

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



October 2017

Village Diary

Saturday 30th September/

Harvest Festival Celebration

Sunday 1st October

Wednesday 4th October

Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10.30am

Saturday 7th October

Village Pub Night – Village Hall, 6pm – 10pm

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 4th October

Black bin

Wednesday 11th October

Blue and Green bins

Wednesday 18th October

Black bin

Wednesday 25th October

Blue and Green bins

Editorial

October is my favourite month and not just because it's my birthday month. As a school kid I always looked forward to half-term (we often visited relatives during the break) and school sports such as football and rugby. As I've got older, autumn has become my favourite time of the year. Winter is too wintry, spring is too bouncy, summer can never live up to its expectations, but autumn is just right. Its mellowness seems to suit my mood and the shortening of the days encourages me to light the fire, put my feet up and read a good book. This year it's the new John Le Carre novel, *A Legacy of Spies*. He's one of my favourite writers and as a fellow Libran he knows a thing or two about the fruitfulness of autumn and the paradoxes of the modern world. I clearly like my books to unpeel the complexities of human behaviour and this is the territory much explored by the likes of David Cornwell (aka John Le Carre). Using the genre of the spy thriller, he picks away at the human condition and in this latest book reintroduces us to all our old acquaintances, Alec Leamas, Peter Guillam and George Smiley. The new book is a wonderful visit back to old times. Perfect for autumn. Perfect for October. Also, many thanks to David Heath for providing the wonderful cover photo which looks down Rectory Lane and reminds us that we did have a summer before the rains set in!

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Vicar's Letter

"The words of the mouth are deep waters": the book of Proverbs in the Bible is interesting, but occasionally hard to read, because much of it is short sayings, with little connection apparent between them.

The Bible reading pattern for the Church of England has been taking us through Proverbs for the last couple of weeks, and writing the daily reflections (drop me a line if you'd like to get them!) has been a challenge.

What I have discovered, though, is that while on the surface the sayings are disconnected, there is an underlying theme for most of them – the power of words.

Proverbs gives many warnings against gossip, lies, and stirring up quarrels: it describes "the words of the wicked" as like "a deadly ambush" and "a scorching fire".

Whether it's the US president leaking sensitive information through incontinent tweets, politicians making unfounded claims to boost their selfish ambitions, or the six deadly words 'I shouldn't tell you this, but...' our words, spoken improperly, can cause great harm, to others and to ourselves. "The mouths of fools are their ruin" and we can all be foolish sometimes!

On the other hand the speech of the wise is described as "restrained". That doesn't mean, though, that it has to be weak or over-conciliatory. Proverbs says "the one who rebukes boldly makes peace": sometimes we need to be loud and clear about things that are wrong, because letting people stumble along in error doesn't help anyone, and leads to more trouble than the temporary pain of being rebuked.

Our words are the way we reveal our hearts to the watching world – or try to conceal ourselves from it – and our silences can be as powerful as our spoken word.

As words are so important, it's no surprise that the Bible describes Jesus as the "Word" of God: Jesus reveals God's wisdom, truth, life, and saving power. He was never slow to rebuke error, nor to challenge hatred and exclusion. He spoke words of healing to those who were unwell, words of forgiveness to those burdened with sin and guilt, words of encouragement to the fearful, and words of empowerment to the weak.

God will speak those same words to us by the Holy Spirit, and through us will speak to the world in words of power. All we need to do is listen.

Rev. Steve Day

Church Services for October

Sunday 8th October	Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Sunday 15th October	Family Service 10.30am
Every Thursday	Evening Prayer 6.30pm

Church cleaning

1 st Sunday	Peter & Suzy Stokes
2 nd Sunday	Donal & Monica O'Donnell
3 rd Sunday	Linda Rimmer
4 th Sunday	Janet Clear
5 th Sunday	Peter Reynolds

Church flowers and brasses

8 th October	
15 th October	Joan Reynolds
22 nd October	Kay Forsythe
29 th October	Linda Smith

Home Communion

If you cannot get out and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please let the office know and we will arrange for the sacrament to be brought to you on a regular basis. If you are having difficulty getting to church, but a lift would make that possible please contact the team office on 01480 839933 and we will be able to help.

