

A Quay Reminiscence

Hi, my name is Len Tooke. I was a resident in Quay from 1931 to 1953, living at 1 Gatehouse, now the "pink house". I was the second son of Frank and Olive's six children. Dad was a Goods Shunter at the Cambridge rail yards and my Mum was Gatekeeper at the crossing for three pence a week plus rent, until the closing of the Mildenhall line in 1962.

I started school on my fifth birthday and my teacher was Mrs Hunt, who taught in the "little room". I remember the sand trays and small sea shells we used to create numbers and letters, as well as moving on to pencils. Mrs Hunt was a lovely lady. Later I progressed to "the big room", Mrs Wilson's domain, where we used pen and ink and things were stricter. Punishment was in the corner for a spell, or loss of a playtime break - my worst was being kept in after school for giggling in class. My family had been to Wipsonade Zoo on Whitsunday so I was writing my composition on the day, when Francis Wolfe whispered "all monkeys have bare bums". I started to giggle and I was afraid to tell Mrs Wilson why so she kept me in until I told her. I'm sure she smiled when I told her but explained it was "nothing to laugh at".

When we took our 11 plus exam I think I passed as a fee payer with Lilly Broughton to go to the Purse High School, but my parents could not afford the fees. Francis Wolfe went for free but I ended up at Bottisham Village College while Lilly moved with family to Yorkshire. I missed some schooling during late summers as I loved leading the Clydesdale horses with the carts loaded with corn sheafs for Fison's at Fen Ditton, then helping to harvest the potato crop at Mr Brown's, Quay, followed by helping with the harvesting of the sugarbeet crop. All this was for a bit of pocket money and to help Mum out.

While at Bottisham, I received six of the best on at least three occasions. Firstly, for fighting in class when a bully stole my ruler. Mr Phillips the Principal saw us when passing the room and asked Miss Attenborough the Teacher, "will I take the two boys or the whole class?" who were cheering us on. She said "take the whole class". She was lovely despite that, and was also the girls' PT teacher. On another occasion two of us were punished for rocking Mr Cash, the woodwork teacher's car. It was an old Essex with steps on each side - very tempting!

I was no good at sport and was not allowed to play with hobnailed boots but they were great for making sparks and sliding in the corridors. Had plimsoles but could never get over that dammed box in the gym.

When I left school Mr (bonehead) Cash told me to try and get a Woodwork Apprenticeship, as I had high marks in my final exams - 90 plus. I was directed to go to Marshall's Aerodrome, where I became a chippy on Tiger Moths during the last few years of the War. I worked with my future employer, W G Undrill, where I served a full apprenticeship and later moved on to various builders to get more experience in the construction of houses.

I bought myself a motorbike from Albert Mathews, and needed money to buy petrol etc, so my brother Jim and I decided to do a bit of rabbiting and anything else that got in the way around the fields near us (poaching in my day). Tom Chapman, the Gamekeeper, promised he would catch us one day but he didn't keep his promise, thank goodness. I could tell more but as my brother Jim said when asked to write about his escapades many years ago, "No, as more than us would be in trouble".

"Quy At War" by Jim Watts, wrote about the Wellington bomber that crashed at Quy. Brother Jim and I visited the site and as there was only one guard, Jim kept his attention while I filled all my pockets with

bullets which I knew fitted Dad's home guard rifle. At the time there was a search light battery only a few hundred yards from our house at Honey Hill. The soldiers came to our place for water and when they found out about the ammo they placed tins on a tree for target practice. I think the tree died of lead poisoning!

During the time wandering the fields with our little dog "Pops," we would collect crab apples, nuts and blackberries. Mum would make use of them all, but best of all was the fruit from our own garden - greengages, Victoria plums and many different berries. I collected a swarm of bees one year and hived them, which helped to pollinate the fruit trees and farmer Fison's mustard crop close by.

In 1953 I married a lovely girl Flora Macdonald. After my marriage to Flora, Colonel Francis found out and sent Bob Flack round to Mum's and offered us a cottage in the square in Horningsea. It needed a lot of work, as there was no water or electricity, but with brother George's help we managed it. Rent was 10/- a week. Some time after moving in, Colonel Francis came to see us and must have been very pleased with the result as he gave us 12 months free rent as well as paying for the materials.

About 30 months after our marriage Flora and I decided to emigrate to New Zealand where we had two daughters, Susan and Linda. After learning most of the Kiwi secrets of building wooden houses, I decided to become self employed, building many houses. Most of them were designed by Architects, including our own 2,500 sq ft four bedroom home. I have always enjoyed my work and was fortunate to come through with no accidents despite no health and safety rules in my building days.

At the present time, I have five grand children and nine great grand children, one is in his 20th year.

