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#### **EDS BIT**

Welcome to the new edition of the WN. We have lots for you to read this time. If any of you have an interesting hobby/pet / talented child etc... we would love to hear from you......contact details for all the team can be found on page 23.

I'd like to thank both the Environment Agency & Anglian Water for their contributions on two subjects dear to all Welneyites' hearts, the road closures & the proposed new sewerage system.

Here's hoping the sunshine returns soon...

Rachel

# The 'Charlotte's Way' Fenland Road Safety Campaign

(email: <a href="mailto:charlottesway@btinternet.com">charlottesway@btinternet.com</a>)

In association with:

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Front cover picture shows a kingfisher, plus catch, photographed by Mark Brown at Pisces. These stunning little birds can also be seen on both the Delph and Old Bedford Rivers. Listen for the high-pitched "peep" followed by a flash of brilliant blue as the bird speeds along just inches above the surface of the water.

# A fun guy writes.....

Dear Welney News,

It was good to see fungi on the front cover of issue 62 of Welney News. The species illustrated is one of our more common species which has the typically rather workmanlike English common name of "Many Zoned Polypore" although in the USA it is more aptly known as "Turkey Tails". This attractive species can be commonly found on logs, stumps and trunks of mostly deciduous wood and can be easily dried and preserved to be used in arrangements of varying kinds. Although not remotely poisonous the flesh has a faint bitter taste and the consistency of cork so it's not one for the pot.



Readers may be interested to know that the record for the largest fungus ever recorded in Welney, a species of Bracket Fungus, still belongs to Roger Giles. I shall never forget that warm summer evening when he took me up Back Drove before showing it to me and I was stunned by the huge size of it.

If any readers feel they have a larger one than Roger then I'm sure Welney News would be interested to hear from you.

J Revett.

# **Local Bus Services**

Since the cancellation of the Service 61 Bus through the Village we have been approached by a parishioner to see if there would be any interest in a possible bus to Ely on a Thursday and/or March on a Saturday.

If sufficient persons are interested we may be able to approach the bus company to see if they would be prepared to supply such a service possible on a trial period.

If you would be interested please let me know as soon as possible or give your name and telephone number to any Councillor.

Pat Copeman, Clerk to Welney Parish Council Tel: 610226 e-mail: welneypc@aol.com

# **Emergency Planning Flood Road shows**

Dates already planned with Central area Environment Agency are:

30th July Wiggenhall St Germans

7th Aug Snettisham

13th Aug King's Lynn

20th Aug Heacham

27<sup>th</sup> Aug Hunstanton

We are also attending a Safer Norfolk day on 28th May at Hunstanton, focussed on the west Norfolk Coast.

Queries to Emergency Planning Officer: Email: kevin.kent@west-norfolk.gov.uk or telephone: 01553 616287

# **Volunteer Car Drivers Needed!**

If you can spare some time to help transport people in the Downham Market – Upwell area, please ring: 01366 387165 for more information.

Downham Market Area Community Car Scheme is a new service that will provide transport to area residents and is part of the West Norfolk Community Transport Project.

# Wanted.....

Can you help?

I am a 14 year old girl living just outside of Welney. I am looking for an evening/weekend job while I am finishing the last two years of secondary school. I am known personally by various local business people who I am sure would give me a reference and my mother works in the Welney Primary School and is known locally. I have experience working with horses and I'm not afraid of hard work, so if anyone can help please ring 01354 610388.

# The William Marshall School needs you!

The William Marshall Church of England Primary School in Welney is looking for someone to fill the post of Clerk to the Governors starting in September. The post involves taking minutes at the Governors meetings and circulating them (about 6 meetings a year) and other administrative tasks. All expenses are paid, full training is given and the Clerk is paid an honorarium of £150 per year. Anyone interested? To find out more contact Sue Dobson (Chair of Governors) on 01354 610230.

# **Lording It At Crufts**

Welney may not be the biggest village in the country but it can boast a Crufts winner. Barry & Pat Denyer moved into Hurn Drove in January 2007, along with Brogan, their top-winning Pyrenean Mountain Dog. Brogan, 7½ years old, is now in semi-retirement having had an amazing show career winning top honours all over the country. In 2004 he won the '*Our Dogs*' Open Show League by dint of having won more Best In Show awards than any other dog in the country – this included shows as far apart as South West Working & Pastoral Breeds (Bristol), Cheshire Agricultural Show (nr Sandbach) and Peterborough Ladies Kennel Society (Sacrewell).



However, one of his greatest achievements is to have won a class at Crufts, every year for the last 5 years. This class, known as the KC Good Citizen class, has only been in existence for 5 years and is open to any dog that has previously qualified to be shown at Crufts and has achieved a 'pass' (at any level) under the Kennel Club's Good Citizen scheme. The Kennel Club schedule this class for every breed that is exhibited at Crufts, as a positive promotion of the Good Citizen scheme. Brogan is one of only four dogs in the UK to have won this class every year since its inception.

Full details of the schme can be found at: http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/activities/good\_citizen.html

Meanwhile, Brogan has recently been joined by another Pyrenean Mountain Dog. This time the new addition is not a 'show dog' but is a Rescue bitch, acquired from the breed's Rescue Centre in Leconfield in Yorkshire. Whilst Brogan is about as laid back as any dog can get the latest addition, Ellie, is completely the opposite. Pyreneans are supposed to be livestock guardians and young Ellie displays all of the natural traits of the breed.

You may well ask yourself why this column is titled "Lording It at Crufts". There is a simple explanation – Brogan's proper name, as registered with the Kennel Club is... Ch Milenjohy Lord Brogan of Batrapyr ShCM! Is it any wonder that, at home, he gets called "Bro"?

Barry Denyer

# Not seasonal but still beautiful!



Picture taken at Easter by Roger Irons

# **Good company**

As ever the Friendship Club trip on 13th of May was a resounding success. The venue this time was Wicksteed Park and the day was crammed with things to do. After a lovely lunch members were treated to a fun packed show. Then after a game of bingo everyone tucked into a cream tea. All agreed it was a great day out.