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Ride, Stride and Drive Saturday September 9th, 2017

Chris Reid visited 42 Churches on his bicycle – a great effort. Please sponsor him with either so much per Church, or a lump sum. Chris will try and get round to see you, but you could also drop the money in a marked envelope to me at “Pincote”, Cranes Lane before October 22nd. Details of the event are now on the web site. Chris Reid lives at “The Thatches”, Rectory Lane, Kingston, Tel. 01223 262518. Thank you.

Thanks also to Janet Clear, Jo and Sebastian Murphy, Mikki Ellar and David Heath who helped to meet and greet our nine visitors and serve them refreshments. Thank you all who wish to support this worthy cause,

Joan Reynolds, Parish Organiser

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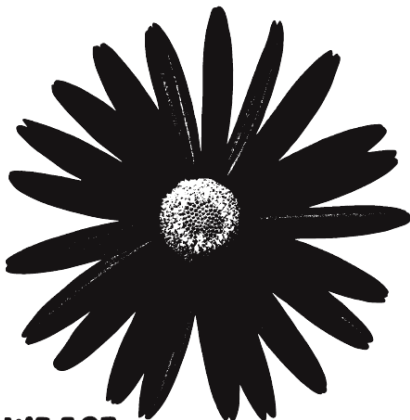


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Friday 6th October

11am-2pm

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Second hand book sale, 'good as
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All welcome - no need to book.

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered
charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907)
and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

A Dear Friend Remembered

In the accompanying photo, five student nurses pose in "mufti" about to go to Sunday morning Church in 1949.

Second from the left is Penny Hollingham, nee Smith. She eventually became Sister Tutor at

Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, later moving to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital in Norwich. Sadly, Penny died in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on September 7th, 2017. She will be greatly missed by all her students in Cambridge and Norwich and her fellow student nurses at King's College in London. As Joan Reynolds states, Penny was a very dear friend of mine and she was loved by all she knew.



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Wednesday 11th October 2017

10.30am-4pm

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For more info: Caroline Hudson 01223 868684

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FREE PARKING



Biggest road upgrade leads the way on environment

Moving protected species, creating new habitat the size of 269 rugby pitches and taking traffic for two and a half million tonnes of construction materials off the road are just some of the ways that a major project to upgrade the A14 in Cambridgeshire is caring for the environment.



One of the wild bird species living alongside the A14 (lapwing)

The biggest road project currently in construction in the UK is aiming to leave a positive footprint on the local environment once completed by the end of 2020.

People living and travelling in South Cambridgeshire will by now be familiar

with the scale of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon project just by looking at the great number of yellow lorries and diggers working away along the sides of the existing A14 and A1, and the size of the new structures emerging along the route.

Less obvious but central to the project is the industry-leading care for the environment that the team is delivering while building the new road.

Patrick Howard, ecology lead for the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon project for Highways England, explains: "An important part of any road construction project is the planning of environmental mitigation so that, by the time a project is completed, its footprint on the surrounding natural environment is as small as possible.

"Protecting the environment now and in the future is one of the golden threads that runs through all aspects of the scheme, from design to construction, project management to efficiency and delivering value for taxpayers' money!! What the A14 team is doing in terms of both environmental mitigation and environmentally-minded project management goes well above and beyond the usual requirements. It sets the standard high in terms of reducing the overall impact of a road scheme on the local environment during construction and after the scheme completion."

Pat continues: "We began thinking about the environment at a very early stage in the project, well before construction started.

"There are a number of things we have to do by law, like survey the land where the road will be built to assess how the scheme might affect wildlife, or talk to environmental organisations to get their advice and give them the opportunity to feedback on our proposals.

“And we have to look after protected wildlife species such as great crested newts, water voles, bats, badgers and a number of birds that breed on the site of the scheme.

“But we’ve also decided to build into the project ways to minimise our environmental impact now and to leave a positive legacy for the future.”

