



The Swaffham Crier

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Editorial

Much to read in this month's issue kicking off with the Letters Page. Mill Hill residents have had quite enough of the speeders on their road and are starting a campaign to get the limit down to 30 (aren't we now the only Spring Line village that does NOT have a 30 mph limit)? It has an impressive list of signees but we need to sign the petition as well — see the QR code, or paper version.

And then we have a delightful discovery for this magazine: copies of The Swaffham Prior and Reach Magazine from 1917 to 1919 (see Mark Lewinski, p.12). Mark obtained these from his neighbour Adrian Sheldrick and we cannot wait to see them.

And Keith Carter is once again back in the hot seat as PC reporter's seat this month. Long-time readers will see at once that he is a worthy successor of Alastair Everitt, of whom an erstwhile County Councillor was heard to say "I always read the Crier: You never know what he'll say about me next..."

But meanwhile, the Big Event of last month was of course the combined Harvest and Dog Show. See our centre spread, back cover and else-where. The weather held good and this was such a lovely do for both the canine and human competitors, the canine department never failing to impress in the Treat Run by the sheer number of sausages they can wolf down amidst the shattered hopes of their yet-again disappointed owners (yes Polly, we trained you not to do that...). The exhibits were brilliant (big congrats to JUDY THOMPSON, overall winner) and so impressive especially given the torrid summer (everything was uniform brown around here). Many congratulations to all who submitted and the indefatigable organisers (including maestro Jenny).

Congratulations also to the Bell Ringers' newest (and youngest?) learner William Griffiths for attaining his Level 1 certificate. How do they do it? Those Bells seem to weigh a ton or two and they haul them up and down for 45 minutes??

See you Quizzing, Harvest Suppering/Festivaling and don't forget Halloween! Carve up the pumpkins and watch out, our photographer may be on the prowl...

Caroline Matheson

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Cover Picture: *Fen Farm* pen and ink by **Gill Rushworth**



Letters to the Editors



Dear Editors,

Campaign to Reduce Speed Limit to 30mph on Mill Hill

As some residents will have seen through recent Village Facebook posts, a group of Mill Hill residents have come together to launch a campaign to get the speed limit on Mill Hill reduced from 40mph to 30mph. This has been an aim of the Parish Council for many years and our group recognises and appreciates the work the Parish Council have done. However, so far, nothing has actually been achieved in terms of speed reduction and a spate of recent incidents and accidents have galvanised our group into action.

Whilst the speed limit is 40mph, drivers routinely ignore it with vehicles travelling well over 50mph and sometimes faster at all times of the day. The police make no attempt whatsoever to enforce the 'limit'. Adults with small children and pushchairs, school kids and the elderly, in particular, struggle to cross the road safely. People wanting to cycle take refuge by cycling on the footpath which is not actually a designated cycle path through this part of the village. There are at least two blind entrances onto Mill Hill where car drivers cannot see people on the footpath and visa versa.

A school child was knocked over a few years ago, people have cycled into the path of vehicles trying to turn out onto Mill Hill whilst cycling on the footpath, the "safety" bollards along the road regularly get knocked over, there have been multiple car accidents over the years. This is now the only section of built-up area along the B1102 where the speed limit is not the default 30mph.

Our group is therefore campaigning to achieve a speed limit reduction and to get a commitment to enforce the change, working with the Parish Council. You can help by signing our petition – the QR code below points directly to the petition site, or sign the paper copies in the Village Hall, Church or pub. If you have had an accident or incident/near-miss along Mill Hill over the last 10 years, please document the incident and send your testimony to info@fostersmill.co.uk by 31 October. We have been advised that the County Council will take such testimony as evidence when considering changes to speed limits.

Together we can achieve this necessary change! We'll keep you updated on our campaign.



Dee Noyes

Jon Taw

Andrew & Jude Griffiths

Charlotte Greeno

Rachel Ainscough

Gareth Maslen

Mark Westacott

Jonathan Cook

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/reduce-the-b1102-speed-limit-in-swaffham-prior>

QUIZ NIGHT

Swaffham Prior Village Hall

7.30 pm Saturday 17 October

Tickets £7 each. To book a table, contact

Jenny Brand
(01638) 742161

or

Lynne Rand
(01638) 741960



Jacket Potato Supper

Bring your own drinks and glasses !!

Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior

THIS MONTH'S COVER PICTURE

Gill's pen & ink drawing shows Red Tile Farm which is situated amongst fields on the public footpath between White Droveaway (at the back of Commercial End) and the Swaffham Bulbeck Lode. There are several choices of pleasant walks to explore in this area of farmland close to Swaffham Prior. They offer a good chance of seeing wildlife, including deer in the open fields and swans and other water birds on the Lode. Gill lives in Commercial End and exhibits her paintings locally.

Celia Tyler

From our Reporter at the Parish Council Meeting

I arrived early - and just in time to observe someone of unmistakably reduced mobility extricate herself from one of the two cars parked, both *sans* Blue Badge, in the disabled bay. I mention this out of habit, really. In my previous report of the Parish Council meeting, I made an observation about the disabled parking that created quite a quake. It's become a feature of these reports, and we don't want to disappoint our readers. More below, believe it or not.



By my count there were six councillors in attendance and the meeting got off to a timely start. I was delighted to observe as a (relatively) young man, from the public benches, gave detailed correction notes on the minutes of the preceding meeting. A man after my own heart; pedants of the world, unite!

To my regret Yannifer Malinowski sent her apologies; she is unerringly good value, despite the LibDemmery. In her written report she mentioned that our very own Heating Network Scheme had been 'renewed' after a meeting of a worthy-sounding committee; hopefully this means a further £12m will flood our way, although, rather ominously, future meetings are to look for 'improvements'. Maybe this will involve a cost-benefit analysis; we can but hope.

I was also disappointed that our estimable MP was not present in her capacity as ECDC councillor - she too is unerringly good value, despite ... well, LibDem and all that. However, it turned out that a very smartly turned-out gentleman to my left - he looked like he was going on to the Foot-Beaglers' annual dinner - was none other than Cllr Trapp, also of the ECDC. He reported, with an amusing turn of phrase, that he had nothing to report. As an afterthought - such is the gilded life of a district councillor that they lightly turn down such gaiety - he added that he had declined the invitation to attend the opening of a crematorium.

Councillors had questions about the land owned by ECDC in our village and improved maintenance of certain footpaths by the landowner (Cllr Trapp to follow up on both). The local government reorganisation was raised, once a matter of such heightened concern (Option A or B? earthy Peterborough and the Fens or high-tech Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire?), now largely forgotten - except for by our doughty parish councillors. It has been 'paused' by the arrival of Ms A Rayner, back from the naughty step, to decide such matters for us, empowered by her incomplete secondary education, which (before the long-suffering editors get too

much comment) she proudly mentioned more than once during a recent BBC interview with Nick Robinson. I suppose this is marginally preferable to a degree in PPE from you-know-where, though.

