

GROWING UP IN QUY II

Last year we had two teen-aged grandchildren over for a two week visit, and I was amazed at the amount of time they spent on their cell phones, when I asked them what they were doing the granddaughter said she was texting her friends to tell them what she was doing (apart from a few walks on the beach and a couple of trips into town they didn't seem to have done that much). My grandson asked how we kept in touch when we were teenagers, I amazed him when I told him we did not even have regular telephones when I was his age, I said we all knew what we were going to do and where everyone was going to be. Which made me think back to my teenage years growing up in Quy, but I did not relate this story:

Every Sunday afternoon we would all walk up to the Newmarket road opposite the church and catch the 4:00 Eastern Counties bus into town, as I remember Bill Watts, Colin Crisp, Desmond Crisp, Archie Theobald, Derick Davey, Nigel Took, and maybe a few others were regulars. There was no prearrangement it was what we did every week. The bus went into Drummer Street, we always walked down Emmanuel St and up St Andrews St to the Regal. We always went to the Regal, nobody knew what was on, and we never thought of varying our routine and going to the Victoria or the Central Cinemas. We lined up, paid our 1/9d and sat through a double feature. Afterwards we would always walk back down St Andrews/Sidney Street and walk around the Market St Petty Curry block three or four times and always finish up at the Wimpy bar on Petty Curry. Again being creatures of habit everyone had egg and chips. Bill Watts always had something funny to say about the state of his eggs, which I can't repeat here. Then home on the 11:00 Burwell bus. As the older boys got girlfriends they dropped out of the routine and were replaced by a younger generation like my brother Jon, Geoff Hall, and Anthony Crisp.

The only break in this routine was the famous Eileen Taylor bus trips which were always on a Sunday too. Three or four times a year these were organised by Mrs Taylor, who lived in a big house on Church Street which backed onto Orchard Street, I don't think they had numbers then, it was called "The Nook." Most of us young folk would have been content to go to Yarmouth or Clacton-By-The-Sea. But Mrs Taylor always had other ideas. She was very fond of Wales and the Lake District. I can't remember the names of all the trips we took, we had never heard of the places before she came up with the trip, I seem to remember trips to Betws-y-coed, Llandudno, and Llandringdod Wells. These were long trips with most of the village on board. Where we went she had organized a full day of tours so we were kept busy, I remember one trip we took which led us deep into a prehistoric or Stone Age cave with ancient drawings and painting. The guide with a very pronounced north county accent was showing us the ancient art and explaining how it was done and what it represented, not too interesting to teenagers. He led us deeper into the cave and shone his light at the ceiling there was another drawing with a great big eye, he explained what it was and speculated how the ancient people got to paint on the ceiling then he said "people ask me if I carved the eye, but I tell them I never carved the eye." Bill Watts picked up on this and all the way home and for months afterwards he would do a perfect imitation of the Northern accent talking about "who carved the eye?" Sometimes we would get him going by asking if he knew who carved the eye.

It was a much simpler time compared to the world our grandchildren inhabit. They have access to so much more information and entertainment opportunities, most of us did not even have a television, yet I believe we had it better, we were not as aware of world problems like climate change and world politics like this generation of teenagers. We were very isolated in our little village and very contented with a very simple life.

Mike Chapman

Quy street names

Most of the names of our village streets are fairly obvious: Church Road, Station Road, Stow Road, Main Street, Newmarket Road and Albert Road (named after the Prince Albert pub, the forerunner of the Missing Sock). But what of the rest? Well I think Orchard Street is probably due to the orchard behind Bill's and Vicarage Meadow was built on the old vicarage paddock. The Square was built in 1975 and not a lot of thought was put into its name; some might say the sort of anagram used at a recent quiz is more interesting, Queer Street! Please don't take offence if you live there I'm sure it was just a joke. Originally there were a number of tied cottages which belonged to Bury Farm, but these were demolished before the current houses and bungalows were built.