Initiatives include: creating 271 hectares of new, connected habitats for wildlife, replanting trees at a ratio of two trees planted for every one felled, gathering rare wildflower seeds and specimens to replant after the end of construction, using renewable energy where possible, and making the most of naturally-occurring materials on site to build the road – more can be found in the list of facts below:

Plants and trees

- Twice as many trees will be replanted once the project is finished as were felled to build the road
- All the vegetation cleared ahead of construction starting, including trees felled, has either been used within the local community or at a biomass facility for energy production locally
- 866,000 plants from 50 different species will be replanted once the scheme is completed
- The trees that will be replanted will be in keeping with existing local woodland and include oak, field maple, elm, hawthorn, blackthorn, elder
- A number of rare plant species have been found across the route and have been moved so they can be replanted in the same area along the road verges once the scheme is finished. These include bee orchids, common spotted orchids and slender tare – a rare wildflower found near Girton.

Wildlife

- Ecologists working on the project are caring for a range of protected species along the route including great crested newts, water voles, bats, badgers, breeding birds such as yellow wagtail, skylark, corn bunting and yellowhammer.
- Overall, the scheme will build 1.05 square mile (271ha) of new wildlife habitat across 18 areas around the new road, connecting them where possible to help wildlife move more freely than is currently possible. That’s the equivalent of 269 rugby fields.
- More than 200 bat boxes are being installed to provide additional habitat and help bats during migration.
- 5 barn owl boxes have been installed already and more will be installed by the end of the project. All of the ones currently up have been used for nesting this year and 3 pairs of birds have successfully reared chicks.
- Two bird species, the grasshopper warbler and Cetti’s warbler, will benefit from additional, newly created habitat

- New habitats are being created at 3 different locations along the scheme for water voles, Britain's fastest declining wild mammal. The 10 water voles being re-located have been moved to their new Alconbury home.
- Once the scheme is complete, boxes for kestrels will be installed around borrow pits and balancing ponds.
- Activity around 5 badger setts is being monitored along the route and the team is in the process of deciding how best to help the badgers relocate so they are not disturbed or endangered by the new route.
- The team is trapping great crested newts and relocating them at a safe location until the scheme is complete, and will create 3 new habitats for them when the scheme is closer to completion.
- Hedges with native species found in the local area will be planted near Brampton woods to create corridors and food sources for recently reintroduced dormice.

Energy, water and construction materials

- The project team is trialing hybrid generators, solar powered lights and hydrogen powered vehicles throughout site in an effort to reduce our use of fossil fuels.
- 100% of the energy used across the project compounds comes from renewable energy sources including wind and solar powers.
- Only non-drinking water is being used for construction purposes so as to minimise the impact on the local drinking water supply. The water comes from water treatment plants, the scheme's borrow pits, and local watercourses (up to a maximum of 20m³ per day).
- Instead of having to source externally the 5 million tonnes of materials needed to build the new road, more than half of it is being supplied from the site itself through borrow pits within site. The project also has onsite concrete batching plants to create the building blocks for the scheme's 34 bridges and other structures. This means less long-distance transport needs and less energy used. It also means less impact on the busy road network locally.

Work on building the £1.5bn upgrade to the A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon started in November last year. The project includes widening a total of seven miles of the A14 in each direction (across two sections), a major new bypass south of Huntingdon, widening a three-mile section of the A1 and demolition of a viaduct at Huntingdon, which will support improvements in the town.

For the latest information about the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme, visit <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon/>, follow @A14C2H on Twitter and like our [Facebook page](#).

General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
Oct 1	Trinity 16	10.30am Harvest			
Oct 8	Trinity 17	10.30am FHC	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP/Harvest	8.30am HC
Oct 15	Trinity 18	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		10.30am Harvest
Oct 22	Trinity 19	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP
Oct 29	Last Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Cluster HC at Caxton			
Nov 5	All Saints (4 th before Advent)	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am MP	
Nov 12	Remembrance Sunday	10.45am WfA for Remembrance	10.30am Remembrance	10.30am Remembrance	10.30am Remembrance
Nov 19	2 nd Sunday before Advent	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A	8.30am HC	
Nov 26	Christ the King	10.30am Deanery Service at Comberton Leisure 8.30am HC at Longstowe			

HC = traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

EP = traditional Evening Prayer (BCP)

W4A/FS = Family Service

MP= traditional Morning Prayer (BCP)

FHC= Common Worship/All Age Holy Communion

FW = All Age Worship/Morning Prayer/Prayer & Praise/Morning Worship

Portals to the world

An art appreciation course for people living at home with a dementia diagnosis and their care partners at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.

