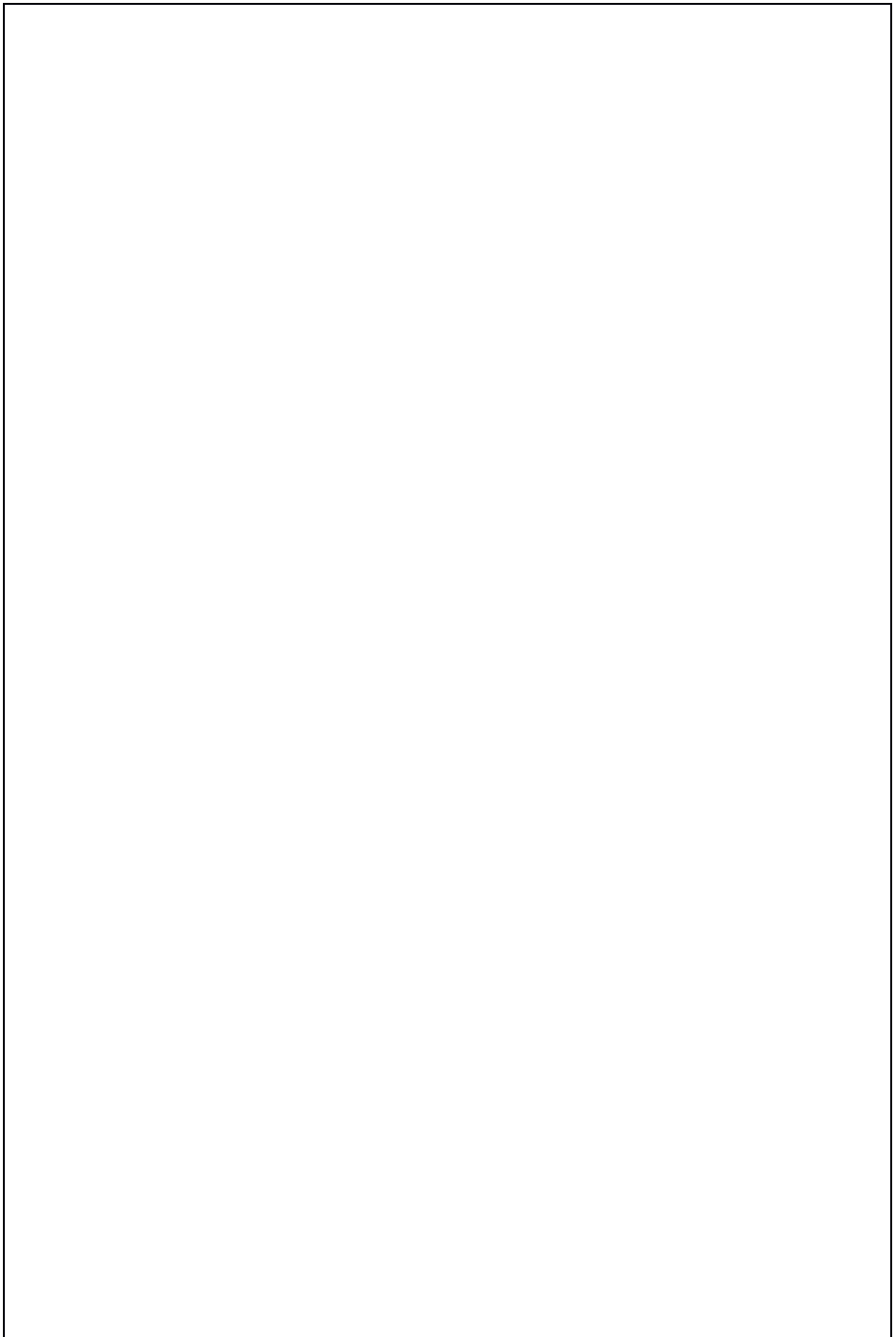
