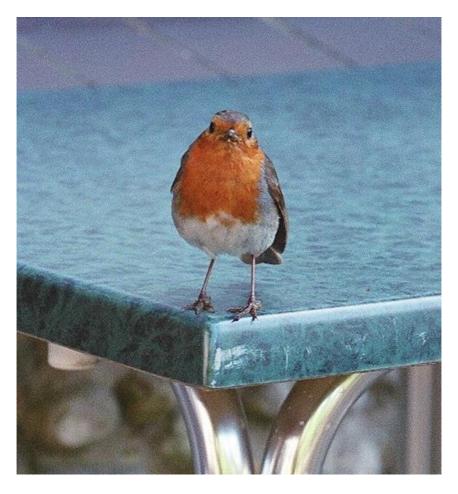
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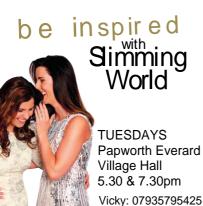


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FROM REVD NIGEL DI CASTIGLIONE:

Excited or fearful?

As I write it appears there will be regime change in Zimbabwe and questions are being asked whether Angela Merkel will be able to form a new government in Germany. Many people are feeling nervous what a new year will bring; will it make them less likely to make any challenging resolutions?



On the other hand, I have just been speaking with someone who – after more than 80 years of robust health – has had 2 significant operations in the past year and both have gone better than she feared beforehand. We really don't know what will happen and many fears turn out to be unfounded.

One of the joys we will have witnessed or heard about over Christmas was seeing children and grandchildren opening presents with great excitement and pure joy. There is something very attractive about the way young children have complete confidence only good things can happen around them; then we watch them grow and witness how in years to come they seem to develop the same anxieties and uncertainties many adults wrestle with.

Jesus once said, 'Unless you become like little children you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven'. He was encouraging childlikeness (not childishness!) in how we think about and learn to trust in God. Of course, that feels a lot harder for some than others, because they have grown up with bad experiences that have tainted their perspective on for example the idea of God as our Father.

Childlikeness, in matters of faith and religious belief, really only works when we can be confident that God is utterly good and no hint of evil, deceit and malevolence can be found in him. But this is what authentic Christianity believes, commends and offers.

A retort I have heard often goes like this: "I'll believe it when I see it". I suggest that makes no sense – because when we see something we no longer need to believe in it! The challenge is to turn that sort of thinking upside down and start saying "I'll see it when I believe it!" That's the foundation on which all worthwhile relationships are built including agreeing to marry someone, who I buy a car from, the people we work with etc.

My prayer is that everyone in the Six Villages will have an exceptionally good, happy and prosperous year in 2018; and if we start the year believing that we will have more days to be full of hope, expectation and dare I say joy than if we embark on 2018 full of gloom, dark fears and the prevailing view that says everyone and everything is against us!

Nigel di Castiglione Team Rector

Babysitter Available:

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ELTISLEY FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

The Members' Lunch will take place on Wednesday 10th January, 1pm-3pm.



KALEIDOSCOPE:

Kaleidoscope is a women's discussion group meeting every six weeks or so for a relaxed evening to meet new people and listen to a speaker. We'd love to see anyone from around our six villages and beyond so please call in and catch up with us all, as on the 23rd January, Elaine Taylor, from Relate in Cambridge, will be with us again. Elaine has been many times

before and is a very relaxed and interesting speaker; this time she will be talking about **'Confidence Building'**. Do come along for a drink, around 7.45pm, and hear Elaine speak about this intriguing topic - it should be a great night – hope to see you!

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Wishing everyone a very **Happy and Prosperous New Year** from the new Committee



Tuesday, 16th January – Travels in Iran - a very welcome return visit from Marion Quarrington who spoke last time about her visit to Cape Verde. Marion always brings out the unusual aspects of another country. We anticipate another very interesting evening.

Coming up in 2018:

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Make-up demonstration
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Eltisley History Society meets on fourth Wednesday of each month in the Cade Pavilion, 7.45 for 8pm. Visitors (over 11 years old) always welcome, £2 per meeting, or enrol as a member. Interesting speakers.

Wednesday 24th January: The work and achievements of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Bedford (the wind tunnels) – Speaker: Barry Tomlinson

The Six Villages Newsletter is grateful to the Eltisley History Society for their recent kind donation towards the printing of this Newsletter.