Thursdays 5, 12, 19, 26 October & 2 November 2.00-4.00pm

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Bourn Surgery Does Well in GP Patient Survey

At the end of July an NHS poll was published, based on over one million patients ranking their GP practices. Practices were ranked in seven key areas: how easy it is to get an appointment, how long people wait at the surgery, how long they get with their GP, whether the doctor listens, whether they trust their GP, whether they would recommend the surgery to a newcomer, and how they rate their overall experience.

The practices were ranked nationally, and by area (in our case Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG). We are delighted that Bourn Surgery was ranked 4th in the region (out of all practices in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough) and 135 out of 7,372 practices nationally! This is testament to the hard work and dedication of Bourn surgery staff. Thank you from all of us who use the surgery!

A short, prayerful service of

Holy Communion

is celebrated

Wednesday at midday

in **Bourn Church**

Anyone from around the Team or beyond is welcome to attend.



NIHR Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre Public Opening Evening

Monday 16 October 5.30-8.00pm

at CRUK Cambridge Cancer Research Institute, Li Ka Shing Centre, Robinson Way,
Cambridge, CB2 0RE.

Showcasing the pioneering health research being developed in Cambridge for patients and the NHS in a £114m collaboration between Cambridge University Hospitals (CUH) and the University of Cambridge to find and develop better treatments for the benefit of patients and healthcare. Find out why Cambridge is at the forefront of tackling cancer, obesity, respiratory disease and dementia and how you can get involved in health research. Free, booking essential on Eventbrite or

<https://cambridgebrc.nihr.ac.uk/public-open-evening-cambridge-brc/>

Light refreshments (tea/coffee & biscuits) available on arrival & during the exhibition.

01223 254608

Apple Day at Burwash Manor * Sat 14 October 10.00am

New Rd, Barton, CB23 7EY.

Vintage ploughing match, hedge laying, apple-based games & stalls, Food Hall with apple inspired demos & treats, juice & cider tent, Sawston Steel Band, miniature steam train, fairground rides, archery, falconry, willow & basket weaving, chainsaw sculpting, face painting, tractor & trailer rides & Jezo the Magician.

Adult £3, U12 free. Supports The Sick Children's Trust.

www.burwashmanor.com 01638 751474

Longstowe History Society

St MARY'S CHURCH LONGSTOWE

Exhibition

to mark
the 800th anniversary of
the known church in
Longstowe



**Saturday 21st
October 2017
2-4pm**

*Displays on the history,
people, architecture,
monuments and bells of the
church*

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service October Bulletin

Winter is upon us and as the colder months draw in, we begin using our fires, burners and chimneys once again to warm our homes. Chimney fires continue to be a common occurrence in the winter months. We experience an average of 81 chimney fires a year in Cambridgeshire alone.

To ensure you keep your home safe from fire, follow our Top Tips below:

- Whatever fire you have or fuel you burn it is vitally important to have your chimney swept to avoid a build-up of ash and soot
- Avoid burning resinous woods (that quickly build up soot)
- Only burn fuels suitable for your burner (eg: never burn anything other than wood in a wood burner)
- Do not overload the grate/ appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them
- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly the roof space. Make sure it is sound and sparks/fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks
- For each slow burning period there should follow a quick burn to dry out unwanted tar/creosote deposits and to warm up the chimney again
- At the end of each burning season and at least once during the season the entire system should be cooled and thoroughly cleaned to maintain top performance.

Also ensure that Wood and Multi-Fuel burners are installed and regularly maintained by a qualified and competent engineer. You can refer to www.solidfuel.co.uk for further advice and information.

