# Wilbrahams' Warbler
# Spring 2024



**Great Wilbraham: Little Wilbraham: Six Mile Bottom**









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# Editorial

So Spring is upon us the air is fresher and days are starting to get longer. Its also the first edition of a new year. As some of you may know over the last year or so we have been looking at ways of improving the Warbler. One idea was to improve the quality of the paper. The Warbler has been, up until now, published on 80g paper. We think it looks better on 100g paper, what do you think? We think the wording is clearer and the pictures crisper. Unfortunately, all this comes at a price and we've already seen production costs rise over recent editions. Therefore we have decided that advertising rates should increase. The current rate is £43 for a full page, £27 for a half page and £16 for a quarter page. These rates will increase to £50, £35 and £25 We are also looking at an advertisement on the back page of the Warbler. This would be a full-page advert and this along with the other increases would fund the better paper

Spring is the time to start getting organised not least of all in your garden, if you have one. Nigel Start, like many of us says he will be playing catch up after all the rain we have had. While I'm on the subject of gardens we also have the categories for The Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom Vegetable, Flower and Produce Show 2024, which now has a popular section for Photography.

Speaking of Photography Chris Fell is interviewed with his wife in Untold Stories. Chris is a very keen Photographer and contributes photographs regularly to the Warbler. Some of his W0arbler front covers have been amazing.

Tony Gardiner has a grave reminder to be extra vigilant with your luggage when our out and about as he almost had a bag stolen. The interesting thing is that it is not just us humans that pilfer, animals do it as well so Nigel Start found out.

David Richer does a Then and Now on Temple End. With the use of two pictures taken over 100 years apart, At first glance they look very similar but if you read what he says there are subtle differences.

Six inches of soil is another hot topic in this edition as both David White and the Wilbrahams Environmental Group both mention it in their articles.

We have reports from the Great Wilbraham Parish council The Memorial Hall and Clare Daunton as well as the Well brahams. What we would like though is more letters please.

John Torode

# Letters

Dear Editors

Once again a big thank you to the Well-brahams group, who organise the monthly coffee mornings in the hall. They are much appreciated, and we look forward to them. If you haven't been, come along and enjoy delicious cakes with your coffee – all for free. It is also an opportunity to support the food bank and bring a donation. Well done everyone.

Bette Armstrong and friends.

# Bottisham Air Museum

This month I have information on this year's opening and events.




The Museum opens Easter Sunday, 31st March, and Wednesday, 3rd April, and then every Wednesday from 10:30 to 16:00 and Sunday from 10:30 to 16:00 (Café opening hours on Sundays are from 09:00 to 16:00) until November. Entry is £5 for adults, and children under 16 are free.

There will be Classic Car Shows on May 19th, August 11th, and October 6th. There will be gunfire and loud bangs on our D-Day-themed Bottisham at War Forties weekend on the 6th/7th of July. There may be some limited gunfire on some weekdays when the museum hosts school WW2 education days. Dates will be advised when known.

Helicopter pleasure flights will resume on 10th April and take place every second Wednesday weather and serviceability permitting.

Discounted flights from Bottisham can be booked via the museum's website at www.bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk/helicopter-pleasure-flights/ selecting the "Book Now" option and using discount code 10JasonW799 at checkout. We will once again do all we can to mitigate the noise by using only smaller helicopters and ensuring the helicopters do not cross the village side of the A1303.

I finish with a bit of history. On 6th August 1942, Pilot Officer Andrew R.K. Anderson of No168 Squadron RAF, RNZAF, returning to Bottisham, flying a Tomahawk (see photo) from a training mission, hit a tree and crashed near Thetford. He is buried in Bottisham Cemetery, we intend to lay a wreath at his grave on 6th August.

Charles Cook, Museum Volunteer.

# In Memorium - Stewart Wilson

On behalf of Alan, Claire, Peter, and the family, we would like to thank everyone for their kind words of support, cards, and memories of Stewart Wilson.

Stewart was born on March 20, 1932, the youngest of four boys to Ellen Mae and John. Born in Great Wilbraham, his family moved to Little Wilbraham when he was just three years old. His father, John, was a hard-working thatcher, and his mother was the kindest lady who doted on her four boys.

He often told stories about his childhood growing up during World War II. There was an American airbase behind his family home during the war. Stewart regularly took eggs and traded them through the wire to the service members in exchange for American candy.

He attended Great Wilbraham Primary School in the old schoolhouse until he went to the newly opened Bottisham College. He was a great sportsman and won many trophies for table tennis. He played cricket for the village team and prided himself as a fast bowler.



In 1948, he began working at the Temple, for the Squire, then The Hyde Smiths, and finally the Wrights. He worked there until his retirement and beyond. First in the forestry and later in gamekeeping. Raising pheasants, caring for their habitat, and protecting the surrounding environment from predators was his life and what he lived for. He took so much pride in each shoot he organized and spent months preparing for the shooting season.

He was a man of genuine conviction based on his firm belief in the unchanging Word of God. Stewart grew up in the Baptist Chapel, which is now Chapel Dental. Even as a young boy, he would travel around with his dad, singing hymns while his dad preached. He loved to sing and would often sing solos in the Chapel. He listened to hours of gospel music on the TV and could recite every hymn imaginable!

In 1959, he married Margaret, and together, they had two boys, Alan and Peter. They never left the Wilbrahams and raised the boys in the village until Margaret's untimely death.

Some years later, Stewart remarried and brought Doreen from Northamptonshire to live with him in Wilbraham. She helped him with shoots and supported him

iinthe hours he spent in the woods. Doreen became unwell in 2010 and sadly passed on later that year.

Stewart had a fiercely competitive streak; if you played whist with him at the hall, you would know that! His competitive side was also evident in his dahlias, which he loved. He would spend hours in the garden tending to his tubers and then planting them out. When they bloomed, they were spectacular, and he won many prizes over the years. In later years, Peter picked up the baton, and Stewart would help him cultivate some of the best dahlias in the country.



He never left the UK; the furthest he travelled was Blackpool as a young man. Yet, he never desired it; he loved the village, the woods, and his pheasants.

This is how he would want to be remembered:
The gamekeeper, the forester, the cricketer, the dahlia enthusiast, a village man, the fiercely protective father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, but first and foremost, a follower of Jesus.

Thank you for all the kind donations at Stewart's funeral, which went to The Royal Papworth Hospital Charity and Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

Claire Wilson

# Temple End



Temple End, the prettiest street in Great Wilbraham, is part of the village conservation area, and comparison of these two photographs will show just how well it has been conserved. The top photograph is from an old postcard dating from about 1910, and the bottom photograph is a similar view in 2024.



At first sight, apart from trees, hedges and a lamppost, little appears to have changed in the last hundred years, but looks can be deceptive. The flint wall on the right has certainly stood the test of time. At this end of the wall, and just visible, is a 5-bar gate. When my family arrived in the village some 40 years ago, an elderly gent leaning over the gate told us that Squire Hicks' coachman had once lived nearby and looked after the Squire's horses and coach in the neighbouring barn, now converted. The coachman was required to dress in green and to doff his hat when the squire passed by. It is a good story, and I want it to be true. Before we go further down Temple End and into the two photos, there is an important and unusual listed building between that gate and the old barn. It is a dovecote, a square, tall, timber-framed dovecote with a hipped thatched roof. The nesting boxes were removed many years ago, and I believe it is now a home to bats. I wonder if they were there in 1910. Returning to our walk along Temple End, you might think that the thatched cottages, further along, also have weathered time well. However, a closer look at the cottage nearer to you reveals that it is no longer constructed from the original lathe and plaster. It burned down some years ago and was rebuilt in the same style but in brick, which was white-washed to match. If you compare the two photos, you can see that this cottage was once the lower of the two, but rebuilding gave the owner the opportunity to make it bigger and raise the roof. Opposite that flint wall in what was once a field now stands a new house. The thatched cottage further down on the left, just about visible above the high hedge, has changed little apart from a low extension as you continue further along. On the other side of the road there is a small, thatched cottage, still unchanged, as is the high wall around the old rectory which once hosted church fetes in its extensive gardens. That wall now conceals the substantial alterations made a few decades ago to the late Georgian house there in 1910. Further on still, in the centre of the old postcard, is what was once the final house, another thatched cottage, in Temple End. Sadly, that, too, burned down. Rumour had it in a fire started by a faulty television set. Beyond that and out of sight are, of course, the gates to The Temple itself which gave its name to the road. There is one final and striking difference. In 1910, there was not a pothole to be seen

David Richer




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## A View from the Garden

I don't need to remind you what a difficult season it's been for gardeners. An unusually wet Autumn carried on into the New Year, driven by the whole series of named storms sweeping across the country and limiting those opportunities to do the planting, pruning, digging and other essential work. I recorded a total of 716mm of rain in 2023 that has saturated the ground, so when it eventually dries, there will be plenty to do, and I, for one, will be playing a merry game of catch-up.