Quy Profile

Name: Emmi Nicholl

Age: 40

Where do you live? Albert Road, way out on the edge of the village

Occupation: I am lucky enough to work for Cambridge Angels, an amazing group of early-stage, tech investors. My job title is Deal Sorcerer, which I am reasonably confident is the best job title in the world



Any pets? I have two lovely, very fluffy dogs. Their favourite past time is waiting for something interesting to happen, and barking at the Number 11 bus

Favourite book/author: Spike Milligan – especially his autobiographical works

Where was your last holiday? Rome. I have much love for Rome! What really annoys you? Repetitive, high-pitched noises - like keys jingling, or whistling.

Favourite TV programme: Friends. I have never got tired of it and I still quote lines from Friends on a regular basis.

Where is your favourite place in Quy: My house! I am also quite fond of The White Swan.

Lode Chapel

Love does not boast ... (1 Corinthians 13.4)

So far in our considering what it means to love from Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, we have considered 'love is patient' (March), 'love is kind' (April), love does not envy (May); this month we come to the next defining characteristic of love: 'love does not boast'.

Remember, in defining love, these characteristics also describe something of God and Jesus, because 'God is love'; and they ought also to describe those who claim to follow Jesus.

The Greek word translated here as 'boast' means 'to brag or point to oneself'. In contrast to the kindness and patience mentioned in the beginning of the verse, boasting is not a mark of love.

Paul's mention of boasting is significant; earlier in his letter Paul reveals that the Corinthian Christians were boasting about many things. They touted their allegiance to different apostles, creating division within the church (chapters 1–3). They were often critical of Paul (chapter 4). They boasted of their tolerance of immorality within the church (chapter 5). They sued each other in court (chapter 6). These and other arrogant actions are what Paul is challenging, holding up love before them as the right way to live.

People today are not exempt from the same traits Paul was speaking against.

Rather than being kind and patient, many focus on differences, what divides us rather than what unites. Church leaders are often criticised by those they serve and are called to lead. Some believers brag of their position in the church, claiming a perfect life, expressing a 'holier-than-thou' attitude.

For people claiming to follow Jesus, Paul says, the right way to live is to love, not to boast.

Love is focused on the loved one, not on oneself. Someone who boasts is full of oneself; putting the spotlight on their own

accomplishments, too concerned with making themselves look great to notice others. Love turns the perspective outward. A person living Jesus' way will big-up others, focus on others' achievements or needs, and celebrate the other or offer help with no thought of repayment or recognition.

Paul had chances to boast, but he chose not to. He had served the Corinthians without financial gain, but he did not boast of his sacrifice. Instead, he wrote, "If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting". Elsewhere, Paul wrote that no Christian has a right to boast about salvation: we are saved by grace through faith, "so that no one can boast."

May we each endeavour to love this month by focussing on others more than on ourselves. Look for something in someone else to celebrate. Who can you help this month?

Join us at RENEW Church if you'd like to be part of a community journeying together to discover Jesus' way and follow Him. Also, don't forget Village Praise this month (Sunday 9th 5.30pm, Lode Chapel) we'd love to see you!

Revd. Alan

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A recipe from Nigel

King Prawns with courgettes

I was in Italy during the first week of June; one day we visited Castiglione del Lago on the western shore of Lake Trasimeno. We had lunch in a fish restaurant where I had a dish which is very simple but really delicious.

Ingredients

Shallot

King prawns

Courgette

Asparagus

Parsley

Chilli jam



Method

As the asparagus is beginning to cook, finely chop up a shallot and gently fry it in butter.

Create some very thin strips of courgette and fry these along with the shallot. Add the prawns plus a large dash of Marsala plus a squeeze of lemon.

Add the asparagus for thirty seconds and serve covered with chopped up parsley. Add a helping of chilli jam or another condiment of your choice to give it some extra zing.

Church News

Annual Parochial Church council meetings took place in April. Rev Sue chaired the vestry meeting at which Mike Hatley and Bill Watts were elected as joint church wardens. At a later meeting Brian Thorby was elected as treasurer, and Viv Fleet as secretary.



The rest of the PCC committee elected were Lynn Hatley, Colin and Margaret Lowe, Ian Waters, Maureen Norden, Steve and Karen Austwick and Heather Male. Sidesmen elected were Mike Hatley, Karen and Steve Austwick, Jean Watts and Heather Male. Lynn Hatley was again asked to be children's safeguarding officer.

Lead theft from church roof

You will know that lead was stolen from the church roof last autumn, potentially letting in the rain. We were lucky to have someone to immediately go up and put polythene in these gutters to try to keep out the water. At long last the stolen lead gutters are to be replaced with stainless steel, and the job is due to start this month for completion early June. Limited damage has been done inside the church, thanks to a dry winter, and this will be addressed when roof repairs are complete.