Most importantly, ALWAYS fit a smoke alarm that carries the kite mark or British Standard Number 5446 – test your alarm weekly by pressing the test button and know the life of your battery.

ALWAYS also install a Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarm in the room where the burner is installed.

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

Sunflower Competition

At Pub Night in the Village Hall on 2 September, the Kingston Sunflower Competition reached a crescendo of excitement as competitors and other observers lined up for the announcement of the winners by Suzy Stokes (co-organiser) and Colette Bassford (judge).



Prizes were awarded to the winners in each of the three age groups, and all other competitors who took part received a commendation and consolation prize. All competitors were also given a certificate commemorating their participation.

The winners and runners-up were:

Karl Nett	First Prize in the Infant category
Indy Toon	First Prize in the Junior category
Darcey Stalham	Second Prize in the Junior category
Lucy Russell	First Prize in the Senior category
Dejan Rowe	Second Prize in the Senior category

The other children who took part were Lucy Nett, Emily Cole, Molly Easy, Laura Reid, Idha Toon, Tim Easy, Angus Easy, Justin Reid, Ella Darrington, Indigo Rowe and Ben Ginn.

Congratulations to everybody who took part! Thanks to Suzy Stokes and Ffanni Apperley for organising the competition, and particularly to Ffanni for conceiving the idea in the first place, and to Colette Bassford for carrying out the difficult job of judging the sunflowers. See you next year!

Peter Stokes



Above: Children and parents in the hall

Right: Ben Ginn with his sunflower





Above: Lucy Russell with her winning sunflower
Below: Dejan Rowe receiving his prize
Right top: Darcy Stalham receiving her prize
Right middle: Karl and Lucy Nett with their sunflowers
Right bottom: Laura Reid receiving her prize



Our MP Heidi Allen's Newsletter

As we approach the end of the Summer, the big news from my constituency office is that we've moved! I've been looking for some time for an office that was more visible and accessible for my constituents so I'm pleased we now have a high street location in Sawston. We have been made to feel very welcome and it was great to meet the local businesses who came to our "open house" afternoon. The new address is: 82A High Street, Sawston CB22 3HJ and you can call on 01223 830037.

Health was on my agenda this month as I visited Addenbrooke's to shadow the bed managers in the operations centre. They have the challenging job of managing patient flow and beds across the whole hospital, 24 hours a day. Given the huge scale of the task and the challenges of our growing, ageing population and the great pull of Addenbrooke's reputation, they do an amazing job. I'd like to thank the whole team for allowing me to spend the morning with them and gain an insight into their pressures. Spending a morning in the hospital reminded me of the need for blood donations, so I popped round the corner to the permanent donation centre at Addenbrooke's. They are open 6 days a week and with free parking (and biscuits!) so there really is no excuse. It's honestly not that painful! Simply go to www.blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23 to book an appointment. It really does save lives.

I continue to work hard to improve our transport infrastructure across South Cambridgeshire so am delighted our aspiration to build a railway station at Addenbrooke's has been given the thumbs up by Chris Grayling, Secretary of State for Transport. I shared our proposals with him just before the Summer recess and he swiftly grasped the need to ensure the Biomedical Campus reaches its full potential as a world renowned centre of excellence. I am confident this station will not only secure the local economy, but also ease congestion by removing many of the cars who currently commute to the campus from our roads. I also continue to work closely with local communities to improve our rural public transport. Whippet's recent announcement to reduce some of their services understandably caused a lot of concern amongst our parishes, so I was relieved that the County Council have retained most of South Cambridgeshire's services albeit with some changes. Bus provision remains a complex issue in rural areas and I encourage you to lobby your local County Councillor to ensure they are aware of your concerns and transport needs. You can find out who your County Councillor is on the Cambridgeshire County Council website. https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccc_live/Councillors.aspx

Some of you contacted me about the County Council's consultation on Children's Centres, which closed on 22nd September. I met with the council's service director for children and families to gain a deeper understanding of the proposals and challenged her on the level of analysis that lay behind the proposals. I am currently digesting the

detailed data and assessments that I have since been sent and will be fully scrutinising this information to ensure I am happy with the potential changes

My next constituency surgery is on Saturday 21st October from 10am to 12pm at the Melbourn Community Hub, 30 High Street, Melbourn SG8 6DZ. This will be my usual drop-in type of event with no appointment necessary. However I am also trialing an appointment-only surgery at the new office in Sawston on Friday 29th September for constituents with more sensitive issues who need a private environment. Please call my office to book.