The next outing is to Holt and Sheringham in early June while in July everyone is hoping for that summer weather to return as Boston (home of the famous Stump) and bracing Skegness are the places pencilled in for the July trip. So don't delay, ring Queenie on 01354 610409

The Friendship Club meet every other Tuesday (see diary page) in the village hall for a cuppa and a chat and a sociable game of bingo, whist or dominoes. Perhaps you'd like to go along and introduce a new game, give a talk on an interesting hobby or just catch up on village news.

Everyone is very welcome.

Enquiries to Pat Rix on 01354 610292

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Believe it or not we've got it right outside our house if it is your dog please can you possibly **clean it up!** all you need is a bag!

because you see there are 3 reasons (and possibly more) why we and lots of other people don't want dog muck outside our houses.

first reason it smells , second reason we could step in it , third and the most important reason it is dangerous to health.









#### Dear Ed

"re; The unsavoury subject of Dog Poo"

We now have three dog poo bins at useful sites in the village but there are still problem areas for dog waste. We find dog mess close to our house so regularly (outside the back gate, by our parked cars, etc) that my ten-year-old daughter has felt compelled to send you a poster about the situation and her feelings on the matter.

I am thankfully not squeamish but still find it annoying to clean up after someone else's dog or dogs. I would like to list a few relevant points here:

Dog poo bags and poop scoops are cheap and easy to use.

As well as being smelly and unpleasant to look at, dog waste carries a disease organism, Toxocara canis, which is highly dangerous to children.

People who do not clean up after their dogs do get fined - in Peterborough recently, a woman had to pay a £50 fine and £50 in court costs when she was seen letting her dog foul in a street then not clearing it up.

Finally, a personal message to the person or persons letting their dog(s) leave mess outside our house; if you don't want to carry your dogs' 'leavings' on your walk, or to the nearest red bin, please please consider bagging it and putting it in our black wheelie bin rather than leaving it by our gate. As a last resort, if you can't manage the prospect of warm squidgy stuff in a plastic bag, there is an old shovel tucked behind our wheelie bin which you are welcome to use instead, along with some clean carrier bags which I have tied to the gate!

Best wishes

Karen Fleming, Bridge House

# What the Borough Council says:

Dog fouling in public areas is not only unsightly, but can pose a health risk. The Dog Warden receives a considerable number of complaints relating to dog fouling every year.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act makes it compulsory for dog owners to clean up after their dog on -

- Any highway maintained at public expense where the speed limit is 40mph or less
- The footways of such highways
- Cycle tracks
- Public footpaths
- The grass verges adjacent to such highways, footways, footpaths and cycle tracks
- Designated areas such as parks, recreation grounds, playing fields or beaches

#### **Conviction of Offenders**

If a dog fouls at any time on designated land and the person in charge of the dog fails to clean up the faeces, then that person is guilty under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, where upon conviction they could be liable to a fine of up to, but not exceeding, £1,000.

It is the intention that persistent offenders will be prosecuted.

#### Report doa fouling

If you are aware of a dog fouling incident as defined above or have any information on owners who do not pick up after their dogs please telephone the **Dog Enforcement Service** on 01553 616200.



# **Road Closed**



Whilst it was unfortunate that heavy rainfall over the Milton Keynes / Bedford / Huntingdon areas caused the Welney road to flood over the Easter period, the evacuation of flood water from the Washes was effective and reduced the duration to only ten days. The volume discharged is estimated at around 10 million cubic metres of water (2,200,000,000 gallons!).

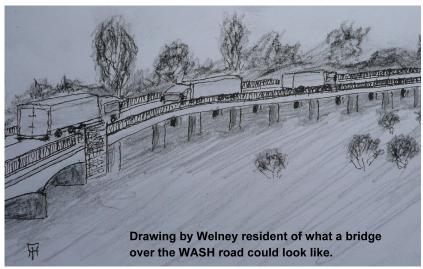
One of the reasons for the good discharge is that the prolonged flooding of the Washes over the winter period has resulted in high flows through Welmore, which has in turn created scouring of the tidal River bed downstream of Welmore and Denver. This was further supplemented by permanent and temporary pumping at Welmore.

We have recently clarified and confirmed the position regarding the closure of the Welney road. When the water level on the Washes reaches the road level, we immediately contact the Cambridgeshire and Norfolk Council Council Highways Departments by phone and fax. This is undertaken by the Flood Warning Duty Officer, which is a 24/7 hour service. The information given is one of advice that water has reached the road level. The decision to close the road is made by the highways department on the grounds of highway safety. The EA has no powers to close a highway. When the water falls below the road, we immediately informs the Highways Departments that the water has fallen below the road.

The recent flooding of the Washes delayed planned repair work on the Welmore Sluice, this decision was made in order to maximise evacuation of water from the Washes. The work will involve some minor works on the timber Tidal doors and should be completed in advance of the winter period.

Finally the Agency is producing a fact sheet on the Ouse Washes /Denver Complex and holding an 'open' day at Denver Complex on the 16/17 July. There will an opportunity to talk to Agency staff about what different functions do (Flood Risk Management, Flood Warning, Navigation, etc), a tour of the Complex / Sluices and find out more about a number of projects we are currently working on, including the Tidal River Strategy. See next column for further details.

Dave Gillett, EA





# Find out for yourself...

The Environment Agency will be holding two open days at it's Denver Complex in Sluice Road Denver on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th. July 2008.

The purpose of the open days is to give local residents, and those with a particular interest in the operation of the site, an opportunity to drop in any time between 2pm and 8pm each day to meet Environment Agency staff and get the answers to any questions they may have about the site.

There will be a number of stands covering:

- The Strategy for the Tidal River between Denver and King's Lynn
- The refurbishment of the Denver Little Eyes sluice
- The Ouse Washes Habitat Creation Project
- Flood Forecasting and Warning
- Navigation
- Fisheries, Ecology and Recreation
- Water Resource Management
- Catchment Flood Management and Shoreline Management Planning.

There will also be guided tours of the sluices at 3pm, 5pm and 7pm each day.

So, if you want to find out what goes on at Denver or how its operation impacts on your particular interest you are invited to drop in on either day between 2pm and 8pm.

# **Welney Croft Cricket Club**

A good start to the season opening with 2 wins, including a first ever victory over Castor.

Our last two matches have produced a lot of runs, but still ended with us being beaten on both occasions.

