

# Santon Downham News

The Parish Council Newsletter for Santon Downham Villagers

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It's already our autumn issue. But there are plenty of events coming up to keep us all busy and entertained – coffee mornings, Race Night, Christmas Bazaar (complete with Father Christmas), and the New Year's Eve Party.

We've had another excellent year of activities. The Car Boot Sales have been especially successful with bacon butties being a brilliant addition. Table Top Sales will run through to March (except January) so come and support them. Hope to see you there. *Derek Toomer, Editor*

## Forthcoming Events

**Village Coffee Mornings** – first one Wednesday 2 November at 10.30am. Cost £1.

With the loss of the lunch club, Maggy Turner is organising village coffee mornings, hopefully every fortnight. So come along and have a coffee and a chat in a convivial atmosphere in our village hall.

To reduce the washing up, BRING YOUR OWN MUG. Please support this new venture.



A hot bevvv and good company.

**Race Meeting Evening** – Saturday 19 November at 7.30pm. Admission £2.

Never been to the races before? Come along to this virtual race meeting and see how exciting it can be. Place your bets, win or lose – it's all part of the fun.

This is our first Race Meeting Evening, so come and make it a success. Join in our 'day at the races'. A good time is guaranteed.



A close finish. Will you be a winner?

**Rotary Barn Dance** – Saturday 26 November at 7.30pm. Admission £15.

The Rotary Club of Brandon & District are arranging a barn dance in Santon Downham Village Hall, featuring 'Eel Pie' Band from Ely. The tickets are only £15, which includes supper.

No experience needed – just come along and join the fun – the Caller will guide everyone through the steps!

For tickets, please contact Rotarian Jason Whichelow on 01842 815777 (office hours) or Rotarian Brian Bullock on 01366 728261. All proceeds to Rotary charities. *Jason Whichelow.*



Eel Pie in full swing.

**Christmas Bazaar** – Saturday 3 December at 10am to 4pm. Entrance 50p.

A chance to bag some bargains. The Village Hall will be full of stalls with a wide range of goods for sale – cards, jewellery, cakes, knick-knacks and much more. Father Christmas will be there at 12 noon.

There will be prizes to win with some competitions.

The Village Hall café will be operating and bacon butties will be available.

So do come along and buy some stocking fillers.

If you want to book a stall, phone 01842 815213. But don't delay, as they are going fast.



**Cards, cakes, cuddly toys and much more at our Xmas Bazaar.**

**New year's Eve Party** - Saturday 31 December at 7.30pm to 1am. Admission £12.

Our last two New Year's Eve parties have been a great success. Great disco, excellent food and an exciting atmosphere. We intend to make this year's at least as good.

The theme for this year's event is 1970s. We all remember the 1970s (well, if you are old enough). Totally over the top clothes and shoes. Let's see



**Dig out those platforms and flares.**

what you can do for your costume this year. Come dressed in your best 1970s gear - flares and platforms, or whatever the 1970s meant to you. There will be a prize for the best costume.

Food will be produced by our own village helpers and it promises to be as good as for previous parties. Music will be by *Mindy's Roadshow*. They were great last year.

## Village Hall – Recent Activities

### 1940s Evening

July saw our third summer dance - themed as the 1940s Evening. A lively group of attendees danced to the music of a live band, *Marrakesh*.



**Marrakesh kept us all entertained.**

A delicious hog roast was supplied by Hog Gods and it was appreciated by all.

This year the fancy dress was as imaginative as ever. It is a shame to single out any in particular, but we only have room for a few photos.

Captain Mainwaring (Gavin Butcher) stole the show in my opinion. But we had 'spivs', army and RAF people, and land girls. An excellent turnout.

Money raised has gone to some local charities.



**Gosh, that really is Captain Mainwaring and companion!**



**French plonk for the French Resistance.**

## World's Biggest Coffee Morning

On 30 September, throughout the country, coffee mornings were held in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. Our own local coffee morning was held in the Village Hall, organised by Maggy Turner and friends.

Those attending were treated to a range of beverages and cakes, while on offer were plant stands, quizzes and other sales items.

The total money raised by the Santon Downham coffee morning was £334.55 - a very commendable effort.

At the time of writing, the national moneys raised was £1,727,450. Quite spectacular.

Well done to those who helped locally.