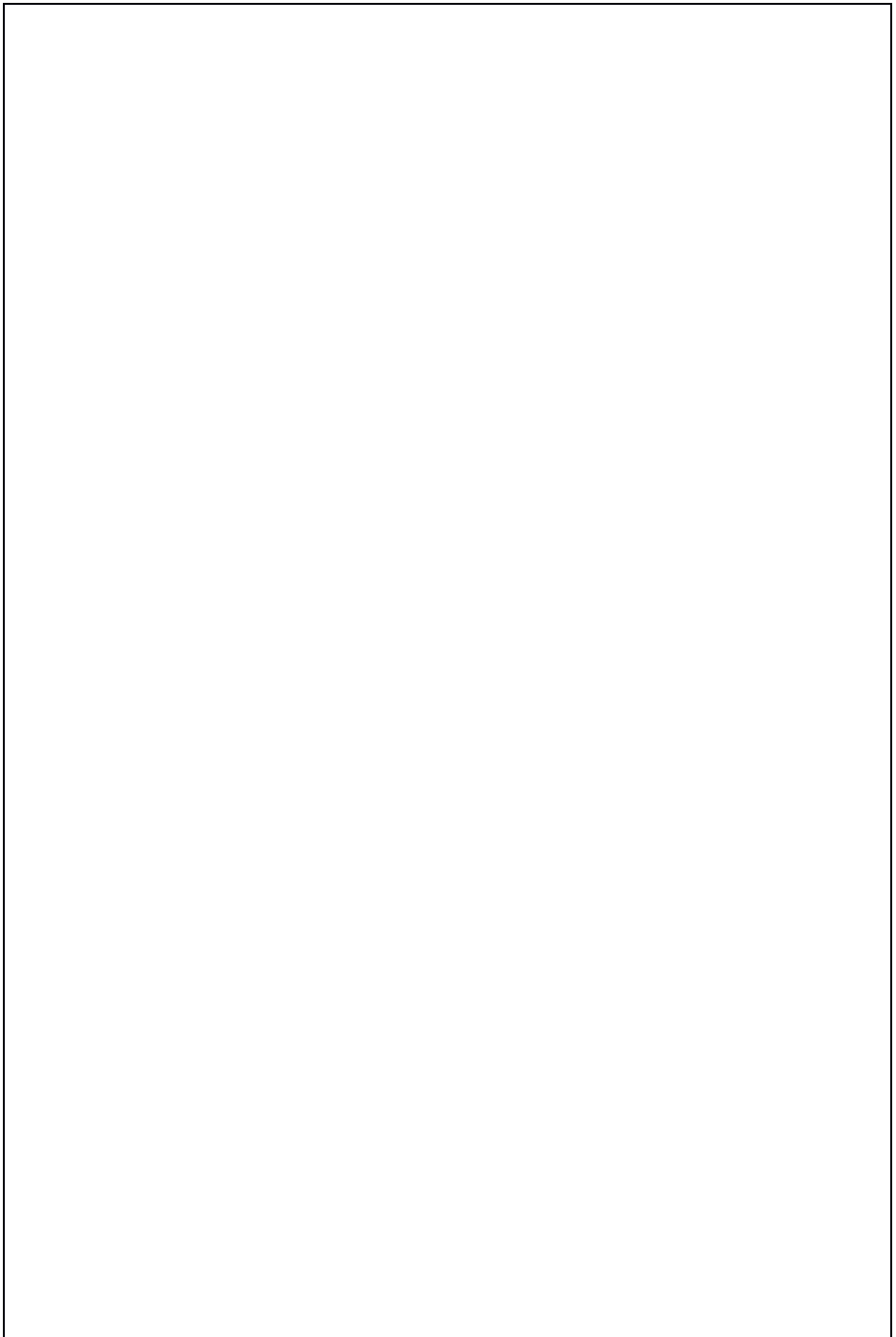