Brief summary of the season so far:-

# April 26 - Castor & Ailesworth II (away) Won by 35 runs.

Welney 133 for 6 (40 overs) Castor 98 (30.4 overs)

Top scorers - Stephen Kent 22

Stuart Singleterry 22

Best Bowling - John Loveday 4 for 31

#### May 4 - Parson Drove (away) Won by 34 runs

Welney 114 for 9 (40 overs) Parson Drove 80 (27 overs)

Top Scorers - Sean Goodger 51 (1 x 6, 6 x 4's)

Duncan Hobbs 23

Best bowling - Sean Goodger 4 for 11

John Loveday 3 for 8

# May 11- Loddington & Mawsley (away) Lost by 6 wkts.

Welney 243 for 7 wkts (40 overs)

Loddington 244 for 4 wkts

Top scorers - Stephen Kent 71 (12 x 4's)

Stephen Revett 42 (6 x 4's)

Best bowling - Sean Goodger 1 for 36

## May 18- Hampton (home) Lost by 57 runs

Hampton 213 for 5 wkts (40 overs) Welney 156 for 9 wkts (40 overs)

Top scorer - John Loveday 31 (6 x 4's) Best bowler - Ashley Hobbs 3 for 56

**Tony Smart** 



Skipper
John Loveday
with
Duncan Hobbs
waiting to bat
at Castor

# **Womens Institute**

When April comes around it means it's time for the committee to take a well earned night off and members take over for the evening.

This particular evening everyone was invited to the home of Sheila and Ted Dore who had organised a lovely meal which was very enjoyable.

Jean Newell and Jennifer James were presented with a teaspoon each for gaining maximum points in recent competitions.

'My Favourite Biro' was the title of the monthly competition. Of the nine entries Jean Newell, Vera Singleterry and Queenie Johnson gained 5 points, Cissie Bedford, Bettine Watson, Sheila Dore and Amy Markham 4 points, Blanche Markham 3 points and Jennifer James 2 points.

Hostess Sheila Dore organised several games of card Bingo with lucky winners receiving a bar of chocolate. Raffle winners included Cissie Bedford, Vera Singleterry, Jean Newell, Bet Smith and Amy Markham. On behalf of the members Amy Markham thanked Sheila

On behalf of the members Amy Markham thanked Sheila and Ted for a very pleasant evening.

President Amy Markham welcomed members to the May meeting. The minutes were read by secretary Bettine Watson and an invitation to join March Stone Cross W.I. for a Garden Party and Buffet Supper on 26th June was gladly accepted. Also the President and one member were invited to the Group Convenors Coffee Evening at March on 23rd June.

As it was Resolutions night, the first one to be discussed was a 'Ban on Bottom Trawling' asking the government to urge the E.U. to ban bottom trawling which causes a great loss to marine life. Everyone was in favour and voted accordingly. The second resolution was the 'Inappropriate Imprisonment of Severely Mentally III People', which again urges the government to provide treatment and therapy in a more appropriate and secure residential environment. After much discussion it was decided to leave the voting to the delegate at the A.G.M. in Liverpool on June 4th.

After a welcome cuppa and biscuits Amy Markham organised a picture quiz; winners were Jean Newell and Blanche Markham. Two general knowledge quizzes followed with Sheila Dore in charge of social time. The brainy winners included Jean Newell. Blanche Markham and Bet Smith.

The monthly competition was 'My Prettiest Brooch' with Jean Newell and Blanche Markham gaining 5 points, Sheila Dore, Vera Singleterry, Cissie Bedford, Queenie Johnson, Amy Markham and Jennifer James 4 points, and Bettine Watson 3 points.

Raffle winners were Blanche Markham & Jean Newell.

Enquiries Amy Markham on 01354 610 340





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# Delph House news

Marifa Lodge Care Home Tel: 01354 610300

In hopeful anticipation of a long hot summer we now have a small marquee in the garden. On hot sunny days residents and visitors can sit out in the garden and enjoy the fresh air without getting sun-burnt.



Our picture shows some visitors relaxing in the shade.

## **Recent outings**

In April we first visited Ely market, looking for bargains. Next we visited Denver Mill and had tea and scones by the waterside. Lastly we visited Ely waterfront and saw the birds and the boats including youngsters in canoes. There we had tea and cake in the Maltings restaurant.

In May we visited the Long Sutton Flower Festival. This is held in Long Sutton Parish Church and was a very popular attraction with many other visitors. The following week we visited Houghton Mill. Unfortunately this was not open on the day we visited but we had an interesting ride through the countryside and each had an ice-cream in Houghton village.

#### Coming events

Through the summer we will usually be going out every week. Trips planned in the next few weeks include:

Thursday 5 June: Caithness Crystal at King's Lynn

Monday 9 June Songs of Praise at St Andrews Church, Outwell. The service starts at 2:00 so we will start boarding the bus at Marifa Lodge at 12:30 pm.

Future trips may include Collectors' World at Downham Market, Banham Zoo, Sandringham Park, Hunstanton, and Welney bird sanctuary. Requests or suggestions for other places to visit are welcome.

#### **Day Care**

Our Day Care Centre is now operating, but some places are still available for local residents. Currently we operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with users able to go out on the trips on Thursdays. Please telephone, email or visit to enquire for more information.

We also continue to deliver home-cooked lunches to local elderly residents in their homes. This service currently operates in Welney and Upwell and villages between.

Graham Rainbird

# **Buzz Off**

Have you seen a swarm of Honey Bees?

Please call the King's Lynn Swarm Coordinator on

01553 828651 or 07860 573719

Please have ready: location inc. postcode, size (e.g. "tennis ball" / "football"), height off ground, roughly how long it has been there and a contact person on arrival.

All swarms collectors are volunteers, and would appreciate cost of petrol to collect swarm – there is no other charge.



Bees make a huge contribution to agriculture by pollination – estimated at £165 million per year in the UK – and they produce delicious honey too.

#### Want to find out more?

You can come along one weekend in the spring/summer and spend an hour hearing about beekeeping and having a look in a beehive (weather permitting)



**Contact Terry Gibson** 

Tel: 01553 674051

Email: bee-aware@gmx.com

# To bee or not to bee



Honey Bees have dark abdomens



**Bumble Bees** are fatter than honey bees and look furry



Wasps have bright yellow bodies



Hornets are MUCH bigger than all the above.....up to 1 inch / 2.5cms long.

