

The Gazette

The newspaper of Gamlingay, East Hatley and Hatley St. George

Swiftly done

Have the skies gone quiet? Is summer over before August begins? For the past few weeks, screaming parties of swifts have been earning their stripes over Gamlingay and putting the local aerobatic pilots to shame, but most have now headed off to Africa.

Swifts are extraordinary birds, built for non-stop, high-speed flight. They feed, sleep and even mate on the wing, only coming to land for a few short weeks to nest and raise their chicks. Even then, they are very particular, nesting in small colonies within holes on eaves so that they can drop off the building straight into the air again. If they do land on the ground by accident, their wings are so long and their legs so short and weedy that they need to be launched back into the air like paper planes.



For all this strangeness about them, swifts are undoubtedly a popular and familiar sign of our summers. In July especially, when the young are out of the nest, gangs of swifts racing over the rooftops, screaming as they go, are the natural backdrop to any barbecue or lazy pub evening. I am always a little sad when they slip off to Africa in early August until the following spring.

Nationally, swifts are in trouble, and we are hoping that the residents of Gamlingay can help keep these symbols of summer flying through our village. In Britain, swifts need three things – decent weather (beyond our control), a good supply of flying insects as food (also mainly beyond us as individuals) and places to nest. It is these nesting sites that seem to be in shorter and shorter supply.

In Gamlingay, The Emplins, The Gorton's fabulous old home near St Mary's Church, has the most obvious swift colony. Their sympathetic ownership undoubtedly has helped swifts to flourish in the village, but are there other colonies? Have you had swifts nesting under your eaves this summer? If so, please let us know.

You don't need a 15th Century house to have swifts, but they are conservative and social creatures and need to be enticed to nest in new places. When they return in late April or early May, swifts prospect for nest sites. I have seen and heard them flying close to the eaves in Fairfield and School Close. Perhaps you have seen them elsewhere in spring, knocking their wings on the eaves, testing both for hollow places to get in and to see whether any other occupant is in residence. If a swift calls back, the newcomer is more likely to investigate further.

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06-Aug	Transfiguration	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist	G
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20-Aug	Trinity 10	9.30am	Benefice Eucharist	G
27-Aug	Trinity 11	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	E

Dear friends

As I write this letter we are in the middle of the June heatwave. Temperatures are in the 30s and we are all struggling to keep cool. But that is all part of our erratic weather system. We complain when it is too cold and we complain when it is too hot!

But that is rather like us. We human beings tend to “blow hot and cold” over all kinds of things. Some things we can take quite calmly but other things we can get quite worked up about. It is all part of our make-up.

One person who we might just believe never got cross is Jesus. But if you think that, you would be wrong. He might have been God as man but he still had the emotions of a man. He got very cross one day in the temple and drove out those who were buying and selling. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. The temple, a house of prayer, had become a den of thieves. But his anger was tempered somewhat.

When I researched the word “cross” associated with Jesus I was inevitably directed to internet sites depicting the physical cross. And there is a wonderful video on you-tube showing an incident on the German underground at Cologne. A man dressed as Jesus is carrying his cross up the escalator. Apparently, he was about to take part in a street carnival. The video begins with just the picture of the cross ascending the escalator. Then a hand appears and finally we see the man dressed as Jesus appear and he smiles briefly at the camera. What he doesn’t realise is that as the escalator ascends, the ceiling stays put! This results in the cross getting stuck in the ceiling. A few tugs (and a choice word from an onlooker) and it is freed, although the ceiling is somewhat worse for wear. What was supposed to be simply an act of transporting actor and prop to a carnival, in an odd kind of way, amused many.

Being in the month of August, the main holiday month, I trust that you are all enjoying the benefits of the holiday season. The Parish Church, just like so many of us, is going to take a bit of a break in August. There will be no services at Hatley and just one Eucharist service each Sunday alternating at Gamlingay or Everton as in the table above. Please forgive us for this arrangement. It gives us all a chance to recharge our batteries and to approach September with renewed vigour!

With best wishes to you all.

Chris Miller
Licensed Lay Minister and Churchwarden

Gamlingay Baptist Church

Stocks Lane, Gamlingay

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"Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others, we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Have you ever found yourself, walking down the street, or buying a sandwich at LJ's, or maybe walking your dog past the Eco Hub, staring at someone else and judging them? Be it for the way they look, or what they are doing, or simply, some pre-conceived notions you have about 'those people.' No? Never? Maybe it's just me then. Unfortunately, I do have those thoughts sometimes, often unintentionally. And I'm not proud it.

Reflecting on my own judgements of others, leads me to wonder, what have others judged me for? Was it my American accent? My annoying outgoing demeanour? The fact I am a Christian? My job as a minister? Or something more superficial like my weight or height?

The reality is though, that once we get past our own prejudices and judgements, we find that at the core, we are all human beings, and share so much in common. I've recently been playing basketball on Thursday evenings (7:30 by the Eco Hub, ALL are welcome to join in), and I have loved every minute of it. I must admit, my favourite part isn't the fact I am reliving my childhood dreams of basketball stardom, or the belly laughs we have when one (or all) of us epicly misses the hoop. My highlight every Thursday is looking around and seeing the eclectic mix of people I am sharing the experience with. There are guys and girls, young and not so young, athletic and not so much, rock music fans and 70's music fans, window cleaners, students, gamekeepers, models and more. There are people in the group, that I may have potentially found myself passing judgement on, accidentally, when in fact, I am growing some absolutely amazing relationships!

Why do I share all this? Well, I wonder if you are as challenged as I am by our own preconceptions. In the Bible, we read 'the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart' (1 Samuel 16:7). As a Christian, I have a responsibility to not focus on the outward appearance, but try and look to the heart, as God does. Now, you might not be a Christian, and therefore may not believe that. But, I'd like to challenge all of us: What would our community look like, if we all looked at each other's hearts as opposed to our external appearances?

Maybe, you've made some judgement about me, or the Church already. Maybe I or the Church have made judgement calls about you. Is there scope, for us all to move past these, and look to the heart? Is this something you need to work on, like me? Why not do it together? Because I know I can't do it alone!

Fancy chatting further about this? Got questions? Or comments?
Get in touch with me, and let's grab a coffee, and have a chat.

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Craft & Hobbies Group

No meeting in August

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In aid of Gamlingay BC and 2017 Charity

Thursday 17th August 10.45am-11.30am

Come join us for tea/coffee and cake

Women's Prayer Brunch

Saturday 19th August 10.00am

Share, pray and eat together.

"Messy Church"

Saturday 26th August

2 – 4pm

Family Service

Sunday 27th August 2017 10.45am

Councillors' column

District and County Council Issues



Councillors Report – South Cambridgeshire District Council & Cambridgeshire County Council – July 2017

Your Councillors are always ready to help. If you have any questions about these - or indeed any other - matters, please do not hesitate to contact County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley on 01767 651982 or skindersley@hotmail.com or write to the Manor Barn, East Hatley, SG19 3JA. District Councillor Bridget Smith is on 01767 650510 or bridget@glockling.com. You can also follow your councillors on Twitter: @Cllrbridget @Seb4SouthCambs

Central Beds Local Plan

You may not know or care but Central Bedfordshire are currently consulting on their new draft Local Plan for two months from July 4th. You might care more if we tell you that included in the proposals is a new settlement proposal not far from Gamlingay, based around the old airfield near Tempsford (north of Sandy and south of the Black Cat roundabout), for 7,000 homes plus, and with a potential capacity up to 10,000 and a new Science and Technology Business Park.

CBC intend to use the outcome of consultations to prepare a pre-submission version of the plan for a final consultation in March 2018. The plan is very ambitious with 20,000 to 30,000 extra homes on top of the 20,000 already planned. The new town would be on the East Coast mainline, close to the A1, on the Oxford - Cambridge expressway, and they indicate just to the north of the preferred East-West rail corridor at Sandy.

Please do respond to this consultation. Residents do not have to live in the CBC area to make representations if they are likely to be affected and we find it very hard to believe that this new town will not have a very substantial impact on Gamlingay in particular and the south west of Cambridgeshire in general. South Cambs officers have not yet had a chance to look at this in any detail yet but will be looking at this once they get past the last block of Local Plan hearings.

The Library Presents

Cambridgeshire County Council's Community and Cultural Services have been awarded funding from Arts Council England for a four year programme of arts events and activities in libraries, beginning in 2018, called 'The Library Presents'; and is in line to receive a £694,980 grant which will enable a program of performances, Book Festivals and workshops across the County's libraries. The Council will work to transform library spaces for these activities and bring a professionalism to the experience without losing the familiar friendly and welcoming elements which make such a positive difference to our participants and audiences.

It is envisaged that a wide range of art forms will be included – dance, classical, folk and popular music; visual arts activity with exhibitions linked to workshops and possibly a digital 'trail'; poetry, digital arts; theatre performance, comedy and

District Council issues by Sebastian Kindersley and Bridget Smith

County Council issues by Sebastian Kindersley

spoken word. Needless to say the County will be relying on the involvement of Friends Groups and volunteers, as well as the staff, to deliver a programme that takes arts into the heart of our communities, breaking down the barriers and reaching out to each and every corner – rural and urban - of the county.