ELSTOW VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2013





Elstow Parish Council

Planning and Development news

Your Parish Council has been very active and involved in a number of local planning matters recently to include:

1. **Elstow South** - the planning application for the construction of an integrated waste management facility and non-hazardous waste landfill at Elstow South made by the owners of the site, FCC, has recently been withdrawn.
2. **Minerals and Waste Core Strategy** - Elstow South had been named within the local authority document as a preferred site for waste treatment and land-fill. Following government Inspector hearings where the Parish Council made very strong objections to the inclusion of this site, the Inspector has recommended in his final report that Elstow South be removed from the document as a future site.
3. **Allocations and Designations Plan** which included a proposed **large business park site at Medbury Farm**. The Parish Council had made representations at the hearings against the inclusion of this site but the Inspector felt that in their final report the Medbury site should still be included.

All Elstow residents are encouraged to have their say on such issues at council meetings and can also do so as independent members of the public too.

Your Parish Council also lodged objections to:

- The proposed development on the car park of the **former public house, The Swan**. This application was refused by the local authority, however, the applicants have appealed the decision so awaiting a final decision from the Planning Inspectorate due late October.
- The **old Lower School** site has a current application for fourteen dwellings at the rear of the old school building, application number 13/01291/MAF. The Parish Council did submit their objection to this application as part of the proposal is outside of the village Settlement Policy Area which is the line that keeps Elstow separate from the urban part of Bedford.

Funding information and contributions

Recent contributions awarded by the Parish Council have included:

- Contribution of £350 towards the May Festival
- Contribution of £1,000 towards the maintenance of the Abbey churchyard this year
- Payment for the cutting of the grass along the Wilstead Road rural footpath - this will continue throughout this year
- The purchase and installation of a bench to mark the Queen's Jubilee, installed on the open green area between the High Street and Wadsworth Court

Village Matters

The bus shelter on the High Street was severely damaged in a road accident and so has needed to be completely replaced.

The War Memorial has recently been cleaned and the surrounding area tidied up including the grass cutting ahead of the forthcoming Remembrance service.

The new Abbeyfields bus service is now up and running on a trial basis. In order for this service to be maintained it is important that it is well used. A copy of the timetable is within the newsletter.

The Parish Council is continually striving to ensure Elstow remains a rural and historic village, reporting highway issues, maintenance needs within the village, and working regularly with the Police with regards to speeding and reducing crime.

The Parish Council continues to fund the production of this newsletter which is circulated to every household within the village and available via the website three times a year.

The Parish Council provided the village with a Childrens Play Area by the Elstow Brook alongside Romsey Way. While this play area has been very well used, it is sad to note there have been acts of vandalism which will incur costs for the Parish Council to repair.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will next meet on Tuesday 26th November at 7.30pm in the Playing Field Hall meeting room. As always, the public is welcome to attend and input on any item within the open forum.

If anyone would like to bring any matters to the attention of the Parish Council, please feel free to contact Lizzie Barnicoat, Parish Clerk, on 841835

It is your Newsletter – so please use it

If you would like to offer comments, help out in any way, or write/submit an article for a future edition of this Newsletter then please contact the Parish Clerk, Lizzie Barnicoat, on 841835.

Information from the local Police

Please remember that it is important for members of the public to report to the police any suspicious people/activity in their streets.

Please use the new non-emergency number 101 or (01234) 841212 and do it AT THE TIME OF SEEING THE PERSON/EVENT, not later.

The number for the local Safer Neighbourhood Team for Elstow is (01234) 842433 and our local PCSO's are Adam Hales and Emily Scott.

Bedford Borough Councillor Tim Hill's Report

Village-wide Issues

- Community Safety - I had asked the Police and Crime Commissioner what is the current status of the Community Safety Forums and their proposed replacement of Mobile Police Offices. He advised he believes the CSFs are not an effective use of police time. Instead Operation Vision using a Mobile Offices and a wide range of police staff knocking on doors is the strategy. Due to the recent spate of burglaries, I requested he arranges for an Operation Vision session in Elstow. Operation Vision took place on the Abbey Fields estate and in the old village on Saturday 7th September at 10am-4pm. Apart from a half an hour for a pre-booked Mobile Advice Surgery in Croxden Way, I was helping for whole time.

