title of our Advent Series during which we look at some of the pictures that the Bible paints about the coming of Christ. This year, at 10.30am on Sundays 1st, 15th and 22nd of December, we invite you to get in the picture, and the service on 22nd December will be our all-age contemporary carol service. You'll also be welcome to join us for a short and family friendly service at 10.30am on Christmas Day itself – my last ever service as minister of RE:NEW!

2. Get In the Mood...

What better way to start feeling Christmassy than by watching a good festive film! At 3pm on Saturday 7th December we're inviting you and your family to come along to Bottisham Primary School for a free showing of 'Nativity!' on the big screen. This hilarious British comedy sees a primary school's nativity play become a Hollywood hit.

Refreshments will be provided, and we're asking all children to be accompanied by an adult who will stay for the duration of the film.

3. Get a Cup of Coffee and a Piece of Cake...

On the second Sunday of every month we invite you to join us for RE:NEW Café... there's no singing, no sermon, just good conversation, plenty of coffee and yummy snacks. This month the café is at 10.30am on 8th December, but why not make a new year's resolution to join us on a second Sunday in 2014 too?

4. Get 1st February in your diary...

I'd like to invite you (yes you!) to a special service on 1st February when I will be formally welcomed as a Regional Minister in the Eastern Baptist Association. The service starts at 3pm and is being held in the main hall at Bottisham Village College.

May you and yours have a very happy Christmas, and may you know God's blessings in 2014.

Simon Goddard

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Village Matters

Birth

The much awaited event at the Village Shop came to pass on 28th September when Kayra was born. She joins proud parents Prad and Twinkle and big sister Sakshi. Everyone agrees that she is gorgeous!



RIP

It was sad to hear that Stan Stebbeds was found dead in bed on Wednesday 27th Nov. No more will we see him driving around the village on his buggy, or have a chat to him in his garden. Stan moved to the village with his mum, dad and several sisters, in the early 1930s, to some houses at Alicky Farm, where his father had taken the job as cowman. Later they moved to a house in Stow road, where he lived probably until he moved to the bungalow at the end of Herrings Close.

Shortly before he died Stan lent Ray Jakes a couple of old photographs and told him the story behind them. The first shows him standing outside the old Wheatsheaf. At this time there was a house in front of the pub as well as a chapel and small bungalow.

Mr Shoei Noble and his wife ran the pub and Mr Noble also worked at



Quy Mill as a horsekeeper for Major Francis. The second photo was taken in Belgium during WWII. Stan is on the left. All these soldiers fought on the beaches at Dunkirk.



QUY PROFILE

Name: Ellie White

Age: 19

Where do you live (and who with)?

Herrings Close with mum, dad, and 3 sisters

What do you do for a living? At

University and working at Sainsbury's

What's your favourite food and drink?

Favourite drink is apple juice, and I have a lot of favourite foods! The best would have to be my dad's spaghetti and meatballs

Do you have a favourite film (what is it and why)?

I don't really have a favourite film, but my favourite DVD is the Friend's box set, it makes me laugh so much

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

No, but I used to play piano and I wish I could still play it

If you were an animal, what would you be and why?

I'd like to be something that lives in the sea to feel what it is like to live under water

What is the best thing about living in Quay? Everyone is lovely and I love all the events we do as a village

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

I really want to go to Australia

What would you do if you won the lottery? I'd give some of it to charity, and I'd buy myself a really nice car (for when I can finally drive)

What is your favourite Christmas carol? 'Away in a manger'

because it is one that I have known ever since I was little

What words of wisdom can you give the readers..... Erm, never give up on anything that makes you happy.



News from St Mary's

Church Weddings

There were three weddings in September and October this year. At one of these the bride arrived at church in Colin Lowe's old Austin seven, which Colin had polished up for the occasion. The couples did



not live in the village but wished to be married there, having chosen Quy Mill for their wedding reception. Special conditions have to be met by them before they can be married in our church.

Harvest Festival and supper 3.00pm Sun Sept 29th The Harvest Festival was well attended, and it was good to see some of the younger members of the village there with their children. A big thank you to all those who donated flowers and vegetables, and also the ladies (also one man and a schoolgirl) who did such a wonderful job in decorating the church. Before the service Jasper and Scarlet Watts tried their hand at bell ringing, which we hope was appreciated by those villagers in hearing distance. As well as all the usual favourite Harvest hymns, Sue presented a slide show during the sermon to show us first some of the local farmers taking in the harvest and then the farming in the poorer parts of the world.