# Farming Diary



Yesterday, 20th May, saw us complete our final plantings of the season with the last field of chamomile planted. This was actually a replanting of part of a field that had become overgrown with

thistles and root bindweed, and there had been plant losses over winter due to a grub that invades the roots and eats them, thus killing the plant. By the time damage is seen (usually December/January) the grub has left the root, meaning chemical control methods are not possible. The best time to control with chemicals is in the summer at the same time as growers treat carrots for carrot root fly. To be honest, it is a bit hit and miss and this year we did suffer a few dead patches because we did not treat.

We sprayed off any remaining plants and weeds with round-up weed killer and left it for seven days to ensure the chemical had translocated into the plant in order to prevent re-growth. The field was then ploughed and power harrowed to produce a suitable soil tilth to plant into and then the chamomile plants were planted and rolled in after planting to ensure the roots were in contact with any moisture available in the soil to help establishment.

Some of the older plantations of chamomile have patches of thistles and couch grass (twitch) which we are hoping to control using our weed wiper. The weed wiper is a machine with a fixed bar of about 6 metres to which is a wick attached which soaks up concentrated round-up (Glyphosate) supplied from a small tank mounted on the machine. The wick has sensors which electrically sense the amount of liquid, and when the wick starts to dry out the pump switches on and sends more roundup to the wick to keep it moist. The operator has to drive through the crop allowing the wick to touch any plant taller than the crop. This wipes a small amount of concentrated weed killer on to the weed and kills it over a period of about 2 weeks. The trick is to not allow the wick to drip and to get as close as possible to the crop without touching it. It is very effective if the field is passed in two directions and obviously relies on the weeds being higher than the crop, so accurate timing is important.

Unfortunately, due to the cold wet period we had back in

April we had very slow emergence of the sugar beet and very variable plant stands, which actually forced us to decide to re-drill one field of sugar beet as there just were not enough plants. The rule of thumb we have always used is we need more then 40 plants to the chain - a chain being 22 yards or 20.117 metres. A chain is also the distance from one set of cricket stumps to the other, and for those that like numbers a parcel of land that is 10 chains long and one chain wide would be one acre in area. If my calculations are correct a full plant over one chain and drilled at 7 inch spacing would be 113 plants. 70 plants would produce a reasonable crop and less than 40 would probably require a re-drill. The British Sugar field person visited and advised us to re-drill, as in places we had only 17 plants to the chain. The dilemma was that every week we delayed drilling from mid-April we risked losing yield. We were already at the end of April and wet weather was forecast, so we needed to wait until fine weather was predicted. The other dilemma was that it takes 3.25 tons of harvested beet to cover the seed cost for each acre or land, so having to re-drill means that this figure is doubled to 6.5 tons. The final beet tonnage will also have to cover rents, harvesting, spraying, fertilizer and any other overheads. Not a rosy prospect for a crop that might only now yield 20 tons per acre with a final beet price of just over £20 per ton. Anyway, we took the decision and the weather came right for Bank Holiday Monday, which is when we re-drilled, spraying off what was left of the old crop, plus the weeds. The 10 acres was then harrowed and re-drilled. By the following Saturday crop emergence had occurred and in seven days almost a full plant was visible down the rows. Time will tell if the crop can fulfil its potential. Fortunately this was only about 8% of our total acreage, so it will be an interesting experiment. British Sugar have long been advising early drilling but those growers that were patient and drilled later than March 13th have had better success at establishment this season. One wonders if, with price rises of diesel fuel, fertiliser and chemicals this season, sugar beet will remain a viable crop to continue with. Many growers are seriously considering whether the crop will still have a place on the farm, and I already know of two farmers that do not intend to continue with it. If British Sugar wishes growers to continue with this crop then they must seriously address the price they pay to growers.

I am sure fuel costs affect us all, but it is very noticeable when the price paid for red diesel has doubled in less than twelve months. This time last year we paid 34p per litre and just last week it was running at 67p. One wonders where it will all end. Nitrogen fertiliser has gone from £154 per ton last season to £305 per ton last week for Lithuanian material. I wonder if the farm gate prices will keep in line with these rises. A recent Sunday Times article reports that these price rises are due to city traders dealing in these commodities rather than stocks and shares due to the volatility of that market. Wheat prices have also been fluctuating for similar reasons but have now fallen with the news of better weather in the USA and Australia, whose crops have a large influence on the world price.



Above: Where the stone was found Below: The mysterious stone



We had a visit last Friday from a previous tenant of Pates Farm; Les North, along with Mr Smith of Outwell, the local historian. Les had called the previous day to see if the large stone situated near the farm office was still here, as they were coming to see us and to photograph it. The history behind this is that Les had ploughed the stone out of the field adjacent to Pates Farm close to the Old Croft River. As it was rather large Les had dragged it to the yard with the tractor, where it has been ever since. Old local legend has it that in the day before the Fens were drained the Old Croft River was the waterway along which the stone that built Ely cathedral was shipped. The legend has it that near to Tipsend one of the ships/barges that carried this stone sank, and this in turn altered the course of the river, as other ships/barges had to avoid the wreck. This became what is known locally as The Nags Head, the part of the Old Croft at Tipsend that on the map looks like, you guessed it, a Nags Head. This is the area between Pates Farm and the east side of Tipsend towards Whitehall Farm. Well, you have probably guessed by now that Les has always felt that this stone was the same as that used in Ely Cathedral, and when Mr Smith saw the stone he confirmed that it was certainly the same stone as used in the building of Ely cathedral. Mr Smith kindly brought me a copy of a map showing the old course of the Old Croft before the drainage

and pointed out that it was not called the Old Croft until after Vermuyden drained the fens in the 1700s, after which it became of no further use. I wonder if there are any other examples of rocks or stones being found in the locality that may just verify this story further (letters to the editor please).