Recent conversations about wildlife in and around the village have focussed on our larger species. Apart from the ubiquitous Muntjac, which now frequent many gardens, groups of fallow deer are often seen in Butt Lane and Chinese Water Deer have been spotted from the path towards Fulbourn nature reserve. A neighbour, alerted in the night by a screaming noise, witnessed a badger in her garden trying to eat a hedgehog last year, and sightings of foxes wandering around in broad daylight have become common. Carrying on with the Fox theme, here is an account of what I will call 'The Fox, the Wallet and the Churchyard'. So here goes the tale; another neighbour recounted how he had lost his wallet just before Christmas during a visit to the car wash. After a fruitless search he

cancelled all his bank cards and applied for a replacement driver's license etc. A few weeks later he was contacted by a man from Eastbourne who had been visiting the churchyard and had found his wallet complete with all its contents save one difference…toothmarks, which could only have been made by a canine mouth. A review of home CCTV revealed that a fox had been visiting the garden at night, and the most likely explanation was that my neighbour had dropped his wallet in his driveway on the way to his car and not realised. Later that night the fox found it and carried it off into the churchyard where it lost interest and dropped it on the ground (Just think of how many Big Macs and KFC's it could have put on a Visa card). Well folks, please remember, you heard it here first, and yes, you couldn't have made it up!

Looking forward to another interesting gardening season

Nigel Start

## View from the soil.

As the snowdrops and daffodils start to emerge from the earth and the nights draw out, thoughts turn to spring. Whilst too early to be sowing spring crops for fear of another appearance of the Beast from the East, preparations need to be made to be ready.

To that end, some spring wheat grain has been cleaned of small grains and weed seeds ready for sowing and samples of my spring oat and spring barley grain have been taken to the National Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB) to be tested for signs of any seed-borne diseases. If they get a clean bill of health, they will be sown without any fungicidal seed dressings, which is an expensive job carried out by an "on-farm" contractor's machine. I resist using these products whenever possible as introducing a fungicidal product into the soil can't do the beneficial fungal population I'm trying to encourage any good!

My winter-sown crops have survived the unprecedented winter deluge very well and are starting to show some new growth, but they still won't need any management intervention from me for a while. We had around 11" more rain in 2023 than the previous 2 years which is the reason that my low-lying fields that are due to be spring sown have standing water in places. Lack of maintenance of the Wilbraham River by the Environmental Agency (AE), causing its high water level and subsequent leakage through the banks, has exacerbated this problem as well as making the adjacent footpath all but impassable. An EA digger should be heading our way very soon to put this right.

I'm now hosting sheep on the farm. I don't remember ever having sheep here so it's a first in my lifetime. The introduction of grazing livestock is one of the growing standards that I produce my Wildfarmed wheat under and I've got to say I'm largely enjoying having them here. The less enjoyable part is when they escape. They are "trained" to the electric fence but, if spooked, will run through it, which is why the "Please keep your dogs on a lead" signs have appeared. I'm pleased to say they have been respected by most people, thank you.




One of my outstanding jobs is to trim some farm hedges. Around a third are done each year, some get done every year and some never. This job is left until now to enable the birds to dine out on the ripening berries over the winter hunger gap. February is the last month when this can be done as March 1st is the official start of the breeding season so they can't be disturbed after that. We have planted a new hedge beside my drive. Some 1150 plants made up of 8 different species have all been dug in, staked and guarded by hand. Quite a job, and still not finished as I need to apply the woodchip mulch which will help combat the growth of competitive weeds. The hedge should be ok for fertility though, as my Polite notice has clearly not been understood by everyone!



In addition to the hedge, I've planted a new belt of trees across one of my large fields. This is made up of 16 native species doubled up, so 32 trees that are interspersed with Christmas trees. Strange that when most were having them cut down as house decorations, I was planting them.

I was pleased to be invited to a screening of the new Six Inches of Soil film at Fitzwilliam College in Cambridge this week. I'm pleased to have been able to support the funding of this film and was especially pleased to see the farm logo on the credits at the end! My involvement aside I have to say I enjoyed the screening very much. It tells a very important message and stimulated some great questions



from the students afterwards. Do look out for the opportunity to see it in the Memorial Hall on March 25th. I believe I'm involved on that evening too, and will be pleased to see it again.

David White

## Over 60s

On 14th December the Over 60s had an enjoyable Christmas party, with entertainment provided by James LeBec. £70 was raised for Arthur Rank by way of a Hamper raffle. January's meeting was an informative talk by Ann Lawrence on her early years in the Met.

Further events:

February 29th Amanda Sutherland (Make Do and Mend)

March 28th Philip Ward (Gardening)

April 25th A.G.M

May 29th Jason Middleton (Pearls)

All meetings start at 2pm.
For further details contact Carol Whitehouse 07770 973702




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Greta

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Whether you're a seasoned mud runner or a first timer, this event is designed for everyone. Join us at The Playground Waterbeach on March 23 to turn mud into a mission of help and hope for the families supported by Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. Sign up via theplaygrounduk.com/ mission-mud or call 01223 675888

## Take a night time walk around the beautiful streets of Cambridge for Charity

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity are busy preparing for the 2024 Star Shine Night Walk which will be returning on Saturday 11 May!

Get your walking shoes ready for a 5 or 10-mile stroll in the evening, through the beautiful streets of Cambridge, to raise money for local hospice care. We can't wait to see you setting the streets aglow again! Find out more at www.arhc.org.uk/ssnw

## In it to win it

Support Arthur Rank Hospice Charity by taking part in a weekly lottery draw - from only £1 a week - a fun and exciting way to support the charity while giving you the opportunity to win cash prizes! Your entry will go towards helping patients and their families in your community who live with an advanced serious illness or other life-limiting condition. All services are free of charge to patients and their families. Find out more at arhc.org.uk/lottery or email lottery@yourhospicelottery.org.uk or call: 0800 285 1390 or 01223 675888

## Free Wills Service

Have you written a Will? Is it up to date? Write or update your Will for free with Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's Wills Service partners/ trusted solicitors. This can be done over the phone, online or face-to-face. The Charity also offers a free legal advice service. For more information, please contact Rachael Brown, Future Gifts Manager on 01223 675881 or email r.brown@arhc.org.uk or visit arhc.org.uk/freewills

## Can you Volunteer?

Did you know that Arthur Rank Hospice Charity has over 500 volunteers covering a wide range of roles based in Cambridgeshire including the Fens. Some may even suit you if you'd like to volunteer from home! Contact Arthur Rank Hospice Charity at arhc.org.uk/volunteer or email volunteer@arhc.org.uk or telephone 01223 675872.

## Pick up pre-loved items at bargain prices

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity has shops in Burleigh Street, Mill Road and Regent Street in Cambridge, Cottenham, Great Shelford, a Retail Hub and an Outlet in Pampisford/Sawston, where you can find bargain clothes, bric-a-brac and furniture!. They are also looking for volunteers in the shops. arhc.org.uk/volunteer or email volunteer@arhc.org.uk or telephone 01223 675872.

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Cover Photogaph by Chris Fell
Inside Front Cover – Examples of photographs for the photography section of the Village Show: Chris & Jane Fell by Keith Hepple
Back page, Chinese New Year celebrations at the school : Sheep (view from the soil)
Inside Back Cover, Jubilee bench on Butt lane : Stewart Wilson L Village Show

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GPs and their staff have a right to care for others without fear of being attacked or abused. To successfully provide general practice services mutual respect between all the staff and patients has to be in place. All our staff aim to be polite, helpful, and sensitive to all patients' individual needs and circumstances.

We respectfully remind patients that very often, staff could be confronted with a multitude of varying and sometimes difficult tasks and situations, all at the same time. The staff understand that ill patients do not always act in a reasonable manner and will take this into consideration when trying to deal with a misunderstanding or complaint.

However, aggressive behaviour, be it violent or abusive, will not be tolerated and may result in you being removed from the Practice list and, in extreme cases, the Police being contacted.

## Patient demand outstrips capacity

Our contract from the NHS states we supply 90 appointments per 1000 practice population per week, that is 531 appointments per week. We supply between 700-800 appointments per week. 34% more than we are funded to do.

Tuesday, Feb 6th 2024, we had 142 appointments available. We received 831 phone calls. 382 of these being before 9:30 am.

We have a population of 5900. 1 in 7 of those wanted an appointment yesterday alone.

Last month 31 people did not attend a booked appointment. This is more than one patient a day.

The government has proposed an increase in funding of 1.9% for general practice this year. All other areas of the NHS have had 5-6% to deal with inflationary pressures so effectively general practice has had a cut in funding but is expected to provide more every day.

The doctor is explaining this so next time you are cross that there are no appointments it truly isn't our fault. All our staff work flat out to provide a high

standard of care. We are not sitting here doing nothing, we are often here 12-13 hours a day. We care hugely about our patients and want to provide the best possible care we can, but we must do this safely.

### How can you help?

Use 111 where you can. Use walk-in centres where you can for minor injuries. Go to A&E if you have an emergency like chest pain - coming to us merely delays your treatment. Attend check-ups when you are asked. Cancel appointments you can't make.

We understand your frustration when there isn't an appointment. This is not lack of appointments or lack of us working, but simply that **demand outstrips capacity.**

### Health Advice from the Practice:

Please remember homely remedies, as most coughs and colds do not require medical attention. Please visit the 111 website https://111.nhs.uk/ when you are unwell, which directly takes you step by step through your symptoms and advises on the best course of action, which may be a review at a local pharmacy, seeing your GP or attending A&E. If you use the 111 website out of hours it can even book you into a GP out of hours slot automatically!