Herring's Close was built in 1958 as council housing to accommodate people who had been housed in buildings vacated in Quy Park, when the armed forces moved out after the 2nd World War (I will write about the Park in the next edition). The name Herring comes from Thomas Herring who acted as vicar of Quy from 1719-1721 after he had studied at a Cambridge College and been ordained priest in 1719. He went on to become the first Archbishop of York 1743-1747 and later the Archbishop of Canterbury 1747-1757. He was instrumental in supporting the government against the rebellion of 1745. The estate was completed exactly 200 years after his death.

Wheelwright Way was built in 1975 and named after the fact that James Watts had set up his wheelwright business in the 1860s in the large barn opposite the village hall alongside the thatched cottage. More on trades in future! Minter Close was an extension to Wheelwright Way and built in 1998. Its name is in remembrance of Reverend Minter who came to Quy in 1946 and continued as vicar until his death in 1997 at the age of 91.

Collier's Lane is the road which the new cycle path runs beside to Lode. It is named after Jeremy Collier who was born in Quy in 1650.

He studied at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge and was ordained priest in 1677. He was a very high churchman who refused allegiance to William and Mary and became outlawed due to pronouncing absolution to two men on their way to the gallows for planning to assassinate the King!

Quy street names illustrate its rather chequered past and as I delve into the archives I am sure to uncover a few more skeletons. Again thanks to Peggy Day from whose booklets I have found much of this information.

Ray Jakes.



The poster features two black silhouettes of a bowler in mid-swing, one on the left and one on the right, flanking the title. The title is centered in a serif font. The main text is in a bold, sans-serif font, providing details about an inter-street bowls match, including the date, time, refreshments, and contact information for Ray Jakes.

**Quy
Carpet
Bowls**

**Inter street Bowls Match
All Welcome
Thurs April 19th 7.30pm
Free refreshments
& a raffle
Each team to provide
4 players (Can include
2 experienced players)
Please ring Ray 812422 or
ray.jakes@btinternet.com
when you have sorted your
team
Practice night Thurs 12th
BOTH NIGHTS FREE**

Walks in and around Quy

Spring is coming, time to think about them long country walks. Now I've done a map of the village and surrounds showing all the public footpaths and permissive ways. It's really too small to reproduce clearly here but I believe that Ray can provide a colour version. Or you could send me an E-mail at bill.watts5@btinternet.com and I will E-mail you a copy. If you wish to accompany me on these virtual walks you would do well to have a copy of the map by you.

Over the next two issues I will describe a couple of interesting walks. The routes will be on drove ways or places where we have the land owners permission to walk, as long as we keep dogs in check. (That means close by, not running about two fields away disturbing all the nesting birds.)

Walk One: Station Road to Quy Fen and back

We'll start at the river bridge down Station road. This walk will be about 3 miles. Cross the bridge and go right thro the kissing gate. We have two choices of footpath here, go diagonally across the field and you will end up in Brittle drove, or walk down the other footpath along the river bank. For now we'll keep to the river bank. In about 200 yards you will come to another kissing gate. Through this the path gets a bit rougher, but no matter, you can see plenty of Flora and Fauna all year round. Carry on for about a mile and you will see some fencing across. This is the Quy boundary, but if you carried on you would get to Lode Mill.

We will turn left down the bank and walk across the end of Chris Butler's field, to where we find a long straight roadway. This is the site of the old railway which was closed in the 1960s. It's private but, thanks to Quy Estate and National Trust, it is now a permissive path and well used by many people. Turn right here and over a small stile. You are now in the village of Lode, so watch your P's and Q's cos them old Lode monkeys are not keen on us Quy jackdaws intruding on their territory! Here we walk for about a mile along the old track. You could follow this track into Lode village, or turn off right in about a

