
Services at the Parish Church	<i>1st Sunday</i>	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sundays	8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	10.00 am Sung Eucharist (CW)
Thursdays	10.00 am	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>3rd Sunday</i> 10.00 am Family Service

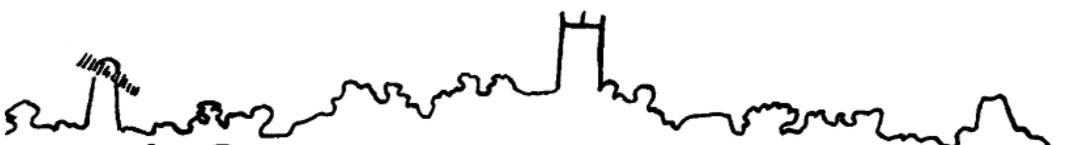
June Services

Sunday 14th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)
Sunday 21st	8.00 am	NO SERVICE AT St Andrew's
	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Laurence's, Wicken
	10.00am	Family Service (Common Worship)
	6.30 pm	Jazz Vespers (led by staff and pupils from the City of Ely Community College)
Sunday 28th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist (CW)
Sunday 5th July	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00am	Morning Prayer (Common Worship)

Forthcoming Dates:

Please make a note of the following dates in your diary:

Saturday 13th June	Summer Fete (10.00 am – noon) in the churchyard
Sunday 21st	Jazz Vespers (6.30 pm) led by the students and staff of the City of Ely Community College. This promises to be an exciting service which follows the pattern of Vespers (a service very similar to Evensong) but with a jazz twist.
Sunday 26th July	Final Service (10.00 am) followed by parish lunch – more details in the next edition of Lodestar.



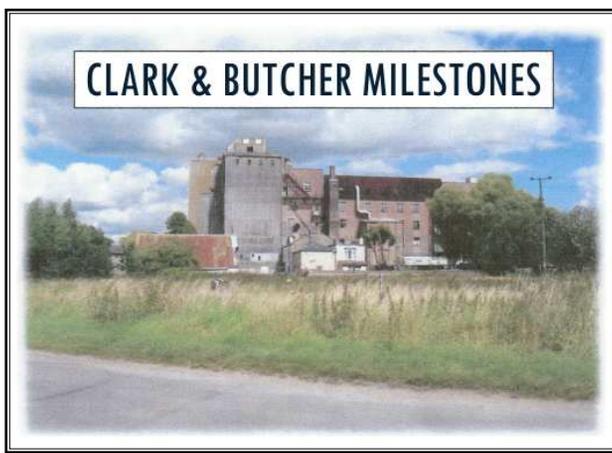
A Councillor's Comments

The Annual Town Meeting was held on 18th May 2015, this being the first meeting after the election of Council members. The South Ward had been contested and the eight elected. But the North Ward had only five nominees for seven places, so there will be a need to bring two more onto the council to make the number complete.

Election of Chairman for the ensuing year: Councillor Fisher, the previous Vice Chairman was elected and made his declaration of acceptance. This was followed by the election of the Vice Chairman and councillor Aitchison was elected.

Appointment of the members to the standing committees, who in turn elected their own chairman. This was later followed by the appointment of council representatives to the various outside bodies.

Notice of Formal Motion: "That no further expenditure on professional or other advice regarding the proposed re-vamping of the Pavilion be allowed or approved unless and until the whole Town Council has considered further the said proposed re-vamping" (Cllr. Woollard) A discussion took place and at the close there was a vote which was evenly divided and the chairman allowed the motion to go forward saying nothing more is going to happen until we get a report back from the architects and that will then be brought forward to the full council from the working party. *Councillor Ginn*



