Moulton Matters DECEMBER 2016

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM LISA AND JILL - EDITORS

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If you have an advertisement or an article you would like to submit for this newsletter we publish them quarterly. Please ensure that articles reach us by the 14th February for distribution in the first week of March. **Lisa Ramping 552631 and Jill Goodwin 552851**

Parish Council News

By the time you read this we will have a new road surface through the village with a much safer walk to the school on wet days and white lines across all the entrances close to the shop. We have also asked for the pot holes on St Peters Avenue to be filled.

Plans have now been drawn for the new footpath outside the school on School Road which should make this area safer for the children.

We have constantly been pressuring the County Council to establish a footpath between Moulton and Kentford along the B1085 to provide a safe walking route.

As you may have seen in the news BT are making many public phone



boxes redundant. Our phone box is one of these scheduled to go so we have decided we should adopt it for £1. So we need ideas from you for its future use. Please let us know your thoughts.

Moulton along with fifteen other local parishes have joined with Lord Derby in challenging the Secretary of State's decision to not allow the building of 400 houses at Hatchfield Farm. The rationale behind this is that if they are not built then more unsustainable development will be forced onto small villages. Many of you will have seen the proposals for 500 houses at Kennett and we believe there will be further proposals. So it is important that we maintain the pressure on the planners to ensure that the required houses are built in sustainable locations.

The parish has applied to take some trees down on the recreation ground. They are a variety of Ash tree that are prone to shedding branches with no warning. As you will understand the parish council are concerned that this could be dangerous given that the children and residents walk around this area.

We have plans to replace these with a variety of native trees and a small grove of white barked birch trees opposite the shop in memory of Dr and Mrs Wiggins. These will be purchased with a donation from the family.

Once again we are having an increase in dog fouling around the village and especially on the path between the school and the shop. This is unacceptable as everyone should clear up after their own dog. It seems that some people however think it is ok to then hang the dog bags in trees or place in people's gardens. We have dog bins around the village – PLEASE USE THEM. Dogs must be kept on a lead in the recreation ground as dog faeces can lead to a horrible disease and as children play in this area it must be kept clean.

Speeding through the village continues to be a problem and Tim James and a team of Community Speed Watch volunteers monitor this and report registration numbers to the police. We also have the Vehicle Activated Sign on Newmarket Road which records data for the police to pursue. The parish council have put pressure through the Police Commissioner to have regular speed enforcement checks done in the village

In recent editions, we have had a report from Julie Bonner, Parish Councillor, and resident in Farriers Grange. Unfortunately Julie is unable to continue and it would be good if someone else could help with news from this part of the village.

Finally I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and also to say a very special thank you to the members of the parish council and to all our village volunteers without whom our village would not be such a happy and vibrant place to live.

Bill Rampling

St Peters Church News

One of the benefits of having our new toilet and small kitchen is that we can host meetings much more easily. One such was for our **Mildenhall Deanery Synod** in September. The guest speaker was Revd. Sister Sharon Connell CA – Chaplain and Spiritual Care Co-ordinator for the St Nicholas Hospice in Bury St Edmunds. She herself had a Church Army background and has been in her present post for 12 months. As chaplain she wants to make connections with people facing life – limiting illness, bereavement, and those needing support for their journey through grief.

Sister Sharon talked also of the Outreach café at Haverhill, the Riverdale Centre in Thetford, the training given to Care Home staff, the Hospice Befrienders, the Hospice shops and the house clearance facility. Training for their own staff and the multitude of volunteers, plus all the fund-raising initiatives makes for a lively year. If you've ever taken part in **'Girls Night Out'** you will know the energy and enthusiasm that participants and the residents of Bury show in support of the hospice. The total number of people they care for is currently 250. This includes many who are nursed in their own homes throughout the area.

For younger people facing bereavement 'Nicky's Way' has proved to be hugely beneficial. For older people the initiative begun by the Anglican church called 'Gravetalk' has given opportunities for people to discuss their feelings more openly around the subjects of death and loss.

She left some hospice booklets in church, you are welcome to come and read 'because you matter'

This September we hosted the **Benefice Harvest Communion Service at St Peter's**. Revd Dr Colin McCarty took the service, and we really appreciated all that everyone donated for Newmarket Open Door Food Bank, nearly 180 items were given to this charity. The money collection raised £250.10 for the Barnabas Fund which helps Christians worldwide. Thank you for your help.

