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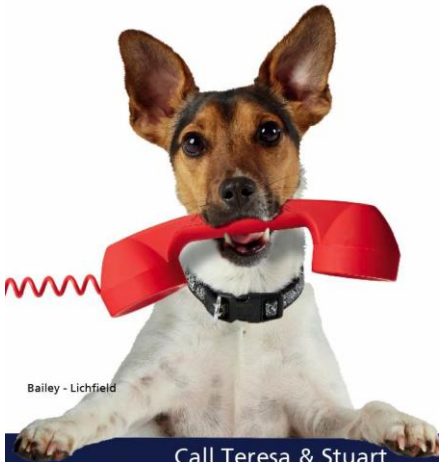
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FROM: REVD STEVE DAY



Fake news or Good News – which would you rather have?

We've all heard about "fake news" - the stories which certain politicians and certain parts of the media invent, or wildly exaggerate, in order to push their own agendas, or boost their own profits.

The other name for it is "lies". Whether it's a promise of NHS funding painted on the side of a bus, or a non-existent "massacre" used as an excuse for banning immigrants, such lies are more and more common.

It's bad enough when people get fooled by those lies. It's worse when people make decision based on those lies, because those are inevitably bad decisions – the only people who benefit are the liars. Worst of all is that the liars can then cry "fake news" even when presented with the truth, leaving everyone confused, and making it much harder to find out what is real news, and what is lies.

In the Gospels, it is Pontius Pilate, the cruel and cynical Roman politician, who asks Jesus "what is truth?" just before making the politically expedient, but wrong, decision to have Jesus executed. Pontius Pilate may have thought that the truth could be distorted, hidden, or killed, but God had other ideas

Jesus said of himself "I am the way, the truth and the life". His life conquered death: Jesus rose from the dead, and the truth was revealed – Good News, not fake news.

How can we deal with the problem of fake news? We can actively look for the other side of each issue. We can ask ourselves "who is benefitting from this?" We can think, pray, and make up our own minds. Then we can choose not to support 'newspapers' or politicians who peddle lies. We can choose to be and to spread Good News.

Jesus also said "the truth will make you free" so to choose truth is to choose life and freedom. To turn a blind eye to 'fake news' is to choose death, and enslavement to those who benefit from us not asking questions.

So what will you have: fake news, or the Good News? The choice is yours.

Revd Steve



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.

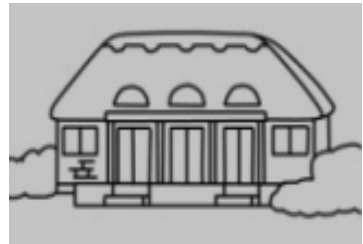
22nd March: A Cruise on the Cut - the architecture and engineering of the British canal system and the idiosyncratic designs of some of the individual canal builders, speaker Derek Harris.

CADE PAVILION

Bar Opening Times:

Fri: 8pm-11pm and Sun: 12pm-2pm

(For bookings/hire contact Colin & Val: email: cadebookings@gmail.com or Tel 880665)



I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that the Cade AGM has been set for the 31st March 2017 and will be followed by pub night in The Cade. Any member of The Cade who attends the AGM is entitled to a free drink. I hope to see many of you at the AGM.

The committee is still looking to confirm a Treasurer and Secretary, I have had some interest in the roles and joining the committee so please do consider the opportunity to be an active part of this village facility. You do not need to take on the role of Secretary or Treasurer to be involved so please do come and have a chat if you would like to be involved. It is only thanks to volunteers from the village that we can keep The Cade Pavilion open. If you need any further information, then please talk to a committee member.

Some dates for your diary:

Sunday Lunch March 5th: Noon – 2pm

AGM March 31st: 7pm

Defibrillator Training May 3rd: 7.30pm

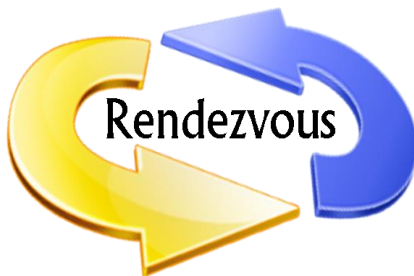
Cade working party May 6th: am – all welcome to offer a hand

Julie Herring

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

RENDEZVOUS COFFEE MORNING:

Please come and meet the Rendezvous Team at our Coffee Morning on Monday 10th April, 10am-12noon, in Papworth Village Hall.