We have physiotherapists available two days a week and you can book directly in to see them about any musculoskeletal problem.

### Closure

The Surgery will be closed on 27 March from 1430 – 1830 for training. Please use 111 Service during this time.

### New Year Tip

Walk more and drive less where possible. Better for health and the environment.

### The Patient Participation Group

As usual, we are inviting new members to join the committee; all patients of this Practice are eligible. Please contact our chairman below to learn more information and how you can be involved.

### Next Meetings

These will be at 6.30 pm Thursday, March 28th, 2024, and the AGM at 6.30 pm Thursday, 18 April, both in the Surgery waiting room. If you wish to join our meeting, please email our chairman, s.j.gilson@btinternet.com.. Or speak to reception.



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Following on from our last article in The Warbler, we have received lots of interest from friends and neighbours about how to become a Friend and what The Friends will be doing.

**How to become a Friend of St John the Evangelist?**

The membership subscription will be £5 per person per year. Details on how to join will be posted on our Facebook page shortly.

**What does it mean to be a Friend of St John the Evangelist?**

As a Friend, you will be helping us raise funds to help protect the fabric of the church in Little Wilbraham. As with many old buildings, it needs love and care which can become very expensive.

You will be invited to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) – the date of our inaugural meeting is Saturday 27th April. There will be a social element to this – it is not all about the formal business!

As a member, you can vote on matters discussed at the AGM.

You will also be eligible to stand as a member of the Committee.

**Future events**

As well as the upcoming AGM in Spring, there are other events coming up:

Saturday 20th April – Model Train Day – Wilbraham Memorial Hall

Saturday 27th April – AGM

We are also hoping to host an annual lecture, a summer coffee morning, and a mini-fete in September.

Information for all our events will be posted on the Facebook page and published in *The Warbler*.

**Next steps!**

Keep an eye out for information on how to become a Friend.

Let me know if you would like to help with any of our events.

Remember that the Church is open most days, usually from 10 am until dusk, so if you need a rest during a walk, are interested in the building, or want some peace and solitude, pop in. It is open for us all – and hopefully, we can continue to keep it open!

Holly Tilbrook. hollytilbrook@gmail.com

# Wilbraham River Protection Society

What a difference six months and a great deal of rain make. There is plenty of water in the Wilbraham River and in the surrounding fields. Will the river have water in the autumn this year? To see the farmland flooded explains why the drainage of this area has been so complicated over the last several hundred years.

At our AGM in November, Tony Goryn gave a very interesting talk on the history of water distribution from and to the Cambridge area. Who knew that water had been diverted from East Anglia, including the Cambridge area, since the 1960s to provide water for the reservoirs in Essex - originally to support the post-war housing boom? Who remembers that there have been two projects to create a reservoir at Great Bradley, both abandoned, and now the plan is to build a local reservoir near Chittering. Tony also talked us through The Lodes Granta Groundwater Scheme set up in the 1990s with the aim of augmenting flow in the local Chalk streams to allow more abstraction from the aquifer underneath us. This has never run to its full capacity but is currently, largely due to his work with the EA over the last two years, functioning more flexibly.

The topic of water is receiving more media attention at present. Pure Clean Water, a film made by Tony Eva that tells the history of Hobsons Conduit in Cambridge, was launched at the Cambridge Film Festival last year. This film traces the history of Hobsons Conduit, which is fed from Ninewells Springs near Shelford. The original stream was diverted into Cambridge in the 1600s to provide clean drinking water and decrease the Plague's incidence. The fate of Ninewells Springs is the fate of many of the local chalk streams - as groundwater levels fell due to abstraction for our drinking water - it dried up (after several centuries of continuous flow). The film goes on to analyse the possible causes and the results to the environment of this series of events. It also discusses the challenges facing us in the future. The WRPS and the Wilbrahams Environment Group (WEG) will be screening this film on Feb 12th, and there are other local showings, including a Fulbourn Forum viewing on March 8th. It is very interesting, thought provoking and relevant to us all as Cambridge expands.

The annual WRPS river walk will be on May 19th 2024, and will start at Hawk Mill Farm, following the course of the river across Wilbraham Common with tea, hopefully at Herring's house and returning to Hawk Mill Farm.

More details of all of these events can be found at https://www.thewrps.org/, where you can also join our society. See also https://purecleanwater.film/ for details of other screenings of this important film.

We hope to see you at one of our events this year.

Rebecca Steward Secretary WRPS.

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# Choir



After a busy December in preparation, The Wilbrahams' Community Choir took great pleasure in singing at the Carol Services at St John's Church in Little Wilbraham and at St Nicholas' Church in Great Wilbraham, helping to add joy and musicality to the communities' celebration of Christmas. We enjoyed participating in both services enormously and I would like to thank Gill Humphrey, our choir director, for preparing us so well. We start the new year eagerly with a new program of songs and are looking forward to performing a concert at The Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall in the summer. We are always on the lookout for new members and now would be a good time to join as we start learning new pieces for the year ahead. There are no auditions, and no previous experience is necessary - all are welcome. We try all sorts of styles of music and meet every Thursday evening during term time at the Memorial Hall in Great Wilbraham. The benefits of communal singing are well known for excellent vocal and breathing exercise, a good memory work out and lifting your mood too. Also, we're a friendly bunch and have a healthy social side, usually with a post-choir practice drinkie or two to round off the night, if you're inclined! If you are interested or have any related questions, please feel free to get in touch with me, Malek Hyde-Smith, on 07801 419207 or malek.hs@btinternet.com, or Gill at gillianhumphrey@icloud.com.

Malek Hyde-Smith, Chairman

# Easter Weekend Services in The Wilbrahams' Churches

Good Friday, March 29th - Walk of Witness 10 am from St. Nicholas church Great Wilbraham to St. John's church Little Wilbraham

Easter Saturday, March 30th - Easter Garden Activity St. Nicholas' church 10.30 am

Easter Sunday, March 31st - Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt 9.30 am St. Nicholas' church

# Great Wilbraham Parish Council

As Winter gives way to Spring with its longer, brighter days, the Great Wilbraham Parish Councillors are enjoying both the sense of optimism that Spring brings and the longer days, which enable us to get many jobs done around our glorious village. One observation all the Parish Councillors readily make is how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful setting where people really care about their surroundings and each other. So, before I share our summary of the past few month's activities, thank you for your support, encouragement and civic attitude!

## Replanting trees in Frog End

Rob and his band of merry men and women (and onlookers - thanks Mark and Cheryl) have begun the replanting of trees in Frog End. Following advice from Rachel Steward at Wilbrahams' Environmental Group (WEG) (thank you), they have planted two Hawthorns, soon to be joined by two Spindle trees. Hopefully, these will all bring a nice splash of colour to Frog End...and some food for the birds! We're indebted to Nigel Start, our Tree Warden, for his wise counsel in all things and, to be honest, because he did (nearly) all the work!

## Ridge Clean Energy Solar Farm: Community Benefit Agreement

We first heard about plans in March 2022 by Ridge Clean Energy (RCE) to build a solar farm on land southeast of Bottisham, near Street Way - which is a continuation of the public footpath up Butt Lane. Since that time, we have worked closely with the WEG and our neighbouring parishes (Bottisham and Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom) to influence the plans: particularly to minimise disruption for residents, improve habitats for wildlife, and to negotiate a shared Community Benefit Scheme that will be paid once electricity begins to be generated. The Scheme is now agreed, and we would like to thank RCE for being open and helpful. It guarantees extra money – £15k in the first 2 years and £5k each following year for up to 40 years - and freedom to develop a wide range of beneficial community projects. Rob, Jens and Hilary were instrumental in the negotiations, but we'd like to particularly thank Nick Toovey (WEG) for his pioneering work exploring opportunities with the Ridge and alerting us to them, and for providing valuable research, advice and support throughout the negotiations.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Providing residents with an opportunity to discuss their suggestions for the village and any concerns they may have is a high priority for the Parish Council. We want to know what you think, so we'd like to encourage you to attend our Annual Parish Meeting, which will take place in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 26th March, from 7pm. Refreshments will be available before and after the discussion,

which will focus on various areas including Village Life, Environment & Biodiversity, Wellbeing and Transport & Cycleways. As we did for last year's meeting, village groups will be asked to tell us in advance about what they've been doing over the past year and to outline their ambitions for the future. Please save the date and join us in what will be a very social evening, helping us to shape our village now and for future years.

**Take a seat!**



Some of you will remember me writing about the new 'Jubilee Bench' in the last edition of the Warbler. This long-awaited resting place is now finally in place at the top of Butt Lane. A special thanks to Chris for making this happen; it's incredible how much time it can take to get funding and coordinate the logistics (including a concrete base) for a good quality place to perch yourself, with a lovely view of the wide-open fields! Thanks to Rory for installing both the bench and the base.