Greater Cambridge Planning

Yes, your heart may well sink. However, this may be a good idea. What is proposed (subject to decisions made later in the year) is combining the planning teams at South Cambs and Cambridge City. Why? It is envisaged that the new team would be big enough to provide resilience in terms of staff, expertise in all areas of planning and sufficient career opportunity to make it an attractive place to work. It would provide a single service for everyone with all the economies of scale that you would expect on IT, processes and systems and it would have the capacity to deal with everything it is supposed to do, including with the next Local Plan (i.e. the one starting in two years time despite still not having the last one in place, yet.) Given that things can't get much worse (see below) we are inclined to think this is worth further investigation.

Robinson Court

All seems to be going well at Robinson Court. The demolition is well underway. A noticeboard has been put up on the hoarding by the letterbox which tells everyone what is happening each week and which has contact numbers in case of problems. Residents report it is not too noisy and that the contractors are pleasant and working hard - even when it was so very hot. There is still access to the garages at the back but the road will be closed off fairly soon. Alternative parking has been provided for people with mobility problems. The planning application for extra parking along the existing grass verge on Grays Rd should be submitted shortly. Thank you to those people who have contacted us to highlight where this might create problems with access. We have passed all your comments on to the relevant people but you will have a further opportunity to express your views when the application becomes public.

Longstowe Bridge

A big thank you to the County Council officers who acted so quickly to rebuild the headwalls on the culvert under the A1198 at Longstowe. From an initial e-mail of concern to officers on April 4th to completed work on May 20th I think this may be a record of some kind.

Fire Authority

The Fire Authority has received an indication from the Police & Crime Commissioner that he would like to be the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner which would see the end of the Fire Authority and invest all the decision-making process into one person. We think this is another erosion of the democratic process. If there were sound business reasons for it we'd be more inclined to be supportive. The Commissioner argues that the taxpayer would save £100k pa on Member Allowances. True, but there is no mention of how many bureaucrats would

be needed to run the Authority. Secondly he argues that the 'estate' (ie police & fire owned stations) could be rationalised. Also true – and already happening. The public consultation is already running – search for the Cambs & Peterborough Fire Authority or the Police & Crime Commissioner.

Superfast? Broadband

Connecting Cambridgeshire Team reports that 'the rollout of fibre broadband is becoming more complex as we move into follow-on phases to cover harder to reach areas'. Make of that what you will! The website is updated regularly and a new county coverage map and postcode selector will go live in the next few weeks to make it easier for people to check where fibre broadband is available or planned, with advice on how to upgrade.

We have been asked to encourage residents to check with their ISP or visit the website if they are not getting the service they want or need but are instead being told that there may be speed, coverage and ordering issues that require further investigation. Email contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk or call 01223 703293.

Fire Safety

Following the devastating fire in London South Cambs has advised that the District Council does not own any tower blocks of flats. Our flatted stock is predominantly low level with some medium rise blocks in Sawston. None of the blocks has been clad with external wall insulation. In May Safesmart Limited, specialists in fire risk assessment, was commissioned to carry out a full fire safety inspection of our blocks and sheltered housing communal rooms. The inspection will conclude in July 2017 with a full report and the Council will take any action that is recommended.

Potholes and broken pavements

During the past month we have reported potholes and damaged pavements/footpaths in Dolphins Way, Blythe Way, Church Street and Manor Road. We are aware that some have been done and some have not been done - even when they were quite close to ones which have been repaired. We are going to do a further inspection and will no doubt make further reports. If you see a pothole or broken pavement please do report it on the County Council's website. It is helpful if you can take a photo.

Footpath Issues

There have been a number of complaints about footpaths recently. Gamlingay Number 10 through Green End has now been cleared – this is the responsibility of the County Council and when it blocks again please use the website to report it. The spurs off into Greenacres are not included. Hatley Footpath 16 has also been cleared of the blockages. If you come across the blocked footpath then please do report it via the County Council website – it's very straightforward.

Parking

We have a number of residents in Gamlingay who have serious visual impairment. They try very hard to remain independent but are constantly put in danger by inconsiderate and often illegal parking. It is not permitted to park on the pavement. It can result in extremely serious injury to people with visual problems, either because they collide with the parked car or because they are forced out into the traffic (which they can't see) in order to avoid it. It is also equally

hazardous to people using wheelchairs and mobility scooters and parents with prams who we frequently see being forced into the road. We are currently considering creating a 'considerate parking scheme'. If you have any ideas please do let us know.

Speeding

Just as much a threat to people who are disabled and people with young children is speeding in the village. We have been astounded by the number of cars racing along Church End and Church Street recently - easily doing 40-50mph. We shall be talking to the police about additional monitoring on these two roads in particular.

Little Gransden Village Hall

Very pleased to report that the application to lower the kerbs outside the Hall has now been approved following a series of head-bashing interventions. How frustrating that it took so long that the deadline had to be extended not once but twice. This was – in the great scheme of things – absolutely straightforward and very important to the Hall. Which leads nicely on to.....

Planning at South Cambs – do you need help?

There are big problems with South Cambs planning service. Having made huge improvements in the past 2 years in reducing the backlog of applications from over 900 to about 50 it is now creeping up again. We were shocked to learn that if you want to speak to a planning officer about your application that they are most unlikely to answer the phone to you and that you will be told that you will be rung back in FOUR days. We are receiving numerous complaints, in particular from people wanting permission for business premises, about emails never being replied to, phone calls never being returned and planning decisions just not being made within the expected time. We have brought this to the attention of the most senior officers who are aware of the problems and who we have no doubt are doing their best to resolve the problems once they have identified what the causes are. Basically it is about lousy communications and decisions not being made on time. **If you are experiencing problems get in touch and we will do our best to get things moving for you.**

As if the process wasn't torture enough look at what just popped into our inbox: "Council planning bosses have apologised after an administrative error meant planning permission was incorrectly granted. SCDC have said that once the error was spotted they spoke to the applicant and have now filed legal papers with the High Court for the planning approval to be rescinded within 6-8 weeks. The plans for seven new homes were for Grove Farm in Haslingfield. The error took place after the decision to refuse the application was incorrectly entered as an approval into a computer system This process has already been changed and additional checks put in place to try and make sure the problem does not happen again". You couldn't make it up!

Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan work we are writing to people living in the satellite settlements around Gamlingay and conducting simple surveys to ascertain what you think is special about where you live and what is worth preserving. Gamlingay is unique in South Cambridgeshire for having a ring of small settlements such as The Cinques, Little Heath and Dennis Green which originated from the old market

gardening way of life and we think that it is really important to retain their individual characteristics and their 'separatedness' from the main village. In every other large village in the district these settlements have merged into the main area of development and have lost their individual character. If you have any comments on this please contact Bridget who is conducting the door to door surveys.

Grants

Having secured grants for both the sheltered housing schemes to beautify their day rooms with planting outside, we have now managed to get a grant from South Cambs for a new freezer for the Avenell's Way Day Room to support their extremely successful lunch club. Just as this grant was awarded we heard back from the contractors, Taylor French, who are doing the work on Robinson Court that they also were happy to pay for a new freezer. Obviously we do not need two so they are going to pay for some extra tables and chairs so even more people can have lunch.

Queen Adelaide

Having spent a great deal of time pushing both the Planners and Highways departments at SCDC/CCC to get on with the applications for the Queen Adelaide pub in Croydon it is with some considerable satisfaction that we can report the pub is now OPEN!

Little Gransden Almshouses

Sebastian was honoured to be asked by the Trustees of the Julia Norris Almshouses in Little Gransden to snip the ribbon following the recent refurbishment of the cottages. They have been completely modernised and internally reconfigured while retaining the Arts and Crafts exterior – beautifully done and we hope the new returning beneficiaries will be delighted.

Free childcare

You may be aware that there is to be extended entitlement to additional free childcare to eligible 3 & 4 year olds from September this year. Are you entitled to receive it? www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childcare should answer your questions. You will need to reconfirm your eligibility every three months or you will lose your entitlement. In addition, some providers will not be able to provide the extra hours or will be doing it in partnership with other organisations – so please check online.

Neighbourhood Watch & Speedwatch

The Police have appointed a new Watch Coordinator, Mike Brooks, to support Neighbourhood Watch and Speedwatch schemes. Mike will be working with the schemes to help increase public involvement in keeping our communities safer. If you are interested in any of the Watch schemes, contact Mike on mike.brooks@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Gamlingay Cinques

An issue raised by some Cinques residents in May was the speed of traffic through the Cinques and a request was made to reduce the limit to 40mph. We all agree that this is a dangerous bit of highway so I asked the Parish Council to consider including this as a Minor Highway bid for 2017. The Parish Council has asked for evidence that residents actually would support this reduction. If you are a resident of the Cinques, North Lane and East Lane please could you let me know if you would be supportive of this speed reduction measure (from the Cinques Crossroads to Stubbs Oak)? Thank you!

Hatley Speeding Signs

You may have noticed the new speeding signs in Hatley as you drive through. These flash your speed at you if you are doing over 40mph. It's not a challenge so please drive safe. The signs are moved every three/four weeks and the data about traffic speed is downloadable. Other Parishes have enquired as to the cost which works out at about £3500. If you are interested in further details please contact the Clerk at the Parish Council.