In late October benefice representatives met with Bishop Martin Seeley and Archdeacon David Jenkins to discuss further the vacancy in our group of 5 churches. The final agreement was made as to the paperwork required for an appointment procedure to go forward. We all seek some better progress on finding a replacement for Canon Revd. Stephen Mitchell. In the meantime our churches are extremely grateful for the support and ministry of several priests during this interval.

Remembrance Services took place this month at Kentford Manor Care Home with Revd. Rosemary Rycraft, for the benefice, at St Stephen's Church Higham with Revd. John Fulton, and at St. Peter's Church Moulton with Revd. Max Drinkwater. It was a privilege as churchwarden, to attend the Scouts service and their tribute on this special day was respectful and sincere.

During the vacancy our Family Services have been taken sometimes by our own church members. In November the **Bible Study Group** led our worship.

The display we provided gave the congregation the chance to look at some very old bibles kept in church. We used a stack of books to represent the 66 books of the bible. Would anyone claim to know or understand the entire contents of any collection of 66 books? Bible study is about learning alone or alongside others, - slowly and progressively, learning more about the word of God. Whether you follow a daily bible study programme or follow the services on television or radio, you are welcome to visit church and look at our books in the prayer corner.

The group formed 8 years ago, under the leadership of Monica Penn, we have met as a home-group regularly through each year. We focus on our chosen text from about 10.30. We try to end our study time about 11.30, and then finish by mid-day with personal prayers which we each say. This is a sensitive, uplifting, and at times deeply moving experience.

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Church news cont.

Since 2008 we have planned and conducted 7 Family Services, we have led Lent Prayers over four years and Advent Prayer Journeys for two years. Each spring we prepare and maintain the Easter garden. Our group made the request to open church daily and since 2010 the Visitors Book and Prayer Requests show that many people privately appreciate the holy peace of St Peter's Church.

May all your festive days bring you renewed peace and happiness as this year draws to a close.

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A Newcomer's view

Moving, quite by chance to Moulton we instantly fell in love with its quintessential Englishness. From the outset, we were made to feel welcome and encountered a real sense of community spirit and were pleasantly surprised by all the various activities available and how much effort is put into them. The village shop and its staff became our "google" allowing us to participate in the social events and to engage local trades people to cover all our needs.

Recently I started working at the shop and this has enforced my opinion that the village is indeed special. This is partly due to the shop being such a major meeting hub for people of all ages. It has been a pleasure to get to know the locals. For example, did you know that Mike used to play football for Tottenham? He doesn't like to talk about it though

I am also discovering some of the customer's favourite indulgences and I must say getting the lids on the hot chocolates, once the cream and marshmallows have been added, can be a challenge. In addition, I now know, not only how to make Quesadillas' but also how to spell it! If you haven't already tried one you are definitely missing out.

It has been noted that we are becoming more cosmopolitan. In fact, on driving past and observing the locals sat outside regardless of temperatures, equipped with their complimentary blankets, sipping their lattes and cappuccinos, one could almost be abroad. Thankfully we have world travelled Mike, our language guru, to add to the international flavour.

To sum up I am enjoying my time at the shop, with good staff camaraderie and banter with the customers. Mike and Kathy do a sterling job; long may it continue for the village.



Christine May

Kathy, Mike and all the team wish all their customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year







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Moulton in Bloom

As many people will have noticed we have been changing the flowerbeds for spring flowering. We have taken out the dahlias and hope that we can plant them again next year. We have a theme of pink and white for most of the flowerbeds and troughs and the crossroads has plenty of bulbs, lavender and pansies.

We are hoping to raise enough money to buy plants for the summer and eventually, if funds permit we will plant wild flowers seeds along Newmarket Road.



For the second time we are delighted to announce that Janet, Dorothy's cousin, will hold a workshop on 11th December to make either a table decoration or door wreath. Janet is a flower arranging judge and very experienced. Last year this was very popular and if you are interested in participating, please contact Dorothy.

If you like seeing the flowers around the village and want to make a donation then there is a tub in the village shop or contact Dorothy Bowes on 01638 750362 who is leading the project.

Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club has been a huge success over the last year and we have seen our numbers grow each month. Thanks to a small team of super cooks and volunteers and with funding from Robin Millar, County Councillor, we have been able to keep our price at £2 for a soup lunch, tea/coffee and cakes.