**Coffee with the Clerk.**

And finally… our Clerk, Sam Chambers-Turner, enjoys meeting people at the Community Coffee mornings. The next one is on Thursday 14th March, from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm, in the Memorial Hall. Come and ask a question, let us know what is bothering you or volunteer to help. After reading this article hopefully you'll be encouraged to know there is LOTS going on!

James Harmer

## Wilbrahams' Film Club

A superb line-up of films is on the schedule for the Wilbrahams' Film Club.

February 24th - A Hunting in Venice

April 26th - Boys in The Boat

May 18th - The Escaper

June 28th - Holdovers

July 26th – Elvis

Doors open at 7:15 pm at the Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall for refreshments and the film starts around 7:45 pm. As normal, guests are welcome at a charge of £3 per person.

# Figures Facts and Plans

You've heard the one about 'alternative facts' (search 'Kellyanne Conway'), well there are some of those going around at the moment, sadly. Here, not surprisingly, I'll be writing about facts, without the qualifying adjective. I'll try to keep it snappy so The Warbler editors are happy. Just three points: budgets, roadworks, buses, and cycle paths.

## Budgets

It's been recognised, finally, that local government finances across the country are in a dire state. Cambridgeshire County Council is in the middle of the resilience table in terms of its current finances: this means we need to make savings and use some reserves. We are challenged and have difficult decisions, but we are not under threat of bankruptcy or having to make drastic cuts to services. We are, however, having to make £17 million in savings but are doing this by a combination of vacancies, better use of council-owned facilities, energy savings by switching to LED lighting and other similar projects, combining some services and retendering others. A full list can be found in the papers for the County's Strategy and Resources Committee meeting of 30th January on the county's website, and these will be debated at Full Council on 13th February. But using reserves allows some necessary positive news: there will be additional monies for much-needed highway repairs and maintenance (including for potholes, footpaths and gulley-cleaning); for holiday food vouchers for the most needy children to help plug the gap left by the government's scaling back the household support fund; for mental health support for children and young people; for emergency planning in case of storms (flooding and wind damage especially), amongst others. The major expenditure for the county council remains as always: adult social care, home-to-school transport, special educational needs, children in care and special placements. These are all essential services. In spite of committing to use reserves, we are recommending a 4.99% increase in council tax. This increase is vital to keep our essential services running.

We work closely with partner organisations. South Cambs District Councillor John Williams, Cabinet Member for Finance writes: South Cambs District Council will be increasing its portion of Council Tax by 3 percent or £5 for the year against a challenging background of a rising population and increases in costs, homelessness and anti-social behaviour. Nevertheless, its productivity improvements include more convenient ways for residents to contact the council, more opportunity to recycle electrical items and deal with fly-tipping, more council house building and more support with the cost of living.

## Roadworks

Where to start? These take up a huge amount of my time and are probably one of

your biggest bugbears at present. I'll keep to the facts, and should you hear anything other, please just keep on sticking to the facts. National Highways are responsible for repairs to the A11 and the A14. They have been communicating regularly, and there are posts on the Wilbrahams website. Essential repairs are going on overnight on the A11, up to mid-February and from 19th February, repairs will start on the A14 between Newmarket and Quy.

More locally, there is a significant amount of roadworks on the fringes of Cambridge. Here is why: Addenbrooke's needs more electricity, as do other health facilities along with labs and tech spaces all over the city and surrounding areas; we all need a more reliable supply (Little and Great Wilbraham had power cuts last week). Then there is the replacement gas main works in Fulbourn and super-fast broadband going in everywhere so we can work from home and children and students do their project homework and watch games and TV, etc. And there are new housing developments with all their needs. And we need to find space to repair potholes and footpaths and resurface roads and cycle ways. I give a massive 'shout out' for those who have to control and timetable all this and come in for criticism and sometimes abuse. They are not allowed to deny access to utility companies to carry out work. They can delay and re-programme, and they do. Please spare them a thought as you sit at temporary lights.

**Buses, and cycle paths**

Finally, if we could all cycle, walk, wheel and more easily access buses there would be fewer cars on the road. There is some hope. The Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom are certainly more on the radar than before, as details presented at the transport meeting in Great Wilbraham by County officers showed. My colleague John Williams, as a representative on a Combined Authority bus group, has been fully engaged with discussions for a new network of bus routes across Cambridge and Peterborough in the longer term and particularly in our wider area; and the Wilbrahams and Teversham are in the conversation.

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# Apologies, We got it Wrong

The Mobile Library changed its schedule last Spring, as reported in the Warbler. We published the new timetable in the Summer edition, but in the Autumn and Winter editions, we used the old timings, and a few people in Great Wilbraham have been waiting at 4.30 pm when it already had been and gone. The current timetable is.

The Mobile library visits the area on the 4th Thursday of every month as follows -

Six Mile Bottom - The Shop 10.30 am-10.55 am

Great Wilbraham – Opposite playground - 3.20-4 pm

Little Wilbraham – High Street Bus stop, 4.10-4.25 pm

The next visit will be on March 28th

# Budding photographers,

It's time to dust off your cameras to start gathering shots for the forthcoming Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom Vegetable, Flower and Produce Show Photography competition. Here are a few pointers describing what we might expect from each class to help you get going. Remember that you may use either a camera or camera phone, and you may enter up to two images into each category.

Class 70: Landscape - Your opportunity to present a striking image of a sea-scape, country-scape or city-scape.

Class 71: Old and New - This image should capture something that shows both Old AND New in a single image.

Class 72: Buildings or Architecture - An image that conveys the majesty of a building or the intricacy of beautiful architecture.

Class 73: Patterns - A photograph of anything that has repeated shapes, colours or objects.

Class 74: Light and Dark - An image to encompass both Light AND Dark. This does not necessarily mean 'black and white', but it should be bold with extremes of brightness.

Entries should be E-Mailed to vfpphotos@gmail.com by Midnight on Wednesday the 10th of July to allow time for judging.

I wish you all the best of luck!

Andrew Evans

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# Notice Board

## School Terms

**Spring Term**
Thursday 28th March - School Closes
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April
Easter Holidays
**Summer Term**
Monday 15th April – School re-opens
Friday 24th May - School Closes
Monday 27th May – Friday 31stMay
Half Term
Monday 3rd June School re-opens
Friday 19th July - School Closes

## Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits every 4th Thursday

**Six Mile Bottom**
Outside the shop, 10.30 – 10.55 am
**Little Wilbraham**
Bus stop on High Street, 4.10-4.25 pm
**Great Wilbraham**
Opposite the playground 3.20 – 4.00 pm

## Bin Collections

(Wednesdays unless otherwise stated)

**6th March - Black**
**13th March – Blue / Green**
**20th March - Black**
**27th March – Blue / Green**

**3rd April - Black**
**10th April – Blue / Green**
**17th April - Black**
**24th April – Blue / Green**

**1st May - Black**
**8th May – Blue / Green**
**15th May - Black**
**22nd May - Blue /Green**
**29th May - Black**

**5th June – Blue / Green**
**12th June - Black**
**19th June – Blue / Green**
**26th June - Black**

## LW & SMB Parish Council

Next Meeting
Check website For more details
Little Wilbraham Church
7.30 pm

## GW Parish Council

Next Meeting (Annual Parish Meeting)
Tuesday 26th March,
Memorial Hall
7.00pm

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# 100+ club

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A 100+ club is being launched in spring 2024 to support the running & maintenance costs of the Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall. Costs are rising, but we want to maintain our affordable rents for community groups and local hirers. So please join the club for a quarterly draw. You might be a lucky winner!

**How does it work?**

For £20 / year each ticket is entered into a quarterly draw to coincide with the winners being published in the March, June, September and December issues of the Wilbrahams' Warbler. 50% of the ticket revenue will be issued as prizes, with the balance being retained for Hall funds. So, if there are 100 tickets sold at each draw, prizes would be:

1st prize ~ £150 2nd prize ~ £75 3rd prize ~ £25.

If we sell more or less than 100 tickets, the prize fund will be adjusted up or down accordingly. The draw will take place at the February, May, August & November Hall Committee Meetings. Winners will be notified personally by 'phone or email.

**How to Join:**

You may purchase any number of tickets per household/person. You will be allocated a unique number for each ticket. Please visit the 100+ club page on www.wilbrahamhall.co.uk/100club to complete and submit the form online. The 100+ club rules can be found there too.

Please return the paper forms to Shirley Morley, Booking Secretary. 52 Angle End, Great Wilbraham CB21 5JG.

This 100+ club is being run as a 'small society lottery' under the registration ref SL0015 of Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall with South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Emma Adams Chair Memorial Hall Committee

Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall

# 100+ club

**Name …… (you must be over 16)**

**Address**
**……**
**……**

**Telephone Nr. …….. Email address:**
**……**

Membership is **£20** per ticket per year and is payable / renewable on **April 1st** each year. If you want to join the 100 Club during the year, please pay £5 each for the remaining draws until the following April.

I hereby apply to become a member of the 'Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall 100+ club. I wish to buy .....
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sort code: 20-17-19, account number: 50944483. I have referenced the payment with my surname and 100 Club.

☐ I authorise my name to be published in the Wilbrahams' Warbler magazine in the event that I am a winner. I also agree for my contact details to be added to the 100+ Club database.