Having caught up with the land work we decided to have a bit of a move round with some of the benches etc in the workshop to try and create a bit more space. One of the cupboards contained some old radios and speakers etc, but when I opened it I discovered it had become a maternity ward to a robin which had set up its nest in there, so any thoughts of moving the cupboard therefore had to be abandoned. We had already been providing a home to a family of blackbirds up in the rafters who, though they fled the nest just over a week ago, have remained in the building. For just over a week the parents were constantly feeding their young, carrying in food on an almost non-stop basis, virtually oblivious of us if we were working close by. On a sad note the local foxes have taken one of our large cockerels and two of our laying ducks in the last week, and it looks as if I may have to sit up one night on guard to stop this slaughter before we have none left. We found the den (in one of the local ditches) which with all the carcass remains and feathers scattered around looks a bit like something out of a horror movie.

I had a comment from a Tipsend resident recently who had observed square patches about 3m x 6m in some of our wheat fields. These are our contribution to the effort to help the skylark population, and we have provided around 120 of these patches in around 120 acres of wheat as habitat for the skylark. These areas have been proven to increase skylark numbers on cereal land, and are situated away from the wheelings so that predators such as foxes cannot find the birds quite so easily. They provide feeding and breeding areas in a dense crop that would normally prevent them from landing.

By the next edition of the Welney News I would expect grain harvest to be very close if not already started. Let us hope for an enjoyable summer in the meantime.

Ken Goodger

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# Oil Theft

Since the beginning of April there have been 59 incidences of theft of heating oil/gas and diesel across Norfolk.

This is due in part to the increase in fuel prices generally. In many of the cases the victims were targeted shortly after they had their storage tank replenished.

Thieves need to put their vehicle as near to the tank as possible so trying to prevent that is one way to reduce the risks. By ensuring that the tank is placed in such a position that access to it can be restricted when the premises are unoccupied will reduce the opportunity. It should also be situated within sight of nearby occupied buildings and not hidden from view behind outbuildings. Lighting may also deter potential thieves.

Control switches should be located in a secure building and the electricity supply turned off when the tank is not in use. A good quality locking device should also be fitted to all fuel tanks such as a high-quality shackled padlock. Owners could also consider perimeter security for the whole tank such as a metal cage or fencing.

You should also consider fitting an alarm that will warn you that someone has either entered your property or is near your tank. A supply of such alarms will shortly be available at Kings Lynn, Hunstanton & Downham Market Police Stations. The alarms will cost £20.00.

Try and get into the habit of checking your tank on a daily basis.

If you require further advice or if you see any suspicious people or vehicles checking out property report it to your local Crime Prevention Officer on 0845 4564567.

# **Update from Anglian Water**

The vacuum sewerage system has been designed and the planning approval for the Vacuum pumping station off Chestnut Avenue was granted.

The construction is planned to commence in February 2009 and will be completed before Christmas 2009.

Anglian Water will hold a public Open Forum in January 2009 in which residents can speak to a member of the team on a one to one basis.

The combined treatment plant for Welney and Christchurch is being designed as an Aerated Treatment Lagoon System.

We are currently hoping to progress with the Planning Application in June 2008. The location of the proposed treatment plant is off Green Lane between Christchurch and Tipps End. The advantages of the Aerated Treatment Lagoon system for a rural area such as Welney are:

- This plant is like an irrigation lagoon and has no odour.
- There is minimal sludge removal, envisaged perhaps once a year for materials that might not break down biologically.
- There is minimal noise, as they only have a small blower, which will have an acoustic cover.
- The visuals are more "in tune" with the rural environment with the raised earth banks.
- The power consumption is much reduced against other types of treatment processes.
- The lagoons will essentially have 3-4m of water and the birds will no doubt use it, as they would an irrigation lagoon.
- This plant will have reduced vehicle visits due the reduced technical equipment content.
- Reduction of imported materials necessary for the construction.
- The plant has an extremely low carbon footprint compared to other treatment plants.

John Forkin

# **Shredded Paper and Related Items...**

Firstly, on the subject of newspapers and shredded paper; thanks to all of you are still keeping us supplied! It's good to be able to take a car-load with us to the stables each Saturday morning.

Second, a further request; if you have any of the following, please remember that they may be of use at the village school or in my workplace (the Brain Injury Trust, Ely). We can use;

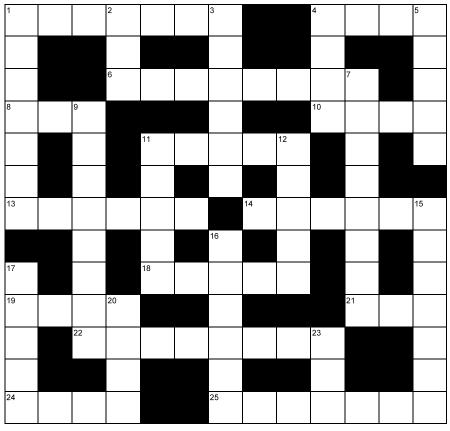
- anything with good pictures eg old calendars, magazines on gardening/ travel and holidays/cars/stately homes/natural history/trains.....you name it!
- yogurt pots, vegetable trays etc
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   etc. from gift packaging

Any of the above can be left with me in the usual place (our shed); leave a note or ring me if you specifically want to donate to one or the other recipient.

With thanks again!

Karen Fleming, Bridge House, tel 610523

# CRYPTIC CROSSWORD COMPETITION BY MARK BROWN



Send your completed crossword to the Editor (address on page 23) by July 6th and you could win a bottle of wine.

Name:.....

Telephone:.....

Thankyou to everyone had a go and sent in an entry. We had a record breaking eight entries! The lucky winner of the bottle of wine was:

Mr T Roberts

#### **Across**

- 1 Use stapler to cover cut on wall (7)
- 4 See 3d
- 6 See 25a
- 8/22a A cocktail to get you into dancing? That's the spirit (3,3,5)
- 10 The one and only fish available in leather or rubber (4)
- 11 A younger version of Morris (5)
- 13 Military needlework display. Get the picture? (6)
- 14 Reads directly from a list of prices (6)
- 18 We hear (or see) it may not actually be that common (5)
- 19 Itchy? That's because you've got a jumper on pet (4)
- 21 Norfolk river flowed backwards (3)
- 22 See 8a
- 24 Are you in a dilapidated building? (4)
- 25/6a Park keeper's anti-drugs message (4,3,3,5)

