

Jo's Allotment

It's not been a very summer-y summer this holiday. We had a lovely couple of weeks when it was still school time, which led to weeds, weeds and more weeds. You would think that the less sunshine-slightly-grey weather would therefore be helpful, but it turns out the weeds like the wet as well. Ah well.... We need something to keep us busy right?

There has been a lot of re-rabbit-proofing up at the allotment this summer. Rabbits are amazing, in Richard's words "you won't believe it unless you've seen it, but it did fit". And it's only because we have been fighting an ongoing battle for the carrot tops that I do know that rabbits can get through ANY hole! Anyway, we hope that the improved fence will help out on this front, then we just have to work out how to stop the pigeons!

It is funny though, we've been reading Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny with ETTY, and although you're definitely meant to sympathise with the rabbits, but I have to say I find it a bit hard to. Poor old Mr MacGregor, he tries so hard, and grows the most amazing looking vegetables only to have them stolen by pesky little rabbits. Anyway, I think it all comes up fair, the rabbits have ETTY's support and Mr MacGregor mine – sadly, I never win!

There are a few things which have escaped the rabbits – we have had a lovely blackberry (from up Station Road), apple (very sour but good for cooking from up on the old railway line) and pear (from the garden) crumble. The fruits have been doing really well thanks to the weather. I would certainly suggest going out and getting some blackberries to everyone, they're very sweet this year, and the village fruit trees seem to be doing really well. I haven't checked on the ones up at the rec,

but they looked good the last time I was there. Beetroot, potatoes and courgettes are doing well as well. I think it was a little unfair of me to go away and leave Matt to eat all the courgettes – he did a good job! Unfortunately our globe artichokes have suffered this year, they looked like they would do well with lots of the lovely fuzzy leaves at the start of the season, but nothing has come of them. I think we'll have to replace them with new plants for next year, but I am missing them this summer – globe artichoke boiled and dipped in a very mustard-y oil and vinegar dressing is one of my real treats. If you haven't tried it yet – go for it – you can get them at the market at the moment. Yummy!

Inter Village Rounders

The 4th Inter Village Rounders took place on the 25th June on Quy Rec.

Four teams competed this year: Quy, Bottisham, Longmeadow and Wilbraham. After several close matches and a bit of grief for the umpire, Quy and Bottisham contested a very tense final. It was eventually won by Bottisham with five innings to spare.

Longmeadow beat Wilbraham in the play-off for 3rd place.

I would like to thank all the teams for taking part and I hope they will all return next year.

On a personal note I would like to thank Ray and Margaret for organising the bar.

Geoff Hall

A recipe from Nigel

Tennie is on holiday, so here is a traditional autumn recipe from me. This is the time of year when field mushrooms are at their best. It's quick, easy and delicious.

You can make your own judgement for how much of each ingredient you use. This is a great recipe for families and for people on their own. Simply adjust the quantities by eye.



Ingredients

Large field mushrooms

Gorgonzola or other blue cheese, crumbled

Walnuts, toasted and roughly chopped

Olive oil or butter

Rocket leaves

Tomatoes

Method

Pour some olive oil into a small saucepan (or melt some butter). Add the cheese, diced into small pieces. Cook for 30 seconds to a minute until the cheese has melted.

Heat the oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Arrange the mushroom(s) on a baking tray. Scatter over the walnuts then pour over the melted cheese. Pop in the oven and cook for 10 mins until the mushrooms are softened. Arrange some rocket leaves on the plate and place the mushrooms on top. Serve with a tomato salad on the side.

Enjoy this with the accompaniment of a glass of wine. I would try an Amarone della Valpolicella because that's my favourite wine but a fresh, light white is equally pleasant.

Is Quay under Nuclear Attack?

In the last edition our roving reporter, Walter Tapp, broke the news about the health-giving spa water discovered in Wheelwright Way. Last month he was out and about in Herrings Close, talking to the residents about their day-to-day lives and their general opinions about the village and other matters.

Naturally, most people were concerned about the usual things: the price of petrol, waiting times to see a GP and the worrying recent decline in the numbers of Macaroni penguins in Antarctica.



The Macaroni Penguin, whose recent decline in numbers is causing concern among many of the residents of Herrings Close.

One of the people Walter talked to was Julie Plaza. She expressed a mild

concern about the potatoes she has been growing in some pots on her 'potatio'.

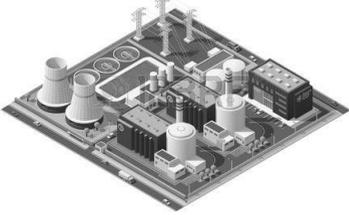
"It's the first time I've ever grown potatoes," said Julie. "Nigel gave me some seed potatoes in April and they grew very well. The first ones I dug up were very tasty although they were quite small. I dug some up yesterday and they were huge. I don't know what's going on. You don't think they're radioactive, do you?"

Walter had his suspicions but he didn't want to alarm Julie so he took her potatoes to be analysed in the laboratory.



The difference in size between the large potato and the small one is scary!

BREAKING NEWS



The standard design of a small nuclear power plant. Available as a fun DIY kit from Lego. (Potatoes not included.)

The well-known Irish-American professor who analysed them at the University's Nuffield Radiology Unit was Chip O'Lata. He said, "Julie should not be unduly worried. White potatoes normally emit around 1pCi/kg of radon-226 which makes them slightly radioactive. Her larger crop are emitting 2.5 pCi/kg. This is high but still within safe limits."

Julie was relieved at the news and joked, "Next year I'll grow a lot more and build

a small nuclear power plant in the garden. That way I might be able to have some tasty meals and power the house into the bargain".

"I'm still worried about the penguins, though," she added.