CLARK & BUTCHER MILESTONES

- 1859: Alfred Clark moves to Soham and rents a windmill on FordHam Road (by cemetery)
- 1865: Alfred takes lease for seven years from the Dobede family, partnership with brother-in-law - Mr Butcher.
- 1879: Mill is put up for sale and bought by Alfred and Mr Butcher. Property includes house, granary and stables. Railway between Ely and Newmarket opened. Flour previously sent by barge to Ely and loaded on rail at Ely.
- 1880: Tramway put in from mill to railhead.
- 1883: Alfred producing own electricity (110 volt D.C.) from Mill Stream, driven by turbine he purchased at World Fair 1880 in Chicago-called 'Little Wizard'.
- 1885: 8 sack (1 tonne) roller mills installed by Henry Simon-Manchester. First roller mills in Cambridgeshire.
- 1890: First grain silo in Cambridgeshire built (500 tonnes).
- 1898: Alfred purchases Daimler-Benz (Dog Cart) name of car, first in Cambridgeshire.
- 1901: Clark and Butcher become Limited Company.
- 1904: Alfred Senior dies after retiring. Business run by Alfred Junior, John and Roger, his sons.
- 1914 Great War, conditions difficult to make flour, shortage of grain (wheat), barley and beans included in bread flour.
- 1914: Foden (Horizontal boiler) steam waggon and trailer bought, 4 tonne waggon, (circa) 4 tonne trailer for flour to London. Took a day and a half.
- 1919: 3 Thorney Croft 3 ton trucks purchased at War Department sale after the war.
- 1925:(circa) Sentinel DG6 (Vertical boiler) steam wagon 14 tonnes. Solid tyres.
- 1933: Tramway replaced by railway line from station.
- 1934: Government legislation - makes use of DG6, no longer road-worthy. A Sentinel DG4 and trailer purchased, 15 tonnes, pneumatic tyres (VE 6492 reg).
- 1936: Further Sentinel steam wagon bought - S4 and trailer - (AER 800 reg)
- 1938: Improved grist handling - conditioner dryer ,dresser.
- 1939: Steam Wagon DG4 bought from scrap yard, refurbished and run with trailer -15 tonnes, from 1940-1946 (XJ1773 reg).
- 1939 WWII. Again conditions difficult in so many ways. Large stocks of coal held -45: for engine in mill and steam wagons.
- 1944: June - explosion at railway station - much damage but mill survives.
- 1945: July - mill catches fire - complete burnout.
- 1946 Rebuilding of mill, very hard to obtain raw materials and machinery due to -48: shortages caused by the war.
- 1947- last steam wagon sold (AER 800)
- 1948: May - mill commences to produce flour, both bread and biscuit flours (16 sack - 2 Tonnes per hour) First mill in UK to be rebuilt and running after the war. Last mill built with bucket elevators and screw conveyors for the transfer of stock - from now all mills will be using pneumatic conveying (air transfer)
- 1951: Annex added to silo - 4 x 125 tonne grain bins.
- 1953: Further annex added to silo - another 4 x 125 tonne grain bins.
- 1956: Mill ceases production of bread. Flour from now on all biscuit. Talks commence with United Biscuits for deliveries of flour in bulk to McVities London, McFarlane Lang London, McVities Manchester. Bagged flour still to Meredith Drew Ashby-de-la-Zouch,Kemps London, Crawfords Liverpool, McDonalds Edinburgh and McVities Edinburgh.

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- 1958: First bulk lorry arrives. A Leyland 'Octopus' 8 wheeler, with 15 tonne payload, a Duramin rigid body with compressed air to assist discharge. One of three built (first ones in the UK) C.B one - C.W.S. Glasgow second - third demonstrator owned by Henry Simons, who are the design engineers.
- 1959: Due to greater combine harvesters on the farm, storage of grain at harvest a problem. Company builds the square silo, 2000 tonne capacity with 10 ton per hour dryer, and 60 tonne per hour intake.
- 1960: Purchase of Henry Simons bulk flour demonstrator truck.
- 1961: Still problems with harvest grain. An extension of 1200 tonnes silo built to relieve square silo. Built on geodetic style to keep weight down as silo built on poor quality foundations.
- 1963: Two flat floor grain stores built to each take 2500 tonnes of wheat during the harvest. A system known as 'Polair' used to keep grain in good quality at high moisture content. Additional bulk flour tipping trailer purchased, as six bulk flour silos have been built 4 trailers. Quantities of bagged flour getting smaller.
- 1965: Remodel of feed mill -to keep pace with extra sales, 15 tonne per hour production punch card system, commencement of the computer world.
- 1966: Additional milling system installed (white mill) 16 sack 2 tonne per hour production alongside existing mill, all bulk.
- 1967: Tipping platforms installed in front of square silo to allow non-tipping vehicles to unload bulk grain, lifting capacity 32 tonnes.
- 1968: Still more flat floor storage built. 2 flat floor stores using 'Polair' to keep high moisture grain. Company acquires a fertiliser and chemical business to support purchases and sales to farmers.
- 1969: Screen Room -wheat cleaning plant remodelled, new cleaning machinery and an 8 tonne per hour dryer installed.
- 1971: Warehouse no longer needed as all flour is now in bulk. To make use of this area, another milling unit is designed to fill this space. A 24 sack tonne per hour installed (blue mill)
- 1972: Start up of the blue mill and all by-products - wheat feed and bran now held in bulk.
- 1976: The original mill, built in 1946 is remodelled, and now becomes a 40 sack (5 tonne per hour) unit. Now making 10 tonnes per hour in the three mills. 5 tonnes in red, 2 tonnes in white, 3 tonnes in blue. All units operated by only two employees.
- 1978: Changes in legislation allow larger trucks on the road. Two bulk flour pressurised tanker trailers purchased - 25 tonne capacity.
- 1980: A further two bulk flour tankers purchased, deliveries in bulk now go to London, Manchester and Glasgow.
- 1982: New intake and 4 x 500 tonne silos built alongside the square silo, further storage needed to cope with grain at harvest.
- 1984: Extension of 4 x 500 tonne silos, which are added to the silos built in 1982.
- 1987: Company buys C.Hitchcock of Bures and Fingrinhoe, now is able to supply oven flaked products and extruder feeds.
- 1988: Clark & Butcher become Royal Warrant holders, supplying H.M.The Queen with dog food and game foods.
- 1989: Talks commence with United Biscuits on closure of flour mill. They consider that although the flour quality is first class, a small unit like Clark & Butcher is not viable. C & B are supplying 25% of their flour - too large a risk if major problem occurred, such as a fire.
- 1991: With the closure of the flour mill, a decision was taken to move the feed mill into the flour mill building, and close Fingrinhoe mill. At the same time install a new flaking plant and the extruders from Fingrinhoe.
- 1992: The company were making niche products - flaked cereals, extruder pellets and very early pig weaner feeds, with game feeds, in additional to traditional products.
- 1993: Sales drop dramatically. Mad Cow Disease, Foot and Mouth, and a rapid decline in small whole sales.
- 1994: In view of the above, the loss of business, and small stock farms in the area, the company ceased milling - so ended an era.