We decided that as we were unable to meet in December we would provide a three course Christmas meal. It was wonderful to see over seventy people having a good time and the meal was really delicious.

We meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 1.00pm. Everyone of any age is welcome and we look forward to meeting more village people in the New Year.

We can provide transport to/from the Village Hall if it is a problem.

Lisa on behalf of the Luncheon Club team: (Dorothy, Jenny, Zayana, Marion, Sally, Bridget and Bill)

The First World War 1914 to 1918

As we have just held Remembrance Services to commemorate those who gave their lives for our freedom I thought it would be appropriate to think about the men and women from this village who served, and or died during the First World War. John Gunson is our village archivist and over many years he has compiled an informative and interesting history of Moulton and its inhabitants. John has kindly supplied me with the names and brief history of those he has information on. As space is limited I have only been able to list their names except where there is a little more history or their home address is known. I am sure that many people will be interested to read a little about the people who lived in their homes. Lisa Rampling



The following is from John Gunson ...

Most of the information on the men and woman, who lived in the village and served, was taken from the Remembrance Book, which is kept in the Church. The book was beautifully compiled by the rector, the Rev Child. It is not necessarily a true record of all those who served. I have included Harry Barber, Russell Clarke, Walter Cockerton and Peter Norris whose names are not included. Russell we know served with his brother, who was killed. Walter we know lived in the village with his parents, in Bridge Street, just before the war, any other details of when and where he was killed are not known. Peter Norris served with the army in several places including Ireland. He lived with his family at No 3 Brookside. Harry Barber's name is not recorded on the War Memorial or in the book of remembrance, but his name is recorded in the Memorial Chapel inside the Church, as being killed, possibly he died of wounds sustained during the war, after the War Memorial was dedicated in 1920, but before the Memorial Chapel was completed. He may have come from Kennett or Kentford.

At the start of the First World War, the population of the village was approximately 550 (509 in 1891). The number of children at school in 1896 was 59. The number of young men, and women who we know served in the Great War was 70, of those 19 were killed. This high number, as per size of population, must be attributed to the large families that were common at that time, note the number of brothers and cousins that served. I also have pictures in the archive of several men that served in the war but are not mentioned in local records, these may have moved into the village after the war.

Harry Barber (Killed) Arthur Richard George William Bridge Walter Crick Lewis Goodchild William Hammond Allen Deeks Jennings James Mortlock Victor Nunn Peacock William Plumb Plummer William Reader George Scrivener James Basset (Killed) BraggCharles George R. Brightwell Benjamin Goodchild Thomas Goody John Hawkins Harold V. Jennings George Lambert Stanley Moss Walter Nunn Frank Peacock Albert Plummer Frederick William Poulter Richard Robins Frank Tweed Harold BellFredrick Robert Bragg Frank W.F. Clarke George Funnell Zachariah Goult Fred Ingle Raymond Mathew Jennings Morrington Lambert Peter Norris Alfred George Orbell Frank Plumb Bertie Plummer Samuel James Poulter George Arthur Sargent Charles Blaydon Emily Clarke Russell Clarke Thomas Fitch Fred Hammond William B. Jackson William Kent Robert Loveland Clarence Nunn Walter Payne Alfred Joe Plumb Harry Plummer Lewis Maurice Prigg William Sargent

Cont.

Guy Robins (Killed)

12575 Guy Robins. Sergeant, 7th Suffolk Regt. Enlisted 31st Aug 1914, served in France, wounded by artillery when marching to the front, on 8th June 1915, died on 22nd June 1915, worked on his father's farm (French Hall).

Brother of Richard.

Arthur Rowe (Killed)

Driver, Royal Horse Artillery, aged about 20 when killed. Lived at the Crooked Cottage (Little Green), had a sister, Nellie. Worked for farmer Tommy Camps, Moulton Manor Farm.

George Russell (Killed)

240069. George Russell. Private, 11th Suffolk Regt. Reservist, enlisted on 4 August 1914, Served in France, returned to England with trench fever, then sent back to France, where he served in the Medical Corps, died of wounds, in April 1918, aged 35, Married local girl Agnes Moss, on 27th February 1911, moved to Newmarket. The family moved back to Moulton when war started to live at the thatched cottage, No 20 the Street.