Details of all the upcoming surgeries can be found on my website at www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries. You'll also find further information about my work and news stories there.

To contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk. You can also phone my Westminster Office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01223 830 037 to raise local concerns.
See you next month!

Getting into Teaching

We are facing a teacher shortage in Cambridgeshire. As a result, Teach in Cambridgeshire have, once again, organised an Initial Teacher Training event to make people more aware of all the options open to them. This event will be of use to anyone considering a career in teaching.

Please help us spread the word about our 'Getting into Teaching' event at Anglia Ruskin University on Thursday 16th November 2017, 6-8pm. There will be a range of local providers attending, offering all phases and routes such as school centred places, PGCEs, B.Ed or internships. We would like as many people as possible to come and find out about how they can get into teaching in Cambridgeshire. Tickets for this event can be booked by clicking on the following link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-into-teaching-information-event-tickets-37992374214>

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Teach in Cambridgeshire

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From the Editor

Several times recently in various articles in this magazine I have mentioned my interest in Cajun Music. In doing so, I had no idea that there is a local link to this music. Simon Draper tells me that Pat Draper's cousin, Nick Leigh, has just written and published a book on Cajun Music. It's a small world! Here is an excerpt from Nick Leigh's introduction.

CAJUN RECORDS 1946-1989 – A DISCOGRAPHY

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INTRODUCTION

After 3 years of rock 'n' roll I began collecting blues records in 1959 but it was another 7 years before I heard Cleveland Crochet & the Sugar Bees on the Storyville anthology "Louisiana Blues". My appetite whetted, I wanted more. Buying the Iry Le Jeune LPs on Goldband a few months later (not one but two volumes – and purchased as imports on a student's allowance!) fuelled an appreciation of Cajun music that has remained undiminished. In the mid 1960s, however, there was little information available about the great music I was listening to, other than the catalogues I obtained from Goldband and Swallow, and the early articles by Mike Leadbitter and John Broven in "Blues Unlimited" and "Jazz Journal". Thanks to people like Mike, John, Neil Slaven and Les Fancourt there is now a lot of information available to provide the background to blues and rhythm & blues recordings. However much of the information about the post World War 2 music of South Louisiana in general and the French (Cajun) recordings in particular, remains elusive. So far as I know no single 'discography' of post-war Cajun record releases has been published and I thought I would try to correct this oversight.

The recordings listed throughout the discography reflect the changes in style (rather than content or feeling) of the Cajun music scene. From the string bands of the late 1940s and the emergence of the accordion stars to the hard-driving dance music and broader influences reflected in the 1960s releases, and from the rise of 'new traditionalists' in the 1970's when album releases increased in number to the zydeco influences that came along in the late 1980s – it is all captured on vinyl and then CD at some point. And the story does not end 28 years ago. There are many fine new Cajun bands recording right up to the present day. My own lack of knowledge notwithstanding, it has to be said that information regarding many of the releases will forever remain shrouded in mystery. Cajun singles more often than not sold less than 500 copies and primarily only within the South Louisiana- East Texas area. Even the larger record companies involved, such as Khoury's/Lyric, Goldband, La Louisianne and Swallow, or J.D. Miller's catalogue were small-time operations when compared with the likes of Chess, Vee Jay, Imperial, Modern, Specialty, Atlantic and other independent labels. This is not to denigrate them in any way but it is sadly inevitable that documenting recording sessions was not a priority. Many of the record labels

cited in the discography are long gone and most probably any incidental recording information with them. However, one can confirm that this is very much an opening instalment. I am sure that other collectors will quickly bring me up to date wherever appropriate. Please note: all additions and corrections should be sent to me directly at the e-mail address below and not via Blues & Rhythm. All additions, corrections etc. will be incorporated into the main text as appropriate and acknowledged. The pdf file will be updated and notification of this will appear on the Blues and Rhythm website. Nick Leigh Bedfordshire, England 2017 (nickl6444@yahoo.co.uk)

Public urged to help combat hare coursing

Members of the public are being urged to be the eyes and ears of the county's rural communities by reporting ongoing hare coursing incidents.

