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#### FROM: REV STEVE DAY

By the time you read this, I'm sure quite a few New Year's Resolutions will have been made and broken. Not so much the ones like "lose weight" or "eat more fruit" which can't really be judged in the short term, but certainly the make-or-break ones like "stop smoking".



That's because resolutions require resolve! It's not

enough just to have a feeling that something would be a good idea – resolutions must spring from deep within us where our willpower wrestles with the force of habit and our fondness for instant gratification.

Will power must also battle with inertia, and impatience – we must be prepared to change, and we must be in it for the long haul. When two people marry, so popular songs have it, they say "I do" – well, they don't! They say "I will" – they engage their willpower and look to the long term, not just the present moment.

A New Year's Resolution that is actually worth making, and actually worth sticking to, is really more of a New Year's Revolution – a turning away from how we have been to aim at what we intend to be.

The Biblical word for that turning is "repentance". It may sound a little strange to think of "losing weight" as "repenting of eating so much" but that's basically what it means!

Thinking about "New Year's Repentance" opens up a whole range of possibilities that might not occur to us. How about resolving to be more humble, get angry less, be less greedy, to spend more time and resources on relationships than on things? These are far harder to measure than weight, or how often we eat our "five a day" but correspondingly far more long- and far-reaching in their impact on our community and our world.

Jesus called his followers to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. So how about if we all resolved to be brighter and more salty? More ready to challenge the dark, and more prepared to get stuck in and preserve our world from decay? That really would be a New Year's Revolution!

# ELTISLEY ROGER'S RAMBLINGS

Christmas really begins with me when we put the lights on the Peace Tree, and as usual, thanks to Russell's aerobatics, they look great. The Village Christmas Party is always an enjoyable afternoon, and a great way to spend a few hours meeting old, and making new, friends, and as always, the highlight was the wonderful WI mince pies. This year we had more people than ever come along and, a good time was had by all!

We met our MP Heidi Allen at the Cambridge Road junction on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December so that she could witness the traffic chaos during rush hour periods and understand why we have been campaigning for improvements, she left assuring us that she would pursue the matters with Highways England, but we still need to keep campaigning, so do write and keep up the pressure. I attended a Forum on the proposed new A428 dual carriageway where Highways England were seeking views on the preferred route and building the case for funding. I have persuaded them to attend a meeting here in mid-January, date to be announced.

You may have noticed the 'Good Neighbour' signs down Caxton End, designed to deter unwanted callers. These, together with the stickers in the last Newsletter, give residents the backing they need to say NO to unwanted visitors. I will be distributing more leaflets on how to stay safe in future issues.

You may remember that through the Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership (SPEP) we have access to a Thermal Imaging Camera that picks up poor insulation in walls, doors and windows. Angela is in charge again so for your free assessment give her a ring 880303.

I have a few of the Commemorative Coins that were given to the children to celebrate HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday at £3 each if anyone would like extras for children or grandchildren or just to keep?

Finally, we have a vacancy on the Parish Council, so if you would like to be involved, or would like more information, give me or our Clerk, Jane, a call.

The next PC meeting will be at **The Cade** on **Tuesday**, **10**<sup>th</sup> **January 2017** commencing at **7.30pm** hope to see you there.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all on behalf of our parish council a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

As always, praise or problems to me at 45 Caxton End or on **01480 880122** or <a href="http://www.nc.action.com">rtp@eplusmail.com</a> or our Clerk Jane Bowd on **01480 468451** or <a href="http://www.nc.action.com">eltisleypc@btconnect.com</a>

#### Roger Pinner

Chairman Eltisley PC

### **Croxton Park Lamb Meat Boxes**



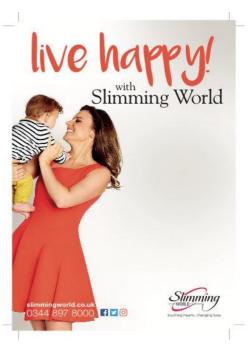
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#### <u>Submitted by</u> County Councillor Julie Wisson Tel 01767 677837, mobile 07725791459 Julie.Wisson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

As I write this article in December, the lack of gritting through Yelling and Toseland is causing a problem with treacherous icy rural roads causing accidents and I am hoping that common sense will prevail and the road will be gritted routinely on a nightly basis should it be required. The council has a seven year contract with ECON who supply the council with new gritters every year from November through to April each year. This year the routes the gritters will travel along have been revised to reflect the challenging financial pressures that face the council.

The gritting routes have been designed to make sure all strategic routes have



been gritted as well as all major roads such as to hospitals and schools. (Roads such as A14, M11, A47, A1 and A428 are gritted by Highways England). The new routes cover over 1,000 miles of the county's roads and can be viewed at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/wintergritting. Plan your route to work in winter

conditions based on the routes that are gritted. In this area the B1040 and B1046 will be gritted.

Cambridgeshire sees differing temperatures and weather conditions across the county that is why this year the county has been divided into 3 sections, North/East, South/West and City. Gritting will be tailored to meet the local needs and based on the conditions in these 3 areas rather than on the county as a whole. There is also an army of more than 70 local volunteers who help treat their local area when temperatures drop to freezing and below. If you would like to volunteer in your local community to help treat local areas please contact me.