Each August we hold a Holiday Week in Papworth for anyone in our villages who would like some company or who finds it difficult to get out and about as much as they did.

Our Coffee Morning is an opportunity to call in and meet us all. And, if you would like to help (either as a volunteer driver or befriending our guests during the Holiday Week), do come along - we look forward to seeing you.

For more information please ring Anne (01480 880672) or Nichola (01480 880285).



KALEIDOSCOPE:

Our next Kaleidoscope discussion group will be on **Tuesday 28th March, 7.45pm for 8pm at The Cade Pavilion in Eltisley**. This time we have a representative from **Schoolreaders**, a charity that improves childhood literacy by providing one-to-one reading sessions in schools. Their aim is to give every child the opportunity to reach their full potential and make a lasting difference to their lives.

If you haven't been before you are very welcome and it would be lovely to meet people from all our 6 villages. We're a very informal group so please come and share a drink with us and listen to our speaker.

If you'd like any more information please give me a ring on 01480 880672.

Anne Pettifor

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YELLING ART GROUP:

New members welcome at YELLING ART GROUP. We meet on Thursdays in term time 10am-1pm. We are a friendly group painting and drawing in a variety of media.

For details call Joyce 01480 477045 or Prema 01480 474157



For sale, A Gopak low hanging chair trolley (type Y/C119) which holds 68 folding chairs and is most suitable for village halls, schools and similar buildings. Originally cost £400 but available to any local association for a generous donation to Yelling Village Hall; buyer takes away - see attached picture. Please contact John Bownass on 01480 880014.

YELLING AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

Tuesday, 21st March - "**Climate Change and Local Wildlife**"

Ladies - we are very privileged to have Mr Brian Eversham, Chief Executive of the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust as our speaker. We will be learning and discussing various ways of helping wildlife adapt to the effects of climate change. and coming up



Floral demonstration on the theme "Just for you"

GRAVELEY

Correspondents: Ken & Dee Munday, Tel 830612, Email: deemunday@btinternet.com
Please see the village website: graveleyvillage.co.uk/for Neighbourhood Watch News

Graveley Village Hall

ANTIQUES FOR GRAVELEY

Hyperion Auctioneers of St Ives

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Thursday 30th March, 7pm

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St Botolphs, Graveley & Papworth St Agnes

QUIZ NIGHT

Graveley Village Hall

Friday 10th March 2017, 7.30pm



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Raffle

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Bring your own drinks.

Tickets: £6.50. Under 16's: £3.50

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Eltisley & Croxton W.I. News:

If you had been at our February meeting you would know why the recent shortage of lettuces in the shops would have caused great concern to Victorian ladies! This and many other old cures and superstitions combined to provide an evening of amusement,

information and at times disbelief! (If you want to know the answer to the 'lettuce' problem, ask one of our members.)

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 8th March: We are looking forward to hearing why "It shouldn't happen to a Home Economist!" from Sian Fox, anecdotes from her career in the world of cookery.

Wednesday 29th March: Members' visit 'behind the scenes' at St Neots Tesco.

Wednesday 12th April: Our Annual Meeting and the planning of activities to mark our WI's 70th Birthday year.

ELTISLEY FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

On Wednesday 8th March, 2pm, at The Cade Pavilion we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. All welcome. Guests: £1.



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GRAVELEY & PAPWORTH ST AGNES

Correspondents: Ken & Dee Munday Tel: 830612, Email:

deemunday@btinternet.com.

Please see the village website: graveleyvillage.co.uk/for Neighbourhood Watch news.



COTTON FARM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Cotton Farm Residents Association will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st March 2017 in Graveley Village Hall.

All residents of Graveley, Toseland, Yelling and Papworth St Agnes are eligible for membership of the Association and are welcome to attend the AGM.

The Agenda will include a review of finances and progress reports on actions to resolve wind farm noise problems both local and national.