mile and a half to walk to Lode Mill. That's for another day, today we will turn off left at the first drove way into the Damn Drove. Quite pleasant along here with the trees and bushes close on either side, and at the end you will come to a t-junction. Here we meet Fen head drove. If we turned right we would again wind our way along another drove way into Lode, but today we will turn left towards Quy Fen. Follow Fen Head drove to the end and then it turns into a footpath alongside a ditch which will take you round to a bridge and kissing gate into Quy Fen. Back in Quy now you can view the splendour of the 70-odd acres of Quy Fen, which belongs to the villages of Quy, Fen Ditton and Horningsea. As well as the public footpaths which cross it, it is all open to the inhabitants of these villages, and well worth a look round. Please respect the grazing cattle and keep any dogs on a lead. Quy Fen is now designated as an S.S.S.I. (a site of special scientific interest) by the government as it contains many very rare plants and insects. In the middle you will find a large pond called 'The Cut'. This cut was excavated for coprolites in the 1830s and as many as 40 men worked there. Once dug as deep as Quy church is high, water problems and the falling price of coprolites soon made the venture uneconomic. Be very careful if you bathe there. Many people used to, and in my lifetime four strong swimmers have drowned there, caught up in the reeds below water level. Now it is a home for many of nature's species. In May there are literally thousands of toads emerging around the edges, and dragonflies of every colour dance on the water surface. Most of the rarer plants are round in the bushes, although in June you will be astounded at the myriad of wild flowers growing in the grass area all round. Another sighting is the large stone which marks the spot where William Ison was struck by lightning and killed. William was cutting hay here in 1843 when a thunder storm occurred. He took shelter under a haycock with his scythe by his side and was killed by a lightning flash. From the Cut we can continue our walk across the pasture. You could go South and leave the fen by the Quy gate, but today we will walk to the west corner where a kissing

gate, a bridge and a short walk alongside the ditch will bring you out at Black bridge onto High Fen roadway at a cross roads of footpaths. Diagonally across there is a footpath to Horningsea, turn right and you will go on a bridle way/droeway to Horningsea. We will turn left on this drove back to Alicky Farm. This Drove is very ancient and was used as a drovers road in the middle ages to drive animals North and South to and from the areas around West Wratting and beyond. The Drove road crosses the river Cam at Clayhithe.

At Alicky farm we could turn right and go up the Private Road to the old Quy Station, but we will continue straight on, on the old drovers way (Brittle Drove) straight across the old railway line and follow the drove round towards Station Rd. 200 yards before it meets Station Rd we could turn left through a kissing gate to cross the grass field diagonally and end up by the river bridge. Not today though, the grass might be wet, we will carry straight on to meet Station Rd close to the lodge gate houses. As we follow the road round you will see an old moat on your right. This is the grounds of Quy Hall, a very nice large house where the Francis family have lived since the 1880s. This is only the current Manor house. There was a roman villa on this site, and many others followed. We know that important families lived here from at least the 1500s and remains of a Tudor manor have been found. We also have drawings of the Georgian Manor which was pulled down in the late 1800s to build the present Quy Hall. At the right time of year all the shrubbery over the moat and all around the Peninsula will be a mass of snowdrops and aconites. A lovely sight. The Francis family own a vast amount of the village including many of the houses, and have always been involved in village affairs. We are pleased that a new generation of Francis' is now living there. Welcome to the new baby Elizabeth Francis Barbour. Well we are back to Quy bridge and I will leave you all to make your own way home. I am going up Primrose Walk and the Avenue back to the posh end of the village in Orchard Street. No maybe I'll walk back up Station Rd and have a pint at the Swan, if it's open! Bill

Simnel Cake

(A memorial to my mother Marjorie Cocksedge, 1932-2016)

My mother used this recipe every year to make cakes for friends and family. My late mother was a chef and a gourmet. She had been a domestic science teacher and later in her career taught at a Cordon Bleu cookery school. She had a lifelong interest in food and its history, fuelled by her experience of the privations of the war. She tried, not very successfully, to teach me her skills, but succeeded certainly in teaching me how to eat.

Following her death in August 2016, at Hilton Park Care Centre in Bottisham, I promised myself I'd publish this recipe, in her memory. I'll be making one this year though I never have before.