Robert Charles Bragg (Killed)

13286 - Private Robert Charles Bragg. 9th Suffolks. Volunteered,

enlisted 10th Sept 1914, wounded, recovered, then killed in France on 10 April 1917, aged about 25, lived in the Thatched cottages attached to Shepherd and Dog Inn (now demolished), worked at Moulton Paddocks.

George Clarke (Killed)

202498 - Private George Clark 2/4 Royal Berkshire Regt. Volunteered, enlisted 19 Jan 1915, killed in action in France on 22 August 1917, aged about 20. Taken from an orphanage by Charlie Jennings (Bridge Farm) worked for Charlie Jennings in his pork butchery business, lived at Bridge Farm.

Walter Clarke (Killed)

63733 - Sapper Walter Clarke 102nd Coy Royal Engineers. Volunteered, enlisted Jan 1915, Went to France August 1915, killed in action 25 May 1917 at Ypres, aged about 30, buried in cemetery at Vlamentinghe. Worked as a carpenter for Williams builders (now Collins) Kennett, married the day before joining up. Family originally came from the Mildenhall/West Row area. Walters father Abraham Clarke ran a building business from Chippenham Road, he had a brother Russell and a sister Faith.

Walter Cockerton (Killed)

No details available, killed. It is possible he was in the navy or merchant marine as it known he had been to South America before the war. A good friend of the Poulter family. Walter lived in the thatched cottage, beside Bridge St. His father is buried in the village.

Lancelot Langley (Killed)

338401. Lancelot J. Langley. Gunner, Royal Garrison Artillery. Volunteered. Enlisted 6th November 1916. Killed in action 30th Sept 1918 at Haynecourt, Nr Cambrai, aged about 30, buried in the Military Cemetery, Haynecourt. Ran small butchers shop at what is now Hempstead Lodge (The cross-roads). Married but no children, had relations in Ashley.

William Middleditch (Killed)

13218 William R Middleditch. Private B Coy. 9th Batt Suffolk Regt. Enlisted at Newmarket 9 Sept 1914. Volunteered. Served in France from 31st August 1915 to Sept 1916. Wounded at Ginchy. Returned to France 13 Dec 1916, sent to the 7th Suffolks. Killed at Mouchy on 9th Aug 1917, aged about 24. Lived with his aunt, Mrs Susan Taylor at No 2 'The Green'.

Ernest Plummer

60081 Ernest V Plummer. Private 3/4 Batt Royal West Surrey Regt. Enlisted 6th May 1917, died of wounds on 8th Nov 1918, aged about 18, brother to Harry Plummer, lived at No 5 Brookside, worked at Moulton Paddocks.

George Plummer

22014, George Plummer. Private South Wales Borders Volunteered. Enlisted 15th Jan 1915, killed in action. Served in France, aged about 20, lived at the flint cottages, Newmarket Rd, Worked at Moulton Paddocks, cousin to Harry and Ernest Plummer.

Percy Pooley

14082 Percy Pooley. Private, 3rd Middlesex Regt. Volunteered, enlisted 13th May 1912. Served in India and France. Killed in action on 15th Feb 1915, aged 27. Son of Baker Jessie Pooley who lived next to the bakery at No 15 Bridge Street, one of a family of six children.

John has a lot of information about the servicemen who served in World War II and Korea but would welcome any information about the following men:

Everard Meaking Collington, John and Michael Lane and newton Lister.

If anyone can supply information on the above or is interested in reading more about the history of the village I am sure John would be pleased to oblige. He can be contacted on jrgunson@hotmail.com.

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September's orders came to a total of over 17,850 litres @ 31.75 + v.a.t which was delivered by Goff Petroleum. October's orders totalled over 26,700 litres @ 39.60 + v.a.t. and delivered by Butlerfuel. This price was obviously determined by the weather turning cold and an increase in the global price of oil. Unfortunately as Butlerfuel were swamped with orders some homes did not have their oil delivered till the very last day that the delivery was due and a few tanks were getting low but thankfully I have not heard of anyone running out.

The last oil order date for this year is Monday 5 December, please ensure you order by this date to guarantee delivery by Christmas.

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New Year Celebration Night

Tickets are now on sale for our New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance in the Village Hall.

This year we are offering a delicious three course meal followed by dancing to music from a DJ and live performance from Singing Sensation Neneth! Welcome the New Year in with family and friends and a fun evening – all for £35 per ticket.