Local Issues

- Bus service for Abbey Fields - I am very pleased to report that I have been successful in getting a bus service provided for the Abbey Fields estate. Whilst it does not currently serve some peak times, it is a start and I am working with the operator to look at how it can be expanded.
- No verge parking schemes in High Street and Bunyans Mead - I am very pleased, after unanimous support from the 68 responses I had when I consulted residents about this scheme, that the scheme in the High Street is now installed and the Bunyans Mead one is just about to be. These are not "no parking" schemes.

- The Swan development - Whilst attending an Appeal Inspector visit in Stewartby, the Borough Officer present advised me to expect an update on The Swan appeal soon.
- Trees overgrowing at back of Bunyans Mead properties backing onto Pilgrims Way - I persuaded both BPHA and BBC officers that these trees need ownership for maintenance purposes.
- Sam Clark Way - I am very pleased to see the street name plate now installed. My thanks go to all concerned including the Parish Council in supporting my suggestion to the developers.

Ward Fund

- My Borough Council Ward Fund for 2013/14 for Elstow:
 1. £1,000 contribution to Elstow Brook Preventative measures
 2. £1,000 No Verge Parking scheme in Bunyans Mead/High St
 3. £500 '20's Plenty' sign on Abbey Fields
 4. £500 '20's Plenty' sign on High Street
 5. £500 capital for Elstow Lower School to be confirmed
 6. £700 for clearing up of pill box on B&Q development

Contact me

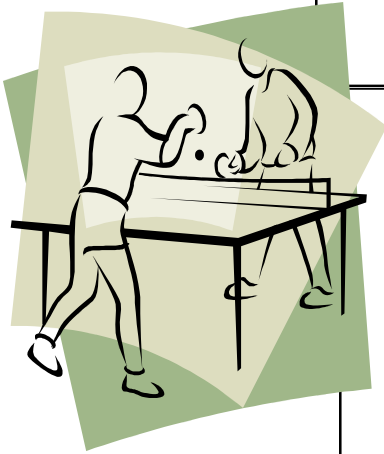
Please don't hesitate to contact me on any local issue;

Day 0131 448 4270; Evening 01234 857180; Mobile: 07910 100240

or via Email: tim.hill@bedford.gov.uk

Elstow Table Tennis Club – Come and join

Elstow Table Tennis Club



OVER 60's

We are looking for over 60's players for our Monday morning sessions 10-12. All standards catered for.

Session focused on fun but tuition given.

Don't be afraid, join us !!

£4 per session with tea and coffee.

Contact: Simon Collier
Phone: 07962 420268
E-mail: simoncollier33@gmail.com

Elstow Playing Field – Please can you help us?

Have you got a few hours a month to spare, if so the Committee at Elstow Playing Field Association could really do with your help.

As a lot of people know we have lovely facilities at the Elstow Playing Field, both on the field and in the Hall. All this is run by a group of volunteers to continue keeping the premises in good condition. The playground is very popular because it is kept clean & tidy, lots of parents like coming because of the safe environment. Again this is all done by the committee.

We have very good facilities for Elstow Cricket and Elstow Abbey Football Clubs , in the Hall we have Elstow Table Tennis and Elstow Short Mat Indoor Bowls clubs. The Playing Field Hall is also available to hire for Weddings, Parties and Meetings.

Elstow Playing Field Association is privately owned so we have to keep it going to enable the sports clubs, for which anyone is welcome to join, to continue running.

The playing field has been there since approx 1961 and is an asset to the village. Some members have been on the committee for over 30 years. The committee now needs new members to help us to keep this recreation area for the children of Elstow and surroundings. We are registered with the Charity Commission, so there are some regulations we have to adhere to.

It would be a great shame to lose the playing field through lack of interest to keep it going, if we do not have a committee there is NO PLAYING FIELD, the alternative may be another new housing estate built on it.