Latest rainfall figures

(May/June/July)

Station Road

	2016	2017
May	45.00mm	60.50mm
June	82.25mm	74.00mm
July	16.25mm	73.50mm
Totals	143.50mm	208.00mm



Colin Lowe

**Horse Racing
Friday 15th
September**



**6:30pm prompt
Fish shop supper
See posters**

**QVA AGM
Wednesday 18th
October**

AGM

**7:30pm
All are welcome to
attend**

**Inter-street Quiz
Friday 17th
November**



**7:30pm
Bring your own
refreshments**

Carol Singing



TBA

Church News

The Concert by Cantilena singers on July 8th was well received by a full church. This very professional choir, put together from singers from all the villages around, entertained us with music from across Europe since the 1600s. A glass of wine was served at the interval while the audience took part in a small competition. The whole evening was very enjoyable and the church was able to profit by £340 from ticket sales.



Quy church Fete July 15th lived up to its reputation and made a record profit for the church of £1800. There is a report on all the activities elsewhere in this mag.

Churchathon July 16th On this Sunday there was a church service at each of the five churches in the Benefice, Sue, the vicar, and Gina, our new curate walked the whole route between the churches as well as taking the services. An enjoyable day which ended with an Evensong and BBQ at Quy. This was well attended and after a good sing song and a cosy chat, the burgers and hotdogs went down very well.

The Funeral of Graham Matthews 8th May. Graham had lived in Quy for many years with his wife Rowena in Station Road. For most of his life he had driven lorries, and the funeral was in the form of a celebration of his life. The service was well attended by villagers and family.

The funeral of Malcolm Walker August 7th. Malcolm had lived at Park farm for about 12 years with his wife Gilly. Over the last few years he had been very ill, but at his funeral a packed church heard about his former very interesting life in the RAF and running several businesses.

Gina Radford Gina, our curate, was formally ordained in Ely Cathedral on July 1st . This was a very pleasant, but formal service involving bishops and clergy from all over the diocese. Approx 10 new curates were ordained at the same time as Gina.

Harvest Festival Sunday Sept 17th 3:00pm We hope to see a good crowd at church on this Sunday afternoon to sing all the rousing Harvest Hymns that we all like. After the service there will be tea and cakes for every body, and chance to chat to those friends you don't see very often.

Remembrance Service: This year the British legion service for our three villages will be held at Bottisham church at 10:50 . There will be a parade of scouts guides and other groups/. Please come along to remember all those who fought for us. For those who don't wish to travel there will be a small service at Quy church at the same time.

Christmas Services: An early reminder of the Christmas services in store for you . On Sunday 3rd of December Tony Bevins will lead the Crib and Christingle service at Quy. We would love to see lots of children at this service, but any way ,we are all kids as Christmas approaches so adults will be most welcome.

Carol Service Sun Dec 17th 3:00pm This service is the most popular Quy service of the year, and the church is mostly packed. It is lovely to hear the rafters ringing with all those Carols we have grown up with. There are just nine carols and nine readings to be read by village residents at this service. IF you would like to be a reader for this please let Bill know.

Heating Plan: Colin Lowe is still trying very hard to put together a new heating plan for the church. After several set backs and disappointing comments from Ely, the PCC thinks they have a workable scheme which will get Ely approval. The next stage is to find a suitably qualified electrical company who can present the scheme and write the specification. It will then have to go to Ely for formal approval before going out to tender. I wouldn't expect to get much warmth from the new heaters this winter.



Bottisham Village College

Adult Learning

**Are you interested in learning something new?
Our full range of courses for the Autumn is now
available and you can enrol at any time by visiting our
website www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning**

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**Maths and English GCSEs for Adults
Creating Glass Jewellery
Engaging in Contemporary Art
Felt Making
Garden Design – an Introduction
Gentle Keep Fit (daytime)
Italian Cuisine
Managing Life and Work Changes
Singing for Fun
Woodwork and DIY Skills for Beginners**

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**Effortless Make-up and Day to Evening Make-up
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Introduction to Creative Writing
Mindfulness
Paediatric First Aid (2 days)
Willow and Rush Christmas Decorations**

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Church Services

Church Services in our church or benefice.

Date	Type of service	Time	Minister
September			
Sept 3rd	Morning Prayer	9:30	Mike Proctor
Sept 10th	Benefice Comm CW1 (At Swaffham Bulbeck)	10:00	Sue Giles
Sept 17th	HARVEST FESTIVAL	3:00pm	Sue Giles
Sept 24th	Benefice all age service (At Lode)	10:00	Sue Giles
October			
Oct 1st	Morning Prayer	09:30	Tony Bevens
Oct 8th	Benefice Comm CW1 (At Swaffham Prior)	10:00	Gina Radford
Oct 15th	Village Communion	9:30am	TBA
Oct 22nd	Benefice all age service (At Swaffham Bulbeck)	10:00	Sue Giles
Oct 29th	Family Service at LODE	09:30	TBA
November			
Nov 5th	Morning Prayer	09:30	Mike Proctor
Nov 12th	Remembrance Service (British Legion service at Bottisham)	10:50	Sue Giles
Nov 12th	Short service at Quy	10:50	TBA
Nov 19th	Holy Comm CW 1.	09:30	TBA
Nov 26th	Benefice all age service (At Lode)	10:00	Sue Giles
December			
Dec 3rd	Crib & Christingle service	09:30	Tony Bevens
Dec 10th	Benefice Comm CW1 (at Bottisham)	10:00	Sue Giles
Dec 17th	Carol Service at Quy	3:00 pm	Sue Giles
Dec 24th	Morning Prayer	09:30	TBA
Dec 25th	Holy Comm BCP	08:00	Sue Giles