

## **Growing up in Quy**

I recently was called upon to make a presentation to our Government about the importance of community policing, and I used a recollection of my youth growing up in Quy to illustrate the point. I thought your readers might like the less abridged version.

In this age of major petty crime I am shocked to read about the break ins and criminal activity in Quy in the Jackdaw Chatter and on-line. I used to think how crime free our youth was, I don't think we ever locked doors and crime was unheard of, or any was of such a minor nature to be gossip rather than criminal, I recently gave a presentation on the importance on community policing to our Government and I recalled the following incident from my youth in Quy.

I guess we were in our early teens, and the village boys used to hang together, one of our favourite play areas was the old motor pool area in the Park; the army had left two big petrol tanks down the Avenue and we used to climb inside them, it was a sort of coming of age ritual, smaller kids could not scale the pipes to climb up onto the top of the tanks, and it took even bigger lads to climb down into the tanks and more importantly get out. One day after we tired of clambering on the tanks we continued down the Avenue to the Iron Bridge and along the river bank to Primrose Walk where we came across a College Student painting Quy Hall. He was all set up with an easel and palette etc, and daubing away at the Hall across the river. I can't remember all the lads there at the time I know Bill Watts was one, I think Brian (Archie) Theobald, Anthony Crisp, and possibly Colin Crisp, Desmond Crisp, maybe even Derick Davy and well as others were present. Being curious kids we all surrounded the guy looking at his painting and asked him what he was doing. He was most irate at the interruption and told us in no uncertain terms to "bugger off" and the like, not very friendly at all. I don't know what we were thinking, we

were put out, seems it was our village and our river and we resented being told to scram by an outsider.

As we took off down Primrose Walk we came across a bicycle obviously belonging to the artist, leaning against a tree I even think it had some sort of College identification on the mudguards. Bill Watts, ever the joker, climbed the tree with the bicycle and hung it from one of the high branches. We assumed the artist would look up and see his bike and have to climb the tree to retrieve it. We took off back up Station Road, and thought no more about the incident. The next days the local policeman, I think he was based in Bottisham and policed the village on a motorbike, approached us as we were hanging around the old bus shelter on the hill. He was quite affable and explained that some college geek had lost his bike in the village and he was being very obnoxious about it, and he would really appreciate it if we could help him locate it. Bill spoke up and said he remembered seeing a bike up a tree by the river a couple of days ago, could that be it? The policeman who, in hindsight was obviously aware of the incident on the riverbank the previous day said nothing, but asked Bill if he would be so kind as to go and get the bike down from the tree and leave it in the the bus shelter and he would call the student and tell him he had found the bike in the bus shelter, and would say no more about it. That policeman became our friend ever after that incident, he often stopped by to talk to us in the village and became a firm friend later when we all got motor bikes of our own. Yes he could have made a major issue of it, he could probably have threatened us, or possibly even charged us, but he took the high road and I think we all grew up with a greater respect for the police because of that incident.

It seems to me that today police are more into statistics, and solving crime has become more important than preventing it. Nobody today can look at, and measure the effect community policing has on crime prevention, but growing up with it we certainly can attest to its value.

Mike Chapman

## A recipe from Tennie

### Glazed Carrots with Waffles

by John Henry Dixon from "First Peel The Otter"

There are many reasons to read cookbooks. Of course there is the joy of discovering new ingredients, or more convenient ways of preparing favourites. Some, like many of Claudia Roden's, introduce you to the history of dishes and cultures. I have made no

secret of my love of Nigella Lawson's books (but I have never really watched her TV series), where I value her enthusiasm, pragmatic advice and chattiness. The Flavour Thesaurus by Niki Segnit combines the inspiration of discovering new flavour combinations with lovely turns of phrase and anecdotes- I highly recommend it.

But this recipe comes from a book that is just meant to make you laugh- normal service will resume in the next issue of the Jackdaw Chatter.