Ingredients

For the almond paste

12 oz castor sugar

6 oz ground almonds

1 egg

lemon juice

For the cake

6 oz butter

6 oz castor sugar

3 eggs

8 oz plain flour

1 teaspoon grated nutmeg

Milk to mix

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

12 oz currants

4 oz sultanas

3 oz candied peel

pinch of salt

For the glaze icing

4 tablespoons icing sugar, mixed with a little water or lemon juice

Decorate with crystallised flowers or Easter eggs.

Cooking Method

Butter and line a 7 inch cake tin.

To make the almond paste

Whisk the sugar and egg over a pan of hot water until thick and fluffy,

remove the bowl from the heat and continue to whisk until the mixture is cooked and bears the impression of the whisk.

Gradually work in the ground almonds and lemon juice using a wooden spoon. When the mixture is thick, knead with the hands.

Allow to relax for one hour before using.

To make the cake

Cream the butter and sugar and beat in the eggs.

Sieve the dry ingredients and add the dried fruit and chopped peel; fold into the creamed mixture adding a little milk if required to make a dropping consistency.

Take one third of the almond paste and roll it into a round the size of the cake tin.

Place half the cake mixture into the tin, smooth the top and hollow the centre a little. Place the round of almond paste on top, then the rest of the cake mixture, again smoothing the top and hollowing the centre to give a flat top when cooked.

Bake in a moderate oven gas mark 3, 325F, 160°C for about 2 hours. When it is cooked it will have shrunk slightly from the sides of the tin and will have stopped 'singing'. Cool in the tin.

Melt a little apricot jam and brush the top of the cake lightly. Divide the rest of the almond paste into two unequal halves; roll the larger portion into a round the size of the cake, and carefully place on top of the cake, making sure it sticks!

Roll the rest of the paste into a long sausage, and divide into 12 for Mothering Sunday, or 11 for Easter Day. Roll each piece into a ball, brush the outer circle of the paste with spirit (I usually use a teaspoon of gin, but brandy or rum will do), place the paste balls in an equally spaced circle round the top of the cake, again making sure they stick. Make up a thick glaze icing and fill the centre of the cake. Decorate suitably.

Attach some yellow ribbon round the outside of the cake.

If placing on a cake board remember to put a teaspoon of icing on the centre of the board to prevent the cake from slipping.

Ruth Cocksedge

Lode village Fete
Sunday 17 June
In the Fassage
12noon – 4.00 pm

Another fun packed day
With stalls, Dog Show, food, bar and Tea and
Cakes

Featuring
Soham Majorettes
and mini athletics

contact chrisjking56@gmail.com
if you'd like to run a stall
or help on the day

MASSIVE SPRING JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 17th March

2-4pm

The venue is St James Church, High Street,
Lode, Cambridge CB25 9EH.

There is a car park opposite the church
Teas and coffees will be for sale as well as
amazing bargains.

Entrance is £1 for adults and children are
free.

We look forward to seeing you.

Church News

Carol Service

Once again the church was full of both adults and children for the Carol Service held on Sunday 17th December. Rev Gina Radford led the service which included readings and of course all the traditional carols



telling of the birth of Jesus. The 1st verse of Once in Royal David's City was beautifully sung by Becky Wilkes. Our thanks must go to the observant gentleman in the congregation who prevented us from having to test our fire evacuation policy when one of the table decorations at the back of the church caught fire. Following the service everyone stayed to enjoy a cup of tea, piece of cake and a chat. Thanks to all those who provided the refreshments, read the lessons and the solo singers. Thanks also to those who decorated the church.

Christmas Tree Decoration

A big thank you to all who decorated Christmas trees for the Carol service. The trees demonstrated a lot of thought, originality and hard work. Some of the trees had themes like homelessness, recycling and carols while others followed specific colour schemes. Most of the streets in the village had entered a tree, but Vicarage Meadow excelled themselves by collecting presents for the people who had a lonely Christmas in Jimmy's Night shelter. A total of £103.56 was collected which went to Newmarket Open Door Charity. It was an extremely close contest this year, but the winning tree was the Stow Road Robins.

Christmas Day

Christmas Day would not be the same without the the Communion Service which was held at 8am. The service was led by Rev Sue Giles with the help of Gina. There were several people there including some from other villages in the Benefice.