Any questions on the above and/or requests for items to be added to the agenda should be addressed to:

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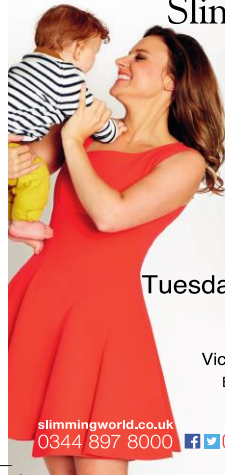


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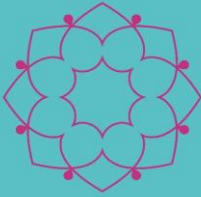
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THE SIX VILLAGES NEWSLETTER

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Deadline for APRIL issue: 15th March.

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REGULAR MEETINGS in the 6 Villages:

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets during term time fortnightly on Fridays, 10.30am, at Oaktree House, Potton End, Eltisleys - 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.



As I write in early February, we have seen some frost and a sprinkling of snow but overall an exceptionally dry winter. Now with gales and rain perhaps “February Fill Dyke” will prove to be the case.

We have a great Village with some wonderful people and I never cease to be amazed by the lengths people go to to help others, whether it is those less fortunate than themselves, or practical tasks within the Community, and I thank you all.

Community Speedwatch will resume soon as the days grow longer and we could do with a few more volunteers. It is not onerous, is quite interesting and helps to keep the Village safe. I know many of you could help – it can be as little as 3 hours a month so do call me for details.

On the subject of safety I have had reports of young children out after dark on cycles with no lights. If they must be out unsupervised please ensure that they are fully visible. And of course, the old perennial – dog poo! Complaints continue to roll in particularly around the Institute end of the Green. The offenders know who they are so please think of others and CLEAR IT UP! If you know of a persistent offender report them to Environmental Health at South Cambs District Council.

I was pleased that many of you attended the exhibition of the proposed housing development put forward by the Enterprise Property Group, unfortunately there seems to be a misconception that the scheme was sponsored by the Parish Council and I would like to put the record straight. As has been mentioned many times in these columns, the Parish Council, following the Parish Plan of 2007 and the Housing Survey of 2011, has been seeking a site and a developer for Affordable Housing. This is to enable and encourage young people to live in the Village they grew up in, and to enable the elderly to downsize, and has to be built on an exception site, which is one that would not normally be considered for development. As was mentioned in the last Ramblings, there will be a new housing survey this year. It was considered that the Exhibition was the best way to publicise the proposed development and to gather the views of the Villagers. The Parish Council has no view but will be guided by your views, so please let us have your comments, in favour or against, and your reasoning as soon as possible.

As you know we have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor (no pay I’m afraid!). We meet bi-monthly and if you care about our Village and its future we would love to hear from you. The Parish Council is a voice representing the Village and its Inhabitants to the outside world, It has no jurisdiction on planning decisions, education, road safety etc., but does have strong powers of comment.

Now, dates for your diary, firstly the **Parish Plan Steering Group** are holding an **Open Meeting** on **Thursday 2nd March 7.00pm** at the **Cade**. This is the group that is advisory to the Parish Council in implementing the Parish Plan and other Village improvements. The Parish Plan is to be refurbished this year so if you have a view on how the Village should move forward then

please come along. **Neighbourhood Watch** and **Speedwatch** are meeting at the **Cade** on **Tuesday, 7th March** at **7.00pm** to discuss crime prevention and Village safety. This concerns us all so do come along. Finally there will be a **Village Working Party** at the **Pocket Park** on **Saturday 11th March** to refresh the paths with woodchip and generally tidy up from **10am** to **12 noon**. Many hands make light work and it is a good way to meet fellow Villagers. Refreshments provided.

The next PC meeting will be at **The Cade** on **Tuesday, 14th March 2017** commencing at **7pm** (**please note earlier start time**) hope to see you there.

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

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH,
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Closing Date for applications 6 March 2017

News from your District Councillor – Residents of YELLING AND TOSELAND

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Eltisley Junctions (A428)

Many residents have approached me regarding workings at present by Amey on behalf of Highways England until end of March - this is to upgrade the junctions with road markings and lighting.

When we finally have the agreed route for the proposed A428, and of course assuming it is a new route, these junctions need looking at again.

St John Ambulance

I was delighted to be honoured by St John Ambulance recently and made President for the Huntingdon Area. If any ' young or not so young ' are interested in joining the local branch information as follows:

Badgers 7-10yrs, Cadets 10 - 18yrs - Adults very welcome - Meetings each Wednesday 8pm - St. John Ambulance Centre, Cemetery Road, St Neots.