Got a problem? Issue? Something you'd like to discuss? Your Councillors are here to help you. Please do feel free to contact us with comments, questions, problems or complaints. We hope we can help but if we can't we are likely to know someone who can

ALMSHOUSE VACANCY

There is a vacancy at the Gamlingay Almshouses. Applicants should apply to the Trustees of Sir John Jacob's Almshouses, in writing. Please note that the deed of settlement states that applicants are to be 'poor widows of good character resident in Gamlingay', however the Charity Commission have given the Trustees discretion to widen these terms. For further details, please approach one of the Trustees listed below: J. McCall, 5 School Close, S.A. Kindersley, The Barn, East Hatley P. M. Gorton, The Emplins, Church St, J. Hough, 29 School Close.

Gamlingay & District Gardening Club Programme of Events 2017

6 September	Mrs Carole Adams Clematis- All You Need to Know
4 October	Ben Potterton-The Scented Gardens
1 November	Rodney Tibbs-Gardening Then And Now
6 December	Social evening and 34th Annual General Meeting

Meetings are held in the Kier Suite at Gamlingay Eco Hub starting at 7.30pm and are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. Visitors are welcome – entry charge £3.00



NEWS FROM THE ECO HUB

AFTER FIVE YEARS SERVING THE VILLAGE HOW ARE WE DOING?



As many of you will know, the Hub first opened in 2012 and after five years of operation, it is a busy, busy place (the above picture was taken on a rare quiet moment!)

Right from the start, the Hub was set up to operate as an independent private charity, run by a group of volunteer trustees, all of whom are local. This charity "Gamlingay Community Centre" is responsible for the day-to-day operations of running the Eco Hub. It has a lease on the property from the Parish Council, who own the building, but the PC have nothing to do with the financial affairs of the charity or running of the Hub.

The Hub receives no financial support so we are totally reliant on self-generated income. In 2016 our target income figure was £61,500. The actual figure turned in at £61,593, so trustees were delighted that yet again, the Hub had hit its target. They were also extremely pleased that income generated from 'selling' our self generated electricity reached its highest figure since 2012 at just under £5,000.

Our costs include the employment of three part time staff, and two cleaners as well as all the normal running and maintenance. These costs also came in on target so the small surplus for 2016 has been reinvested in the building.

2017 so far has been extremely good with income figures exceeding those of last year. 5 years on, we are certainly exceeding all our original financial expectations.

The Hub has several great spaces for hire, for weddings, wakes, children's parties, grown up parties, and we have a lovely suite at the back for business meetings, workshops and presentations.

Our Facebook page/Twitter feed and website has all the latest about our spaces, rates, and what's on every week. You can drop in between 9 – 4, or give us a ring if you wish to discuss an event or make a booking. We are Shelley (centre manager); Kate (assistant manager) and Sarah (business and marketing manager).

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DID YOU KNOW?

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This is where we'd like some help. We think it would be great to try to attract more swifts to nest in the village so that if anything ever happened either to The Emplins or any other nesting colonies, we wouldn't lose the birds for ever. Perhaps your house or business premises is suitable for swifts.

Swift nesting boxes (about the size and shape of a shoebox) need to be grouped together in bunches of at least three, with at least a 2m drop beneath them. Ideally, they should be north or east facing, to keep the chicks cool. And, if possible, a recording of swifts calling – the distinctive screaming call and scrabbling inside nest boxes – should be broadcast nearby for a few daylight hours daily in spring.

Conservation thinking for swifts is still developing. We know swifts will adopt new nestboxes in the right place, even if it may take years. There are other solutions, from bespoke nesting towers and replacing a few house bricks with special nesting bricks, to building swift nesting spaces into new development, but we don't need to wait.

Licensed bird ringer Mark Fitzpatrick has been ringing swifts at The Emplins for years, and is excited by the prospect of making Gamlingay even more swift friendly. He says: "Wouldn't it be great to know that Gamlingay has done all it can to help this most evocative of summer visitors? We are trying to see if

we can get funding and permission for more boxes. This autumn and winter, it would be great if people could put up new nesting boxes and make sure that swifts can still get in to their current nest holes. If you are interested in helping your local swifts, please get in touch. We'll happily come and see if swift nesting boxes make sense where you are. Let's welcome the swifts back next spring in style!"

Contact Mark Fitzpatrick on mark.x.fitzpatrick@gmail.com or author and Gamlingay resident Mark Boyd on mark.boyd@zen.co.uk or 01767 650904.



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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our June meeting on the 20th was bittersweet, as it was the last one in our beloved W I Hall. Our Speaker was to have been Sally Mott from Cam Sight, who was unable to attend. Instead, we had a very personable young man called Warren, who now works for Cam Sight. Warren told us that he first became aware of his sight deteriorating at the age of 19. He noticed little things at first, but then he had a bad car accident. He went to the opticians for a sight test and was referred to hospital. After several more tests and a CT scan, he was told he might go blind. He bravely managed to pass his exams and also went to university, gaining a 2/1 with the help of modern technology. With the help of Cam Sight, he is able to lead an almost normal life. Cam Sight helps people of all ages with sight loss. Warren was an inspirational young man with a great sense of humour.

We then retired to the garden for drinks and nibbles, where our President gave a brief speech, and we raised a glass to the W I Hall, which has served us so well for the last 95 years. We look forward to spending many happy years in the Hub.

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Maurits, Simon, William McDonald, Kelvin Ross and Lona Dodsworth are amongst many riding out from the Eco Hub on the 55 mile ride, which takes place this year on **Sunday, 3rd September**. For more information, go to www.strawberry50.co.uk

Also joining them on the ride will be Jon Estell, who will be partnering Simon Fisher on a charity ride from Lands End to John o'Groats in June 2018!



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GAMLINGAY VILLAGE SHOW

16TH SEPTEMBER 2017

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We are pleased once again to welcome back the Alice Lucas School of dance who will be performing in the arena again for us this year, Top Dogs will once again be hosting the annual dog show and we will also be having a Karate demonstration in the main arena as well as many other exciting surprises. Put the date in your diary!!

The Gamlingay Show Fun Run 2017

Want a challenge? Want to get fit?

Last year's Show saw its first 5km fun run, which is back on the plans for 2017. This is a great event for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities and is all about relaxed exercise - for fitness, for fun and if you want to collect sponsorship – for your chosen charity! Remember all the profits from the Gamlingay Village Show go to local Charities – so the entry fee for the run will help local causes too!

Due to the temporary relocation of the show for this year, the run will be at a different time to the show, with a planned start of 11am, but all competitors will get free entry into the Show.

The entry fee is £5 for Adults and £2.50 for Juniors (under 14 years) however all Juniors must be accompanied by a registered Adult. Due to the earlier start, entry on the day will not be available.

Registration forms are available on request from gamlingayshow@hotmail.com or dave_masterson@tiscali.co.uk, but hard copies will be available nearer the time from the Gamlingay Hub.

The route is both on and off road, so we are also looking for volunteers for Marshalling & Support staff on the day. If you don't want to run and can help out on the day then please let me know by e-mail on gamlingayshow@hotmail.com or dave_masterson@tiscali.co.uk, or on 07519 921126

Entry Form

Section / Class (e.g. 4A)	No. entries	Fee
Total		

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Entry Form

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Any offers of help on the day of the Show would be most welcome.

Please contact the Committee on 07519921126

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THE GAMLINGAY SHOW

Saturday 16th September 2017

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 - Show from 1pm until 5pm. The hall is open for viewing from 2pm
 - Entries may be collected from the hall from 5pm to 5.30pm

Extra entry forms will be available from Gamlingay First School and Londis Store
or from our website: www.gamlingayshow.co.uk

RULES FOR COMPETITION CLASSES

1. All entry forms must be in no later than 4pm on Friday 15th September to the First School or Londis Store
2. Competitors may make up to three entries in each class
3. Please pay for your entries on the day. 30p per entry for pre-registered; 50p per entry for registration on Show day
4. Registration opens at 8.30am and closes at 10.30am prompt
5. Competitor's cards must be displayed on all entries, issued as fees are paid
6. All produce must be grown by the competitor
7. All entries must be free from pests
8. Any pot plants must have been in the competitor's possession for at least six months
9. Judging will take place between 10.30am and 12 noon. Their decision is final
10. Prize certificates will be awarded to the first three places and Highly Commended, with trophies to the highest scoring adult and child
11. Every effort will be made to safeguard entries but the committee cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage

GAMLINGAY SHOW 2017

OPEN CLASSES

Section 1 - Vegetables

- 1A 6 runner beans
- 1B 3 root vegetables with 3" stalks – any combination
- 1C 5 tomatoes – any type
- 1D 3 potatoes
- 1E Collection of 3 different vegetables - 2 of each
- 1F Heaviest marrow
- 1G Longest runner bean
- 1H Funniest shaped vegetable or fruit
- 1I Bunch of 3 different culinary herbs

Section 2 – Fruit

- 2A 5 eating apples
- 2B 5 any other fruit

Section 3 – Flowers

- 3A Any 5 garden blooms
- 3B A flower or spray on a single stem

Section 4 – Pot Plants

- 4A A flowering or fruiting pot plant
- 4B A foliage pot plant

Section 5 – Art

- 5A A pencil sketch
- 5B A painting in any medium
- 5C A painting in watercolour
- 5D A homemade card