Save the date!

Papworth Hospital and Village Fete

Celebrating 100 years of partnership

Saturday 16th June 2018

10am-5pm plus after party Location: Papworth Hospital

RURAL CRIME ACTION TEAM (RCAT):

Huntingdonshire district has a particularly high mix of villages and rural areas with issues such as thefts from farms of tools, metals, and diesel as well as hare coursing often being reported.

The constabulary's Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT) was formed in 2016, The RCAT'S role to combat hare coursing and poaching, as well as using specialist knowledge to deal with other aspects of rural crime including plant and tractor theft, arson, and illegal raves.

The team also spends time raising awareness of crime prevention strategies for people living in rural communities with officers regularly meeting people to flag up issues and share experiences.

RCAT continues to make inroads into reducing rural crime and has achieved to date number of notable successful convictions, but rural crime cannot be tackled in isolation.

Not all forces have dedicated rural crime teams however working across borders and working with agencies such as Countryside Watch will be key to tackling this growing threat to what is a traditional way of life in our county.

SEASONAL GREETINGS TO ALL YOU WISHING YOU HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

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Could those people who have borrowed a wheelchair from either The Church or The Cade in Eltisley please let us know if they still require them as we need to keep a log of their use and availability.

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ROGER'S RAMBLINGS



We have had our first taste of cold weather, I wonder what lies ahead? The predictions are of a hard winter so I guess we should expect it to be mild! You may be interested to know that the County Council have provided us with a pristine new salt spreader to de-ice the paths around the school. It came with 3 shovels, 3 pairs of gloves, 3 pairs of goggles and 3 Hi-viz jackets – but no salt – apparently there are no plans currently to deliver any!! Hey Ho!

As I mentioned last month the Parish Plan Steering Group are following up on the results of the refreshed plan survey. If anyone would like a copy of the survey summary please let me know but a short summary is as follows:

A total of 171 forms were distributed to all households and 66 responses returned (38.6 %). Of the 66, 59 (89.4%) were from adult householders and 7 (10.6%) from Under 18's. The surveys of 2007 and 2012 and actions by Eltisley PC based on the resulting Parish Plans, have led to considerable improvements in local facilities and benefits for residents. There is a continuing high level of satisfaction by residents for life in Eltisley and overall the way in which the green and local facilities are maintained. The refurbished Cade and the play area equipment are valuable assets to village life. The major concerns remained the problems of congestion and access to the A428, speeding through the village, parking around the school, no bus service, rural crime and fouling by dogs. Suggestions included a Village Shop, changes to the Village Pub, a Youth Club, outdoor gym equipment, CCTV, better maintenance of footpaths, controlled development for young families, more speed controls and improved broadband/mobile phone reception.



The Steering Group will report their findings to the PC for discussion. They would like to put more emphasis on Neighbourhood Watch and Speedwatch, and to that end an Open Meeting will be held in the New Year. I am co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch and the Village Volunteers are: Myself, Mike Cropley (Caxton End), Peter Thwaites (Meadow View), Barbara Boddington (The Green), Mervyn Loynes (The Green), Alan Sulch (Topham Terrace/St. Neots Road), David Rossiter (St.

Thomas/Cambridge Road), Sarah Burles (Potton End), Nichola Donald (Greenfields/Caxton End), Bernard Hart (St. Neots Road), Mary Flinders (Caxton End), Colin Bell (The Green), Jane Kennedy (Greenfields), Wendy McIntosh (Greenfields), Karen Kilpatrick (Caxton End/Potton End), and Anne Pettifor (Caxton End). Anyone can be a volunteer, the more the merrier and the only commitment is to keep your eyes and ears open whether at home, walking the dog, washing the car or whatever. Just noticing anything unusual and reporting it is enough.

I am also co-ordinator of the Speedwatch Team and our volunteers are: Karen Kilpatrick, Mike Cropley, Mary Flinders, Peter Thwaites, Colin Bell, Alan Sulch, Annie Haskins and Duncan Stephenson. As you know, we have our own equipment now and the potential to operate more sessions, but to do that we need more help, and if you could spare a couple of hours a month or

more, you could make a difference. Speedwatch has made a massive difference to reduce speeding through the village but we could do more.