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP US IN ANY WAY WHETHER IT IS
ON THE COMMITTEE OR SOME MAINTENANCE ON THE FIELD
ITSELF THEN WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL.

PLEASE CONTACT **01234 349028** IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

ABBEYFIELDS BUS TIMETABLE

Grant Palmer Limited

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Woodlands - Bedford Town Centre - Abbeyfields

Monday to Saturday

Commencing 2nd Sept 2013

	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
						SH	SD / NS	SH / NS
Woodlands Estate Crispin Drive		11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00		16:00
Woodlands Estate opp Bramley Way		11:02	12:02	13:02	14:02	15:02		16:02
Avon Drive/Torridge Rise		11:06	12:06	13:06	14:06	15:06		16:06
Larkway		11:08	12:08	13:08	14:08	15:08		16:08
Bedford Bus Station (Stop H)	10:16	11:16	12:16	13:16	14:16	15:16	16:16	16:16
St Pauls Square	10:18	11:18	12:18	13:18	14:18	15:18	16:18	16:18
London Rd/Barford Avenue	10:22	11:22	12:22	13:22	14:22	15:22	16:22	16:22
Abbeyfields Elstow Lower School	10:27	11:27	12:27	13:27	14:27	15:27	16:27	16:27
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St Pauls Square	10:39	11:39	12:39	13:39	14:39	15:39		16:39
Bedford Bus Station (Stop H)	10:41	11:41	12:41	13:41	14:41	15:41		16:41
Larkway	10:49	11:49	12:49	13:49	14:49	15:49		
Avon Drive/Torridge Rise	10:51	11:51	12:51	13:51	14:51	15:51		
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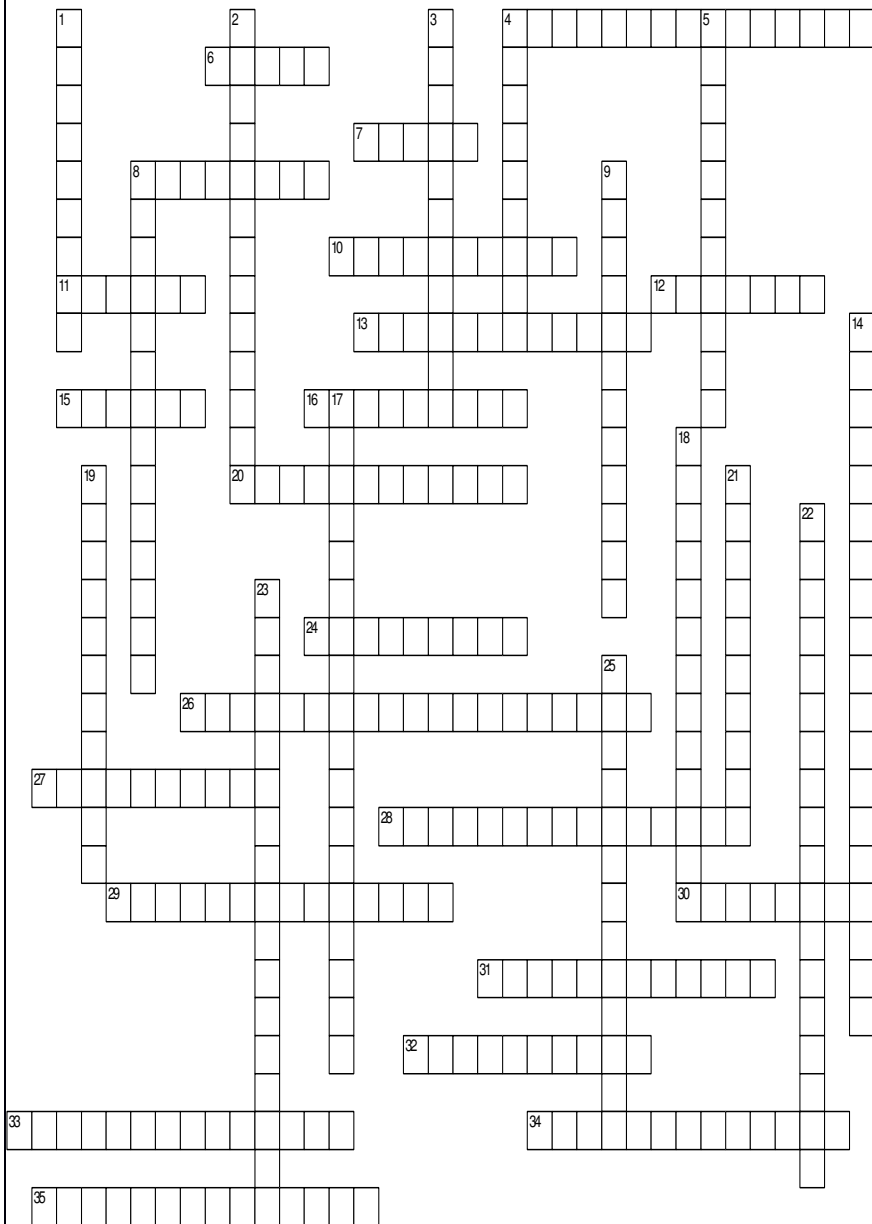
Operates via Ashmead Road, Tyne Crescent, Avon Drive, Dove Road, Larkway, Brickhill Drive, Kimbolton Road, St Peter's St, Dame Alice Street, Bromham Rd, Hassett St, Bedford Bus Station, Greyfriars, River St, Horne Lane, St Paul's Square, St Mary's St, St John's St, London Road, Meadowsweet Drive and Abbeyfields