Here's the food menu:

Starter:	Bruschetta with garlic butter,		
	Mozzarella and beef tomato with balsamic glaze		
Main:	Roast Pork with roast potatoes and vegetable selection		
Desserts:	A selection of Dorothy's delicious desserts		
	Tea and coffee		

(Please let us know of any special dietary requirements)

This year the proceeds of this event will go to the village hall. We will be running our own bar so please support the hall by using our bar service. If you still wish to bring your own drinks then we will charge a nominal fee for corkage.

And here's the Village Hall Bar Menu

- Glasses/Bottles of Prosecco
- Spirits: Gin, Vodka, Rum and Whiskey
- Beer Barrel of Ale plus premium lager
- Red, white and sparkling Rose wine

And a variety of mixers and soft drinks, all at reasonable prices!

The music is being performed by DJ Ron who has worked previously with the singer Neneth. Neneth used to perform at the top Hong Kong hotels before moving to the UK. After taking a break getting married and having a baby she re launched her singing career by participating in the 2015 X Factor Competition. She appeared several times on the TV in live auditions and although she did not win the competition her career has flourished and most weekends she performs up and down the country at different venues. We are very lucky to have such an accomplished singer perform for us.

We have all the ingredients for a fabulous night all we need now is you to come and join us.

Tickets are on sale at the village shop. To reserve a table or to order special dietary requirements please call

Jill on 551851 or Lisa on 552631 before 23rd December 2016.

Note from the Editors:

We are always interested to hear what news is happening in the village or pleased to receive photos, so do keep us in touch. We also like to hear if you are enjoying Moulton Matters and if you would like to see something in particular added we can consider it.

Panthers Football Club December 2016

With the football season now in full swing I can report the under 17's are having a great season so far and are now lying 2nd in the Cambs Colts league at under 17 which covers a whole county of Cambridge shire. This is a great achievement for such a small village team. They are up against many lager teams from Cambridge, Linton, Ely, St lves to name but a few.



The Under 15's and Under 12's have both had a mixed season but both now lying mid table in the league. The under 15's were lucky enough to get a new sponsor this season this year which enabled them to get a new kit (See team photo below). So thank you to Adocks for there support, and the continued support of all our coaches and the sponsorship from Mike and Kathy at Moulton Stores, RaceRight, Gotcha security, Wilson Physiotherapy Ltd . So a BIG THANKYOU!!! But we are still looking for new sponsors, if you would like to sponsor a team kit, Jumpers or any kit/training equipment to support your local youth teams we would love to hear from you.

We are also looking for new committee members to help run the club, so if you have a keen interest in youth football and would like to get involved we would like to hear from you.



Nicola Talbot 01638 552358



Moulton Community Choir December 2016

Our first outing of the autumn term was at the long awaited opening of the new kitchen and toilet facilities at St Peter's church in September. Some newly written appropriate verses were added to our usual rendition of Leonard Cohen's Alleluia and caused much merriment among the audience!.

During this term we have been busily rehearsing for our numerous festive forays out into the community in the run up to Christmas. We have been joined by five new members this term who have been made very welcome.

Our first performance will be at the Flower and Christmas tree festival in Ashley Church at 4.00 pm Saturday December 3rd.

On the following Monday December 5th at 7.30 pm we will join with other local choirs in an Advent carol concert for the Newmarket Open Door project at Our Lady Immaculate and St. Etheldreda's church. Their patron Terry Waite will be one of the guests of honour and give a talk.

A week later on Wednesday 14th at 7.00 pm we will spread some festive cheer to the neighbouring village of Dalham where we will lead the pub's enthusiastic clientele in community carol singing in their fine hostelry The Affleck Arms.

We have again been invited to sing at the ever popular Rotary Carol Concert with various other local choirs and the Newmarket Town Band in Tattersalls sale ring on the evening of Friday December 16th.

Our comical take on the Christmas song Sleigh Ride will no doubt be yet another memorable performance--- if we can remember all our words and movements!!

We are always ready to welcome new members and for further information about the choir please contact Marian Brown, on Tel. 01638 552953 or music@thebrownfamily.biz





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News from Moulton School

The autumn term has certainly been action packed with many highlights. We are delighted with how the children have settled into their new year groups – they have produced some fantastic work and shown positivity and enthusiasm.

We were blessed with a glorious sunny day for our walk to the church where we gathered together to think about harvest time. Canon Barton enthralled the children with her message about sharing. Our current Christian value is thankfulness, and before half term, friendship.