Cllr Trapp informed the meeting that the local elections would go ahead in May 2028. Your Reporter is ignorant as to what - Option A or B or the status quo - will be on the ballot-paper. Maybe I should apply for a

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senior government position.

On matters financial, the PC appears (from the Treasurer's report) to have secured an interest-bearing account with a building society. The interest rate was not revealed, but I believe that the Treasurer of the Village Hall would be interested to know more. The finances sound generally in good shape and under iron-like control.

Routine matters - email and other correspondence, grave markers, grass cutting, the maintenance and insured value of the Keep and Pound (£50k), village speed sign visibility, other overgrown vegetation, and a Parish Online Mapping System (too costly at £80 p.a.) were dealt with largely by the Clerk who was in super-efficiency mode.

Now, as promised: more disabled parking! In response to an email about the disabled parking space in the Village Car Park - thanks to kind-hearted colleagues, the final reverberations of the quake instigated by my prior report - it was agreed that the PC would provide two new signs specifying that a Blue Badge must be shown, and it was recommended that the Village Hall Management Committee update its terms of rental to emphasise this. These seem like good proposals, making qualification dependent on a single, easily verifiable factor. Although unlikely to be effective against hardened infringers, it is the best we can do and a good place to leave this matter. The down-to-earth good sense of the most local instrument of our democracy proves itself once more!



Keith Carter

PRIOR FEN CHAPEL

“The Little Chapel in the Fen”

All welcome to our

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 4th October

3pm

Traditional harvest service and hymns
Produce welcome

Find us at CB7 5YJ, between Upware and Swaffham Prior.
Be early to guarantee a seat.

For more information contact Nicola: 07968 658319

VILLAGE HARVEST SUPPER SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

6.30pm, Swaffham Prior Village Hall
In aid of St Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior
and Projects in Mara, Tanzania



Join POP
(Proud of Prior)



COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS FRIDAY TIDY

**Meet at the sheds by the play park
on the High Street**

Friday
16th October - 10.00am

Adult Hi Vis Jackets provided
You participate at your own risk
Your Safety is YOUR responsibility

Please bring your own gloves
All other equipment provided

**Come and join friends and
neighbours on this tidy up**

**Look forward to seeing
the results!**



Swaffham Prior Bell Ringers – September 2026

After the long hot summer the bells had been quite contrary to ring at times; the extra movement in the wooden frame around the bells meant that ringing had become quite a work out. We are pleased that following the recent rain, normal service has been resumed.

Congratulations to our newest learner, William, on achieving his Level 1 Learning the Ropes certificate. William has worked really hard during practice nights and in additional sessions, completing Level 1 in record time.

Kate and Mandy joined a combined Bulbeck/Prior band to ring their first quarter peal on eight bells. This was to celebrate the safe arrivals of four grandchildren within the band members. It was a very warm evening but after two false starts we made it through to the end in 45 minutes or so.

Over the next few months we have a ringing outing to Norfolk planned, another mini-outing and lots of opportunities to ring at different towers within the Ely District group; several of the learners will also hopefully be completing their first or second quarter peals.



No competitor quite managed to successfully complete the Dog Show Treat Run this year, they all had better ideas! See over...



POEM OF THE MONTH

Poem in October by Dylan Thomas

It was my thirtieth year to heaven
Woke to my hearing from harbour and
neighbour wood
And the mussel pooled and the heron-priested
shore
The morning beckon with water praying and
call of seagull and rook
And the knock of sailing boats on the net-
webbed wall
Myself to set foot that second
In the still sleeping town and set forth.
My birthday began with the water-birds
And the birds of the winged trees flying my
name
Above the farms and the white horses
And I rose in rainy autumn
And walked abroad in a shower of all my days.
High tide and the heron dived
When I took the road over the border
And the gates of the town closed as the town
awoke.
A springful of larks in a rolling cloud
And the roadside bushes brimming with
whistling Blackbirds
And the sun of October, summery on the hill's
shoulder,
Here were fond climates and sweet singers
suddenly come in the morning
Where I wandered and listened to the rain
wringing wind blow cold
In the wood faraway under me.
Pale rain over the dwindling harbour
And over the sea-wet church the size of a snail
With its horns through mist and the castle
brown as owls,
But all the gardens of spring and summer

Were blooming in the tall tales beyond the
border
And under the lark full cloud.
There could I marvel my birthday away
But the weather turned around.
It turned away from the blithe country
And down the other air and the blue altered
sky
Streamed again a wonder of summer
With apples, pears and red currants
And I saw in the turning, so clearly, a child's
forgotten mornings
When he walked with his mother through the
parables of sunlight
And the legends of the green chapels
And the twice-told fields of infancy
That his tears burned my cheeks, and his
heart moved in mine.
These were the woods the river and the sea
Where a boy in the listening summertime of
the dead
Whispered the truth of his joy to the trees and
the stones and the fish in the tide.
And the mystery sang alive
Still in the water and singing birds.
And there could I marvel my birthday away
But the weather turned around.
And the true joy of the long dead child sang
burning in the sun.
It was my thirtieth year to heaven stood there
then in the summer noon
Though the town below lay leaved with
October blood.
O may my heart's truth
Still be sung
On this high hill in a year's turning.

Before there were self-destructive rock stars; before there were Brian Jones, Jim Morrison, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Amy Winehouse et al, there was Dylan Thomas, who was so seminal that Robert Zimmerman stole his first name as a surname. This great poem is quintessential Thomas: the dense assonance and alliteration: "High Tide and the heron dived", "Where I wandered and listened to the rain wringing wind..."; the paronym: "harbour and neighbour"; the neologism: "springful", the playfully transposed imagery: "the sea-wet church the size of a snail/ With its horns through mist" and the multi-faceted metaphors: "heron-priested"; "parables of sunlight /And the legends of the green chapels"; "leaved with October blood" that convey so many ideas simultaneously that you wonder why no-one thought of it before.

Andrew Grant

STORIES & SMILES
at Swaffham Prior

DAY & TIME CHANGE!

CRAFTS - STORYTIME - BOOK SWAP

Join us for fun-filled sessions of small crafts and story time for children age 0-5

EVERY TUESDAY
9:30- 10:30
TERM-TIME

SWAFFHAM PRIOR PRIMARY

Under 5s toddler group

FREE ENTRY! No need to book



The Swaffham Prior and Reach Parish Magazine

1917-1919

I have been given three slim bound volumes titled *The Swaffham Prior Magazine* for the years 1917, 1918 and 1919, inherited by my neighbour Adrian Sheldrick. The spines of the books are very faded, probably kept together on a shelf for many years.