Section 6 – Crafts

- 6A A knitted article
- 6B A piece of cross-stitch
- 6C A piece of crochet
- 6D A piece of lace
- 6E A piece of any other craft
- 6F Design a new logo for The Gamlingay Show
- 6G A flower arrangement

Section 7 – Photography

- 7A Holidays
- 7B Shapes
- 7C A Woodland Walk
- 7D Children
- 7E A Coastline
- 7F A Touch of Red
- 7G Animals
- 7H Man-made Object
- 7I Water

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Section 8 - Homemade produce

- 8A A jar of jam – any fruit
- 8B A jar of marmalade (fresh fruit)
- 8C A jar of chutney
- 8D A ‘vegetable’ cake
- 8E A fruit cake or fruit loaf
- 8F 1 undecorated Victoria sandwich (jam-filled)
- 8G A chocolate cake
- 8H 6 scones – any type
- 8I A plate fruit pie with homemade pastry
- 8J A plate of sausage rolls
- 8K 6 decorated homemade cupcakes
- 8L A bottle of ‘home brew’ – any type

CHILDREN’S CLASSES

Entries should be children’s own work

As aged in September 2017

Section 9: Under 3’s

- 9A A decorated pebble
- 9B A painting
- 9C A decorated biscuit
- 9D A paper plate mask

Section 10: Pre-school & Reception

- 10A A paper plate mask
- 10B A painting
- 10C A junk model creature
- 10D 6 decorated fairy cakes (cakes bought or homemade)

Section 11: Year 1 and Year 2

- 11A A nature collage
- 11B A coloured drawing or painting
- 11C A decorated cake (cake homemade or bought)
- 11D A garden in a seed tray (approx 35X25cm)
- 11E A construction kit model

Section 12: Year 3 and Year 4

- 12A A drawing or painting
- 12B Design and make a bookmark
- 12C A construction kit model
- 12D Dress up a vegetable
- 12E A piece of craftwork – e.g. lace, wool, fabric

Section 13: Year 5 to Year 8

- 13A A construction kit model
- 13B A coloured drawing or painting
- 13C Design a new logo for The Gamlingay Show
- 13D An original poem about Gamlingay
- 13E A piece of craftwork – e.g. lace, fabric, wool

Section 14: Children’s Cookery (Any age up to 16)

- 14A 1 Victoria sandwich
- 14B 6 decorated cupcakes
- 14C 6 chocolate brownies
- 14D 6 scones of your choice

Section 15 – Children’s Photography (Any age up to 16)

- 15A Sport
- 15B My Den
- 15C Pets
- 15D Holidays
- 15E Weather

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Group Entry

Redesign the Olympic Logo

Water Refunds

Like many residents in Gamlingay recently, I’ve just received a refund cheque from Anglian Water in respect of the soak away charge. I was only made aware of this refund by a fellow villager who posted it on the Gamlingay Facebook page. !!

Many residents may be unaware of this potential refund, as it’s mainly been discussed on the internet through social media.

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The Future of Education in Gamlingay: An Update on the Development of the Village's Schools

Stephen Munday, Chief Executive, The Cam Academy Trust

In April 2016, Gamlingay First School became an Academy and joined what was then the Comberton Academy Trust (now re-named The Cam Academy Trust since summer 2016). The Governing Body had, leading up to that time, sought approval for the First School to move to Primary status. That did not prove possible due to the inaccurate advice from the Department for Education about how the process needed to proceed. The proposal was thus dropped at that point.

Subsequent to this, The Stratton Education Trust and The Cam Academy Trust began conversations in summer 2016 regarding a joint view on the appropriate shape of education and school structure for the future in Gamlingay. It was acknowledged by both Trusts that the existing structure of a separate First and Middle School was unsustainable and that a single solution that could work and would assure the future of quality schooling in Gamlingay had to be found. From these discussions, a joint proposal was put forward for consultation. This involved the First School moving to become a Primary School in September 2017 and the Middle School moving over to The Cam Academy Trust for a year of transition from that date. Some pupils would be enabled to complete a further year of their education at the Middle School until it was to be shut in summer 2018. In the year 2017-18, the Village College site would be substantially re-developed. This would be in preparation for the First School (by then to be a Primary School) to move onto a new permanent facility on the Village College site. A further part of the proposals involved Gamlingay First School becoming a named part of the catchment area of Comberton Village College ready for its suggested Primary School status.

Following a full consultation, these proposals were all put through to the Office of the Regional School Commissioner. In April 2017, all of the proposals were formally approved by this Office. This has meant that since then we have been working with all relevant parties, very much including Stratton Education Trust, in order to plan for the effective implementation of all of the proposals through until the final permanent outcome in September 2018. This includes securing the plans for educating a limited number of pupils in current Years 5 and Year 7 (next year's Year 6 and Year 8) who are currently part of the Middle School and will stay on for one more year before then transitioning to the next stage of their schooling in September 2018. This all has to be carefully planned in order to enable proper education to take place for these young people while there is also considerable building work taking place on the site in order to transform the facility into a high-quality and appropriate Primary School facility.

As part of the funding provided by Cambridgeshire Local Authority for the re-development of the Village college site, there will be some Early Years facility built on the current Village College site. The Primary School will be expected to oversee this. Specific arrangements for this are currently under discussion with relevant parties.

At the moment, we do not know what may happen to the current First School site. Clearly, under these proposals, the school community itself will move from the site and onto the re-designed Village College site. There would thus not then be a currently open school on that site. The Cam Academy Trust is happy to discuss any positive possibilities for the future of the site with the County Council, but currently we do not know of possibilities that go beyond that.

We will be very keen, moving forward, to make the most of the Village College site for the benefit of the community. Our Trust has a firm belief in the importance of having schools at the heart of their communities. This very much comes from the philosophy of Henry Morris, the architect of Cambridgeshire Village Colleges. With the re-design of the College ready for September 2018, we will seek to ensure that community education programmes and community use of facilities will be properly available for all those interested.

There are likely to be further updates of interest to the village community in coming months. We will seek to ensure that such developments are communicated appropriately as we proceed.

Stephen Munday, 2 July 2017

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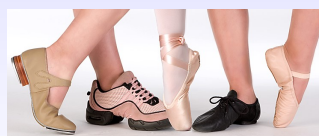
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Gardening Tips for August

by Karen Aitkins of All Green Landscapes Ltd

The month of August was named in honour of the roman emperor Augustus. It is traditionally the time of harvest. Most people have their holidays at this time of year. It used to be the hottest month, but over the past few years it has been getting wetter and less clement. The nights will start to noticeably draw in now but it's still a good month for garden parties and barbeques.

The garden should look very colourful, and if you do go away, ask a neighbour to come in and water the pots and baskets and to harvest any ripe fruit and vegetables as a reward. Indoor plants can be left in an inch of water in the bath. Hanging baskets should last at least another couple of months if well looked after.

Keep the water levels in ponds, water features and bird baths regularly topped up. An effective way to keep your pond oxygenated is to install a fountain, this will help to keep the pond clear. When watering the garden do it early in the morning or last thing in the evening, never in brilliant sunshine. Spray the plants and fence with water as this will help to bring down the temperature and create humidity for the plants.

The grass should need less cutting now as growth slows down so put the blades onto a high setting otherwise the lawn can look a bit scorched. Don't worry about watering an old established lawn as it will soon recover. If it is a new lawn however, keep it regularly watered. At this time of year, it is better to apply a fertilizer with a high phosphate content which will promote strong root growth to stand up to the rigors of winter.

Plant growth really slows down now so you can complete summer pruning of fruit trees and wisteria and trimming of hedges, although fast growing conifers may need a final prune in October.

This is the time to collect seeds from plants you wish to propagate. Seed heads are usually ripe when they start to turn brown. Remove carefully and pop into a paper bag to be stored for later.

Try to remove any aphid infestation by hand, but if you do have to spray do so in the evening when the less beneficial bugs are about. The most natural defence from pests are ladybirds, birds and frogs. If you can encourage them into your garden you will not need to use more abrasive methods. Sprinkle crushed egg shells or grit around more vulnerable plants as slugs and snails hate a rough surface.

Hopefully the garden is looking at its best now and there is less work to do in August. Enjoy what is left of the summer and make the most of your garden. Whatever shape or size garden you have, there is a design that will enhance it and make it user friendly for you.

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OUR 35TH & FINAL PLAYScheme

Dear Parents

PLAYScheme 7 - 11 August 2017

It is with great sadness that we have to inform parents that this will be our 35th and final Playscheme which will be held during the week beginning Monday 7th August 2017. To celebrate this final Playscheme we have arranged a full fun packed week. We are hoping that as many children as possible will come and join us.

The Playscheme is only open to children who attend school (this may be **any** school). The morning sessions begin at 9.30am and end at 12 noon. The afternoon sessions begin at 1.00pm and end at 3.30pm. The Playscheme closes for an hour between 12.00-1.00pm for lunch. During this hour parents are requested to collect their children and take them home or, if preferred, a packed lunch may be eaten on the front lawn of the college (**children must be supervised by an adult**). The Playscheme staff **cannot** be held responsible for any unsupervised children during lunch time. If you do decide to stay and eat a packed lunch please make sure that your children do not climb the trees or fence.

As this is the final Playscheme we have asked the Biggleswade Chronicle to come and take photographs. We will also be sending photographs to the Gamlingay Gazette.