Gina Radford our former Curate

Gina was given a good send off at her last service in Anglesey benefice at Swaffham Bulbeck. A large congregation gathered to say goodbye to a curate who had been so helpful and who always presented a very interesting service. After the service refreshments were provided and Gina was presented with a painting, by a local artist, of all the five churches in the benefice. The painting had been purchased from donations given by Members of the five congregations.

We are very sorry to see Gina, who has been with us for two years, moving on, but we wish her well in her new post in Devon. Now that she has gone the service rota has had to be reviewed as it is impossible for Sue to take services in every church each Sunday. With the new rota it would seem that we will only have one service each month in our church, although the monthly service in the Village Hall will continue.

A note from Gina

Change is a fact of life – whether in nature with the changing seasons, or in our own lives with all the changes we experience. Change brings with it so many different emotions - some change is welcomed, some even longed for, other change is feared or resented. Some change is very hard to understand and endure – the loss of someone we love, the breakdown of a relationship. Other change such as growing older is a fact of life that is part of human experience. Some change is wonderful, joy filled and full of expectation, such as the birth of a child, a new blossoming friendship. Life is forever changing, with all that means. But the one great truth we can hold on to is that one thing remains constant – God’s love and faithfulness never change. It is something we can hold on to in the middle of all that is going on, that our God is constant, and secure. His love is “steadfast” as the Bible says. So as I leave, I would like to say a huge “thank you” to everyone in the benefice. You have made me feel so welcome, and taught me so much. Thank you for your patience when I got things wrong or did things differently, thank you for the fun and friendship, and thank you for showing me more of God in our worship and fellowship. And we can all be assured that our God is unchanging, eternal and His love has no end.

So it’s off to Devon, cream teas and lots of walking with the dog on Dartmoor. Please do pray for me and my new parishes of South Brent and Rattery, that together we may learn and grow and witness to the reality of our unchanging and faithful God.

Food Bank

Please remember Jean is still delivering contributions to Newmarket Open Door Food Bank. Please give generously. Collection points Prad at the Post Office, Quy Village Hall (Box in kitchen when Hall is being used) and the front porch of No 6 Orchard Street , which is always unlocked.

Rogation and Pet service Sunday May 26th

The rogation and pet service took place on a mild afternoon, in the barn off the Avenue. Tony Bevens had been scheduled to take this service, but had to cancel due to ill health. Rex Buckley, a retired vicar who lives in Fulbourn, kindly stepped in to officiate. The congregation of 15 people and two dogs were kept amused by Rex's anecdotes of his earlier days in Cheshire in a rural farming community, which was mainly grass fields and animals. Rex blessed the crops, soil and water and hymns were sung to the accompaniment of Lynn's electric organ. After the service we all enjoyed the several cakes, which Lynn had baked, with a cuppa and a good chat. A get well card for Tony was signed by all present and will be sent to him.

Knitted and Crocheted Poppies

All the poppies which so many of you helped knit or crochet last November to cover Swaffham Bulbeck church and other war memorials have now been distributed around the benefice. Quy will have sufficient to decorate our church doorway, the altar and the war memorial next November.



LODE VILLAGE FETE

Sunday 23 June

On the Fassage

12noon - 4.00pm

Another fun packed day



**With Stalls, BBQ, Bar, Raffle,
Photo & Seed competition,
Tea, Cakes & Ice Cream.**



**Featuring
Music from Cloud Nine &
The Strumsters**



Punch & Judy,



**Team Games
and Mini Athletics**

Fun Dog Show

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Church Services

Services in our Church or Benefice.
 Minister for all services is Reverend Sue Giles.

Date	Time	Type of service	Location
June 16th	09:30	Benefice communion	Quy
	11:00	Family service	Swaff Prior
June 23rd	09:30	Children's church	Lode
	11:00	Benefice communion	Swaff Prior
June 30th	09:30	Benefice communion	Swaff Bulb
	11:00	Morning Prayer	Bottisham
July 7th	09:30	Morning Prayer	Quy V. Hall
	11:00	Benefice communion	Bottisham
July 14th	09:30	Benefice communion	Swaff Bulb
	11:00	Family Communion	Lode
July 21st	09:30	Benefice communion	Quy
	11:00	Family service	Swaff Prior
July 28th	09:30	Children's church	Lode
	11:00	Benefice communion	Swaff Prior
Aug 4th	09:30	Morning Prayer	Quy V. Hall
	11:00	Benefice communion	Bottisham
Aug 11th	09:30	Benefice communion	Swaff Bulb
	11:00	Family Communion	Lode
Aug 18th	09:30	Benefice communion	Quy
	11:00	Family service	Swaff Prior
Aug 25th	09:30	Children's church	Lode
	11:00	Benefice communion	Swaff Prior
Sept 1st	09:30	Morning Prayer	Quy V. Hall
	11:00	Benefice communion	Bottisham
Sept 8th	09:30	Benefice communion	Swaff Bulb
	11:00	Family communion	Lode