They are something of a curiosity. It became clear after looking into the makeup of each volume that this was a monthly magazine for the parishes of Swaffham Prior and Reach together. That was not as obvious at first as it sounds, because of the way they had been bound into book form. Each one is in a different order, containing a front cover from at least one village magazine for that year; the year's issues of a 7-page monthly magazine titled *The Dawn of Day*; and twelve single pages of monthly news for Swaffham Prior and Reach, together in their own section.

Most pages are thin and browned, or sometimes stronger white paper. The cloth binding covers for each volume is different, so they were probably bound year by year. The front pages mostly include a half page photograph of the two churches together, looking rather grim and decayed. But from June 1919 this changes to the interior of St Mary's, with a rather more inspiring view of the recently installed rood screen.

The Dawn Of Day magazine contains religious advice and reflections, and morally uplifting stories. I found it was published by SPCK, The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge To find out more, I had a conversation with the special collections section of Cambridge University Library, which holds SPCK publications.

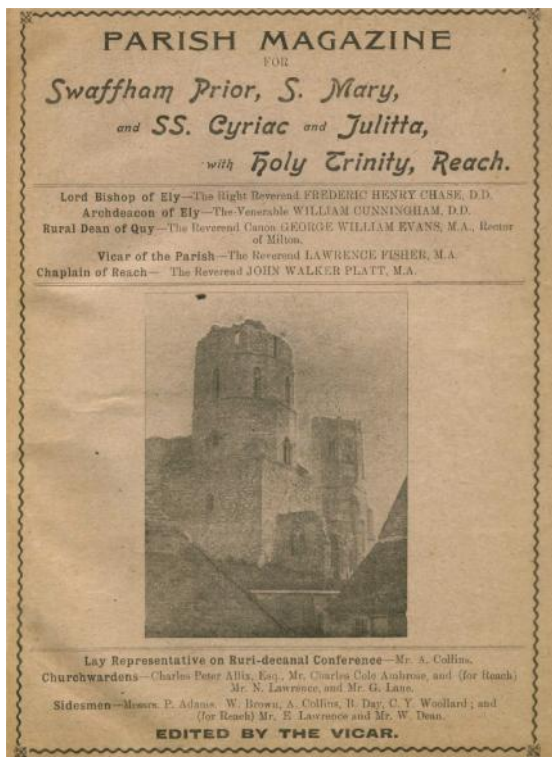
The lady I spoke was most helpful. She had lived in Burwell, and knew the area, although when I mentioned that the parish news in May 1919 included an account of the village meeting which proposed the war windows in St Mary's, she admitted she did not know about them. She knew more about Swaffham Bulbeck, she said, as her husband had sung in the choir there. She confirmed that *The Dawn Of Day* had run from 1878 to 1928 as a magazine to go to parishes across the country. This matched the calculations I had made: January 1917 is numbered 469.

School and transport are notable. The teachers of both schools (yes, Reach had its own) seemed to change surprisingly often, and trains to and from Cambridge ran four times a day

Each *The Dawn of Day* has seven pages. This is an unusual number for printing. Eight would be much more common, as printing was often in multiples of two or four. If you fold a broadsheet page into four, you have eight pages. However, in one of the volumes, at the end of each monthly magazine in the binding there is the stub of a cut page.

This suggests the last page of the eight was intentionally kept blank for notes and, by implication, for religious reflections.

So it appears *The Dawn Of Day*, which provided each village with a ready-made Christian-focused publication to which the local printer could add



their local news section, a front page and single sheet village magazine as a bound attachment. The short monthly news page for April 1918 has a slightly tetchy note at the end that an article on France could not be printed in the March magazine "*the printers were unable to produce it, due to the shortage of labour. They can only undertake to print one page of parish news.*" It is worth remembering in fairness, that the typesetting would have been done by hand, a slow process of assembling metal type with one letter, item of punctuation and spacing at a time. Many skilled typesetters, known as compositors, may have been away at war.

These pages are brief but shine revealing glimpses into village life. Not just the detailed church accounts for each month along with baptisms, marriages, and burials

but since the reverend Laurence Fisher was the editor, church frequently featured as a subject, including general reprimands to the village when he felt more people should have attended his services. School and transport are notable. The teachers of both schools (yes, Reach had its own) seem to change surprisingly often, and updates of the times of trains to and from Cambridge, about four times daily, remind us of a service some still wish could have been still with us. And these were momentous years, so war news was specific and real, involving the names of the men of the two villages. There are many familiar local names appearing. Not all was tragic death notices, or citations for medals. One notable item in August 1918 reads:

Mrs Ann Webb, of Burwell, who recently attained the age of 100 years, and has recently received the King's congratulations, was baptised in our church of S.Cyriac and S. Julitta on August 16th 1818. The Vicar provided the Certificate of the Baptism and it was thus proved that the old lady was at least 100. Births were not registered in those far-off days so it was incorrect to say that her Birth Certificate was produced to satisfy the King as to her age.

And so here we have three volumes, 1917-1919 which are historical to this village and to Reach village also. We do not have a village archive that they could given to, whereas I noticed recently on a visit to Burwell Museum that they have a document room, with village magazines bound right up to 2025.

So what are to be done with them? Does anyone have any other volumes? It seems unlikely that only those three years were bound by someone, but maybe the others from

those times are lost. They were given to me to put something in the Crier about them, but I feel they are not for me to keep.

The pages are quite fragile; they should be lodged somewhere secure for future viewing.

Mark Lewinski-Grende

PS I have been asked why I now always use my full surname rather than just Lewinski as formerly. It is in recognition of my grandparents, the Grende family of Lublin, eastern Poland, who saved a Jewish girl in 1942 and provided her with identity papers with which she survived the war despite being betrayed tortured, and sent to Auschwitz; but she did not confess or name my grandparents and my aunt, her schoolfriend. She later wrote a book of her life. I only learned of this in recent times. There are no others with the Grende name in the UK, and very few in Poland.