Fields across Cambridgeshire have been harvested and ploughed making them the perfect ground for the illegal blood sport.

The hare coursing season traditionally begins in September and causes damage to crops, harms animal welfare and threatens the rural community. It can result in intimidation and even violence.

Last year (April 2016-March 2017) officers were called to 1,069 incidents of hare coursing, an increase of 44 per cent on the previous year (April 2015-March 2016 742 incidents).

Chief Inspector James Sutherland from the Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT) said: "Hare coursing remains one of the biggest crimes to affect our rural communities between September and February, particularly in South Cambridgeshire, East Cambridgeshire and Fenland.

"Driving hare coursing out of the county is a priority for RCAT and we will do all we can to catch those responsible and bring them to justice."

The Hunting Act 2004 made hare coursing illegal and anyone convicted of the offence can be fined. Hare coursers could also face a criminal behaviour order, seizure of vehicles and other property and a driving ban.

The most obvious sign of hare coursing is a group of vehicles parked in a rural area, perhaps by a gateway to farmland, on a grass verge, on a farm track or bridle path.

Landowners are urged to consider blocking entrances to their fields with ditches, fencing or trees, or even barriers like barrels filled with concrete.

Anyone who sees hare coursing taking place is asked to contact police immediately on 999 and provide officers with a description of the people involved, any



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registration numbers and vehicle descriptions and the location and direction of travel.

It's important people don't confront people hare coursing or put themselves at risk.

If you have information about hare coursing but it's not currently happening or have been a victim of the crime, please call 101 or report online at www.contactcambspolice.uk/report

Crime Prevention

We have had a spate of tool thefts in South Cambridgeshire recently. Most of these have been thefts from vans but we have seen a couple of building sites broken into. If you notice any suspicious behaviour then please call 101 or 999 if you see a break-in in progress.

But what do you do if the worst happens and your tools are taken? Here are nine things you can do to help you recover stolen tools.

Prevention is better than cure

Before you're even on the radar of thieves in your area, there are a number of steps you can take to prevent them getting hold of your tools and help recover them should they be stolen.

1. Store your tools sensibly

The harder your tools are to get to, the less likely thieves are to make off with them. It's best to remove your tools from your van or vehicle overnight.

2. Park for prevention

If you can't bring your tools in overnight, or will be leaving your van unattended for a prolonged period during the day, it's a good idea to park in a way that will prevent or deter thieves from getting to your equipment.

To deter thieves, you can park in a busy, well-lit area, preferably in view of CCTV cameras. Even if someone does break into your van, you're more likely to find a witness or get the culprit caught on camera.

3. Check your insurance

If you don't have tools insurance as part of your insurance policy, the first thing to do is think about adding it in. It can help pay for the cost of replacing your tools should they be stolen.

Secondly, you should check your policy wording to find out exactly what's covered, what the limits and excesses are, and if there are any conditions. For example,

some insurers will require you to have certain alarms fitted in your van for tools stolen from it to be covered by the policy.

4. Mark your property

If your tools are stolen, having identification marks on them will help make sure you're recognised as the owner if they're found.

You can use paint or permanent marker to add your name or another identifying feature to your tools, or for something harder to remove, etch it in. If you don't want thieves to know about the mark, you can use ultra-violet pens so that it will only show up under the right kind of light.

Joining a register such as Immobilise can also help police identify your property.

Recovering tools

Even if you weren't able to take any precautionary measures and your tools were stolen, there are still steps to take should they go missing.

5. Keep a note of serial numbers and other data

One of the first things to do is dig out all the information you have about the items that have been taken.