If your child is unable to attend a session due to unforeseen circumstances I would appreciate it if you would telephone the school and leave a message on the **answerphone**. This will alleviate any problems should we need to do a roll call.

Safeguarding – to ensure the safety of the children we insist that **ALL** children are signed in and out of each session they attend. Unfortunately this may cause some delay when you are dropping off or collecting your children, but I am sure that you will understand why we require this to be done.

During Playscheme the children will be looked after by qualified staff and volunteer helpers. Parents wishing to help are most welcome - we always need help with the craft kits and washing up for the cookery. Alternatively some parents may feel happier staying with their children to help them settle in.

On **Friday 11 August** at the end of Playscheme, we are inviting parents to take home (**for free**) any of the toys etc. All the things that are not taken away will be taken away in a skip. If you know of anybody who would benefit from these items please encourage them to come and take what they would be able to use.

Parents are also welcome to deliver completed forms to me at Gamlingay Village College. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 650360 during school hours or at home out of school hours on 651120.

Please Note – To help us with our administration we would appreciate it if each child is enrolled on a separate booking form – spare forms may be collected from the school offices at either Gamlingay Village College or Gamlingay First School.

Please also note – Monday morning is very busy and we cannot guarantee that there would be time for the children to complete any kits that are not pre-booked. Sometimes the booking in time for those who have not pre-booked can take a considerable amount of time.

Last Mini Club

Mini Club (Junior youth club) held its last evening on Friday 30 June. The closure of the club was a very hard decision by Chris and myself. We have run it independently since 1996, which was when community education would no longer support youth activities for under 13s. We obviously are holding our last Playscheme after 35 years aswell.

For our last evening 35 children joined us and lots of parents gave us their thanks. Carol

Gamlingay Village College

Dear all,

Please find below a summary of the 2017 SATs results for Gamlingay Village College. The cohort were achieving at National Average level at Key Stage 1.

We are once again celebrating some incredibly successful outcomes and the key headline is that we have improved on our great 2016 results in every element of the assessments. In Mathematics and Writing students have achieved exceptional results. We are now above the national average in all of the accountability measures and although nationally there has been significant progress, GVC students have out-performed even the national improvement, substantially so in Writing and Mathematics.

Progress measures will not be released until September – but we would anticipate a further improvement in this area also. In 2016 our progress placed us in the top 25% nationally.

These achievements are testament to the great work of our students, staff and parents, who have approached the process with total positivity, dedication and a great sense of enjoyment in their learning.

Percentage of Pupils Achieving the National Standard

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Writing	74%	71%	78%	+4%	76%	88%	+12%
Maths	70%	66%	73%	+3%	75%	86%	+11%
Reading	66%	65%	66%	-	71%	72%	+1%

We are also very pleased with just how well our high ability students have performed. 9% of our cohort achieved a high score (110+) across all elements of Reading, Writing and Maths. The national average for this measure was 5% in 2016. We are awaiting data on the 2017 figure.

We also had 2 students who achieved the maximum possible score – a perfect 120 on an individual element of the tests.

In terms of the combined scores – In 2016 we achieved National Standard across Reading, Writing and Maths of 59%.

In 2017 we have improved this combined score further. This stands at 63 % across Reading, Writing and Maths, which again is above the National Average.

Individual pupil results will be released to parents on Friday, but I thought you would like to know of our success in advance.

Thank you for your support of Gamlingay Village College - whilst my time at GVC is nearing its conclusion – I hope that these successes give you a firm foundation on which to build educational excellence for the benefit of all children in the village.

Kind Regards

James Birkett

Headteacher

A WHERRY TRIP

Last Christmas I was given an odd Christmas present:

A bottle of Woodfordes Wherry Beer, a copy of Arthur Ransome's Coot Club (with reference to a couple of chapters), a Broads Calendar which had 6th May ringed and a postcard showing a wherry sailing – I had to guess what it all meant!

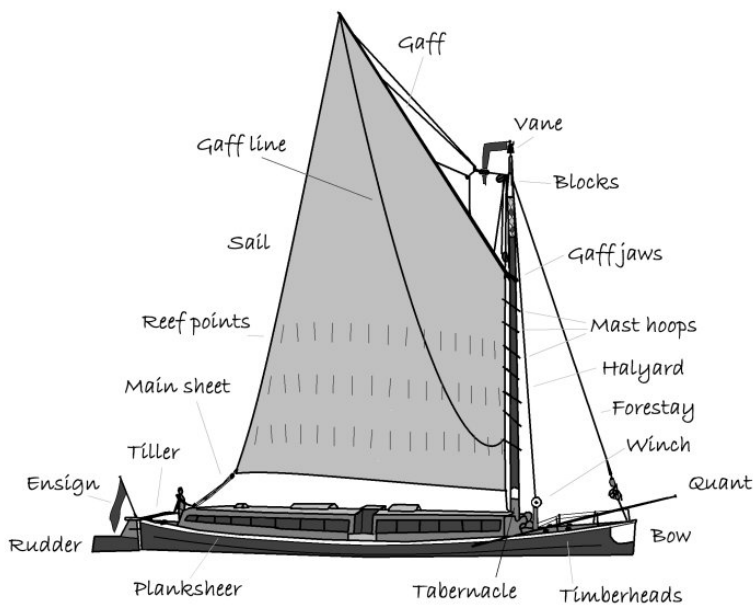
The obvious fact was that a Norfolk Wherry was the central theme. The date?

It transpired that my whole family had contracted the wherry Albion for a day's sailing!

As the date approached, we arranged for a Holiday Cottage at Hickling, that had five bedrooms, and arranged that my whole family would stay there for the weekend.

On Saturday we met up at Ludham, where the Norfolk Wherry Trust kept the Albion.

I knew wherries fairly well, having been brought up on the Norfolk Broads. I have seen them in their working days with cargos of coal, grain and Norfolk Thatching Reed; the latter piled up to 10 feet above the deck! A wherry is a large sailing craft, with incredible sailing qualities. A few Wherry facts and figures:



Size: 58ft. x 15ft. x 4ft. 6ins.

Rudder: 7ft

Mast: 42ft weight 3 tonnes

Sail: 1200sqft

An absolute pig to handle – I once helped furl a wherry sail when a wherry arrived at the boatyard with a school group, or similar, and had to furl the sail. Tarred canvas is very stiff.
Built: 1898

A wherry is an incredible sailing craft. At one time there were a great many wherries, now only two trading wherries exist, The Albion and Maud, though neither of them are used for cargo any more.

The Albion has now had the cargo hold fitted out for a cargo of people – a large table with benches, a galley, including a working cooker with an oven, and about twelve bunks for parties who don't mind sleeping in a cosy group! My father calculated that a wherry could sail within 4° of the wind! A very useful feature as tacking a vessel of this size on the narrow twisting rivers of the broads.



THE TRIP

We all donned life jackets. Polly had a special child's one, it was a bit bulky and she hated it! For much of the trip she spent her time in the hold, just sticking her head out to wave at passing boats.

First we met the crew, Skipper, Mate and able Seaman. We then had the obligatory safety talk, what not to do or touch, then what to do when someone fell overboard.

Then it was cast off and away. Using a quanting pole, we left the mooring and onto Womak water. The mast was already up, but now was the time to put up the sail. There is a winch, just forward of the mast for this purpose, there is, of course a strict procedure for using the winch, the OK from the Skipper to engage the handles, responded with "Handles on", then the OK from the Skipper to start hoisting. A two man job, though in our case two children and two men.



This was to be my first attempt at steering a wherry. A very interesting experience. The rudder, as stated above, is very large (7ft long), which makes steering very heavy, for some manoeuvres you need to have your feet on the cockpit coaming and push very hard. Despite this the wherry is very responsive.

The first noticeable difference is the way a wherry responds to the wind. A wherry is incredibly stable; a sailing boat heels over with a side wind, thus presenting a curved hull shape in the water, that tends to turn the boat into the wind. A wherry is so stable, it hardly heels over at all, a stronger wind just makes you go faster! The other factor that was strange to me was using the Main Sheet (the rope that controls how far out the sail goes, and thus its angle to the wind), the adjustments here were minimal, when sailing I was always checking the setting of the sail to get the best out of the wind.

We passed St Benet's Abbey, a much photographed attraction. Incidentally, it was interesting to note how often we were photographed, a sailing wherry is quite a sight!

We soon approached the River Ant, and turned north towards Barton Broad. This is a lovely stretch of water. I had forgotten how many wind-pumps there were on this stretch. Soon Ludham Bridge came into view, and it was all action, lowering the sail, then the mast, and using the dinghy with an outboard motor, went through the bridge. Obviously the top of the bridge was lined with onlookers. Soon we were through, and the mast raised, the sail hoisted, and on our way again. Given very little wind a wherry has an impressive turn of speed.

Soon How Hill came into view, with its Nature Reserve, and lovely gardens (not that we stopped to look at them!), there were a lot of people there.

Then it was through Irstead and the Barton Broad came into sight. This was real sailing now, we had an excellent wind, and the Albion fairly belted along.

By now it was lunchtime, so out with the provisions. We were expected to feed the crew and had prepared enough for all. The Able Seaman was a bit surprised to find the food was vegetarian (more than half the family are vegetarian) and was by trade a butcher! He really enjoyed my vegetarian sausage rolls!

After a circuit or two of Barton Broad we then sailed back to Ludham.