Through our membership of the Parish Energy Saver Partnership we now have a number of electricity monitors. These plug into your socket and are a useful way to establish what your appliances actually cost. Councillor Angela Weldon has agreed to hold these so to borrow one ring her on 01480 880303.

The Peace Tree lights are up which, to me, always signals the start of Christmas, and by the time you read this we will have enjoyed another magical time in our wonderful village. May 2018 be a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful year.

Our next PC meeting will be at **The Cade Pavilion** on **Tuesday**, **9**th **January 2018** at **7.30pm** do come along. As always, praise or problems to me at 45 Caxton End or on **01480 880122** or rtp@eplusmail.com or our Clerk Jane Bowd on **01480 468451** or eltisleypc@btconnect.com

Roger Pinner Chairman Eltisley PC

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Ladies of any age, do come along to one of our meetings and sample what's on offer! If you have an enquiring mind and like to try something new then there is something for you!

We usually meet at The Cade Pavilion, 7:30pm, on the second Wednesday of the month. To find out more contact Inez - 880358, or Carol - 880328, or just come along.

Coming up:

After all the activity leading up to Christmas, members will relax in **January** and welcome the New Year by going out for a meal together (venue undecided at time of going to press).

...and further ahead:



<u>Wednesday 14th February</u>: "A Night in the Life of a Badger" will be revealed by Peter Pilbeam

<u>Wednesday 14th March:</u> we will be exploring "Science for Fun" with Pat King.

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Friday 29th Dec Open 8pm – 11pm

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Xmas Eve Raffle Prizes include A Meal at The Eltisley and a Hamper of Booze.

(Donations toward the Hamper are appreciated, please leave behind the bar at The Cade – thank you)

The Cade Committee thank you for your support throughout 2017. We wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and send our best wishes for 2018 to you and your families

ST PANDIONIA'S PARISH, ELTISLEY

Happy New Year!

At our Advent Concert the Cambridge University Brass Band shared the limelight with a small group of delightful singers from Newton School and three talented local artists presenting a selection of verse. Over £800 was raised and a wonderful evening was enjoyed by many. Thank you to everyone who came and everyone involved in the organisation.



Thanks too, to everyone who contributed to the three clothing collections last year, which raised in the order of £360 toward the Church Building Fund and to everyone who supported the 2017 Pandionia's 100 Club. The 100 Club is a type of lottery, which we run as a fund-raiser. It is drawn 4 times per year; tickets for the 2018 Club are now on sale, from Nichola. Congratulations to our final 100 Club draw winners, the Hill Family, Pat Pinner and Jane Taylor, winning £75, £25 and £15 respectively. We will be starting some more repair work to the Church Tower in the next few weeks, and so these funds will valuable contribution.

This month Eltisley is hosting Rev Steven Day's Stained Glass Exhibition. He has produced the exhibition, after surveying, researching, and recording all the stained glass windows in the Diocese last summer. This fascinating exhibition is in the church, so please feel free to come and enjoy it.

Finally, don't forget to come along to <u>Breakfast @ 8.30</u>, on 7th January. Please join us for a great breakfast, and a chance to chat, and read the papers, followed by a short, informal service – it's an excellent way to start your Sunday.



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Newton Primary School - Autumn term 2017: Mrs Brown's review

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The whole school has learned about the Monarchy this term as part of our British Values studies and we all spent a wonderful day at the Tower of London. The children were totally amazed by the historic palace, the crown jewels, treachery and treason. We continue to enjoy the sights and sounds of Eltisley and can be seen regularly walking to the church for our Wednesday services with Revd Steve or going to Pocket Park to enjoy our Forest School sessions.

The children have worked hard in all areas of the curriculum, but especially so in maths. All of them can be proud of their achievements this term.

The school created a brand new website this term, it is full of information, photographs, and I've even taken to blogging. Take a look and let us know what you think! www.newtonschool.co.uk

Christmas was soon upon us and preparations for the KS1 play started in earnest. The children were wonderful and brought a tear to the eye of many. The Christmas fayre was a roaring success and combined with a theatre trip and panto visit, Christmas parties, and card hunting, the children all left school happy, ready to enjoy the festive season with their families.

Our end of term service saw us say goodbye to Mrs Doryland who started her school life at the tender age of 4 at Newton and who returned to take up her first teaching post in September 2012. We wish her well as she moves to Japan with her husband for what we hope will be an amazing adventure! Sayōnara Abigai!! さようなら



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