Reception Open Event

September 2027 admissions

SWAFFHAM PRIOR
C of E PRIMARY



An opportunity for new and prospective parents and children to come and look around our wonderful school

Tuesday	10th November	10am
Wednesday	18 th November	2pm

Contact the school office to confirm attendance

 office@pri.graceschools.org.uk

 01638 741529

Swaffham Prior Primary School, Station Road, CB25 0LG

CEILIDH

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

SWAFFHAM PRIOR VILLAGE HALL



6.30PM



TICKETS £10 ADULT - £5.00 CHILDREN

INCLUDES A BAKED POTATO SUPPER

BAR



To book tickets contact: jenny.brand26@gmail.com

karenlynn580@gmail.com

Spuds in Buckets 2026

The grand weigh in for the Spuds in Buckets competition 2026 took place just before the Harvest Show Auction on Saturday 5 September. Seventeen growers had taken delivery of their seed potatoes back in April and nurtured them over the very dry summer. As the buckets were tipped out and the potatoes weighed, it became clear that some had been affected by the hot weather more than others, with the majority yielding under 1 kg of potatoes. Congratulations to third place Annette Goodfellow, competing admirably with the two farmers at the top of the leaderboard. The clear winner of this year's competition however was James Willmott with an impressive 2.47 kg of potatoes!

Thank you to all who took part to raise funds for St Mary's (£95) and thank you to Phil Kingsmill for spending an afternoon tipping and weighing buckets of potatoes.

Mandy Kingsmill

James Willmott	2.47 kg	2
Phil Kingsmill 2	1.87	
Annette Goodfellow	1.81	
Phil Kingsmill 1	1.69	
Uschi Hodel	0.83 kg	
Lesley Boyle	0.81	
Gareth Davies	0.77 kg	
Kate Muscroft	0.69	
Clare Wilkes	0.58 kg	
Fiona Geraghty	0.56 kg	
Josh Willmott	0.54	
Jo Jones	0.43 kg	
ANDREW & Ryan Noyes	0.33	
Dee Noyes	0.28	
Jenny Brand	0.22 kg	
Freda Lloyd	0.16	
Dan Carter	0.02 kg	



Dog Show 2026

From Labradors to a Havanese, all sizes and shapes were on display at the dog show this year. With two Pollys (one a collie) and a Mollie, April Murfet had a tricky task but did a wonderful job compering the whole event. Six classes were on offer with rosettes and prizes for the winner of each class. The first class was the Agility Course against the clock: Notch the Fox-Red Labrador romped home 10s ahead of the nearest competitor, expertly managed by owner Sophie; honourable mention to second place Polly Matheson.



Peg the Terrier won the Waggiest Tail class in 2024 and 2025, but this year was joint second with Otto the Whippet. The Waggiest Tail prize went to Fred the Cocker Spaniel who was definitely very pleased to be in the show ring! For the Most Obedient class, dogs had to demonstrate their sit, down and heel; Polly the Collie excelled and was awarded first place.



The Treat Run, did not disappoint again this year. The dogs have to run through an avenue of tempting treats without stopping; the only dog showing any self-control was Fred the Cocker Spaniel, the rest of the dogs snacked on sausages and cheese as they made their way (or not) down the avenue. The Best Trick class was won by Peg the Border Terrier who pirouetted beautifully on her back feet.

The final class was the Fancy Dress for owner and dog. Lots of effort had gone into all the costumes but the judges selected three joint winners: Bach the Retriever disguised as a highland cow (assisted by Emelia); Otto as Robin Hood complete with merry men; and Peanut the Jack Russell enjoying his October Fest.

Thank you to all who entered and supported the dog show. Thanks to judges Anne Clayton and Jess Shakeshaft for doing a very difficult job so well. We are also very grateful to Scampers Pet Store in Soham who provided some very generous prizes and vouchers. It was a very enjoyable event and attracted an enthusiastic crowd. We hope to see you again next year!

Janet Willmott and Mandy Kingsmill

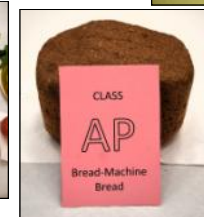


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2026 Harvest S



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Kate Musch	0.69 kg
Clare Wilkes	0.58 kg
Fiona Geraghty	0.56 kg
Josh Willmott	0.54 kg
ANDREW J. Ryan Noyes	0.3 kg
Dee Noyes	0.28 kg
Jenny Brand	0.22 kg
Freda Lloyd	0.16 kg
Dan Carter	0.02 kg



How and Dog Show

Pictures by our photographer Andrew Noyes and others



See also back cover & pp 8-9

Autumn Show

This year despite the long hot, dry summer there was a great array of fruit, vegetables and flowers. It was lovely to see the children's entries, especially the pretty miniature gardens. Our bakers came out in force with excellent preserves, cakes, bread and wine. There were sumptuous cream teas to enjoy.



Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Jenny Brand

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
French beans	Judy Thompson	Julian Luttrell	
Runner beans	Mandy Kingsmill	Judy Thompson	
Beetroot	Emily Thomas		
Onions	Judy Thompson	Colin Thompson	
Carrots	Andy & Jo Pumfrey	Emily Thomas	
Potatoes	Julian Luttrell	Christian Brand	Judy Thompson
Cherry tomatoes	Ruth Dalton	Linda Kirby	Lucy Brady
Tomatoes	Julian Luttrell	Andy & Jo Pumfrey	Rob Neal
Courgettes	Andy & Jo Pumfrey	Lucy Brady	Emily Thomas
Squash or marrow	Judy Thompson	Lucy Brady	Uschi Hodel
Cucumber		Ruth Dalton	Julian Luttrell
Any other veg	Julian Luttrell	Kate Muscroft	Ruth Dalton
Odd or rude veg	Judy Thompson	Sophie Blundell	Julian Luttrell
Mixed herbs	Kate Muscroft	Mandy Kingsmill	Glenna Turner
Trug of veg			
Desert apples	Mary Cook	Clayton	Julian Luttrell
Cooking apples	Leonine Smith	Jane Greaves	Mary Cook
Pears	Lucy Brady	Sue Rust	
Plums	Andy & Jo Pumfrey	Matilda Brand	Teddy Brand
Soft fruit	Mary Cook	Uschi Hodel	Rob Neal
Any other fruit	Glenna Turner	Mary Cook	Leonie Smith & Jane Greaves

Jam or Jelly	Chris Wiseman	Kate Muscroft	Mary Cook
Pickle or chutney	Linda Kirby	Linda Kirby	Jane Greaves
Marmalade	Ruth Scovil	Kate Muscroft	Margaret Joyce
Any other preserves	Margaret Joyce	Andy & Jo Pumfrey	Colin Thompson
Wine	Annette Goodfellow	Jane Greaves	
Eggs	Connie Greaves	Sophie Blundell and Wilf Lambert	
Ginger cake	Deborah Sheldrick	Judy Thompson	
Victoria sponge	Ruth Dalton	Lucy Brady	Glenna Turner
Fruit cake	Uschi Hodel		
Decorated and/or filled	Wilf Lambert		
Any other cake	Deborah Sheldrick	Karen King	
Shortbread	Judy Thompson	Colin Thompson	
Hand made bread	Uschi Hodel	Jane Greaves	Lawrence Styles
Bread machine bread	Andy & Jo Pumfrey	Mandy Kingsmill	
Decorated Biscuits	Scarlet		