Signed:…….. Date: ……..

Please return the form to **Shirley Morley, Booking Secretary**. 52 Angle End, Great Wilbraham CB21 5JG

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# Highways, Transport and Cycleways

Traffic, travel and transport have been big concerns in our village for many years and have already generated many initiatives for improvements, many of which are now being implemented. On January 29th, the Council's Highways, Transport and Cycleways working group, led by Jens, held a public meeting to take stock of the current position and to plan the next steps. More than sixty people attended from across the Wilbrahams, including members of the Transport Working Group, PTFA, the County Council and councillors from Great and Little Wilbraham parishes. We talked about safety, particularly the dangerous school crossing, narrow pavements, lack of safe cycle routes, the extremely limited (almost non-existent) bus service, and the high volume of HGVs using our roads and sometimes mounting our pavements. It is difficult to know what to do about these difficult issues. We heard ideas, received valuable insights from residents and debated some possible actions. The Parish Council will develop a plan to share at its next meeting.

It was heartening to see and experience all the various groups working together for the greater good of everyone in our villages. We may feel powerless against the increasing levels of traffic, but recent initiatives like the 20mph village speed limit and yellow lines outside the Carpenters Arms to prevent dangerous parking, both due to be implemented soon, remind us that positive change can happen, and that we can all help to give our little village a much bigger voice. There is strength in numbers! Thanks again to all who attended.

James Harmer

# Help Wanted for 2026 Celebrations



The year 2026 sees the 125th Anniversary of the opening of the Mary Layton Almshouses in Little Wilbraham and the Trustees are planning a series of celebratory events.

For those of you who do not know the history of the almshouses, they were built by Frederick Layton, who was born in Little Wilbraham in 1827 and lived at the end of the High Street. The family moved to Great Wilbraham in 1836 where Frederick's father, John, established a small butcher's shop and taught his son the trade. Frederick and his father emigrated to

America in 1842, and his mother, Mary, joined them in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1847. The boy from Little Wilbraham made his fortune in the New World.

With various partners, the Laytons established a thriving business in the meat trade with a slaughter house, packing facilities and a private railway. Products were exported within the States as well as to Liverpool and London, England through the wholesalers Samuel Page and John Hargreaves. The business was so successful that Frederick began giving back to the country where he made his fortune. He funded the building and art collection for America's second oldest private art museum in Milwaukee which was open to the public for free. Although the building is now gone, the Layton Art Collection was a key part of what is now the Milwaukee Art Museum. Other philanthropy from the Laytons included donating funds for the "Layton Home for Incurables", an Art Institute in Milwaukee, and in 1899, buying the house and land where he was born in Little Wilbraham. On the plot three houses were built in memory of his mother, Mary, to provide accommodation for "retired agricultural workers". The Mary Layton almshouses were officially opened in June 1901.



To celebrate the Layton family philanthropy, we are looking for any historical records, photographs or any other memorabilia of the Wilbrahams from around 1830 and later that you may have hidden away or have forgotten about.

We have access to a number of collections and where appropriate and with permission, we are digitising new information for future generations.

If you think you can help or have any material, oral history, or any other information about Little Wilbraham or Great Wilbraham that may be of interest please contact Alan Cody at docalan@gmail.com

Alan Cody

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# Great Wilbraham CE (VC) Primary Academy

**Acting Co - Headteachers: Mrs Jane Francis & Mrs Kim Holtby**
**Great Wilbraham C of E Primary Academy, Church Street, Great Wilbraham, Cambridge, CB21 5JQ, 01223 880408**

We must begin with the news that Richard Brown has left the school and is no longer headteacher. He has sent a personal message below, and we wish him all the best for the future. For the rest of this academic year, there will be an Acting Up Process, which will see Mrs Francis and Mrs Holtby's current Senior Leadership Team stepping into Interim Headteachers' roles alongside their teaching responsibilities. They have great passion, scope and commitment, and with the support of the School Business Manager, Mrs Crisp, all the staff, Governors, CEO Alison Anderson and the Trust, we will ensure the children continue to have a positive experience at our school. We will continue to work on moving the school forward with the targets identified in the school development plan.

Announcement from Richard Brown: 'Dear families and colleagues, I am writing to inform you that I have decided to leave the school after over eight years' service to Great Wilbraham C of E Primary. I have had the opportunity to work with some amazing colleagues, and it has been a privilege to serve the children and families at this school. Children leave here full of learning, having had an enriched education, and are a joy to work with. I wish everyone at the school all the best for the future. Richard Brown'

School Intents for 2023-24

We started the Spring term by looking at the School Evaluation Form, which links to the Ofsted Inspection Framework. We reflected on our successes and areas for development. We are very pleased with our Early Reading and Phonics offer at school and will continue to monitor this area.

Our areas for development going forward are:

Improve the quality of writing across the whole curriculum and improve outcomes for all pupils.

Ensure the Early Years Curriculum is fully embedded with Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Reception and Nursery evident in all subjects.

Leadership at all levels is robust, strategic and focused on the development of curriculum and outcomes for all pupils

Teach pro-social behaviours across the school by developing a Behaviour Curriculum linked to Therapeutic Thinking.

Agape, Courage, Thankfulness (ACT) Multi Academy Trust (MAT)

Our trust website is now up and running and can be found at the following link: https://www.act-academytrust.com/, or you can follow the link from our website. It gives lots of information about the MAT, so please take some time to have a look.

### Personal Quality of the Week

Every week, children bring home certificates from teachers and from Mrs Holtby and Mrs Francis. The teacher certificates are related to the children's experiences and outcomes that week in the class. The headteachers' awards relate to a personal quality of the week that is shared with the children during Tuesday's collective worship. These personal qualities are derived from the Values for Life of which we have a different one each half term. There are eighteen values, which we rotate over three years. We have been focussing on Wisdom for the Spring term, followed by Perseverance.

### Chinese New Year

Fieldmice enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year. They tried different flavoured noodles and found using chopsticks to eat them great fun!

### Parent welcome morning

We were delighted to see so many parents attend our 'School Update' session, where we shared our School Development plan – see above. We talked about our progress against our targets and shared our vision for the school going forward. Thank you for all the positive feedback and support.

### Thank you

Recently, we said farewell to Barry Haynes. Barry had been site manager at GWPS and has also taken on other roles in support of the school over the years. He has always been on hand to repair and maintain our building, and he will certainly be missed. We presented him with a gift and cards from us all and awarded him a 'Star of the Week' certificate!

### Space Earth Show

Badger class had an exciting experience and took part in a live online event that saw them zoomed into space to look at all the ways in which satellites are helping our planet. It was fascinating to find out the role all these satellites play, and we were especially surprised to learn about satellites that are specifically designed to clear up space debris. We asked lots of questions, and although we did not get one of our questions featured, we plan to answer these in our science lessons.

**Frida 'La Vida' Giraffe update**

Frida will be placed in Lion Yard for the Standing Tall trail in 2024 – a great place for her to be seen and admired by all! The trail runs from 21st March to 2nd June.



**Safer Internet Day**

On Tuesday 6th February, the school celebrated Safer Internet Day. We started the day with an assembly on using the internet safely and who to talk to if you see something that worries you. Badger and Hedgehog class participated in a live lesson exploring how to use AI - Artificial Intelligence safely. Fieldmice and Squirrel class took part in class-based activities.

**PTFA**

The PTFA met on 8th January and had a full agenda with many events and activities planned. The winter disco took place in January and was a great success. Thank you so much to the PTFA for their continued support and please do get in touch via wilbrahamptfa@gmail.com if you would be interested in joining the team.

Jane Francis and Kim Holtby Co- Acting Headteachers

## Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall

In November, we conducted a community survey on both support for our Solar Panel Project (see below) and on your use of the hall and your attitudes/comments about it. The result was overwhelmingly positive, with very few niggles (always useful to have as constructive feedback). 144 households responded, representing 362 (35%) residents out of a possible 1039 from Gt Wilbraham, Lt Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom. There were no responses from Six Mile Bottom, which is a shame. Due to tight grant deadlines, we had to make the survey an online one. This may have made it difficult for some residents, so, next time, we will endeavour to deliver a leaflet version. You scored the hall an amazing **'4.6 out of 5'** when asked how important it is to you and your family as a central focus of community life in the villages. We also took a snapshot of the use of the facilities during November. The hall was used for 164 hours by 19 distinct groups/classes, a local arts exhibition, an accordion concert, a farmers' market and six private hires. We estimate that there were 1500 individual visits, with another 210 taking part in organised sport. These figures are <u>really impressive</u> for 3 small villages

and will be instrumental in helping us to secure grants. But it also begs the question: is there anything else that you would like to see taking place in the hall and what would encourage you to visit, if you do not already do so? Please contact us with your suggestions. Our website calendar is kept up to date, and on the same page is a list of all the groups/classes and their contact details: https://www.wilbrahamhall.co.uk/calendar. If you haven't visited, or tried any – why not give something a go?

### Solar panels on the main hall roof

Currently we spend 20-25% of our rental income on electricity to heat and light the hall. Our project to install solar panels and batteries will reduce this substantially. Solar panels will generate renewable energy, free of fossil fuel consumption – it will be good for our planet and good for our community too. In our community survey, 97.2% of respondents supported the project, with the remaining 2.8% saying 'maybe'.