Providing information like serial number, or at least an itemised list with the make and model of everything taken, will help police identify your tools if they're found as well as easing the process of making an insurance claim.

It may also be worth taking photographs of the crime scene, both for the police and your insurer.

6. File a police report

The police can't do anything to help until you file a report with them. You can do this by dialing 101 on your phone or www.contactcambspolice.uk/report. Not only will this help with the recovery of your tools, but should you spot them for sale you'll have that report to back you up.

7. Claim on your insurance

Make sure you have that itemised list while claiming. You'll need it as part of your supporting documentation.

8. Keep your eyes peeled for dodgy deals. If you see someone selling tools for a suspiciously low price, the chances are they might be stolen.

You can keep an eye out for your tools this way, or you might find someone else's. If you're part of a local tradesman group you can drop a notification there, to help others find their own stolen tools. If in doubt contact the police or www.contactcambspolice.uk/report

Rare Spider in Kingston

On 6th August I found a very unusual and quite striking spider in my garden in Cranes Lane. I was watching some bees visiting flowers of common knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*) when I noticed what, at first, I thought was a beetle tucked in within one of the flowers. It was shiny and bright yellow with black markings on the abdomen. As I looked closer it moved and I was most surprised to see that it was a spider.

I looked it up in my spider book and identified it as the Napoleon Spider (*Synaema globosum*). It is called the Napoleon Spider because the black markings on the abdomen look like Napoleon's hat. (see photo) I have had my identification confirmed by the Spider and Harvestman recording Scheme. It is a type of crab spider (Thomisidae). They are called crab spiders because they hold their legs in a similar way to crabs. These spiders do not make webs but actively hunt for their prey. They often wait near flowers, as this one was, hoping to catch any pollinating insects that visit them.



The text books say that the Napoleon Spider is absent from Britain but occurs in Northern Europe. However, it is occasionally found in Britain. There are only 4 UK records in the Spider and Harvestman Recording Scheme. In each case it is thought that the spider may have been imported on plants. At the moment, there is no evidence of a breeding population in Britain. The interesting thing is that I do not introduce many new plants into my garden from garden centres so there is a possibility that if more were found that it could be evidence for a breeding population.

The spider stayed around for a few days and I have not seen it since. I have kept an eye out for more of them but so far have not had any luck. It would be interesting to know if any others have been seen in Kingston. If you think you may have seen one, or if you come across any unusual spiders it would be great to hear from you. By the time you read this, it may be too late in the season to find them but next summer I will remind everyone to keep a look out for them.

Donal O'Donnell

The Livin' is Easy

On Saturday September 23rd Kingston's very own Blues Band returned home to play at the Village Hall and, in so doing, reminded us all why we fell for them in the first place. Yes, they played the Blues because that's their *raison d'être*. With Mike Nathan (drums), Simon Draper (bass) and Pat Draper (keyboard) laying down solid backing, this allowed twin guitarists, Paul Kaufman and Dave Hunt, to shine upfront and trade off licks like the best of them. Indeed, this interplay between the guitarists is one of the best features of the band. Playing songs made famous by the likes of B. B. King and Willie Dixon (Muddy Waters' famous recording "Hoochie Coochie Man"), the band also paid homage to Fleetwood Mac's original front man, Peter Green, playing two of his songs, one of which, "Black Magic Woman" was one of the highlights of the session. Two other standout numbers were "Route 66" and "Summertime", both displaying that the band is more than a straight-down-the-line blues band. Bobby Troup's "Route 66" was played at a pace somewhere between Nat King Cole's laid-back original recording and the Rolling Stones' rocking version included on their first LP. George Gershwin's "Summertime" (from the opera *Porgy and Bess*) was one of my favourite songs of the evening. Played with the reverence the track deserves, all members of the band played their parts to perfection and reminded us that when listening to such rich and meaningful music the "livin' is easy". And then, when we thought they were done, three members of the band answered a fan's request and, returning to an earlier incarnation, launched into rousing versions of "Apache" (the Shadows) and "Walk Don't Run" (the Ventures). They might be Kingston's Blues Band but they've got so much more to offer.

Peter Holly



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