Eventually we made it back just on 5 o'clock, perfect timing. Then it was back to Hickling for a delicious supper.



***The
Albion***

Historyman

Thoughts of Summers in Gamlingay



For the Historyman this month we look at people's memories of summertime growing up and living in Gamlingay with pictures of our village in the summer months.

I would like to thank those who gave their thoughts and looking at them it is surprising just how many of us did the same things sometimes over a century apart.

During the time I spent with Gwen Sharpe writing our two Gamlingay History in Pictures books I asked Gwen if I could tape while we worked and she gave her permission and this is the first time I have used them. So thanks to Gwen, Betty, Jim, John, Graham, Alec, Walt, Clare, Jenny and Julie.

Your Summer Memories



Long summer holidays from school.

They seemed to go on for ever with hot sunny days and long hot nights where we stayed up late.

The village seemed different after being away on family holidays.

Spending days walking up and down the brook in both directions to see how far we could get.

Meeting under the road bridge down Station Road and building dams and seeing how far we could get the water up the walls of the bridge.

Hanging rope swings from trees near the bottom of the playing fields and swinging right across the brook.

Climbing trees, one lad could climb so well he would climb the highest tree and stay up there for hours while we tried to get up there.

Holidays were nearly always to the east Norfolk coast.

Going swimming down the Brick Yard and having a rope swing over a certain tree, this happened through many generations.

Following the combine harvesters that were so narrow they could get down the streets though it needed some good driving.

After the corn had been cut the straw was burnt at evening time as it was getting dark and the farmers would let us help them.

Try to catch bats at night.

Tie door knockers to each other with cotton across the road so when cyclists road past the doors knocked and everyone would come to see who was at the door.

There used to be a Preacher come to stay in a field near where Fairfield is now and we would go down to listen to him and drink tea.

Strawberry picking then apple picking.

Go to the Sultan pub near the station to have a bottle of Vimto and packet of salt and shake crisps and watch the trains go by.

Go to Cambridge on the train for the day.

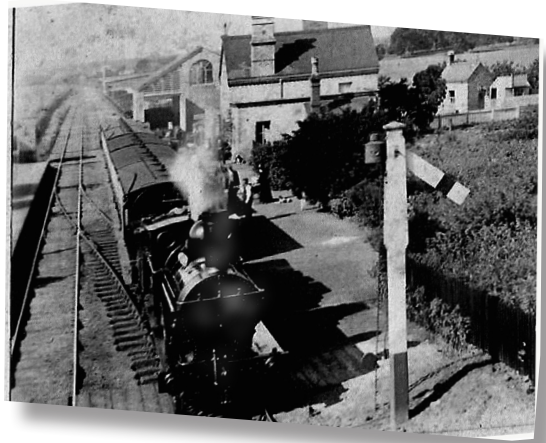
The Guides or the Rangers would go to camp, the tents and cooking pots etc would go off on the train a few days before then the guides and leaders would follow.

Fetes around the village at The Vicarage, Astors, Redmonds and Merton Grange.



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Can you think of any more?.



A double Picture Puzzler for the Summer Special

Picture Puzzler



The Picture Puzzlers on the left and right, for this Month, go back in time. The usual format as before with Puzzlers both old pictures and pictures taken from odd angles. To enter please send your answers by email to nb777@btinternet.com or phone Nick on 01767-651025 or post or drop in at 82 Church Street, Gamlingay. Good luck.



Parish Council

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email clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01767 650310 or by post to Gamlingay Parish Council, The Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay, Beds, SG19 3JR.

Parish Council office public opening hours 9-12 Mon, Wed and Fri.

Daily updates from the Parish Council are posted to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Gamlingayparishcouncil/> and on Twitter <https://twitter.com/GamlingayPC>.

Coming Soon: Gamlingay Business Hub

Over the past year and a half we have been talking to businesses about what they need to thrive in Gamlingay and Hatley. The outcome of this initial work has been the design and successful funding of an innovative Business App to be launched next year. Additionally, many businesses told us they would value opportunities to meet, to be part of each other's supply chains and to access support and advice.

In response to this Forward Gamlingay will be launching the Gamlingay Business Hub on Thursday 21st September in the Eco Hub's Kier Suite.

Breakfast will be served from 8.15am to 8.45am to be followed by presentations on How a Business Association Will Work in Gamlingay and on Employing Apprentices. A networking session will end the event which will close at 10.15am.

All Gamlingay and Hatley business owners are welcome to attend whether you are a sole trader or larger enterprise.

The first session will be FREE.

Do you need help renewing your concessionary bus pass?

Concessionary bus passes can be renewed up to six weeks before their expiry date. They can be renewed online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/buses/free-bus-pass but if you have trouble getting online, come to Gamlingay Library, at the Eco Hub, any Wednesday afternoon between 12.30 and 3.15, where some-one will be available to help you. Call Kate at the library on 651226 for more information.



My fellow Gazette readers

As most of you will know, the situation with regards to the provision of education in the village has been contested and argued over for some considerable time. Over the course of the last 6 years, I have realised that the fate of Gamlingay Village College has been in question, from time to time since the 1970's.

However, in 2011, the school reached a low point and was placed into 'special measures' by Ofsted. Stratton Education Trust took over the running of the school and implemented a 5 year plan to turn around the school and make the school 'Good'.

In 2016, as Stratton planned, Gamlingay Village College was issued with an Ofsted 'Good' rating, on the back of some very encouraging SATs results for their Year 6 students

The SATs result for 2017's Year 6 students have just been released (my daughter's year). The results are **outstanding!**

Editor's note - We realise these results have also been printed on page 23 but think they are so good, it's worth repeating them here!

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Whichever way you review these numbers, they are good reading. GVC's position vs National average, GVC's position vs the year before, GVC's position vs Cambridgeshire schools average!

These results put Gamlingay Village College in the Top 25% of schools in the country

I would have imagined that this would be something to celebrate. Under normal circumstances, a village would seek to protect such a treasure.

I am super proud of Gamlingay Village College and the students for working so hard for such great results. Thanks must go to James Birkett and his staff for their unwavering dedication and professionalism to the children in their care during this prolonged period of uncertainty for the school. It is a bittersweet moment in that GVC's best results are coming at the very point that it closes its doors in its current format.

I have seen both my daughters in the last 6 years learn, grow in confidence and flourish under the guidance of the staff and team at GVC and I'm delighted they were educated there.

But decisions have been made and it's time to move on.

I wish everyone in the village the very best with regards to the education of their children and hope that time will allow our community to heal and unite once again under the new educational regime.

Simon Fisher

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Roderick's Vegetarian Recipes

by Roderick Starksfield

SAUERKRAUT and KIMCHI

As you will know by now, I like experimenting with recipes. Only the successful ones get published here!

I am very fond of Sauerkraut, but it is not often available in the shops, and tends to taste rather insipid compared to the stuff I remember from my teenage years.

The process is quite interesting, the result may seem like pickled cabbage, but it is a totally different method.

Sauerkraut (and Kimchi) are excellent on a burger (carnivore if it has to be) in a bun, or with any rich food that needs a counterbalance with slight sourness.

Now for the science bit:

Sauerkraut is made by a process called lacto-fermentation. Simply put there are beneficial bacteria present on the surface of the cabbage and, in fact, all fruits and vegetables. *Lactobacillus* is one of those bacteria, which is the same bacteria found in yogurt and many other cultured products. When submerged in a brine, the salt kills off harmful bacteria, the good stuff begins to convert sugars in the cabbage into lactic acid; this is a natural preservative that inhibits the growth of harmful bacteria. This lacto-fermentation produces Lactic Acid, which, like vinegar in pickles, preserves the cabbage.

SAUERKRAUT

Ingredients

Cabbage -a medium sized cabbage about 6"/15cm diameter.

1 heaped desert spoon of salt, preferably rock salt, the iodine in sea salt can slow the fermentation down

Optionally you can add a few juniper berries.

Method

Cut the cabbage into eighths, cutting out the core, then slice crosswise into thin slices. Place the cabbage into a large bowl. It will seem a lot, but once treated it really shrinks down

Add the salt, then the work starts.

Using your hands scrunch up the cabbage, turning and squeezing. After about 15 minutes you will finish up with about half the amount of cabbage, and a pool of cabbage juice. Keep on scrunching until when you press down on the top, the liquid covers the cabbage. You will be amazed at how much the cabbage reduces and the amount of liquid.

Pack the cabbage into a clean sterilised jar (about 750ml). Press down really hard, a sauce bottle or similar (that will fit through the top), is handy – we need to exclude all the air from the cabbage to prevent bad fermentation. Make sure there is liquid covering over the surface and that the jar not full to the top – once fermentation starts there will be some expansion. Place the lid on loosely, we need to let the gases from the fermentation escape!

Fermentation should start within a couple of days, keep pressing the cabbage down to let the bubbles come to the surface. After about a week, the mixture will turn slightly sour, check each day until the sourness you want has been achieved. Store in the fridge to stop the fermentation.

KIMCHI

This is the national dish of Korea, every household makes it and uses it probably daily!

Ingredients and method as above for sauerkraut – but just before bottling add a couple of grated garlic cloves, about a thumb of ginger, freshly grated, the chilli powder –

1 to 3 tablespoons Korean red pepper flakes, the flavour is hot, sweet, and slightly smoky (Gochugaru – available over the internet and at some Asian stores).