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Also County Cllr. Julie Wisson Tel 01767 677837 – julie.wisson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Don't swallow up your NHS - local NHS reveals the cost of prescribing basic medicines






Health Chiefs in Cambridgeshire are urging local residents to buy basic medications from pharmacies instead of getting them on prescription. Last year your local NHS spent over £4 million on prescribing medicines that can be bought easily from local pharmacies or supermarkets. This includes £1.5million on prescribing pain relief (paracetamol), £1.2 million to treat upset stomachs, £550,000 on antihistamines and £320,000 to treat heartburn and indigestion.

All of these medicines can be bought at local pharmacies or supermarkets for less than it costs the NHS to prescribe.

Sati Ubhi, Chief pharmacist said "We want the public to really think before they visit the GP, is this something that I can treat myself? Is there a medication I can buy for this over the counter? A packet of paracetamol can cost as little as 25p for 16 tablets at a pharmacy. But if you go to your GP with your ache or pain and get a prescription, the total cost to your NHS is approximately £45*. We all have a responsibility to look after our own health and look after our NHS."

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ST PANDIONIA'S PARISH - MARCH

We're delighted to be welcoming **Cambridge University Brass Band** back to Eltisley Church this month with a wonderful concert on **Friday 24th March** to celebrate the start of Spring. More details elsewhere in this newsletter. Book your tickets now as it will be a great evening. Funds raised will go to the ongoing work on the church tower. The outside work has been completed but more repairs are needed to the inside of the tower to make it safe.



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Friday 17th March
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This month we enter the season of Lent and prepare for Easter. A **Lent Course** for the whole of the Papworth Team of churches will be run at Papworth Village Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7th March. If you'd like a lift from the village please contact Nichola on 01480 880285. This Lent we as a church are once again supporting Water Aid's **Jars of Change Lent Appeal** by collecting loose change in jam jars. For more information on how this charity is transforming communities in the developing world visit www.wateraid.org. If you would like to help them do this amazing work then pick up a jar from beside the font in the church and just fill it with change over the next six weeks. We also have collection boxes in church for the **St Neots Food Bank** and the **Children's Society Used Stamps Collection**.

Our spring **churchyard clear up** will be on **Saturday 18th March** from **10-12.30pm**. This is always a fun and productive morning and we would love to see you if you can spare a few hours to help keep the churchyard looking tidy. We are so grateful to everyone who helps support St Pandionia's in so many different ways. It is your church and is **open, all day, every day for everyone**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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| Sunday 2nd April | Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the church 12 noon |
| Saturday 22nd April | Safari Supper 7.00pm - late |
| Saturday 15th July | Church Fête on the Green 2-4.30pm |

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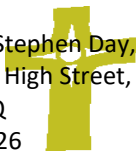
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| 05/03/2017 | 10.30am HC | | 6pm Songs of Praise | | 10.30am MP |
| 12/03/2017 | 4pm W4A | 10.30am MP | | 10.30am HC | |
| 19/03/2017 | 10.30am FW | | | | 10.30am HC |
| 26/03/2017 Mothering Sunday | 10.30am P&P | 10.30am HC | 6pm Village Service | 10.30am MP | |

HC = Holy Communion
 MP = Morning Prayer
 W4A = Worship for All

FHC = Family Holy Communion
 FW = Family Worship
 CHC = Combined Holy Communion

Lent Course: Becoming Bigger Christians Introduced by Bishop David at Wave on Wednesday 1st March, followed by a 6-week course on **Tuesday** evenings at Papworth Village Hall (starting on the 7th March) All welcome to come along as we learn about and discuss ways of developing good spiritual disciplines that help us to grow as disciples of Christ.

CHURCH ROTAS

Ss John & Pandionia, Eltisley: 5th & 12th March – Nichola Donald and Anne Pettifor, 19th & 26th March – Marion Garrad.

Yelling: March 1st. Ash Wednesday, Lent, no flowers

Graveley, with Papworth St Agnes: There will be no Altar flowers during Lent. Church Cleaning: Mrs Elizabeth Gray and Mrs Christine Eayrs.