Explanation of Notes

SD = School Days Only
 SH = School Holidays Only
 NS = Not Saturdays

SORRY - NO GRANT PALMER SERVICES OPERATE ON SUNDAYS OR BANK / PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

WORLD WAR ONE CROSSWORD



The Clues

Across

- 4 world organization to keep the peace
- 6 leader of communist takeover of Russia
- 7 got the vote after the war
- 8 European nations competed in building large armies and navies
- 10 Germans called them U-boats
- 11 Great Britain, France, Russia
- 12 Germany violated this nation's neutrality
- 13 an anti-democratic measure
- 15 conditions were not improved by the war
- 16 lasted for four years despite millions being killed
- 20 U.S. began preparing for war because of this
- 24 name for U.S. soldiers in WW I
- 26 communist takeover of Russia in November of 1917
- 27 committee on public information
- 28 U.S. armed its merchant ships
- 29 his assassination lead directly to WWI
- 30 a million Armenians were massacred by the Turks
- 31 calling up a nations reserves
- 32 glorifying of war

- 33 Wilson's plan for ending the war
34 stretched over 400 miles
35 Germany offered Mexico a deal if they entered the war with the U.S.
in 1917

Down

- 1 new weapon used in WW I
2 Germany, Austria-Hungary
3 establishing political or economic control over other lands
4 1198 passengers were killed by a U-boat
5 a cause of WW I
8 what European nations were divided into
9 drafting men into the army
14 required young men to sign up for military service
17 it was never ratified by the U.S.
18 commander of U.S. forces in WW I
19 1914-1918
21 stay out of war
22 for the purpose of creating a strong military
23 the Czar was overthrown and a democratic government set up
25 tried to keep the U.S. out of the war

Revd Jeremy Crocker - HARVEST FESTIVAL 2013

Over the last few weeks a couple of things in Bedford Community that have been bothering me: The first, Bedford Hospital where I read about a lot in our free newspapers, and the second 'Children in Poverty' I am particularly reminded of as I listen to the campaign being organised by Heart FM, as they state that 1 in 7 children go without breakfast every day.