Our families have been very generous and helped us to support Operation Christmas Child once again. We were proud to donate many beautifully decorated shoe boxes filled with gifts for children who may not otherwise receive a Christmas present. We will also support Children in need and Save the Children this term. Our pupils show such compassion when we are thinking about children who face many challenges.

Our first reading café of the year was most enjoyable. Parents came into school to share a story and an activity with their child – with some squash and a biscuit. We are looking forward to the next one after Christmas.

Our new school council members and junior road safety officers have been chosen, and they have begun their important duties in school. We are proud to have such passionate and proactive children in our school – they have already led assemblies, designed competitions, and made some important decisions.

Members of the PTA have continued to work hard and raise money to buy resources for our pupils. This term's events included a KS2 movie night and a KS1 disco. Their summer fair on the 2nd December promises to be a magical event – do come and join us. There will be opportunities to do a spot of Christmas shopping, play many traditional games and enjoy cake and a cuppa.

Our children have excelled with sport this term. We have taken part in lots of tournaments and I am pleased to say that we showed fantastic sporting behaviour and talent at each – it is often commented on by spectators. A special mention must go to our girls' football team who are through to the county finals in January – join me in wishing them luck.

We have lots to look forward to in the Spring term and I am sure that we will continue to celebrate many successes with the children. We are hoping that our families will take part in the Christingle service at the church on 11th December, which is always a beautiful and thought-provoking experience. Until then, all of us from the school wish you a very merry Christmas.

Mrs Shipp

Head Teacher



A note form Ash Tree Vets

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God looked around his garden And found an empty place, He then looked down upon the earth And saw your tired face. He put his arms around you And lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering He knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never Get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough And the hills were hard to climb. So he closed your weary eyelids And whispered, 'Peace bethine'. It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you The day God called you home. Anon



Donations:- Anyone wishing to, is welcome to make a donation, in memory of Tony in favour of "ACT" (Addenbrookes Charitable Trust) or Papworth Hospital Charity (Critical Care Unit). Donations may also be forwarded care of: Southgate Funeral Directors.

Mary and the family would like to thank everyone for your kind messages and cards.

Moulton Wanderers are having an

Evening of Traditional Jazz on Saturday 17th December at 7.30pm at St.Peter's Church Moulton (bring your own refreshments) Everyone Welcome - Only £5 per head To book your seat contact:Ron Wallwork on 01638 or ronc893moulton@gmail.com



December events

Sunday 11 December - A clattering, a parliament and a murder - 2.30pm-4.30pm

Join us for a walk of around two miles to witness the fantastic spectacle of up to 40,000 jackdaws, rooks and carrion crows coming into roost in the poplar woods. Please wear plenty of warm clothes and walking boots or wellies. Adults \pounds / Children \pounds 2.50 (Non-Members) Adults \pounds / Children \pounds 1.50 (Members) Price includes car parking.

Christmas opening

The reserve and visitor trails will be open throughout the Christmas period. The visitor centre and toilets will close at 12 noon on Saturday 24 Dec and will re-open at 9 am on 27 December. Between 27 and 31 Dec the visitor centre will be open from 9 am to 4 pm daily. Normal opening times will resume from New Years Day.

Outdoor clothing and footwear is essential and binoculars are recommended.

Booking is essential for all events unless stated otherwise.

For all enquiries and bookings, please contact: 01842 863400 or email: lakenheath@rspb.org.uk;

Other Information: Most events have outdoor components so please dress appropriately. Stout footwear and warm, waterproof clothing are strongly recommended. We suggest you bring a torch to evening events.

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Season's greetings!

Where has the year gone?! As I write this article in November, Christmas and another new year is less than a couple of months away (or less than a month by the time you read this!), and it doesn't seem long ago that we were sitting in the sunshine surveying bitterns and marsh harriers!

This is the time of year when we review the performance of the reserve over the past year. Starting with the breeding season I'm pleased to say that, generally, all of our key species did well this year. Both pairs of cranes successfully fledged three young between them. Marsh harriers did very well with 14 nests fledging 26 young, and three of the four bittern nests were successful. Kingfishers also did well, and bearded tits and cuckoo's seemed to be everywhere once again!