School Report

Dr Carin Taylor



The second weekend in May, had me glued to the television news as an unexpected sense of pride crept upon me. You will remember the news was jammed with politicians coming to terms with their triumph or behaving with dignity in electoral defeat. Hours of erudite commentary and reflection made us all reflect on the brutal but wonderful reality of life in a democracy!

On the same weekend, threaded between party leader resignations and cabinet appointments, the nation remembered the grim years of warfare through a solemn act at the cenotaph and a religious service in the Abbey. Later there was the joy of VE day celebrated in parks with flag waving, afternoon tea and an evening concert on Horseguards. It was impossible not to be moved when Jane Horrocks broke down as she read the last letter of a soldier to his mother. I was struck by the fact that our evocative war-time songs stood in such contrast to the VE day display of military power on parade in Red Square. There is no doubt that as individuals and as a nation we behave according to our deeply held values.

Along with families and communities, schools have a duty to instil the strong values of a modern Britain in the beliefs and behaviours of our young people. This will always be a work in progress and there will always be a tiny number who trip up from time to time. But schools, unlike families and communities, are publically held to account for the behaviour of young people and their readiness to play a full part in modern Britain.

I was particularly proud that Soham Village College's recent inspection report acknowledged the many strengths of the school. Our systems to promote good behaviour were described as 'exemplary' and relationships between staff and students as 'exceptional'. Our students were seen to 'display high levels of respect and tolerance' and to be 'very polite and courteous'. Ofsted judged that our students are prepared well for life in modern Britain.

But our young people, rooted in strong values, are not just being prepared for future life as adults. They enrich and shape our community today and many of them set high standards which are an example to every one of us. Like all of us, our young people are a work in progress, and I am proud of them all. *Dr Carin Taylor*



PARISH REGISTERS



Baptisms

3rd May	Imogen Isabella Glen Frankie William Glen Max Naftarski
10th	Evie Maureen Trainer-Alps
17th	Reginald Martin Sparrow Charlie James Fox
24th	Maisie Rose Stephens Archie Jay Sheppard

Funerals

19th May	Sheila Dummett
20th	William 'Roy' Wilson
28th	Freda Barber

Weddings

16th	Carl Roberts and Karina (Drage)
23rd	David Radcliffe and Lisa (Gregory)



☆ **Soham Lodge Care Centre** would like to invite you to their Summer Fete on Saturday 27th June from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm. There will be a variety of stalls including face painting, raffle, tombola, crafts, cakes, plants, sale items, books and bric-a-brac etc.

☆ **200+ Club winners** were April: £5 Diane Wheeling, £10 Mrs. C. Fletcher, May: £5 William Sargeant, £10 Jessica Webb

☆ **Items for the July edition of LodeStar** should be submitted by Friday, 19th June. E-mails should be sent to peterdscott@btopenworld.com or printed copy left at 22 Sand Street, Soham CB7 5AA. Note that there is no edition in August.