#### Working with

District Councillor Richard West, Tel 01480 811467/mobile 07841866630 Email: richard.west@huntsdc.gov.uk Cllr Barbara Boddington Huntingdonshire District Council.Tel: 01480 880929, Email barbara.boddington@huntsdc.gov.uk

# **GRAVELEY & PAPWORTH ST AGNES**

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## ELTISLEY HISTORY SOCIETY



Eltisley History Society meets on the 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.

25<sup>th</sup> January: A Nazi in the Family, the story of my German grandfather and his family by Derek Niemann

In January we remember the sacrifice made by **Herbert Topham**, who died during the First World War. Herbert was the oldest son of George amd Martha Topham. He had been in the Bedfordshire Yeomanry since the spring of 1910 and as a serving member of the Territorial Force he was immediately available for service as soon as War was declared. Herbert was at camp in the Chelmsford area in December 1915 when he was taken ill with rheumatic fever and transferred to hospital in Southend-on-Sea, where he died on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1916, aged 34. Herbert is buried in Eltisley churchyard.

#### ELTISLEY BINGO NIGHT:

A big thank you to everyone for their support either by playing or with kind donations.

We had a great night playing Bingo and raised **£250** for the Peace Tree Lights fund. Please remember, it's your contributions that keep the Tree lit.



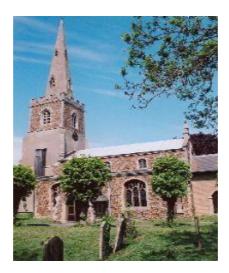
**Pat Pinner** 

#### St Pandionia's Parish - January 2017

Happy New Year! Firstly, a big thank you to all those who helped to make the church look so beautiful over Christmas especially those who cleaned, decorated and helped at our festive services. It was wonderful to have some members of Cambridge University Brass Band back in Eltisley to play for the Carol Service. Thanks to them, as well as to Stuart Moffat from Toseland and all our amazing singers (Eltisley definitely has talent!) who made this year's Carol Service so special.

This month we are back to a more regular pattern of worship and more details of all services are on the back of the newsletter. For those who like a coffee and a catch up with friends and neighbours, the first **St Pandionia's Cafe** will be on **Friday 20th January from 10-11.30am**.

Looking back on 2016, St Pandionia's has been busy. There have been Christmas, Easter and Harvest celebrations, as well as a fabulous wedding, several baptisms, special services for Newton School, a monthly cafe, a Remembrance concert and sadly also a funeral. The church is there for the whole village but it needs ongoing support. There are many who already give their time, talents and money but as a new year begins, we'd love to hear from more people who could help. Perhaps you could cut the grass occasionally? Do some cleaning or the flowers every now and again? Or set up a regular standing order to help with the church's running costs and ongoing maintenance? Speak to one of the churchwardens - Sarah (880214) or Sylvia (880409) or email stpandionia@gmail.com to find out more.





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#### **ELTISLEY POPPY APPEAL:**

Thank you to all the residents, school, church and The Eltisley for all their efforts – we raised £610.10.



#### **ELTISLEY FRIENDSHIP GROUP:**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm, in The Cade Pavilion, Eltisley – Members' 'Fish n Chip' Lunch. All Welcome. Guests £1.

25 Kilos Sacks of Potatoes: £6 per bag (can deliver)

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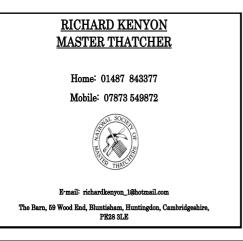


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### **TOSELAND** Correspondent: Wendy O"Brien

Sadly, one of Toseland's oldest residents, George Fairey, known as ''Tom' has passed away.

Tom was born at Green Farm, then lived and worked there for the rest of his life. He passed away in Paxton Hall Care Home on the 8th November 2016 after a long illness aged 91 years.



Tom's funeral service has already taken place at St Michael's Church, Toseland on the 28th November 2016 which was followed by a cremation at Bedford. He was a much-loved brother of Joan and a dear uncle to all his nephews and nieces.

REGULAR MEETINGS in the 6 Villages:

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets during term time fortnightly on Fridays, 10.30am, at Oaktree House, Potton End, Eltisley -Contact Sarah on 880214.

**HOPE BIBLE STUDY**: Every Wednesday during term time at 8pm - call 880409 for details.

**LADIES CIRCLE** For women up to the age of 45. We meet 2 Tuesday evenings a month with a varied programme. For info contact Nicky on 880114.

#### JANUARY 2017 BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Looking for something new to do in 2017? Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking for volunteers in your area to join our successful Community Champion scheme.

Community Champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans.

We will train you, give you a uniform and provide you with a wide range of activities to choose from, all of which will help to keep our communities safe from the risk of fire.

No previous qualifications or specific skills are needed to become a Community Champion as CFRS is always seeking people from diverse backgrounds. The scheme is run by the charity Groundwork on behalf of CFRS. To find out more about the Community Champions scheme, contact Katie Dean on 01480 587140/07736 132870 or email katie.dean@groundwork.org.uk.