The results of the breeding season rely on us getting the habitats right during the winter months as this is the only time we can get into the reedbeds, grassland, or poplar woods without causing too much disturbance to the wildlife. Reedbed is a habitat that needs constant management, and without

it they will dry out and eventually become a woodland. This is obviously not much use for our reedbed dwelling birds such as bitterns and cranes, so we need to actively manage it.

One of our key management tasks at this time of year is cutting the reed, which has the technical term of 'reedbed rejuvenation'. Basically, this means dropping the water levels, cutting the reed, removing the cut material, sometimes grazing with cattle or ponies for a year or two, then raising the water levels and letting it re-grow; hey presto you have a rejuvenated reedbed! By doing this in different areas each year, we end up with different ages of reed which in turn will support a wider range of wildlife.

We are currently 'rejuvenating' the second oldest area of reed on the reserve, an area known as New Fen North, which is the reedbed between the poplar woods. Last year we cut about five hectares (about the same size as five football pitches) and this year we aim to do the same. It's a job that all of our volunteers look forward to as it involves burning the large piles of reed that are piled up by our reed cutting contractors, and there's nothing they like better than a good fire, especially on a frosty morning!

So, although it may be the middle of winter now, we're always looking foward to next spring, and hoping that our hard work now will pay off in the breeding season to follow. Fingers crossed for a successful 2017!

That's all for now, so on behalf of the Lakenheath Fen team, it falls to me to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy 2017.

The reserve will be open throughout the Christmas period but please see the events listings for visitor centre opening times.

We hope to see you on the reserve sometime soon!

Best wishes, Katherine Puttick (Warden)









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January	531	38.55	57	292	2	163	73	1
February	633	38.41	54	368	14	194	71	1
March	855	38.86	54	533	22	220	79	1
April	691	38.9	61	312	4	306	67	2
Мау	1015	39.17	58	675	4	248	88	0
June	851	37.72	60	576	9	200	66	0
July	1317	39.14	63	806	32	374	103	2
August	1539	38.97	65	943	74	423	114	0
September	1402	39	59	846	56	386	113	10
Year to date	8834	38.746667	65	5351	217	2514	774	17

Community Speed Watch

The figures above are produced by Suffolk Constabulary and show the number of vehicles speeding across Suffolk since the beginning of the year. The number of people who get letters differs from the number reported for speeding as the Police use their discretion for a variety of reasons. The vehicle may not be traced due to recorder error, as whilst it may appear easy to record vehicle registration numbers, in actual fact it can be hard as other vehicle information is also required.

Farriers Grange and Moulton Road, Kentford are in Moulton Parish and at the moment we could do with additional volunteers to cover these areas in particular. We go out when it is convenient to the volunteers and for about an hour maximum at a time. If you want to join CSW with the other volunteers, do give me a call.

In Moulton from mid August to the end of October 142 vehicles were exceeding 34 mph, however it's good to report that only 11% of all vehicles passing were speeding, this is down from 20%. The total time spent was eleven hours twenty five minutes with on average a vehicle passing at in excess of 34mph every five minutes. The fastest speed of 56mph was near the school (white van). The police have recently carried out a couple of checks in Newmarket Road leading to 14 prosecutions and I am sure they will return.

Tim James 07768798066 timjam@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Fayre

What a huge success! There were so many beautiful Christmas presents to buy and the atmosphere was lovely with wonderful mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies.

All proceeds were for the maintenance of St Peters Church and the team of volunteers worked tirelessly in preparing for it. At the time of going to press I am not sure how much money was raised but thanks go to everyone who attended and contributed to making it a wonderful event.

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Tuesday	Luncheon Club	13:00	Lisa Rampling	552631		
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Tuesday	Cubs/Beavers/Scouts	18.00	Geraldine Law	750845		
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Wednesday	Dog Training	18:45	Sue Hough	07836 624684		
Thursday	Pilates	09.15	Alison Wilson	07752 360 839		
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Friday	Hop fit	18:00	Nikki Hayes	751208		
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Friday	Friday Youth Club (2wkly) awaiting new leader					
Friday	Carpet Bowls (2wkly)	19:15	Dick Marshall	750488		
Saturday	Dance studio	08:30	Rachel rachel@dancexcelacademy.co.uk			
Saturday	Panthers Football	10.00	Nicola Talbot	552358		
Sunday	Panther/	10.00	Steve Wilson	07538241521		
Sunday	Veterans	10:00	Steve Wilson	07538241521		

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