An enjoyable way to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support

## Quiz Night No.4

The 14th October saw our fourth Quiz Night. It was well attended, and teams from Santon Downham and surrounding villages battled their wits with the simple and devious questions. Most of all, everyone had a fun evening. The fish and chip supper was provided by Brandon Fish Bar which is under new management. They did an excellent job of providing high quality food, piping hot.

All teams scored highly - very commendable. There had to be one winning team, but it was a close decision.

Come and join us next year for another quiz, where the emphasis is on fun.



The winning team receiving their prize from Sylvia.

## Village News

### Stefan Karafa-Korbut 1951-2011

Stefan Karafa-Korbut, aged 59, died peacefully at home with his family on 11th September after a very brave battle with cancer.

Stefan, his wife Karen and two daughters Beverley and Jane moved to the village in 1984 after Stefan built their home in Mark's Lane. He was a quiet, hardworking family man who loved living in this village. He took great pleasure in walking and



Stefan Karafa-Korbut - 1951-2011

Karafa-Korbut family photo

cycling around the village and surrounding area.

Stefan will be very sadly missed but fondly remembered by family and friends. *Beverley and Karen Karafa-Korbut*

### On a Happier note

Both of Stefan's daughters were due to get married later in 2011 and 2012.

Jane's marriage to Stuart Bailey was brought forward to 20 August, when they were married in Santon Downham.

Stefan managed to be at the wedding ceremony despite only leaving hospital two days before. He then enjoyed a short time at the reception before needing to go home.



Jane's wedding day

Ben Palmer

# Dates for Your Diary

(In the Village Hall, unless stated otherwise)

2011

Wednesday 2nd November	Village Coffee Morning (Bring your own mug)	10.30am to noon	£1
Sunday 6th November	Indoor Car Boot Sale	10am to 2pm	
Wednesday 16th November	Village Coffee Morning (Don't forget your mug)	10.30am to noon	£1
Saturday 19th November	Race Meeting Evening	7.30pm	£2
Saturday 26th November	Rotary Barn Dance	7.30pm	£15
Saturday 3rd December	Xmas Bazaar	10am to 4pm	50p
Saturday 31st December	New Year's Eve Party	7.30pm to 1am	£12

## Village News – contd

### Breckland Club face-lift

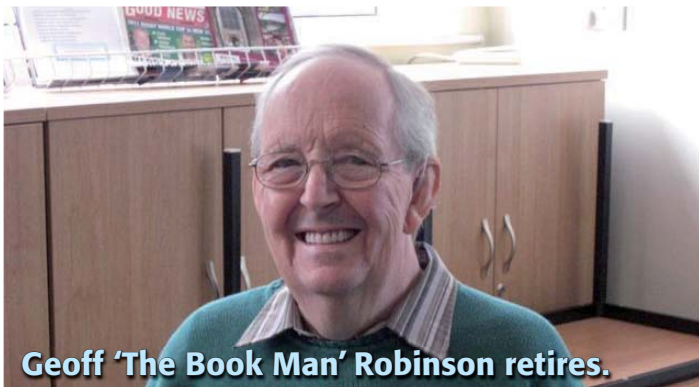
Volunteers from the Breckland Club have sanded and treated the outside woodwork. A splendid effort.



**Breckland Club – looking as good as new.**

### 'Thank you' from The Book Man

Geoff Robinson has been a regular at our car boots and table top sales. Health problems have forced him to give up his book sales. He wrote to say how much he had enjoyed visiting Santon Downham and how he will miss the people here. Good luck in the future Geoff.



**Geoff 'The Book Man' Robinson retires.**

### Early newsletter

Andrew Kedar was given a copy of an old Santon Downham village newsletter from 1953 called 'Forest Echo'.

Typed on a manual typewriter with many 'typos', it was all that could be done cheaply in those days. It carried the expected items, wedding congratulations, messages of sympathy, and forthcoming events.

The Editor, Arthur Harper, sadly announced that this would be the last newsletter "because of lack of enthusiasm and support". What a shame. Hopefully, I won't be saying that in a year's time.



### Village Websites

Don't forget to look at our two websites relating to the village, maintained by Tim Kaye.

[www.santondownhamcentre.co.uk](http://www.santondownhamcentre.co.uk);  
[www.santondownham.org](http://www.santondownham.org)

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