Ingredients: 8 carrots, 1 sock, parsley

Place the carrots in a line on your worktops. Now pull up a stool, sit down in front of them and regale the vegetables with a series of tedious anecdotes about your school-days, grass-cutting adventures, DIY mishaps, golf matches, favourite shaving soaps, bidding errors made while playing bridge, your new car, Association Football, etc. After a while (probably sooner than you might think) the carrots will glaze over. Now place them in a bowl and put a sock in it. Serve with a sprig of parsley.



## Lode Chapel

Will you or someone you know be alone on Christmas Day and rather have some company and enjoy Christmas dinner with others from our villages? We need to know if you'd like to join us by Sunday 3rd December at the latest so we can make the preparations.

Come and see, take a closer look ...

I have written before that the best way to discover what RENEW is like is to 'come and see', and this invitation is constantly open to you, yes you! We are a small church with a big heart and a big vision. We look forward to welcoming more people from our villages who are curious about church, interested in finding out more about faith in Jesus Christ, or who have been invited by members of our congregation. It would also be amazing to welcome you if you are a Christian who has recently moved into Bottisham, Lode, The Swaffhams or Quy and you're looking for a church family to belong to, we are praying for you and looking forward to welcoming you. There's a place for you at RENEW.

'Come and see, take a closer look' is also a theme running through our Christmas services this year. Is there something different to see and experience if we take a closer look at the birth of Jesus and the events surrounding it, if we follow the signs, if we make the journey? See the service details below for details of our 'Carols at Lode Chapel' our 'Christmas Eve Service' (with contributions from the children & youth) and our 'Christmas Day Service'.

We are looking to host another Alpha course starting in the New Year, check out [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org) and if you are interested in discovering more about the person of Jesus and the claims of the Christian faith, we'd love you to join us. Please contact me to discuss or to sign up for Alpha.

I pray you will experience the love, joy, peace and hope that comes from following Jesus throughout this season and beyond.

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Or visit our website at [www.renewchurch.org.uk](http://www.renewchurch.org.uk)

## QUY 'BARN OWLS'

Update on the village's Barn Owls. Mum and dad had two offspring this year, one boy and one girl. Mr Barn Owl man came and weighed and rung the two owlets and I am very pleased to tell you they both fledged.

At the Summer Fete this year we had a very inquisitive Red Kite flying low to have a nose round to see what was going on.

At the Fenland Country Fair three Hobbies were seen above the Fair; Paul said they had bred somewhere in the village this year.

Finally a Peregrine Falcon was also spotted, it was possibly due to the falconry display that was going on at the time.

Talking about the Country Fair, I would like to thank all the wonderful programme sellers for all their hard work. This year you all managed to raise a grand total of £1,700.00; this was distributed between the Village Hall Fund, Church, Quay Jackdaw Club and the Village Association.

Hopefully see you all next year. Regards

Jonny Chapman



## Upcoming Events in Quay

### Carol Singing

Monday 18  
December



Meet at Bush farm  
6.30 pm

### Carol Singing

Wednesday 20  
December



Meet at top of  
Church Road 6.30 pm

### Beetle Drive & Bingo



Friday 9 February  
Village Hall  
Start 6.30 pm

### Ceilidh



Saturday 17 March  
Village Hall. See posters for  
further details

## Church News

**The Funeral of Peggy Wright** took place at Quy church after which Peggy was cremated. She had lived in Quy for many years with her husband Doody, in the thatched cottage opposite the V.Hall. It was here that their three daughters Susan,



Lynn and Anita grew up, and they still consider Quy as home. Lynn is a strong member of Quy church and plays the organ here most weeks. About 30 years ago, on retirement from working for Jim Watts for many years Peg and Doody built a new house on some land they owned at Longmeadow where they enjoyed a peaceful retirement.

**The Funeral of June Binks** took place at Cambridge Crematorium. June had lived in Quy for all her 83 years. She first lived in Stow Road by the Wheatsheaf, with her mother and brother Raymond. When she married, she got a house in Station Rd where she and Tony brought up two sons. After Tony died June moved to a bungalow in the Square, where she died peacefully in her chair after a happy day in the garden. Our sympathies go to Richard and Colin, her sons and their families.