The process is then the same as for Sauerkraut, keep pressing it down and tasting.

Store and enjoy!



The third edition of my recipe book is available at Woodview farm Shop, £5.00.
Many more recipes.

Theological note:

“There must be a God, how else would we get new potatoes (Jersey Royals) with mint, peas and butter At the same time?”

News from RSPB

The Lodge by Mark Brandon

It's been a really nice early summer and our birds seem to have done well in the warm and generally dry weather, with plenty of family parties of finches, tits, and warblers now foraging about the site.

When I last wrote we were very concerned, as the spotted flycatchers (a now scarce and declining summer visiting bird in the UK) hadn't been seen after their initial arrival in mid-May. However, towards the end of June, possibly two pairs appeared, one around the Gatehouse and another in the woodland near the hide, and this pair soon set up a nest in the spindly, broken birch where they have nested before. So, it's much better news for our flycatchers - and hopefully they will successfully raise their young here once again. There seems to be more swifts around this year as well, which is great news. It was an amazing sight to see literally hundreds of them skimming through the skies around The Lodge house and gardens for a couple of days in June. It would be great to have these birds nesting in the old house. Our other special Lodge bird, the hobby, also used the same tree to nest in as last year, along the trail near the Galley Hill Iron Age Hillfort, and the female was also sitting on eggs as I wrote this Gamlingay Gazette article.

Red kites are becoming a more regular sighting over the reserve, joining the resident buzzards in soaring flights over The Lodge. They often fly over my garden in Little Paxton now, where in the past I have only seen them very occasionally.

Away from the birds, dragonflies and damselflies are darting around the pools and heaths in good numbers, a hummingbird hawkmoth was spotted in the gardens on several occasions and a few visitors were lucky enough to see grass snakes along the trails, including one large adult.

With habitat work on hold for the breeding season, the volunteer work party were out on the front lawn in the sunshine today, rubbing down and staining the picnic tables in preparation for (hopefully) the sunny and busy summer ahead.

Our major events take place over the summer; we are looking forward to the Shakespeare Midsummer Night's Dream shows, and the first Big Wild Sleepout event has already sold out, so we have added a second date on August 12.

On August 5 we are holding a new volunteer day, where we have several roles to fill in our visitor and events teams, so if you have ever thought about volunteering, then come along to find out how you could help at your local RSPB nature reserve.

Pop in and meet us at the shop, near The Lodge reserve entrance, anytime between 11:30 and 2:30 and have a chat with us over a cuppa and biscuit to find out more.

If you can't make this date but are interested in volunteering in the visitor team at The Lodge, please contact Mark Brandon, Visitor Experience Manager, The Lodge nature reserve; mark.brandon@rspb.org.uk 01767 693253.

Here are some event dates for your diaries;

Big Wild Sleepout

Saturday July 29

Second date added Sat Aug 12

The RSPB national sleepover night - now its fifth year. Our wild camping event is aimed at families; with bats, moths, stargazing, twilight walk and fish and chips!

The Pantaloon's outdoor performance of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream

Saturday 26 August 7pm

Sunday 27 August 2pm

Prices and advance tickets; thepantaloon.co.uk or from The Lodge shop (01767 693333)

More details on these events at; rspb.org.uk/thelodge

The RSPB Lodge reserve is open every day of the week, from dawn to dusk, for everyone to enjoy and there are plenty of organised events: just ring to book. Entry is included in the car-parking fee - £5 a car for non-members, free if you are members or just visiting the shop.

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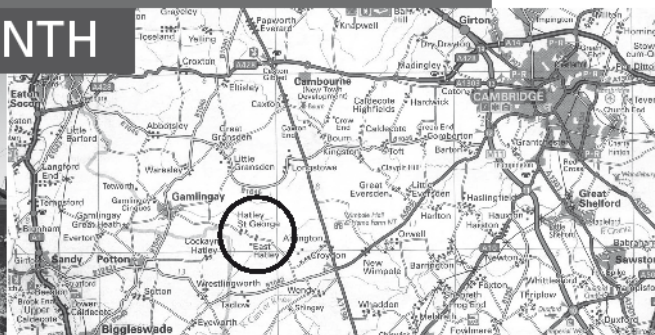
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Music, Live or Studio

Gig Guide

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Kaiser Chiefs -5th August - Bedford

Chase & Status - 11th August - Newmarket

Busk till Dusk - 12th August - Bedford

Noasis - 18th August - Bedford

Cider and Sausage Fest - 25th August - MK

Cocktail Weekend - 25th-27th August - Cambridge

Cheesey and The Helmits - 27th August - Langford

Woodfest - 7th September - Hatfield

One question I've always asked myself in music is, do I like listening to music played in a studio or raw and live.? Before I tell you I will just give my reasons and how I come about my answer.

I've been listening to music, all types, for over forty years firstly on vinyl then my first band live, Gallagher and Lyle in London somewhere, I can't remember where all I can remember was the sound, what a change from the studio music I had heard on vinyl and WOW what a sound.

I had to get a guitar and learn how to play and it just happened to be my birthday coming up so I let slip to my mum and dad what I would really like. My birthday came and so did my first guitar, an acoustic guitar but a very nice one which was second hand from a workmate of my dads, Martin Stackman, who was in a band called Wishful Thinking along with another mate of my dads Neills Hesse. Now it just so happens that Wishful Thinking were the second live band I was to see at the Hatley Village Hall and to cap it the last number of their set was one of my favourite song and still is, Led Zeppelin's Stairway to Heaven.

I carried on playing guitar and mum and dad got me an electric guitar and amp which had a great sound and it was loud or so mum told me too - - - - - loud but I carried on and thought I sounded not bad, not good but not bad.

Then I took up photography and the guitar had to go, but my cousin Wayne Hipgrave, Gamlingay's answer to George Harrison and Jeff Lynne rolled into one, by then joined a band called Mayhem with a singer guitarist writer Terry Fox who unfortunately died some years later, Wayne although deeply cut up carried on in music which can be the best healer of all. Hope you won't mind me mentioning that Cuz.

Over time I saw many bands live Status Quo, ELO, The Pogues, Bad Manners, Eric Clapton, Texas, Jimmy Ray Vaughan, Nine Below Zero Rolling Stones, Blues N Trouble, Jeff Beck, James Last, The Darkness, Slade, Peter Green and many many more and my thought after that is a band playing live is far far better than a studio album.

I'm now back learning the guitar, I have a hand built one thanks to Wayne after I took some promo photos of one of his current bands The Victims in which his younger brother Lee plays an awesome lead guitar with Danny Titmus on Drums and Andy Berkley on Bass.

Another of the bands Wayne is in are called Damnation, Wayne on vocals, Lee on lead guitar with Frank Carter, Chris Gentle and Tom Crabtree and they hold equal top position in my favourite songs with Amen along with Led Zeppelin and Stairway to Heaven.

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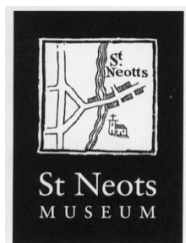


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Treasure for the Gods

5th July – 9th September



Our summer exhibition will showcase the Kimbolton Coin Hoard of Iron Age coins found at Kimbolton in 2010. Buried in the ground for 2,000 years our exhibition will uncover the story of their burial with information and hands-on activities for families and children.

On display for the first time in St Neots will be items found during the archaeological excavations at Loves Farm, St Neots, including offerings made close to a probable Romano-British shrine on the site (including the Minerva spatula handle above), as well as items from a Romano-British site in Eynesbury, St Neots and a spectacular Iron Age stone head from Godmanchester.

The exhibition will include information about the Iron Age including; everyday life, local tribes, religion and the Roman invasion in 43AD.

Hands on activities include, excavate hidden treasures in our sand tray, add a leaf to our oak tree and make an offering in our 'well'.

Our summer family activities are themed around the exhibition and at our Heritage Open Day event on Saturday 9th September visitors will be able to meet a Roman soldier with his weapons, dress as a Roman and taste Roman food.



A booklet linked to the exhibition will be available and the Curator will give a free talk about the coin hoard at the Museum on Wednesday 6th September at 2.30pm.

The exhibition has been supported by the Goodliff Fund of the Huntingdonshire Local History Society.



Waresley Cricket Club

Huntingdonshire

Mid season update – our senior teams have had mixed results over the past couple of months with the 1st XI now coming back into form after a series of consecutive defeats in May & June and at the time of writing we have won two out of the last three league games and are sitting comfortably in mid table. The 2nd XI have struggled this year and although they have been very close on a number of occasions, have not yet managed to win in the league. There have been some excellent performances and we have a talented team who will come good eventually! The Sunday team have also had some close games and are now starting win a few games – all looking promising for the second half of the season. The highlights of 2017 so far belong to our youth teams, especially our Under 15 team who have won all their games and unearthed some real stars of the future. Two of the stars come from long standing Waresley families – Jamie Baker (6th generation player) and Ben Winn (5th generation player) who have so far shared in two century stands – Jamie hitting an undefeated century himself early in July (the first Baker to hit a hundred since 1937!). others to star in the team include Richie Ellingham, Ben Irish, William Paul, Sam Noble & Joshua Upton. The Under 13's have won 5 out of their 7 games so far, Under 11 Wolves 4 out of 6 games, Under 9 Wolves 6 out of 9 & the Under 9 Warriors 3 out of 5 – good results and lots of fun had by all!