Roses	Felix Greaves	Judy Thompson	Lynne Rand
Other flowers	Judy Thompson	Kate Muscroft	Andrew Noyes
Mixed flowers	Kate Muscroft	Emily Thomas	Judy Thompson
Tallest and largest Sunflower head	Theodore Hawkin		
Dahlia	Mandy Kingsmill	Lucy Brady	Ruth Dalton
Flower arrangement	Bianca Bagatourian		
Mini arrangement	Lucy Brady	Jenny Brand	Bianca Bagatourian
Pot plant	Chris Wiseman		Karen King
Miniature Garden	Connie Lambert	Scarlet and Maxine	
Veg or fruit animal	Mary Greaves	Connie Greaves	
Junk model	Scarlet		

Up to 16 photos	Ralph Cooper	Hugo Cooper	
Over 16 yrs	Glenna Turner	Peter Rand	Peter Brand

Quiz, Correct answers: Ruth Dalton, Rob Neal, Clayton family, Judy Thompson and Julian Luttrell

Overall winner of this year's shield: **Judy Thompson**

The Reading Group Reads...

The Camomile Lawn by

By Mary Wesley

The story of *The Camomile Lawn* starts in Cornwall in the summer of 1939 as cousins of assorted ages gather at their uncle Richard's large house for what will be their last summer holiday.

The cousins, Oliver, newly returned from fighting in the Spanish Civil War, is in love with beautiful Calypso, 10-year-old Sophie is in love with Oliver, kind Walter, his sister Polly and twins from the nearby rectory, David and Paul, are lounging the days away with swimming, running the Cornish path and picnicking on the fragrant camomile lawn – a beautiful and idyllic last summer together before the outbreak of War. The scene then

shifts between London and Cornwall and what follows are a series of extended flashbacks triggered by those preparing to attend a mutual friend's funeral.

Drawn into the cousins' stories are their Uncle Richard and his wife Helena, their Jewish refugee friends Max and Monika Erstweiler and various wartime acquaintances and lovers. Here are affairs, unexpected babies and hints of sexual abuse. Paths cross, diverge and cross again. These are people getting through the war, trying to keep things together and through it all that last party on the camomile lawn, reminding us of a pre-war normality. At a time when 'normal' ceases to exist.

Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Midnight's Children - Oct

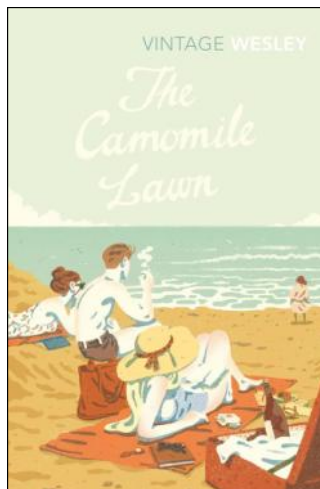
Nobody's Girl - Nov

Sanderton - Jane Austen + other person who finished it. - Dec

Sylvia Plath - Bell Jar or poetry - February

Mother Mary Comes to Me - March

All are welcome to attend.



Zelda Stuck



Our next talk is on Monday
19th October where Alison
Giles will be talking about
Molly Dancing.

Kate Muscroft



VILLAGE GARDENERS

In September, the Village Gardeners hosted Dr Gwenda Kyd who gave a talk about 'Chemical Warfare and Cooperation in your Garden'. Unlike animals, plants have very limited range of movement and, if threatened, cannot survive by getting up and moving away. Instead, they aid survival by using chemical interaction with other plants, insects and animals. The production of chemicals that are not needed by a plant for its own metabolism but which influence the germination, growth, survival and reproduction of other organisms is known as allelopathy, and the effect can be harmful or beneficial. An early observation of harmful allelopathy was recorded in the first century CE by the Roman author and naturalist Pliny the Elder who wrote that 'the shadow of the walnut tree is poison to all plants within its compass'. We now know that walnut trees produce a natural herbicide called juglone which is present in tree roots, leaves, bark and walnut shells and suppresses the growth of nearby, competing plants, causing wilting, yellowed leaves and sometimes death. Not all plants are susceptible, but the list includes tomatoes and some other crops and flowering plants and since our village gardens are home to several walnut trees, this information caused some concern and an undertaking to research the subject further.

Plants can also aid in the survival of other plants, and an example of beneficial allelopathy is the release of methyl salicylate by trees such as wintergreen and birch when attacked by insects. This natural insect repellent (oil of wintergreen) also travels through the air to warn nearby trees of danger and to trigger their own protective response. Soya bean plants under attack by aphids also produce methyl salicylate, but they use it to attract green lacewings to come and kill the aphids. Some plants release chemicals that directly affect their attacker's anatomy, such as foxgloves which contain chemicals toxic to the heart (including humans). Of course, many flowering plants rely on insects for pollination, and use a combination of colour, scent, food (nectar) and shape to attract them. We have learnt much from the allelopathy of plants and know that chemicals produced by strongly scented herbs and flowers of one plant can repel insect predators of another and positively attract pollinators and predatory insects, so that using companion planting in gardens, such as borage with strawberries, garlic with carrots, and sage with broccoli, can be beneficial in replacing the use of artificial pesticides. It has also been shown spending time in nature can positively affect our own wellbeing; allelopathic compounds can reduce cortisol (stress hormone) and blood pressure, improve concentration and memory, and increase the number and activity of immune system cells.