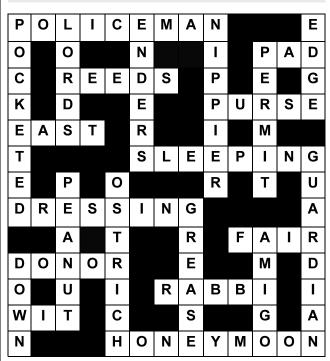
#### Down

- 1 Getting right up one's nose. It's a joke man (7)
- 2 Bark out order to barker (3)
- 3/4a Punchy performance from De Niro belongs in a field of its own (6,4)
- 4 Deep-voiced fish (4)
- 5 Not inclined one way or the other (5)
- 7 To solve, dissolve. There's your answer (8)
- 9 Take heart son, it prevents us from joining Europe (5,3)
- 11 Secures vessel in Yorkshire (5)
- 12 Roads chosen by soldiers ahead of march (5)
- 15 Fun, or so we hear, for the overheated motorist (7)
- 16 Luck? No, just find the key (6)
- 17/23d Nabbed by blond in uniform? No complaints (1,4,3)
- 20 Can one hide one's true identity (4)
- 23 See 17d

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# **Solution to the April crossword**



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# Parish Council Report

The April meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 1st at 7.30pm



First Time Sewage for Welney - It was understood from the Anglian Water Agents that problems were being experienced with the access road to the Treatment works, but it was hoped that this problem would be solved very soon.

Casual Vacancy - No applications had been received for the Casual Vacancy and it was agreed to advertise again.

Alleged Breach of the Code of Conduct - Following the allegations by Mr.Smith of Meadow Farm against

Cllr.Kerr, it was confirmed that all the information had been sent off to the Deputy Monitoring Officer at the Borough Council and an acknowledgement had been received. Two further letters had also been received from Mr.Smith asking for more information and details, and both of these had been dealt with.

Post Office Services - Proposals had been received from the Post Office relating to the closures and their proposals for a post office service in Welney in the Form of a Mobile Post Office to be parked on the Lamb an Flag Car park. It was also suggest that this could come into effect from August 2008. After discussion it was felt that the Post Office should possibly get in touch with the Church to see if it could be done as a joint venture especially in view of the outcome of the meeting held in February. Councillors were requested to give the matter further consideration so that a letter could be sent to the Post Office before the end of the Consultation period. Public Participation - Two members of the public addressed the meeting with concerns following the erection of the flood gates on the Delph Bridge and vehicles turning on the Lamb and Flag Carpark, and also with speeding traffic on the A.1101 in the Suspension Bridge area. Both matters would be discussed under Highways.

Parish Hall - Instructions were given to ask a plumber to have a look at the water heater in the Kitchen which is not working. Also there had been evidence of rodents in the Hall and steps would be taken to try and eliminate this,. It was also agreed that an unnecessary level of rubbish is being left behind by hirers and the rules were to be enforced making sure that all those who hired the premises took their rubbish away with them.

#### Elgoods and the Proposed New Community Centre -

The Chairman gave brief details of a meeting with Cllr.Brown and Mr., John Loveday when they had visited the playing field and measured up the area for the proposed new Community Centre. He confirmed that there was room for the building to be sited in the top left hand corner of the field, Cllr.Brown produced a drawing of a building that he had prepared. Correspondence had been received from Norfolk ProHelp and it was agreed to ask Mr.Tuttle to attend a meeting on site so that matters could move forward.

Playing Field - A clean up session had been carried out at the Playing Field by the Cricket Club and a letter of thanks would be sent to them. Also a faulty shower would be looked at by the plumber.

Highway Matters - Following the approach under Public Participation, it was agreed to contact Highways and ask for a further site meeting regarding the Flood Gates and the problems with turning vehicles. With regard to the problems in the Suspension Bridge area it was agreed to write to highways again stating that the Council support the resident and asking them to look at the matter again. It was also agreed to contact Mr.Harry Humphrey and Mr.Christopher Fraser MP to enlist their help.

A letter had been received from Christopher Fraser MP regarding Speed Limits outside schools

Mr.Fraser is proposing to present a petition to Parliament calling on the Government to reduce speed limits outside schools to 20 mph. Several copies of the petition were handed out and would be collected at the next meeting for return to the MP..

Parish Action Plan - Cllr.Bennett confirmed that the Parish Action Plan had now been delivered to all houses in the Parish as well as other venues, and that all finances had been covered, the final money coming in the Borough Council in the form of a grant. An annual review of the Parish Action Plan would take place and grateful thanks were extended to Cllr.Bennett and the team of works for all the hard work they had put in.

Pat Copeman, Parish Clerk

# Parish Council Report

The Annual General meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 6th May at 7.30pm



**Election of Chairman** - Cllr.Ken Goodger was elected as Chairman for the coming year.

Election of Vice Chairman - Cllr.Tim Bennett was elected as Vice Chairman for the coming year,.

Election of Parish Council Committee - The W.A.S.H.

Committee had all confirmed that they would be willing to stand for a further year, and they were re-elected en-bloc, Cllr.Tomkins was also elected to the committee.

**Casual Vacancies** - Mrs.Vija Pratley had approached to Council to confirm her interest in the vacancy, and she was duly elected to join the Parish Council.

Meadow Lane - Cllr.Kerr left the meeting during the debate. A further letter had been received from Mr,Smith asking for additional information relating to Cllr.Bennett and this had been dealt with. A letter was received from Mr. & Mrs. Fleming regarding the gate which had been installed on Meadow Lane.

Post Office Services for Welney - It was agreed that whilst we would welcome the Mobile Post Office into the Village, it would possibly be more beneficial if this could be sited at the Church so that it could be run in conjunction with their plans for a Cafe and small shop. It was further agreed to liaise with a representative from the Church to see if they would be agreeable before sending a letter to the Post Office,

Public Participation - Concern was expressed by a resident at the loss of Service 61 bus. After consideration it was agreed to put a notice in the Welney News to see if anyone would be interested in a bus going to Ely on a Thursday and March on a Saturday. If sufficient residents were interested, Emblings could be approached to see if they would be prepared to put on such a service for the village.

Reports from Village Organisations - The Chairman gave a report on behalf of William Marshall Charity and the Clerk gave a brief report on behalf of the Bishops Land Charity.

#### **Elgoods and Proposed New Community Centre -**

Council were advised that the Environment Agency have confirmed that the proposed purchase of the Hall Site has been approved and the name of the Council's solicitors has been passed on. A meeting has been arranged with Mr.Dennis Tuttle of Norfolk ProHelp on Thursday 15th May at the Pavilion at 10 a.m.