**Harvest Festival Sunday Sept 17th** This service was attended by several villagers, but not a farmer in sight. Very different to about 50 years ago when they, and all the farm workers turned out at church for this service, normally on a Thursday evening and again on the Sunday. The church had been decorated by the ladies and looked very nice, with wheat sheaves at the door with collections of fruit and veg displayed all around the Nave. All fresh produce was donated to Jimmie's night shelter after the service.

**Remembrance services Nov 12th** It was the turn of Bottisham this year to host the British Legion service for our area. A large parade of guides, scouts, cadets and former members of the forces marched

from The British Legion round to the church, with the banners flying. At the church names of the fallen in both wars were read out and Sue Giles took the remembrance service to a packed church.

At Quy a small service was held to quite a large congregation. A group of people from Gt Yarmouth had a family event on at Quy Mill hotel, and they chose to join the villagers at Quy to remember the fallen.

Next year the British legion service will be at Quy and it will be the 100 year celebration.

**Sun Dec 17th 3:00pm Nine Carols and Readings.** Be there early for this service, it usually attracts a full church . How about a solo? We would love a volunteer lady or child to sing the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City" or do you fancy singing one of the three kings verses? Maybe you would like to read a lesson, we could easily fit you in. Please ring Bill ( 811063) if you would like to take part.

Anyway please come along and join in the singing of all your favourite carols. Teas coffees and cakes afterwards, and maybe a drop of something stronger! Also judging of the street Christmas trees. Look forward to seeing you all there

**Dec 25th 8:00am Holy Communion to the Book of Common Prayer.**

Why not get up early on Christmas morning and join us for the communion service. Every one welcome to come along and celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus.

**Feb 18th 9:30 Quy Village Hall Pancake service.** Come along and eat as many pancakes as you like after the service

**N.A.D.F.A.S. Book of Quy Church.** Volunteers from the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Society spent many weeks studying and recording everything in Quy Church. They then presented us with a very fine leather bound book which contains an enormous amount of very interesting facts and pictures, available to be let out on loan. If you wish to borrow this copy please let Bill know.

**Bottisham Village College  
Adult Learning**

Learn Something New in 2018!

Evening Courses starting in January include:

- Assertiveness for Effective Communication
- Creating Glass Jewellery
- Creative Painting and Drawing
- Floristry: Spring Flowers for Fun
- Garden Design – an Introduction
- Indian Cookery – Curry Delicious
- Microsoft Excel – an Introduction (February)
- Singing for Fun
- Watercolour for Beginners
- Woodwork and DIY Skills for Beginners

Saturday Workshops - 3 February 2018

- Cook with your Kids
- Get to Know your iPad/Tablet
- Layered Lino Printing
- Make an Appliqué Shoulder Bag
- Mindfulness
- Revamp your Make-up
- Rush Basket Making
- Russian Decorative Painting
- Stained Glass Memento

You can enrol at any time by visiting our website

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## Church Services

Church Services in our church or benefice.

Date	Type of service	Time	Minister
<b>December</b>			
Dec 3rd	Crib & Christingle service	09:30	Tony Bevens
Dec 10th	Benefice Comm CW1	10:00	Sue Giles
	(at Bottisham )		
<b>Saturday Dec 16th</b>	Please help decorate the church and Christmas tree display 09:30 with Margaret Lowe and Viv Fleet Sunday		
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
Dec 31st	Benefice Holy Comm	10:00	Sue Giles
<b>January</b>			
Jan 7th	Morning Prayer	09:30	Mike Procter
Jan 14th	Benefice Comm CW1	10:00	TBA
Jan 21st	Village Communion	09:30	TBA
Jan 28th	Benefice Morning worship	10:00	at Swaff Bulbeck
<b>February</b>			
Feb 4th	Village Communion	09:30	TBA
Feb 11th	Benefice Comm CW1	10:00	at Swaff Bulbeck
<b>Wed Feb 14th</b>	Ash Wednesday service	7:30pm	Sue Giles
Feb 18th	Pancake service Quy V Hall	09:30	Sue Giles
Feb 25th	Benefice Morning worship	10:00	at Bottisham
<b>March</b>			
Mar 4th	Morning Prayer	09:30	Mike Procter
Mar 11th	Mothering Sunday	services not yet decided	