We applied for and received planning permission to install solar panels on the east (Angle End) facing slope of the main hall roof.

We have completed a grant application for the invited second stage of the Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund (£25,000) and we are applying for 3 other grants: Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund, FCC Community Fund and Bernard Sunley Foundation – all grant funders that have previously supported Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall.

We have been pledged £5,000 from Ridge Clean Energy (the developers of the Six Oaks Solar Farm which has just been approved nearby) - payable if we are successful with all our other applications. We will get the results of all the grant applications by mid-July.

We will endeavour to fund this project purely through grants, but we were also heartened that 80 families responded to the survey to say they would be willing to contribute financially.



### President

We are very sad that Ray Tilbrook of Little Wilbraham has had to step down from his position as President of the Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall. He has given unwavering

support and service since taking this role in January 2011 and the committee would like to extend our grateful thanks for everything that he has done over the years.

## Events

The monthly Farmers' Markets will start up again on Saturday April 13th. We will have monthly markets in May (11th) and June (8th) and will take a break for July and August before picking up again in September (14th) until December. – see separate article for more information.



The Wilbrahams' and Six Mile Bottom Vegetable, Flower & Produce Show 2024 will take place on Saturday July 13th – see detailed page.

## Finances

With rising costs, we face challenges to keep our rental rates low and affordable, whilst keeping the hall well run, clean and in good condition. For the first time this year, rents do not cover annual costs and we must fundraise just to break even. In the longer term, we are hopeful that our solar project will help with this, but we are also looking at other ways to raise money. Please see the launch page of our Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall 100+ club and join us in keeping our wonderful village facility in good financial health and available to all.

If you would like to book the hall or have any practical queries, please contact

Shirley Morley (Booking Secretary)
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If you have any comments or suggestions for things you would like to see at the hall, please contact me: mail@emma-adams.co.uk

Emma Adams, Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee 01223 881609

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# WATCH OUT: THERE'S A THIEF ABOUT

We are deeply indebted to Yasir from the Village Taxi Service for his quick-wittedness in saving our luggage.
Having just returned to St Pancras from an exceedingly wet Rhine River Christmas Cruise, which went horribly wrong, and tired from the constant delays, we were very pleased to meet up on St Pancras Road, opposite the Great Northern Hotel. Luggage loaded in the boot, we climbed aboard and prepared for the off, then Yasir noticed that the boot had opened. Like a shot, he jumped out and ran to the back, whereupon a hooded thief had removed my leather overnight bag; he then thrust it into Yasir's chest and disappeared into the night. It pays to have a quick-witted driver.

Tony & Anna Gardiner

# The Saint Nicholas Great Wilbraham Trust

As at 31st January 2024, the Trust's Legacy Capital Fund was valued at £223,504, showing a rise of £14,041 or an increase of 6.72% from its value of £209,433 on the 5th November 2023, which was slightly better than the FTSE AllShare Index which went up by 2.33% over the same period. The fund's 2023 annual income target of £10,000 was achieved and slightly exceeded by a total dividend income of £10,924 (in 2022 it was £10,251). It is hoped that the existing portfolio, with only minor rebalancing changes over the past 12 months, will achieve a similar dividend income over 2024. The trust's available cash as at 31st January 2024 was £15,428. The trustees' strategy is to preserve all of the value of capital donations (and to grow their value by at least CPI each year), and from the preserved capital in the Legacy Capital Fund to maximise the potential dividend income, for passing on to the PCC for repairs/maintenance/improvement to our church's fabric in perpetuity. We are advised that the PCC's plans for repair work in 2024 comprise: A major overhaul to the complete rainwater system comprising gutters/hoppers/downpipes/etc, and routine repairs to stonework & pointing around some windows (all in line with recommendations within the church architect's Quinquennial Report of Nov 2020). The trustees continue to be very thankful to those who make one-off donation and to those who are making regular contributions to the Trust via banker's standing orders, which currently produces an extra regular income of around £1,500 pa (including the Gift Aid Tax Refund, if you are a taxpayer). For further information on how to make donations and how to contribute most efficiently to the Trust's Capital Legacy Fund, please contact our treasurer, Tony Ryan, who can most easily be contacted via email at lyansan@btinternet.com or myself via email at graham@clarkesresidential.co.uk.

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# UNTOLD STORIES 33 Chris and Jane Fell

*Chris Fell is known to many through his photography, but he also has many untold stories, as has Jane, his wife. I asked her first about her early life.*



I was born at Hove in Sussex. My father was a vicar. We moved to several parishes and then went out to Zimbabwe, or Southern Rhodesia as it was then. I was about 14. We were there for three years. It should have been five, but my parents found the political situation difficult. My mother hated being served ahead of a queue of black people just because she was white.

*What was it like being the child of a vicar?*

Jane laughed. My sister and I were expected to be good all the time – sometimes we weren't! We returned to the UK and Daddy became the vicar of Stoke-by-Nayland in Suffolk in 1962.

*What did you do when you left school?*

I did a catering course at the Colchester Technical College, worked in London for a while, and returned to take a secretarial course. Then I worked in the Registry of Cambridge University until Adam was born in 1974. In the early 1970s there was student unrest in Cambridge and the University Court of Discipline was constituted. The University appointed female University Constables for the first time to search female students for bags of flour, rotten tomatoes etc. on entrance to the Court in the Guildhall. A colleague and I were appointed. We found nothing, but we became a small footnote in the history of Cambridge University.



*Let's come to you Chris.*

I was born in Colchester. My dad was the anaesthetist in the local hospital. I was sent away to boarding school, which I loved, especially drama, athletics and music. Music has been important to me ever since. Drama was for a time, but once the children were born it would have been antisocial to be out that much.

Jane Certainly not athletics!

Chris In the school holidays I rode thoroughbred horses for a family who trained them for point-to-point races. By the age of 18, I had a licence to ride in national hunt races. I did that for two years as I was taking some different A levels. I did not do well in those because I was getting up every morning at 6.0 to ride the horses and burning the candle at both ends.

*How many winners did you ride?*

None. The last time I rode it was to discipline a horse belonging to a 16-year-old girl in Fulbourn, because she was sensibly concentrating on her A levels. I had been made redundant so that fitted.

*What were you made redundant from?*

When I left school I studied maths., statistics and computer science for A level at Colchester Technical College, and then joined Imperial Collee London (ICL) in 1968 writing software. After two years, I moved to Cambridge to join the Computer Aided Design Centre. We built one of the first colour displays, and were on Tomorrow's World with software we had built. It was a pioneering system to build likenesses on screen from witness descriptions.

*Were you still doing drama?*

My father wisely stopped me going professional, but I had a lot of fun with it. I was in productions at school and the tech and sang in choirs there, and later joined the Cambridge Operatic Society and did a number of shows at The Arts Theatre.

*You had two sons…*

Jane: Adam and Thomas who grew up in Great Wilbraham, four grandsons and a granddaughter. They all live locally.

*You have lived in several houses in GW.*

Chris In 1984 we moved into Sargent's Cottage, which was then derelict. There was grass growing on the floors and 40 years' worth of Sycamore growth in the garden.

*Why did you buy it?*

Jane I could see it had potential and could imagine it as a home. We liked the feeling of the village. It contrasted with Histon where we had lived and seemed almost urban by comparison.

*Why did you leave it?*

Chris With two growing sons it was not practical. You had to go through some bedrooms to get to others. In 1986, we went to work in Hong Kong, but after two years, I was made redundant after a take-over. We came back to look for work and sold Sargent's Cottage in 1990 to Jo and Peter Ladbrooke.

Jane When you were unemployed; you were in on the beginning of The Warbler.

Chris There had been an A4 sheet for a while. But I had a computer! I typed and edited and helped with distribution for 3 or 4 years while Charles and Pauline Smith edited it. We bought a house in High Street, but had 3 or 4 months in Yew Tree Cottage in between. We lived in High Street for about 10 years, then we moved near where we live now, and lived there for eight years. There I had my own business, working on contract work for GE, which was not good, so we sold the house and moved to Newmarket.

Jane After two years we realised that Newmarket was not for us, and after seven years we came back. All our social life had stayed in the Wilbrahams. We rented in Station Road for a year, then bought the house we have now.

*What about photography?*

Adam played rugby, and the club needed someone to create and run a website. Websites need photographs. I joined the Cambridge Camera Club in 2009. I was President for two years during which we won the National Print Championship with a portfolio of prints, including an athletics photo of mine.

*What else are you doing?*

I sing for Cantilena, a chamber choir, and the Compline Choir at Ely. It is mostly early sacred music.

*Is there anything you would like to say?*

Chris and Jane: We are so lucky to live in this village with so many friends and activities.

## 'Pure Clean Water' Film
## Another chance to view

The new award-winning film 'Pure Clean Water' will be screened at Townley Hall, Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn on Friday, March 8th at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.15 pm). Entry is free.

The film examines the critical issues surrounding Chalk streams, water availability, and the growth of Cambridge through the lens of a unique watercourse, Hobson's conduit, its history, and its journey into Cambridge from the Nine Wells Springs just south of the biotech campus. The hour-long film will be followed by a short Q&A discussion about the issues.