The All Stars Cricket Sessions for 5-8 year olds have now come to an end and were a great success – we had 29 youngsters joining us on Saturday mornings up to the beginning of July - hopefully some of them will stay with the Club as they get older. Nine teams competed in the Annual Waresley Under 9 Tournament coming from as far away as Orton park in Peterborough and Thriplow in South Cambs. As ever, this too was a great success – for the first time ever, the two Waresley sides met in the final (not a fix – honest!) and the Warriors emerged victorious – the two team player awards went to Luke Lowton & Ben Barrett. Thaaks to all those who helped make this a great day.

On a sad note, news was received of the death of Shirley Gillett, wife of club stalwart John & mother of all-rounder Phillip (and his sister Tracey). Shirley was a director of Saffords Coaches and had been a supporter of the club for more than 50 years.

The second half of the season is now well under way, let's hope the weather holds out! A full list of fixtures can be found on our Play-Cricket website

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Your Pictures of Gamlingay





The Images this month come from two members of Gamlingay Photographic Society Stan Saunders and Maureen McCartney and our own Gazette Photographer Ed Newman.

The first is Stan's image of a Silver-washed Fritillary butterfly in Gamlingay Wood.

The second by Stan again is titled "New Driver for Gamlingay Fire Engine" and was taken at Gamlingay show.

The third by Maureen is titled "Brussels Sprouts good for your heart" (Christmas wreath)

The fourth by Stan is "Wild Foxgloves in Gamlingay Wood".

The fifth is Stan's Gamlingay Wood at Bluebell time

Sixth is Ed Newmans lovely close up wide angle image of the spring wild flowers in Charnocks Close.

The final for this month is Maureen's image "Field of Poppies" which is now the new Poppyfields housing Estate.

Come on everyone send us your photos of Gamlingay for publishing. Gamlingay is a very photogenic place so I'm sure there are many photos out there.

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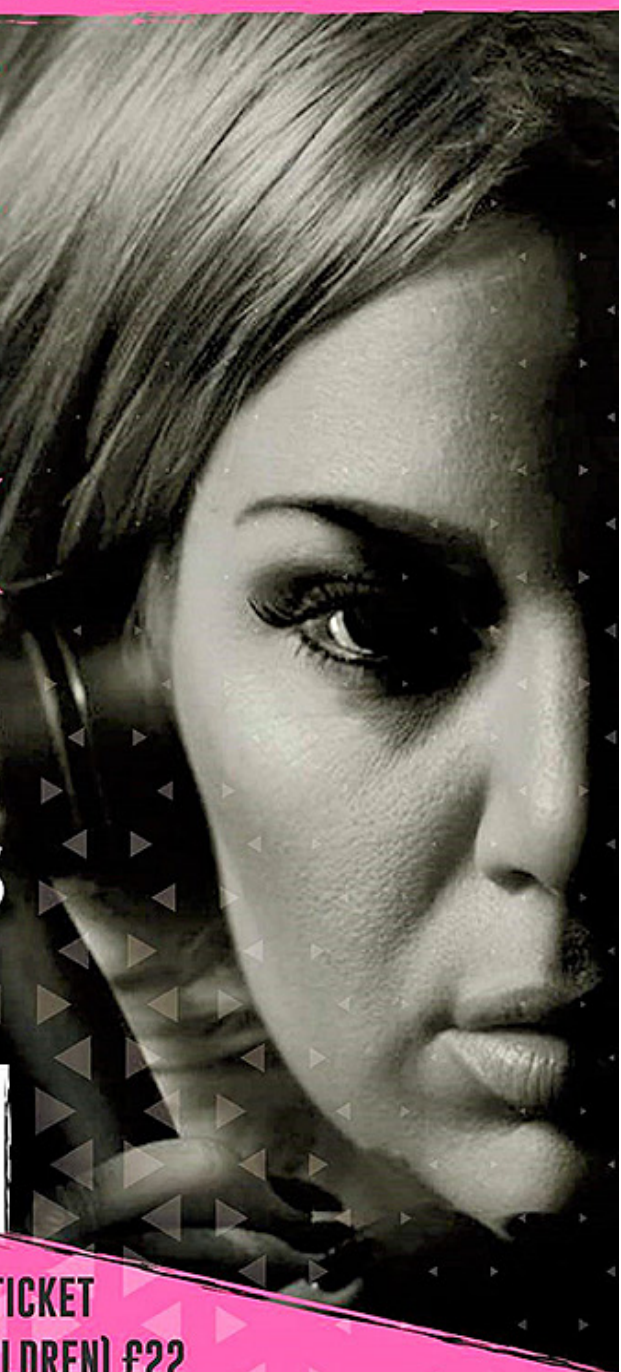
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Where are they



This is a new feature the Gazette is planning to run now and then, with photos sent in but can't be identified. So we are asking readers if they know anything at all, where they might be, who is in the photos and what year they were taken.

This month we have two photos, the first sent in by John who says his Great Grandfather used to sell Lino locally, he would hire halls and carry the Lino in his car and either sell small runs or take orders for larger runs.

This hall or probably Chapel room was somewhere local but John doesn't know where, as you can see his Great Grandfather has his car inside the hall and the hall has a distinctive round window.

Looking at the car and the way the people are dressed it is the late 1920's or 30's but can anyone shed more light on the mystery.



The second was given to me over twenty years ago with around sixty prints of Gamlingay but apart from one person saying it was Church End no one else thinks it is in Gamlingay. I can't match it with any old buildings in that area now or with buildings that have been demolished, can anyone shed any light on this image.

If you can help with either of these images please contact the Gazette on nb777@btinternet.com or phone Nick on 01767-651025.

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Gamlingay Community Centre Hub Community events. See Village information for all Library details

Monday

Housing, Police & Councillor Surgery	First Monday of the Month, the Eco Hub	9.30am - 10.00am
Library open	Toddlers' story time and craft session	9.15am - 10.00am
Library open		2.00pm - 8.00pm

Tuesday

Library open	Board games	10.00am - 12.00
Indoor Carpet bowls	Friendly group, just drop in and pay and play	1.30pm - 3.30pm
Parish Council	2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month Public Meetings	7.00pm
Gamlingay Players	Hayley Parker 652 992 Small friendly society who produce plays and pantomime	8.00pm - 10.00pm

Wednesday

Toddler story time		11.30pm
Library open	Free, friendly computer training for beginners Please contact the library to book	12.30pm - 3.15pm
Gamlingay Environmental Action Group (GEAG)	Kier Suite, Eco Hub 3rd Wednesday of the Month.	

Gamlingay Gardening Club

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Thursday

Library open		4.00pm - 7.00pm
Youth Cafe and Club	Local children's group - Cafe YR4+ Club YR8+	5-15pm - 9-00pm
Gamlingay Players	Small Friendly society who produce plays and pantomimes	8-00pm - 10-00pm

Friday

Connect Cafe
11.30 am - 1.30pm

Saturday

Library Open
9.30am - 12.30pm

What's on in August

Gamlingay Allotment Gardeners Association GAGA	Members Secretary Bob Gordon 01767--651913 e bob.gordon22@talktalk.net
Gamlingay Parish Council	For information contact the Clerk on 650 310
2nd and 4th Tuesday each month	7.00pm Planning Committee meeting, Eco hub
2nd Tuesday each month	7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Eco hub
Hatley Parish Council	Contact the Clerk Kim Wilde 650 596 or email hatley-parish-clerk@hatley.info. Details on the website www.hatley.info or noticeboards
Monday	
Gamlingay History Society	Summer Break
Tuesday	Room 2 GVC - 7.30pm - 01767-652899 / 651472
Gamlingay Womens Institute	Held on the 3 rd Tuesday of the Month at 7.30 at the Eco Hub as from July. Contact Jean York 650367
Gamlingay Writers	Please contact Rhoda Ludford for full details emryssparks@gmail.com 1 st Tuesday of the Month
Guitar Club	Meets on every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 650748
St Mary's choir practice	6.45pm choir practice open to all interested singers-The Church Hall or St Mary's Church
Guild of St Mary's	Church Hall 7:30pm, all ladies welcome 3 rd Monday of the Month
Gamlingay Archaeological Group (GAMARCH)	Chris Tomsett - chairman 01767 650009, Julia Manley Julia.manley@anglia.ac.uk First Thursday of the month 7:30pm at the WI Hall
Bellringers Thursdays	7.30 - 9.00pm with John Boocock at St.Mary's, Gamlingay
Gamlingay Photographic Society	Fridays 8pm - 10-00pm Village College New Members welcome. Phone: 651025 Email: nickbruce7@btinternet.com website www.gamlingay-ps.org.uk The Society is on Summer break until late September. New programmes will be available late August, if anyone wishes to receive one please call or email on one of our contacts
Gamlingay Community Choir	First Wednesday of the month 8 - 9.30pm Third Saturday of the month 10.15am - 12.15pm In the Kingspan Hall, Eco Hub Contact Jan Cooper 01767-650178

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Tuesday	9.15am - 12.15pm	Board games 10.00am - 12.00
Wednesday	12.30pm - 3.15pm	Free computer training (please book)
Thursday	4.00pm – 7.00pm	
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm	

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