Carol Singing.

The Carol singing around the village by the Village Association raised £477.59. This will be split between East Anglian Children's Hospice and The Children's Society.

Church Green.

You will have noticed that work has been done on the church green where people park when going to church. The area had got very pot-holed with many fairly deep puddles. Mike Gaskin was asked for a price to level and shingle the area on a very tight budget. Members of the PCC donated £60, and another donor gave £40. With this money plus £100 from church funds and £300 contributed by the Parish Council, Mike has improved the situation enormously. A post has been put in so that the area which has been shingled can be roped off for the winter months to try to preserve the rest of the grass on the green. A big Thank you to all those who contributed.

New Heating system.

At long last the PCC have all agreed on what the new heating system should be. Colin has been leading the drive for this, but there are many restrictions which limit the extent to which this system could be enlarged. Drawings and specs have now been sent to three electrical companies who are designing and pricing a new layout. The main restriction to getting more heat was that the single phase system we had was running at its maximum. (On a cold day if any one turned on a kettle the organ would trip out.) We now have a three phase supply, and there is ample scope for more heat, hopefully before next winter.

Annual PCC Meetings.

On Wed April 11th at 7:30pm in the Hut the Quy PCC meeting will take place. All those villagers who are on the PCC electoral roll will get a formal invitation to attend, but we will welcome anyone else from the village. If you want to see the church continue to be active in the village please come along and give us your views on how we should run your church for the coming year. On Thursday 19th April the annual PCC meeting for the benefice will take place at Swaffham Prior school at 7:30pm, where we will get the bigger picture.

Easter Sunday April 1st

There will be an 08:00 Holy Communion service at Quy taken from the Book of Common Prayer. Look forward to seeing you there. This will be followed by the vestry meeting at which the Church Warden for 2018 will be chosen. All those of you who wish to be considered for this post please get your applications in to me or Sue by March 25th.

Rogation Sunday

April 29th. Once again there will be a service in the Barn off the Avenue where we will say thanks for all the growing crops and gardens. Please come along and bring your pets so that they can be blessed and generally enjoy the Spring get-together. We can expect tea and cakes afterwards with a chat hopefully in the Spring sunshine. Sunday May 20th - Evensong 5:00pm. This will take place in the church and will be followed by a sit down meal. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to a jolly evening. More details will follow.

Easter Appeal

An envelope will fall through your letterbox shortly asking you to make a donation to Quy church. Although Quy PCC keep running costs to a minimum it does cost more for the running costs than the weekly church service collections can make. I know that many of you wish for the church to remain in our village and I would ask you please to give something to this appeal.

Bill Watts
Church Warden

Church Services

Church Services in our church or benefice.

Date	Type of service	Time	Minister
March			
Mar 18th	Village Communion Quy	09:30	Rev Giles
Mar 25th	Benefice Communion CW1 (Palm Sunday) Quy	10:00	Rev Giles
April			
April 1st	Communion BCP & Vestry meeting Quy	08:00	TBA
April 8th	Benefice Communion CW1 BOTTISHAM	10:00	Rev Giles
Apr15th	Communion CW1 Quy	09:30	Rev Giles
Apr22nd	Benefice morning worship Quy	10:00	TBA
Apr 29th	Rogation & Pet service Bills Bar	3:00pm	TBA
May			
May 6th	Morning Prayer Quy	09:30	Mike Procter
May 13th	Benefice communion CW1 LODE	10:00	Rev Giles
May 20th	Evensong & Meal Quy	5:00pm	Rev Giles
May 27th	Benefice morning worship SWAFFHAM PRIOR	10:00	Rev Giles
June			
June 3rd	Village Communion Quy	09:30	TBA
June 10th	Benefice communion CW1 Quy	10:00	Rev Giles
June 17th	Village Communion Quy	09:30	TBA
June 24th	Benefice morning worship BOTTISHAM	10:00	Rev Giles
July			
July 1st	Morning Prayer Quy	09:30	Mike Procter