Keeping the community entertained this summer!

Viva is keeping the local community entertained this summer with not one, or two, but three summer shows. Tickets are now on sale for all three shows.

Abigail's Party will be performed at The Brook, Soham from Thursday 4th June to Saturday 6th June. Tickets are £10 / £8 and all three shows will start at 7:30pm.

viva!
arts & community group

Viva is also performing Avenue Q and Half a Sixpence who, after performing locally, will be heading to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August for five performances. Viva has been performing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival since 2005 and this year are taking a group of 60 including cast members, volunteers and family members.

The home shows for Avenue Q are from Wednesday 17th to Saturday 20th June. The Wednesday to Friday performances are at The Brook, Soham and are £10 per ticket. The Saturday performance will be at The Maltings, Ely at £12 per ticket with all performances beginning at 7:30pm. This show contains adult themes and strong language.

Half a Sixpence is the Viva youth show and has a cast of forty-two aged from 11-17. They will be performing from Wednesday 29th July to Friday 31st July at The Brook, Soham, all tickets are £12 and the shows will start at 7:30pm. Tickets for all our shows are now available online at www.wegoticket.com or via our Viva box office on 01353 722 228.

Viva is looking forward to this coming weekend, Sunday 10th May, when our Viva representatives will be attending the NODA East Gala Awards. Viva has been put forward with two shows from 2014, The Phantom of the Opera and Les Miserables for Best Youth Production. Ellie Bovingdon, one of Viva's longer standing members, has also been selected as Young Performer in our district for her performance as Eponine in Les Miserables.



Ian Bovingdon

The photograph above is a mixture of cast members from our summer shows starting from the age of 11 and up! Some of the members in this picture have been involved in Viva for over ten years and some are brand new. The gentleman at the back, in the black suit, is Steve Hayter from NODA who came along to do some filming with our cast members that will be shown at the NODA awards on Sunday 10th May when introducing all the different amateur groups from the area.

Just a few words

Dear Friends,

By now, most – if not all – of the readers of Lodestar may have heard that I shall be leaving Soham after 15 years to take up a new post in the diocese of Peterborough. It goes without saying (but I am saying it anyway!) that we shall be very sorry to leave Soham after all this time. This is a truly remarkable place with a sense of community and belonging that is second to none. We have been truly blessed and privileged to have been among you for the last fifteen years and we shall always have a great fondness and affection for Soham – and even more its people. A number of you have been very kind in your words of affirmation and I am very grateful. Thank you. My last Sunday in Soham will be 26th July; there will be a service at 10.00 am followed by a lunch to which everyone will be welcome. I will have a chance to say my final farewell in next month's edition of Lodestar

Inevitably, as soon as the idea of the vicar leaving is mooted, a whole host of questions arise. I would like to take this chance to address a number of the more common ones that people have asked. The most frequently asked question is 'who will we get to replace you?' I can honestly say that I do not know. In fact, the person who will eventually be appointed does not know yet. There will be a gap of several months between my departure and the arrival of the next vicar. That is entirely normal and to be expected, so please do not worry. During that time services will, by and large, continue as normal. I have every confidence in our two churchwardens who will be in charge during the vacancy. (They managed perfectly well during the vacancy before I was appointed!). The lines of authority are absolutely straightforward; the churchwardens will be in charge of the day to day running of things and the Rural Dean will be available for advice if necessary. (It is not helped by the fact that I am the Rural Dean at present and my successor has yet to be named, but there will be a new one in place directly after I leave).

The vacancy will probably last between six months and a year. Due to a rather odd system, no advertisement can be placed for my successor until I have actually started my new job. But in reality, the advertisement cannot be placed until the parish has produced its 'Statement of Needs' and Parish Profile – two documents on which the PCC will start work very smartly. Once the advertisement is placed there will be the usual period of waiting for shortlisting and interviewing and then a frustratingly long period of several weeks when no one is allowed to know or say anything. Finally an announcement will be made and then there will be a period of at least three months while the new vicar serves notice in his or her previous parish.

Finally, it should be noted that our lovely vicarage will almost certainly be sold and that the new vicar will not be living in this house. Alternative accommodation will need to be found.

In spite of all of the above, I would like to leave you with some words of Mother Julian of Norwich, whom the church commemorated in May: all shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well. Whatever our worries or fears for the future, God is more than capable of taking care of them if we put our trust in him. When we do that, we can say the words of Mother Julian with confidence.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Alban Jones