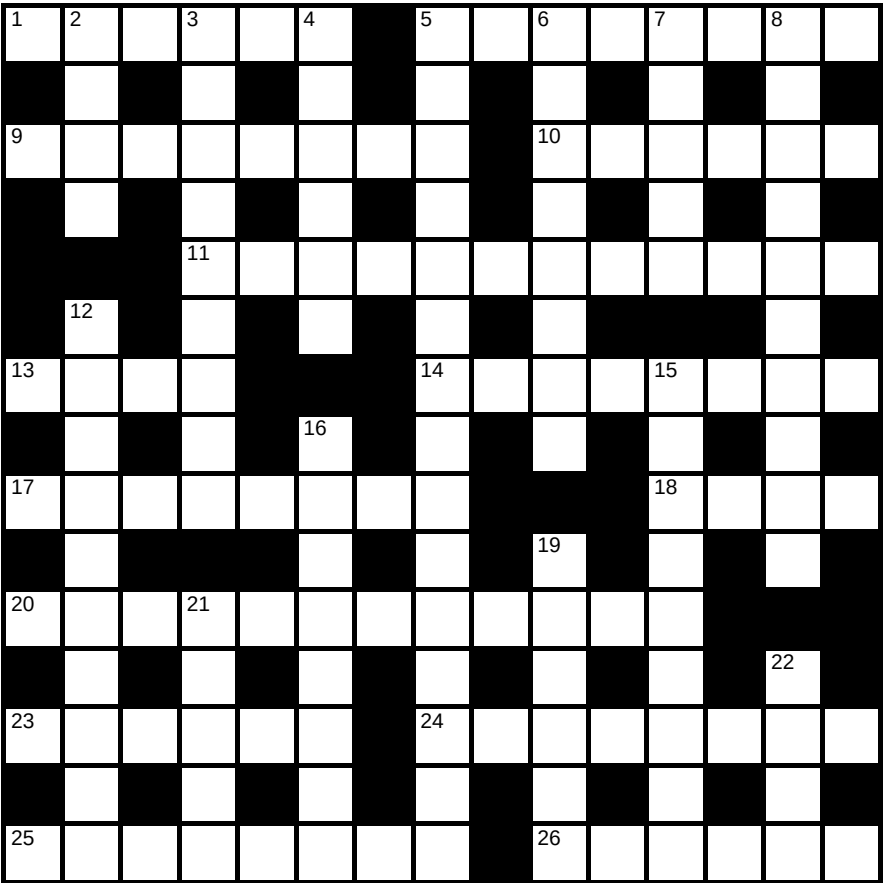
The next meeting of the Village Gardeners will be held on Tuesday 20th October in Swaffham Prior Village Hall (8pm, doors 7.45pm) when we will hold a short AGM followed by an evening of garden related quizzing accompanied by drinks and nibbles. Everyone is welcome (non-members £4).

Fiona Geraghty

Crossword Number 242

Compiled by NIBOR

This month’s puzzle is a simple cryptic crossword. Send your answers to the editors by 18th October 2026. The sender of the first correct solution out of the hat will win a free Sunday Lunch at *The Red Lion*—See the pub manager for full details. Emailed solutions are acceptable but please include “CROSSWORD” and the crossword number in the header.



Name:.....

Address:.....

.....Tel:.....

Across

- 1 Cold drink we hear. Is first taken every afternoon... (3,3)
- 5 ...and it's said I shout for cold food (3,5)
- 9 Changes Virginia to first green ram (8)
- 10 Discovered on the way (4,2)
- 11 Cat slur truly awful but that's how it's made (12)
- 13 Bad pear harvest (4)
- 14 Does it again and messy resistance is removed (8)
- 17 Songs accompany journey to runway (8)
- 18 Think about small hole (4)
- 20 Philip had ale concoction and cheese (12)
- 23 Small things arranged in private without pen (6)
- 24 Stop playing for last stages (8)
- 25 Fastest run away from exam (8)
- 26 Gives up profits (6)

Down

- 2 slightly burn in such articles (4)
- 3 Church structure made from parts sent out (9)
- 4 Starting at very interesting and really yellow bird enclosure (6)
- 5 Wasp maybe unpleasant so this may deter it (6,9)
- 6 Omits former spouse and broken schedules he's left out (8)
- 7 Drink before graduate gets a dance (5)

- 8 Initially a mind blowing upset leaves a conservative able to walk (10)
- 12 Incidental printer for example (10)
- 15 A Greek man is a dominant character (5,4)
- 16 Get a degree but drag out opening university and technical education (8)
- 19 Poor quality in slipshod dyeing (6)
- 21 Pond removed from badly enveloped embankment (5)
- 22 Made cocktail drink (4)

Solution to crossword no. 241

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We congratulate Dainin O'Dowd, the winner of last month's competition, who will receive a prize certificate from the editors. An honourable mention goes to Robert Nunn.

October at Anglesey Abbey

Autumn is one of our favourite seasons at Anglesey Abbey with plenty of colour to see around the gardens; the dazzling dahlias are still in bloom in the Dahlia Border and a carpet of delicate cyclamen lines the woodland path by Lode Mill.

What's on: Winnie-the-Pooh

Step into the enchanting world of the Hundred Acre Wood this autumn at Anglesey Abbey. Join us for *Three Cheers for Pooh!* - a family-friendly story trail and exhibition celebrating 100 years of the much-loved bear and his friends.

Rediscover classic characters and favourite adventures, through extracts from A.A. Milne's classic stories and E.H. Shepard's iconic illustrations.

From Saturday 3 October 2026, enjoy the trail as part of normal admission to Anglesey Abbey. Perfect for children (and grown-ups) of all ages. Created in collaboration with *HarperCollinsPublishers*.

October Half term

Join us for some outdoor ceramic pumpkin painting on the Pinetum this October half term from Monday 26 to Friday 30 October. Under the cover of outdoor tents, each session lasts 45 minutes and children can be accompanied by family members as they get creative; tickets cost £4 per child, and we recommend booking online to avoid disappointment.

On Friday 30 October, there will also be an author event at Anglesey Abbey with Jane Riordan who has authorised the latest Winnie-the-Pooh sequel book.

Did someone say Christmas?



Father Christmas tickets are now live on our website – this year Santa will be making himself at home again in the Lower Gallery inside the Anglesey Abbey house, surrounded by paintings and statues all festively decorated for Christmas. For more details and to book, please visit the Anglesey Abbey website.

Issy Vetroshkina



NEWS FROM OUR MP

Since Parliament returned after the summer recess, I've continued raising a range of local and national issues in Parliament. Two matters that are especially important to our area are the future of local councils in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and access to NHS dentistry.

Just days after I spoke in Parliament about the unacceptable uncertainty surrounding local government reorganisation, the Government announced that the process would be paused, once again leaving Cambridgeshire in limbo after years of work by local councils. The whole process has become a farce. Residents deserve clarity about the future of their councils and the local services that affect our daily lives and I will continue to press Ministers to provide the certainty our communities need and to ensure proper local consultation.

During the subsequent Health Bill debate, I stressed the urgent need to fix the NHS dental contract and bring more NHS dentists to Ely and East Cambridgeshire. Our area is a 'dental desert', where finding an NHS dentist can be near-impossible. That is unacceptable - but it does not have to be this way.

At the core of the issue is a broken NHS dental contract that is unfit for purpose and prevents dental practices from taking on more NHS patients. Here in Ely and East Cambridgeshire, a shocking 45% of children and 70% of adults have not seen a dentist within the past two years. Fixing this intolerable situation must be a priority for this Government.