After the service Graham and Dianne Beckett had provided hot dogs and burgers outside the South Door. Teas and coffees were served out by Julie White and Ellie, while wine, beer and orange juice was available to ease the throats of those who had been singing so loudly. All the produce displayed in the church was donated to Jimmy's night shelter

Benefice communion Sun Oct 27th

It was good to meet members of all the other four churches at our benefice service. A total of over 50 attended. As Lynn had only recently returned from her holiday in America, Richard Ayres played

the organ. We must thank Janet Marsh for organising a choir at short notice and their voices were very welcome during the service. Rev Sue Giles officiated at this service. Afterwards Jean and Kath provided teas, coffees and biscuits for everyone. Friday November 1st Service of Light Quy Village Hall. This service and party was well attended by adults and children from around the benefice. Sue organised some energetic singing which involved much movement and participation. This was enjoyed by all the children. She then explained about Jesus and the light, asking children for answers to various questions, which Simon Goddard's son was very quick to answer. Everyone then joined in a quiz. Afterwards several games involving teams of adults and children with torches were played. Maureen and Graham Norden provided soft drinks followed by Hot dogs and onions which were quickly disposed of.

Christmas services

The Christingle and Crib service will have been held on Sunday Dec 15th, but please join us for the Carol service on Sun Dec 22nd at 3.00pm, when we can raise the rafters with all the old carols we know and love. These will be interspersed with bible readings by people from all around the village.

On Christmas Morning there will be a Communion Service at 8.00am using the Book of Common Prayer. A very traditional way of starting this important and jolly day.

Maureen's Vegetable stall Maureen has been trying to sell surplus vegetables all through the summer, and August bank holiday weekend, that turned into a bric a brac stall and she made £125. She sold furniture, books, ornaments, corn and bunion pads, and shoes and clothes, Graham had to put a mat out for people to use when trying on shoes, and clothes. Well, people were trying those on as well, they really needed a changing tent, as it was getting a bit indecent at times. Maureen said they don't have that sort of thing, at their end of the village, but it was for the church!

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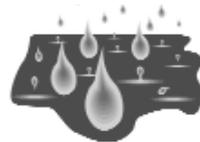
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Latest rainfall figures

(August, September, October)



	Station Road	
	2012	2013
Aug	74.75mm	56.00mm
Sept	29.75mm	45.75mm
Oct	89.00mm	82.00mm
Totals	193.50mm	183.75mm

Colin Lowe

QUY PROFILE

Name: Alex Rushmer

Age: 30

Where do you live (and who with)?

I live on Station Road with my partner Charlotte.

What do you do for a living?

I'm a chef and I run The Hole in the Wall in Little Wilbraham.

What's your favourite food and drink?

Tricky question! My favourite food changes throughout the week: it might be a super-spicy Thai-style papaya salad, or a good old-fashioned roast dinner.

Who have you enjoyed having dinner with and why?

My choice of career means that I tend to cook for people more often than I get to dine with them, but the most exciting person I've ever cooked for was Alain Ducasse, who's arguably the world's best chef – I cooked for him as part of my experience on Masterchef in 2010.

What has been the best day of your life, and why?

Getting to the final of Masterchef was amazing, but my surprise 30th birthday party last year that was planned under my nose and thrown in my own restaurant is my new favourite.

Do you have any hobbies (if you have any time)?

I love running around Quy, reading and listening to music.

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

I'd love to do a coast-to-coast road trip across America – I think it would be an amazing experience, and the food looks good too...

What is the best thing about living in Quy?

It's a friendly, peaceful and relaxing place to live.

What will you be eating, and who will be doing the cooking on Christmas day?

We'll certainly be eating roasted forerib of beef, and I doubt I'll be able to stop myself from lending a hand in the kitchen at some point...



What is your favourite Christmas Carol?

The Fairytale of New York by The Pogues is the song that always makes me feel festive.

What words of wisdom (any cooking tips) can you give the readers.....

Whether you're cooking Christmas dinner or just a regular night's meal, remember the five Ps: proper preparation prevents poor performance. Do as much as you can beforehand and everything should be fine.

SERVICES FOR ST MARY'S STOW-CUM-QUY

(Services at St Mary's unless otherwise stated.)

January

Sun 5th	Holy Communion CW1	09.30	Rev Sue Giles
Sun 12th	Morning Prayer	09.30	Tony Bevens
Sun 19th	Holy Communion BCP	09.30	Rev Sue Giles
Sun 26th	Benefice Communion	10.00	Lode Church

February

Sun 2nd	Holy Communion CW1	09.30	Rev Julia Popp
Sun 9th	Morning Prayer	09.30	Mike Proctor
Sun 16th	Holy Communion CW1	09.30	Rev Roger Bowen
Sun 23rd	Benefice Pancake service & Holy Communion	10.00	Quy Village Hall Rev Sue Giles

March

Sun 2nd	Morning Prayer	09.30	Tony Bevens
Sun 9th	Holy Communion CW1	09.30	Rev Sue Giles
Sun 16th	Holy Communion BCP	09.30	Rev Julia Popp
Sun 23rd	Benefice Communion	10.00	Swaffham Bulbeck
Sun 30th	Mothering Day Service	10.00	Minister TBA