And don't forget to make a New Year Resolution to test your smoke alarm, and that of your elderly relatives, once a month by pressing the 'test' button on the device. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check please visit our website.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to <u>www.cambsfire.gov.uk</u>. Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook

#### THE SIX VILLAGES NEWSLETTER Editor: Anne Pettifor, Tel 07974 082604, email: <u>anniepettifor@hotmail.com</u> Treasurer: Angela Weldon, Tel 01480 880303

#### Deadline for FEBRUARY issue: 15th January.

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## YELLING

Visit: www.yellingvillage.co.uk for news & info Correspondent: Elly Peal



#### YELLING VILLAGE HALL:

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#### YELLING AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: New Year, New You – new look??

Ladies – come and join Jean and Louise, Beauty Consultants with Beales



Department Store. They will be demonstrating (on us) Clinique and Estée Lauder make up ranges followed by a session when we can try out products – on ourselves and on each other! So, ladies - and your friends in Yelling, Toseland, Graveley,

Papworth St Agnes and surrounding villages do come and join the fun on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm in Yelling Village Hall.

..... and in the coming months we have:

Heart, Health and Osteoporosis by a specialist speaker.

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust - <u>"Climate Change and Local Wildlife"</u> - an evening discussion with the Trust's Chief Executive.

Also a <u>Floral demonstration</u> on the theme "Just for you".

Further information from Janet on 01480 880434. In the meantime, we wish you a very Happy New Year.

### YELLING

*Visit: www.yellingvillage.co.uk for news & info Correspondent: Elly Peal* 





#### FIRST FOOTINGS & NEW YEAR'S EVE

At Yelling Village Hall

8 pm onwards,

Entry: A plate of food!

Look forward to seeing you there!

Yelling Quiz Night – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

At Yelling Village Hall - Arrive 7.30pm for 8pm start

Teams 4 to 6 - Refreshments provided





#### CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION MEAL

The Events Committee are arranging a 'Chinese Meal' at the village hall on Saturday 21 January 2017 –(Year of the Cockerell!) Further details & price TBC – Contact Jemma – 880016 !

#### ELTISLEY & CROXTON WI NEWS:



By the time this is published we will have selected our programme of speakers and outings for 2017-18 and, from the choices we have lined up, it promises once again to be a very interesting and varied year. Watch this space for details once the bookings have been made!

New members and lady visitors are always welcome to regular meetings which are usually held at The Cade Pavilion. To find out more contact Inez - 880358, or

Carol - 880328, or just come along.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017: After the bustle and business of the Christmas season, members will be welcoming in the New Year in a relaxed style by going out for dinner together at a local restaurant.

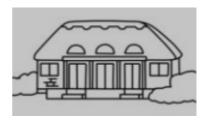
<u>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017:</u> Gardening expert Andrew Sankey will reveal "Cottage Cures and Superstitions". Apparently there is more to a cottage garden than pretty flowers and delicious vegetables!



#### Papworth St Agnes: February 2015

#### **CADE PAVILION NEWS**

Bar Opening Times: Fri: 8pm-11pm and Sun: 12pm-2pm (For bookings/hire contact Colin & Val: email: <u>cadebookings@gmail.com</u> or Tel 880665)



Christmas has been and gone and I hope everyone had a good time over the festive season.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Janet and Barry Fletcher for their kind donation of the Christmas tree. It certainly helped make The Cade look very festive.

So here we are in 2017. We have Sunday lunches planned on the first Sunday of the month, (tickets from Anne Pettifor, tel 07974 082 604) and an AGM in March to look forward to. The committee is still looking for a Treasurer and Secretary, please do consider the opportunity to be an active part of this village facility. If you need any further information, then please talk to a committee member.

Happy New Year to you all.

Julie Herring, Chair of The Cade Committee, Email: julieeherring@gmail.com



#### **KALEIDOSCOPE**

Discussion group for women

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 7.45pm,

at the Cade Pavilion, Eltisley



#### Call the Health Visitor!

We are delighted to be joined at this month's Kaleidoscope by Bridget Halnan, Senior Lecturer at Anglia Ruskin University and Fellow of the Institute of Health Visiting, who will be sharing her experience and expertise. There will be games, Q & A and informal chat. How can we access the information we need about health issues? Which websites should we trust? What exactly do health visitors do? Come along and find out as well as having your own questions answered.

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Contact: Rev'd Stephen Day, The Rectory, 32 High Street, Bourn CB23 2SQ Tel 01954 264226



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HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer W4A = Worship for All FHC = Family Holy Communion FW = Family Worship CHC = Combined Holy Communion

#### CHURCH ROTAS

Ss John & Pandionia, Eltisley: No information this month.

Yelling: January 8th. Mrs. B. Eveleigh, January 22nd. Mrs. J. Hill

**Graveley, with Papworth St Agnes:** Flowers: 15<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January: Mrs Katie Biss, Cleaning: Mrs Elizabeth Gray & Mrs Christine Eayrs.