This Government made a commitment to reform the NHS dental contract, yet progress has been limited to piecemeal changes. We urgently need a new contract and decisive action to bring more NHS dentists into our area. I have repeatedly raised this issue with Ministers in Parliament and in correspondence with the Government, but now I want to hear from you too.

Have you struggled to find an NHS dentist, faced long waits, had to travel further afield or been forced to pay for private treatment? If so, I want to hear about your experience.

I've launched a constituency-wide survey to build a clear picture of the challenges residents are facing in accessing NHS dentistry. The survey takes just five minutes to complete – and your response will help strengthen my case for urgent Government action. To take part, simply scan the QR code below or find a link to it on my Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/charlottecanelibdem>

If you have any other concerns or issues which you would like to raise with me, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Charlotte Cane MP

charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk | 020 7362 1601

You can also sign up for my fortnightly newsletter: www.bit.ly/newsfromcharlotte

Notes from the Swaffham Prior Parish Council

September Meeting

A meeting of the Swaffham Prior Parish Council took place on 10th September at the Village Hall. It was chaired by Cllr Covill and attended by 6 parish councillors and 3 members of the public.

Reports

Cambridgeshire County Council. Cllr Yannifer Malinowski sent her apologies and a written report, which covered the renewal of the Swaffham Prior Heat Network Scheme contract after a meeting with the Environment and Green Investment Committee. Future meetings are planned to look at improvements to the scheme.

East Cambridgeshire District Council. Cllr John Trapp attended but had nothing to report.

Cllr Kent-Phillips asked what land ECDC own in Swaffham Prior? Cllr Trapp to follow up.

Cllr Hart asked for a contact for County Farms regarding the state of the footpath from Pulpit Corner to the Dyke. Cllr Trapp said this is a County matter and for the Clerk to email details to Cllrs Trapp and Malinowski.

Cllr Covill asked what effect the pausing of the Local Government Reorganisation will have on the District Council? Cllr Trapp said the local elections will go ahead in May 2028 for both District and Parish Councils.

Parish Councillors' Reports

Cllr Kent-Phillips. The Cambridge Building Society account for the reserve funds is now open. All signatories to check that they have access and the remaining agreed £32,000.00 (July 2026, item 66/26-27) to be transferred from the savings account to the CBS account.

Clerk's Report

The first payment for grass cutting from the Parochial Charities has been received and banked.

Alternative quotes for repainting the Pound and Keep have not been sought yet – Cllr Kent-Phillips reported asking Elston Decorators to quote for this and sprucing up the phone box.

The overgrown village and speed sign have been reported to Highways.

The letter regarding the overgrown yew hedge is yet to be sent.

Cllr Cane (ECDC) has enquired about the cemetery black bin provision but there has been no answer at present.

The Clerk had looked into Parish Online Mapping System and found it to be potentially useful. The PC felt that an £80 yearly subscription was too expensive for the amount of use it would be.

Matters arising from previous minutes.

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for High Street. The attached order gave the details required; the road was shut to all vehicles apart from access and the closure

was to facilitate water main connections and associated works carried out on or near the highway.

The cheque for Cambridge Building Society had been signed, sent and banked. The account is now ready to receive funds.

The value of the Keep has been raised to £50,000.00 on the asset register and for insurance.

No progress has been made on the inclusive play equipment.

Cllr Greenfield reported by email that the Nurture Landscaping contract manager had visited the village car park and recommended a machine cut/trim followed by a weed spray. This is to be done at no additional charge, hopefully by late September/early October.

Correspondence.

Emails had been received regarding the closure and repair of Swaffham Road, Upware. A plan for repairs should be in place by early October.

Emails from Cllr Jonny Edge (CCC) regarding a joint letter from Parish Councils supporting Option A in Local Government Reorganisation. The PC was a signatory to the letter which laid out the agreed position of the collected PCs to the new LGR team.

Email regarding the Combined Authorities' Mayor Question Time on 17th September at Ely City Football club, starting at 5.30pm – for information.

Email regarding the PCs response to a planning application for The Smock Tower Mill.

The Clerk to reply including that opinions expressed in the Crier are not the official views of the Parish Council.

Emails regarding use of the disabled parking spaces in the village car park. After discussion, Cllr Muscroft is to suggest the Village Hall committee update the rental agreement to state that the disabled parking places are for blue badge holders only. The Clerk will order 2 new parking space signs stating 'For blue badge holders only'

Parish Council insurance.

This was renewed with Clear Council for 12 months.

Footpaths.

The Clerk had asked Eastern Tree Surgery and Snakehall Farm if they could clear away any cut back material produced by the Community Payback Team. Snakehall Farm could not, and ETS couldn't quote a price without knowing how much material there was to dispose of. The Clerk had requested an estimate of price per m2 and was waiting for a response.

The item to be carried over to the October meeting.

Cambridge Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation.

Cllr Lambert volunteered to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council.

Memorials check of 20th August.

Seven grave markers had had visual and physical inspections, one was found to

be stable, five had some movement but not enough to cause concern and one had been found unstable and laid down. None of the grave markers inspected had current contact details.

Another grave plot was noted where the concrete infill of the curb had broken up to reveal a void underneath. No current contact details were available for this plot and the grant owner is deceased.

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, 8th October 2026 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Produced from unapproved minutes and may contain errors; approved minutes can be found at <http://www.swaffham-prior.co.uk/pc/minutes.html> If anyone would like any further information on any of the above items, please contact the Clerk, Jude Griffiths.



ST MARY'S, SWAFFHAM PRIOR

CHRISTMAS CAFÉ
AND MARKET

SWAFFHAM PRIOR
VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER
2-4.30PM

CAFÉ WITH SEASONAL BAKES PROVIDED BY THE POP-UP
TEASHOP

FESTIVE STALLS INCLUDING JEWELLERY, GIFTS, CARDS,
CRAFTS, LEATHER GOODS, ECO PRODUCTS, BRIC-A-BRAC

RAFFLE IN AID OF RED2GREEN

ALL WELCOME

Burwell Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The Burwell Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a group of patients and GP practice staff who meet for 90 minutes in person (with the option to join online), four times a year.

At PPG meetings we get to hear about any upcoming changes at the surgery as well as being able to provide feedback on the patient experience to help improve the service. The PPG also acts as a consultative group for any changes at the practice

and the wider NHS.

Our next meeting will be at 6.30-8pm on Tuesday 13th October at the Burwell Day Centre, with an option to join online via Teams.