I am aware that the Wilbraham River Protection Society screened the film in Wilbraham on February 12th. Fulbourn Forum has worked with WRPS to promote two screenings fairly close together so that residents of Wilbraham and Fulbourn (and beyond) have a choice of possible dates convenient to them. Both organisations think that it is an important film and merits wide viewing.

David Fulbourn Forum

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**A round-up of environmental news for our Parishes. What has WEG been up to – and what lies ahead?**

**A Quarter of a Million Pounds coming this way – all being well!**

The Solar farm site finally gained Planning Consent from ECDC subject to a long list of Conditions. The developers now need another planning consent (this time from SCDC) for the cabling from the site to Cherry Hinton.

WEG has supported this project from the outset because (inter alia) it does not use top quality agricultural land, it increases biodiversity on the site and reduces our need for fossil fuels. We will continue to monitor progress.

Importantly for our three villages, Ridge Clean Energy have agreed to pay money to our Parish Councils as a community benefit, starting when the site begins to produce power. Our two Parishes will share £15,000 p.a. for the first two years, then around £9,000 p.a. (index-linked) for the life of the scheme (expected to be at least 30 years.)

**Pure Clean Water.**

The Memorial Hall was full to capacity in February for this film, shown jointly by WEG and the Wilbraham River Protection Society. Fascinating, moving and worrying. The film shows the history of the water supply to Cambridge and the growing problem of providing enough clean water to our area without destroying our rivers and chalk streams, such as our own Wilbraham river. If you missed the film, you can see it in Fulbourn on 8th March at 7.30pm in the Townley Hall Fulbourn (no advance ticket required)

**Six Inches of Soil**




Six Inches of Soil - from COP28 to the Wilbrahams! March 25th at 7.30 pm; doors open 7 pm WEG are very proud to present this thought-provoking new film in the Hall on March 25th. First shown to acclaim in Dubai during COP28, it follows three farmers who have adopted Regenerative Farming methods. They produce wholesome food while focussing on the health of the soil. Preserving and improving the top six inches in their and our fields is key to our very survival. Our own local Regenerative Farming hero David White from Little Wilbraham will take part in a Q & A session after the film.

The Hall's seating capacity is limited so please get a FREE ticket in advance from https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/i-absolutely-loved-this-film-it-mde-me-cry-it-made-me-laugh-tickets-826871373537. Any QQs ring the number below

**Fleam Dyke.**

The Wildlife Trusts have completed their purchase of the Dyke on the edge of the GW parish and have great plans for improvements there. WEG expects to give some practical assistance later this year – let us know if you would like to help. You can read about the plans at https://www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/lifestyle/how-wildlife-trust-extended-the-fleam-dyke-habitat-and-is-9349105/

**Thermal Imaging.**

James Myers of WEG managed to survey at least eight homes in February to identify heat losses for the householders. Each survey takes quite some time - thankyou James and thankyou Cambridge Carbon Footprint who loan out the camera! The surveys are really only possible in cold weather – so we hope to offer the service again next winter.

**Litter Picks.**

GW Parish Council has kindly bought for us some equipment, i.e. "grabbers," bag rings etc. Watch out for an announcement about a date for the first litter pick of 2024, hopefully, co-ordinated with Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom

**Swifts!**

"Our" birds should arrive back here in the first few days of May – the date is getting earlier each year because of Climate Change. We will be playing swift calls from the eight nest boxes which WEG put up last year on the north side of St Nicholas' Church and hoping to attract swifts to join those which already use a few natural nest sites on the church. We know of several other successful nest sites in GW – are there any in LW? Swift numbers nationally have dropped by 60% since 1994, in part because nest sites have been lost as a result of roof renovations. Could you help these wonderful birds by putting up a nest box (cost circa £30) on your house? A home owner in Six Mile Bottom had swifts use his nest box for the first time last year – you too could be lucky! For advice ask us – contact details below.

**Nature Recovery Plan.**

As the Warbler goes to press we are about to receive a "dump" of all the wildlife and habitat data previously recorded for our parishes and held by the Cambs & Peterborough Centre for Environmental Records. We will be importing this data into a software programme used by GW Parish Council, and then we can begin to collect new data with help from ....everyone willing to help! This major project,

supported by both parish councils and the Wildlife Trusts, will identify what we can all do, as individuals and as a community, to encourage more wildlife and biodiversity in the Wilbrahams.

**GET INVOLVED!!**

We are keen to involve everyone, young and old. Have a look at our section of the Wilbrahams website www.wilbrahams.co.uk/information/weg; or our Facebook site (Wilbrahams Environment Group) or contact us by email wilbrahamseg@gmail.com or ring 07594 601205 (Nick Toovey)

Nick Toovey

## Report from the Well-brahams.

The Well-brahams have had another busy winter.



Our Warm Mornings have again been very successful. Our regulars and new attendees mean that we usually have forty people or more visiting throughout the morning. As they are popular, we have decided to keep the Mornings going throughout the year. It might not be totally appropriate to call them Warm Mornings in July unless, hopefully, we mean the weather. Any ideas for a fun name for the Mornings will be gratefully received with a small prize for the best one.

We had great fun at the Christmas Farmers Market distributing mulled wine and mince pies to a slightly wet and cold crowd. In spite of the weather, everyone was cheerful and full of Christmas spirit, if not mulled wine!



Have you ever wondered how we manage to put on all our events for free? We have enjoyed generous grants from various organisations. We have always had great support from the Co-Op. If you are a Co-Op member and choose us as your charity, every time you shop, we receive a donation. This winter we picked up another very generous cheque so many thanks to all of you

who chose us for your donations.



This January, post-Christmas excess, the lovely Adrijana Goryn gave a talk on Breaking Bad Habits. Some of you may know Adrijana as a member of the Goryn dynasty which she joined when she married Neal. This was a lively, stimulating and thought-provoking presentation. She explained the way that our thoughts influence both feelings and behaviour and suggested ways of breaking old patterns and developing new ones. A great start to the new year.

Lastly thanks to all villagers who support our activities. If you think of any activity or talk you would like to see please chat with one of us.

Joy Bray

## Fulbourn Women's Institute (WI)

Hello again

For our November meeting we welcomed Marion Leeper, who told us about Winnie Cobb, Cambridge's first lady taxi driver, during the First World War. She was born in Lolworth where her father was the coachman (later chauffeur ) at the big house and that is where she learnt her love of cars and how to maintain them, eventually driving a taxi for the Cambridge firm of King and Harper. On a personal note, I was fascinated to learn that when she came to live in the town (as it was then), she lodged with her sister in the very same small, little-known road where I spent the first twenty-two years of my life.

Our December/January meeting saw a much-welcome return of Andy Malcolm with more tales of the Fishermen's Mission.

Hopefully, you would like to hear some more tales of the WI's campaigning, this time in the 1980/89's

**Social Policy**

We urged the introduction of random breath testing of drivers owing to the increase in the number of deaths on the road. We were also concerned by the number of air weapons not considered dangerous by the government that were owned by young people and asked for these weapons to be licensed.

We campaigned for the introduction of simple identity cards for all UK residents as we were concerned about the increase in underage drinking as well as solvent abuse. In addition, we asked for stricter penalties to be imposed on those convicted of offences against children and especially involving sexual abuse.

The National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) called upon the government to introduce higher legislation for compulsory DNA testing in those areas where violent crimes had been committed. We also urged them to deal effectively with those producing and selling material with explicit and violent content and asked that there be a review of the unworkable key legal test under the Obscene Publications Act, which stated that the material "must have a tendency to deprave and corrupt".

Our meetings at the Swifts (2 pm - 4 pm) for the next 3 months are

April 15th - Dr Gwenda Kidd Talk on edible plants

May 19th - Kate Kirk "My Amazing Aunta and the Start Of Hospice Movement"

June 17th - Members only "Summer Get Together"

Hope to see you there

Marilyn Moyse (President Fulbourn WI)




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# Kangaroo "Barbie" Wins Wilbrahams' Winter Wonder Walk 2023

For the fifth year running, the 2023 Wilbrahams' Winter Wonder Walk took place in December. On a freezing cold Saturday and a very rainy Sunday, courageous walkers enjoyed visiting the 26 decorated windows in Great and Little Wilbraham. The creativity and variation in styles of the windows were truly impressive!



A window dressed for Aussie Christmas with kangaroos and koalas surfing and having a BBQ on the beach was rich in both laughs and votes. Congratulations to *Alison McFarquhar,* who won a voucher from Shoegarden for her efforts! *The Ward family* squeezed in as a close runner-up with their LEGO display of winter scenes, which once again proved hugely popular with the younger children. *The Helmy family's* beautiful landscape of pinecone animals and skiers was the most popular window in Little Wilbraham. Well done to both families who received drinks and chocolates for their efforts. Overall, the quality of the windows was really high, and most walkers visited *all* windows. An impressive 12 windows had at least one vote for best window registered! Once again, there was a good balance of windows, which appealed to both the children and adults who enjoyed taking part. A huge thank you to all the window decorators for your great efforts!