**Playing Field** - Moles and mice are still causing problems and it was agreed to contact the Mole Catcher to see if he can deal with the problem.

**Planning Matters** - A letter was agreed for sending to the Borough Council relating to Development Land in Welney. Also a letter had been received from the

Borough Council regarding Parish Involvement in the Local Framework and a form was returned stating that four councillors will be attending the meeting in Downham Market on 19th May.

The following planning permission was received: Mr I. Little, Fish Tales Cottage, New Road, Welney permission granted for the construction of a first floor extension. The following planning applications were received for consideration:

- 1. Mr.C.Haylock School House Suspension Bridge, Welney. Application for permission to build a two storey and porch extension. After consideration it was agreed to recommend this for approval.
- 2. Mr.W.Whitehouse Installation of two mobile homes as Holiday Homes on land at Bedford Bank, Welney,. After consideration it was agreed that Council would recommend the application for approval but that no approval should be confirmed until such time as the drainage problems on the site had been sorted out. All surface and foul water would drain onto the adjoining property and this could not be allowed., Also it was agreed that the owner of the land should be asked to make a contribution towards the upkeep of the stretch of Bedford Bank leading to the development. Highway Matters - Flood Gates and problems with vehicles turning - A reply had been received from Highways but this was not satisfactory. The Chairman agreed to speak to the Highways representative. Problems at Suspension Bridge - Again a reply was received but did not address the problems. Christopher Fraser MP had been approached and he was taking the matter up with NCC Highways **Environment Issues -** The question of the Croft River

was raised for discussion. It was felt that it could be a very big asset to the village if a long term plan could be drawn up to enhance the River and make it a feature. The Chairman briefly explained the situation relating to the Croft river and also agreed to arrange a meeting with the Internal Drainage Board representative.

W.A.S.H. Committee - It was hoped that a further Open

Day could be arranged for June or July and details would be announced in due course.

Pat Copeman, Parish Clerk

# **June & July Listings**

## What's on at: Kings Lynn Corn Exchange

Box Office 01553 764 864

#### JUNE

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Digby Fairweather with Paul Jones 7.30pm Tickets £16.50 & £9.50

Sat 7th The Meatloaf Trilogy 7.30pm Tickets: £18.50 Sun 8th Dolly, A Celebration 7.30pm Tickets: £18.50

Tue 10th Dancing Queen 8pm Tickets £21

Wed 11th Frankie Boyle live 8pm Tickets £16.50

Fri 13th & Sat 14th Kings Lynn Young Players present Aladdin & the Jungle Book

Nightly 7.30pm & Sat matinee at 2pm Tickets £12

Wed 18th Comedy Club – Adults only!

Doors at 7.45pm, Comedy 8.45pm Tickets £8.50

Sat 21st The Drifters in Concert 8pm Tickets £17.50

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> One Night of Queen 7.30pm Tickets £17.50 Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Remembering Frankie Laine 7.30pm Tickets £17.00

#### **JULY**

Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Gordon Smith - psychic medium 7pm Tickets £15, £20

Sat  $5^{th}$  & Sun  $6^{th}$  Rock 'n' Rhythm 7.30pm Tickets available only from 01553 811256

Wed 9th, Thu 10th & Fri 11th All You Need Is Love Nightly 8pm & Thurs matinee 2.30pm Tickets £22

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Original Kings Lynn Fleamarket 9am-4pm Entrance: 80p

#### Kings Lynn Festival 13th-26th July

Sun 13th : Black Dyke Band 6pm Tickets £18.50 Tue 15th : Sir James Galway, Lady Jeanne Galway & Michael McHale 7.30pm Tickets £15, £20, £25

Sun 20th Orchestra of the Swan & KL Festival Chorus 7.30pm Tickets: £22.50,£19.50, £17.50, £16.50

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Alfie Boe ,Tenor 7.30pm Tickets £18.50

Sat 26th: Czech National Symphony Orchestra

7.30pm Tickets, £35,£27,£22,£18

Thu 31st Comedy Club – Adults only!

Doors at 7.45pm, Comedy 8.45pm Tickets £8.50

## What's on at: Kings Lynn Arts Centre

Box Office 01553 764 864

#### JUNE

Thu 5th & Fri 6th FILM: Persepolis 7.30pm + Thu 2.30pm.

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> – The Magic Sandals, Puppet play for children Tickets Adults £5 under 16 £3.50

Thu 12th & Fri 13th FILM: Where in the World is Osama Bin Laden? Nightly 7.30pm Thu matinee 2.30pm

Sat 14th – The Anna Mudeka Band 7.30pm Tickets £13

Sat 21st Little Howard & the Magic Pencil of Life & Death 2.30pm Tickets £7.50. Family tickets available

Sat 21st Dave Kelly & Christine Collister 8pm Tickets £12.50

Sat 28th Five Star Swing 8pm Tickets £12.50

#### JULY

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Giraffes Can't Dance, For children aged 4-7 2.30pm Tickets; Adults £5.50 under 16's £3.50. Family tickets available.

Sat 12th Carry on in the Blackout 8pm Tickets £10

Mon 14th Michael Wood, A Journey in South India 7.30pm Tickets: £9.50,Family tickets available

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> John Tams & Barry Coope 7.30pm Tickets £10.50 Thur 24<sup>th</sup> St Petersburg String Quartet 7.30pm Tickets £14.50



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# Things to do in Ely



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Tickets are now on sale on line at <a href="https://www.elyfolk.co.uk">www.elyfolk.co.uk</a> or by calling 01353 669985.

### **Riverside Concerts at Jubilee Gardens**

Enjoy the sound of the brass and jazz bands as they play along by the riverside in Ely. A variety of bands play every Sunday at 1pm until August 31st.

# **Ely Cinema in Tour**

# Saturday 14 June 7.30pm

The first Ely Cinema on Tour event (whilst the Maltings is closed for essential roof repairs.) is at The Lighthouse



Auditorium, Chapel Street, Ely.

A superb night of classic comedy shorts from the golden age of silent film including Buster Keaton films. All seating for the evening will be cabaret style with wine served to your table from our cash bar. Live music throughout the films from our resident pianist Geoffrey Sweet.