Joining the PPG does not mean you have to come to every meeting. But by being part of the group you can stay informed by receiving the agenda and minutes of each meeting.. If you would like to be part of the group, please contact the Surgery on 01638 741234 or by email at cpicb.burwellsurgery.admin@nhs.net.

For more information, including minutes of PPG meetings, and a wide range of PPG articles about Surgery services such as weight loss jabs, perinatal feeding, prostate cancer awareness, health checks, social prescribing and health and wellbeing coaching, please visit: <https://www.theburwellsurgery.co.uk/patient-group/about-our-ppg/>

FREecycle

As a reminder, everything is offered for free and nothing is expected in return.

If you have any offers or wants, please contact me by the date of your magazine submission date by phone/text (07980 423210) or e-mail (junthompson44@gmail.com) or drop a note through the letter box (23 Longmeadow). Please let me know if you would like anything repeating in subsequent issues.

Offers

Contact Garry 07803 002194.

Four-burner gas barbecue with 2 Calor gas bottles. It has wheels, so if you live in the village you could wheel it home.

White Italian side table. Measures app 130cm x 45cm x 70cm high

Contact Lesley 07814 821016. GARMIN Satnav (Sticks to windscreen. Might need upgrade depending where you are driving. Will clarify)

Contact Steve 07917 697259. 125cm x 125cm square foldable metal pen for puppies etc

Contact Jacqui 01223 811190. Cordless phone (landline) VOIP compatible (works over internet). With answer phone, caller display and call blocking options (to get rid of cold callers!). BT. Large buttons and display with optional high volume. Needs 2 x AAA rechargeable batteries.

Contact Nick 07921941530. Victorian kitchen table ~ five and half feet long and three feet wide and is pretty solid. Will need a bit of love to bring the surface back up to scratch .



Bric-a-brac donations wanted!

St Mary's Church, Swaffham Prior, is running a bric-a-brac stall at the Church Christmas Market in the Village Hall on Friday 20th November 2026

We are currently collecting donations for the stall – small, clean, preloved items in good condition.

If you have any items to donate, please get in touch with Kate Muscroft (07752011308/ katemuscroft@gmail.com) and she will happily collect your items within the Swaffham Prior area.



Mothers' Union

The Rev'd Paula Spalding joined us at our meeting in August; as it is 150 years since the MU started, Paula talked about the need to consider both challenges that have been faced in the past, and the challenges to come. Current challenges include taking an active part in our communities and the diocese and being prepared to share our stories and the responsibilities we have.

Paula suggested the use of a labyrinth to help focus our thoughts; a maze has many ways, allowing for confusion and dead ends, however a labyrinth has one way in and one way out, which can symbolise life with a path allowing for sequential growth and improvement. Members had a go at using a drawing of a labyrinth in this way for peaceful contemplation. Ely Cathedral has a labyrinth set in the floor-something to look out for next time you visit Ely.

This very thoughtful session ended with tea and biscuits as usual.

Our next meeting is on 15th October when we will welcome a speaker on 'Hearing and Tinnitus explained.' We meet at the Fassage Hall in Lode at 2.30pm, please contact me if you would like to join us, all are welcome.

Alison Martin (01223 811285)

The Anglesey Group of Churches

Services in October 2026

Thursday 1 October

11am Harvest Festival & Lunch, Lode

Sunday 4 October – Eighteenth Sunday after

Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom

10.30am Holy Communion, Bottisham

Wednesday 7 October

8pm CbyC, a contemplative service, online
on Zoom

Sunday 11 October – Nineteenth Sunday after

Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom

Holy Communion, Quay

10.30am Harvest Festival, Swaffham Prior

Sunday 18 October – Twentieth Sunday after

Trinity

9am Online service on Zoom

10.30am Holy Communion, Swaffham Bulbeck

Harvest Festival, Bottisham

3pm Harvest Festival, Quay

Sunday 25 October – Last Sunday after Trinity/

Bible Sunday

9am Online service on Zoom

Holy Communion BCP, Swaffham Bulbeck

10.30am Holy Communion and baptism, Swaffham Prior

Each Thursday

10.30am Holy Communion, Lode

Revd Canon Max Osborne max9@btinternet.com; 01223 481187 (Rest day: Tuesday)
Curate: Rev'd Sian Binley: angleseycurate@gmail.com; 07752 215896 (Rest Day – Tuesday)
Churchwardens: Bottisham: bottisham@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 604019
Lode: lode@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 811222
Quay: guy@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 812652
Swaffham Bulbeck: bulbeck@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01223 812525; 01223 811501
Swaffham Prior: prior@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk; 01638 743937
For general enquiries: admin@angleseygroupparishes.co.uk;
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/angleseychurches;
A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7380/benefice>

Dates for Your Diary October 2026

Sat	3	Village Harvest Supper, Village Hall, 6:30pm [6]
Sun	4	Harvest Festival Service, Little Chapel in the Fen, 3pm [5]
Tue	6	Stories and Smiles, Village School, 9:30-10:30am every Tuesday [9]
Wed	7	Reading Group, 6pm [20]
Thu	8	PC, Village Hall, 7:30pm [28]
Fri	9	Art Group, St James' Church Lode, 1:30-3:30pm most Fridays [9]
Wed	14	Crier Copy Deadline
Thu	15	Mothers' Union, Fassage Hall Lode, 2:30pm [30]
Fri	16	POP Litter Pick, meet at High St play area sheds, 10:00am
Sat	17	Quiz Night [3]
Mon	19	Downton Abbey, Newmarket Cinema, 6:45pm [9] SWIG, Village Hall, 7:30pm [20]
Tue	20	Village Gardeners AGM and Quiz, Village Hall, 8pm [21]
Mon	26	Anglesey Abbey, Half Term Events, until Friday [24]
Sat	31	Deadline for speed limit reduction petition [2]

Numbers in square brackets indicate page number of an accompanying article

Club	Contact	Tel/Email	Date	Time	Place
FOSPS	Becky Wilkes	07827 318351	2 nd Mon of Term	8pm	Village School
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Tim Doe	gsl@1st swaffhamprior scouts.org.uk	Wed (Term) Mon	5:15-6:30pm 6:30-8.00pm 7.00-8.30pm	Scout Hut
Reading Group	Brenda Wilson	743937	1 st Wed of month	6:00pm	Variable
Village Gardeners	Fiona Geraghty	07785 971853	3 rd Tues of month	8:00pm	Village Hall
WI	Kate Muscroft Kaye Lewsinski	07752011308 kayejanelew@ gmail.com	3 rd Mon of month	7.30 pm	Village Hall
Bell Ringers*	Gareth Davies	07886 323686 swaffhamprior bells@gmail.com	Every Tuesday	7.30-9.00pm	St Cyriac's



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