Those walkers who visited 7 or more windows were welcome to enter our prize draw, winning sweets, chocolates, books, and other treats. Special congratulations to *Sam and Phil Gorman*, who won first prize for visiting the most windows and providing the best winter sentence 'Whom roam yule tide forest fen?', in the adult category. The children's category was won by *Olivia*

*Crocombe* with the catchy phrase ‘Eat more toffees!’. A big thank you to those who kindly donated prizes for the prize draw!

Despite the unlucky weather conditions on the chosen weekend, we only received positive feedback on the change of putting the walk on the same weekend as Ian’s lighting of the tree celebration. This event has become popular among the children, but the PTFA would also like to encourage more fellow adult villagers to take the opportunity for a nice walk should we return in 2024!

Lotta Holm and the PTFA committee. *Email: wilbrahamptfa@gmail.com*

Donations for the school could be kindly accepted through https://bit.ly/3HSw1W6 or use the QR code.

# The Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom Vegetable, Flower and Produce Show 2024

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!** The Show is on **SATURDAY, JULY 13th** in the Memorial Hall, Great Wilbraham.

So that you can plan your entries for the Show in advance, there is a list of the Classes in this Spring edition of the Warbler….don’t forget there are 12 trophies to be won! More details and a more comprehensive paper copy of the Schedule and entry forms will be delivered to you in early June with the Summer edition of the Warbler.

**A few things to mention:**

The "SPUD IN THE BUCKET" competition (Class 22): For those unfamiliar with this, you are provided with a potato tuber to be planted and grown in a 14 litre/3 gallon bucket. You then bring the whole bucket intact to 13 High Street, Great Wilbraham, by Wednesday, July 10th,, The bucket will be emptied, and the potatoes weighed. The heaviest crop produced from one tuber will be the winner of The Richard Wright Cup.



****The potato tubers will be available from Mid March** (1 per person and 20p for entry fee) and also a supply of 14 litre buckets (£1 each) and can be collected from Trish Davis, 13, Toft Lane, Great Wilbraham. Tel 01223 880854; mobile 07739415918; email trishdavis@hotmail.com.

The "PLUG-PLANT COMPETITION"(Class 41). The idea is that you nurture a plug-plant which is provided and then enter it into the Show. This year it will be a fuchsia, and the winner of the 'best' plant will be awarded the David Waters Memorial Cup (only the plug plants provided will be considered for this class).

****The plug plants will be available from Mid April** (1 per person and 20p for entry fee) please collect from Rosie White, 13, High Street, Great Wilbraham. Tel 01223 881293; mobile 07757982934; email rosiewhite77@hotmail.com.

A reminder notice will be put in the window of Great Wilbraham Stores and on the Wilbrahams website/Facebook page when the potato tubers and plug plants are ready for collection (or contact Trish/Rosie as above if you need potatoes/plug plants delivering to you).

****Don't forget, you are allowed 2 entries per person for all the other classes in the Show.**

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION: Please see the article from Andrew Evans for more information.



**The Under 12's** Classes 75-78 will be circulated by Great Wilbraham Primary School to their pupils after Easter and will also be listed in the paper Schedule in June.

The seeds for Class 83 will be distributed to the pupils at the School in mid April (Seeds are available from Rosie White for children aged under 12 who live in the Wilbrahams or Six Mile Bottom but do not attend the School and who wish to enter the competition).

HELP REQUIRED! We now have a Team approach for running the Show but always need more helpers, so if you would like to be involved, we would love to hear from you. For any other queries or information regarding the Show please contact me, Rosie White (details above).

NB I would like to say a massive 'Thank You' to Judy Whybrow for all her help, hard work and patience with compiling the Schedule over the last 14 years…she has been an absolute star! I would also like to thank Sophie Crocombe , our Junior Team member, who I sadly failed to mention in the Autumn edition of The Warbler, for her enthusiastic support of the Show and for all her help in encouraging others at Great Wilbraham Primary School to enter the Show last year…also such a star!

## Vegetables

1. 5 pods of broad beans
2. 5 pods of peas or mangetout
3. A bunch of 5 radishes (one variety)
4. 1 lettuce, root intact (any variety)
5. 3 potatoes (same variety)
6. 5 salad onions with tops on
7. 1 cucumber (any variety)
8. 3 carrots, tops trimmed
9. 5 French or dwarf beans
10. 3 bulbs of garlic
11. 3 beetroot, tops trimmed
12. 2 courgettes (4-8"/10-20cm)
13. 3 tomatoes with stalk (same type)
14. 5 shallots
15. 5 runner beans
16. 3 onions, tops trimmed and tied
17. The longest bean!
18. 1 cabbage with 2-3"/5-7.5cm stem
19. Tray, trug or basket of mixed vegetables, at least 5 different varieties
20. 3 varieties of herbs (3 stems of each)
21. Exhibit of any vegetable not included in the schedule
22. "Spud in a Bucket" competition (*see Warbler article for details*)

## Fruit.

23. 7 raspberries
24. 5 strings of blackcurrants
25. 5 strings of redcurrants
26. 7 gooseberries
27. 3 sticks of rhubarb
28. Exhibit of any fruit not included in the schedule
29. Longest stick of rhubarb

## Flowers

30. A specimen rose (Rose Bowl Award)
31. 5 stems of garden flowers – each different
32. 3 stems of roses, large flowered
33. 5 stems of sweet peas, single colour or mixed
34. 3 stems of cluster-flowered roses
35. 3 stems of flowering shrub (mixed or the same)
36. 1 dahlia bloom (any variety, any size)
37. 3 stems of herbaceous perennials (mixed or the same)
38. 3 stems of dahlias (mixed or the same, any size)
39. 3 stems of foliage plant (mixed or the same)
40. A rose – chosen for scent

* *See Warbler article for details (class 41)*

41. 1 fuchsia **grown from plug plant supplied**

* *See details in 'Rules' Section (classes 42-45)*

42. A flowering pot plant
43. A foliage pot plant
44. Cactus/cacti or succulent(s) in any container
45. Single outdoor plant in a pot

## Flower Exhibits

**(Arrangements)** * *See note in 'Rules' section*

46. Summer sunburst floral table arrangement (foliage /accessories allowed)
47. An exhibit in a recyclable article e.g. tub, tin, pot, jar, bottle

48. “Say it with flowers” - A small gift bag of flowers for a birthday
49. A ‘Fiery’ exhibit for the Summer Olympics (Flowers and or foliage)
50. A petite arrangement (overall max size 9”/23cm)

## Produce

** See note in ‘Rules’ section (Classes 55-61)*
51. 6 hen or 6 bantam eggs
52. 1 jar of jam or jelly (any variety)
53. 1 jar of marmalade (any variety)
54. 1 jar of savoury preserve (e.g. chutney, pickle, relish)
55. 1 loaf of bread or 4 bread rolls (any type)
56. 4 pieces Flapjack
57. Lemon drizzle cake any size/shape or 4 pieces if traybake.
58. 4 cheese straws
59. Victoria Sandwich
60. 4 scones (any type)
61. Olympic Sprint Chocolate Cake (*as per recipe to follow in printed schedule*)

## Arts and Handicrafts

** See note in ‘Rules’ section*
62. A drawing or painting (any medium)
63. An item of patchwork/quilting
64. Any sewn/stitched item
65. An item of knitting
66. An item of crochet, lace, knot work or beadwork
67. An item of tapestry, cross stitch or needlepoint
68. An item of hard handicraft (e.g. woodwork, pottery, metalwork)
69. Any other craft item not included in the schedule

## Photography

** See note in ‘Rules’ section and Warbler article from Andrew Evans*
70. Landscape
71. Old and New
72. Buildings or Architecture
73. Patterns
74. Light and Dark

## Children’s

**(Under 12’s) section**

75. Under 5’s only TBC
76. TBC
77. TBC
78. TBC
79. Miniature forest on e.g. Plate/Tray/Board - forage for sticks/leaves/flowers to use in your creation
80. A painting or drawing any subject.
81. A Lego/Knex/Mobilo model
82. Create your own Olympic award medal using eg modelling clay
83. Grow a plant from seed (provided by Rosie White)

RULES

1. Number of entries in each class limited to two per exhibitor (except Classes 22 and 41 which are limited to one per exhibitor).
2. If there is only one entry in a class, the prize will be left to the judges' discretion. The judges may withhold awards if, in their opinion, exhibits do not reach reasonable standards.
3. Please read and interpret the meaning of the schedule to avoid disappointment or disqualification. The judges' decision is final.

Notes:

- All exhibitors are on trust that their entries are MADE BY THEMSELVES OR GROWN IN THEIR OWN GARDEN IN THE WILBRAHAMS OR SIX MILE BOTTOM, except classes 42-50.
- Classes 42-45 must have been owned by the Exhibitor for at least 8 weeks.
- Classes 55-61 are to be exhibited on a white paper plate and covered with transparent film or a polythene bag.
- Classes 62-69 must be Exhibitor's own work and not previously shown.
- Classes 70-74 to be sent electronically by email to vfpphotos@gmail.com – deadline midnight Wednesday 10th (3 days before the Show) - to be displayed at the Show on screen.

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