Children living in Bedford are some of the most deprived in the East of England according to a map recently produced by the campaign to End Child Poverty. It equates to around 7,200 children. I found it very concerning when Tracey, one of our Church Wardens and Sunday School Teachers leading the Summer Children's Holiday Club asked how many had had breakfast that morning before coming and so many children didn't put up their hands.

In a relatively wealthy country like ours, it is very worrying that there are so many children living in conditions that stop them fulfilling their true potential.

In regard to Bedford Hospital, it concerns me greatly that the Children's Unit is no longer going to be there. I remember when Tabitha was really ill some six years ago and it was wonderful the care that they showed on the children's ward. But when she was very unwell eighteen months ago the care that they showed was worryingly poor. I am also concerned at some of the elderly wards at the lack of care and attention shown. When Beth was unwell just before Christmas last year, I saw first hand some of the poor care shown to the elderly. I am so pleased that Baroness Neuberger's investigations of the Liverpool Care Pathway called for fundamental changes of approach in the end-of-life care. A sound programme to ensure that people in their last days are given the correct level of treatment has, in some cases, been applied in a disorganised and uncompassionate way.

I think that there is a danger, though, that a fundamental weakness in the NHS is being ignored. Its present organisation into a series of competing

trusts resulted from applying a market model in the Health Service. Under market thinking, a monopoly is a bad thing, leading to inefficiency and complacency, and evidence of these was easy to find in the old NHS monolith. But a working market model relies on a balanced relationship between supplier and consumer, and here I believe that there is confusion over who the customer is. To a degree, it is the patient, who experiences the hospital's care, or lack of it, first hand. But patients' knowledge is limited. They know how long they have to wait for treatment, and this became for a while, the chief measure of the hospital's performance. But they do not know about outcomes: comparing surgical success-rates between trusts, for example. For this, the Department of Health remains the customer, and the Government is thus to blame for failing in its scrutiny to its chosen suppliers. In the end the market is just a business model: a successful supplier will provide the required level of service for the lowest price. The Health Service deserves more than this. Another re-organisation I hope is out of the question, but recognition that there are principals and practices that override commercial concerns would be a good place to start, and a good Christian principal.

On Sunday 6th October we celebrated at Elstow Abbey Harvest Festival, many came and the Abbey looked beautiful. In the Infant Schools guide to this festival they write: 'Harvest Festival is how Christians show their belief through good deeds and celebration. Christians use the Harvest Festival to think about how God loves the world and cares for it. Churches are decorated with the things that Christians are thankful for and they sing songs of gratitude. Join a family as they go to the Harvest Festival'.

As we give thanks for so much, we pray and remember so many parts of our world where there is immense poverty with a lack of food and medical care, but sadly we also need to pray and think of the same concerns in this our town of Bedford.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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ELSTOW ABBEY VILLAGE EVENTS

Saturday 2nd November **BONFIRE NIGHT**

From 6pm at Elstow Abbey with Fireworks let off behind Hillersden Manor Ruins.
Please if you can bring along a firework to add to the collection for our display.
This is Free and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will also be on sale.

Sunday 10th November **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

At 10.55am Act of Remembrance at Elstow Abbey.
Followed by laying of wreaths at the War Memorial outside the old school.

Saturday 23rd November **ELSTOW ABBEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

From 2-4pm at Elstow Bunyan Christian Fellowship, Elstow High Street
- everyone is welcome.

Monday 2nd December **SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

From 6.30pm at Elstow Abbey.
Tickets are £5 on the door - everyone is welcome

Sunday 8th December **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

at 3pm at Elstow Abbey The Childrens Society celebration of Christmas
With oranges, candles and sweets for all the children - everyone is welcome.

Sunday 22nd December **NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

At 6.30pm at Elstow Abbey with candlelight
Followed by mulled wine and minced pies - everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 24th December **CRIB SERVICES**

Two services one at 2pm and one at 4pm at Elstow Abbey.
The traditional service on Christmas Eve - everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 24th December **MIDNIGHT MASS**

At 11.30pm at Elstow Abbey – everyone is welcome

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