Tickets from ADeC, Babylon Gallery, Waterside, Ely and Burrows Bookshop, High Street Passage, Ely.

FREE parking is available nearby at the St Mary's Street carpark and after 6pm at the ECDC carpark on Nutholt Lane.

What's on at: **Ely Cathedral** 

Box Office: 01353 660349 (Mon - Fri 11am - 3pm)

#### 21 June - 10:30 am Etheldreda Day

Had it not been for Etheldreda founding her monastery here in 673, Ely would probably have remained a fenland village. But instead, it is a historic city with a magnificent cathedral of world renown.

Hence on June 21, beginning at 10.30am, by the river in Jubilee Gardens, we will be holding the 'Etheldreda Procession'. As we walk up through Cherry Hill we will re-enact the story of Etheldreda, from her marriage to Tondberct to her death here in 679. The procession will finish at noon at the site of Etheldreda's shrine and will be followed, for those who wish to stay, by a Eucharist in the Presbytery.

So come and join us!

- · Watch Etheldreda arrive by boat
- · Experience the story of her life in drama and music
- Dress up in medieval costume and join the action
- Enjoy a fun event for all the family
- Discover into the spiritual significance of our great heritage.

14 June - 7:30 pm

**Organ Centenary Event - 'Mixing Their Music'** 

30 June - 8:30 pm

Organ Centenary Event - Phantom of the Opera

06 July - 7:30 pm

Organ Centenary Event - Summer Celebrity Organ Recital

12 July - 7:30 pm

**Cambridge Philharmonic Society Concert** 

Summer Organ Recitals – Free Admission
13 July at 5:15 pm - Organ Recital by Paul Bryan
20 July at 5:15 pm - Organ Recital by Jeremy Filsell
27 July at 5:15 pm - Organ Recital by David Hill

### Rave in the Nave 2008

July 4th 7.45pm

Chillout café, Spiritual zone, bouncy boxing, Gladiator dual, Eliminator, Circus skills & much more....

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Try pond-dipping out on the reserve, to find some pond creatures!!

Take part in National Insect Week with our In with the Insects Event on 22nd June.

Enjoy the summer weather at Welney with walks across the washes, discovery trails and activities.

Learn about the residents of the washes this season with Wild About Summer 6th July.

Don't miss out on our Father's Day BBQ and Family Fun day 15th June, 12-2.30pm





# Make your Summer special at WWT Welney

At WWT Welney we are looking forward to what we hope to be a dry and sunny summer with plenty of our breeding birds hatching out their young in the coming weeks.

Over the past two months we have been watching our summer migrants return, displaying over potential territories and then preparing their nests. We now have some eco-watch cameras on the reserve to enable visitors to get close-up to the residents of the washes including three House Martin nests and the avocets on the islands in front of the main observatory. We are sure that visitors will enjoy this new addition to the centre and many thanks go to the local groups who funded the project including the Friends of Welney.

If you are lucky this summer you might get to spot a migrant blown off course visiting Welney as we did in April when a Spoonbill was sighted on the reserve. Keep upto-date with the Wildlife Sightings at www.wwt.org.uk/welney.

We have plenty on offer in the coming months at Welney to get you out and about this summer including In with the Insects on 22<sup>nd</sup> June to help kick-off National Insect Week and Wild About Summer on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Every weekend families can enjoy the walks and trails around the reserve as well as the activities available in the pond room and the always popular pond-dipping from the platform on the reserve.

Visit the website for a full listing of the events at Welney this year at <a href="https://www.wwt.org.uk/welney">www.wwt.org.uk/welney</a>.

Hundred Foot Bank, Welney, PE14 9TN. T 01353 860711 Visit wwt.org.uk/welney for a full listing of our events. Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust registered charity no. 1030884

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## Two metal framed folding Futon Chair/ Beds with mattresses.

In new condition £40 the two or will sell separately.

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If you have something to sell and would like to place a FREE advert in the next edition, please contact any member of the Welney News team... details at the bottom of this page.

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If you need a lift to attend Queen

Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn,

North Cambs Hospital in Wisbech or

Papworth Hospital, contact Ted in

advance 10am to 5pm on 01354

610269. There is a fuel charge but no

waiting time or parking charge.

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#### **Cricket Fixtures 2008**



2pm start unless otherwise stated

**Jun**e

1st Wicken (away)

8th Spalding Poachers (home)

15th Pinchbeck (home)
22nd Old Wilhads (home)
29th Brentwood LPCC (home)
Peter Bedford Cup

July

6th Spalding Poachers (away)

13th Wicken (home)

20th Old Wilhads (away)

27th Gooderstone (home)

**Blows Brothers Cup** 

**August** 

3rd Pinchbech (away)

9th (Sat) Castor & Ailesworth (home)

31st Parson Drove (home) 1pm

September

7th Hampton (home) 1pm

14th Littleport (home) 1pm

21st Narborough (away) 1pm

**October** 

Friday 3rd -Club Presentation Evening

# **GRAHAME SEATON**

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# **DESIGNANDPLANNING CONSULTANT**

Well Creek Lodge, St Peter's Road, Upwell.

Telephone 01945 772632

Drawings prepared for houses, bungalows, alterations and extensions.

Planning and building control approval obtained from Local Authorities.



#### **Church contacts**

Welney minister:

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#### **Diary index**



Mobile Library: 10.20am in pub car park



**Teddy Church:** 9.30am St Mary's



Pauls Fresh Fish 1 -1.15 pm New Rd



Carpet Bowls: 7.15pm Pavillion



Doctor: Noon at Village Hall. Call Health Centre to book: 01945 773671



Yoga at the Pavillion Thurs: 10-11.30am



Parish Council meeting: Village Hall 7.30pm



Womens Institute: 7pm Village Hall



Friendship Club: 1.30pm Village Hall



#### **Dog Agility**

Call Sue on 610230 for more details



Bingo: Doors open 6pm .Game starts 7pm. Village Hall



#### Morning Prayer 9.30am

June 15th & 22nd July 20th & 27th



#### ' All Age Worship 11am

June 8th & Baptism
July 13th



#### United Service Manea

11am at St Nicholas

June 29th



# Holy Communion 9.30am

June 1st July 6th

# June 2008

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