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RAISING FUNDS ... RAISING AWARENESS

by Julie Newman

The family of a baby affected by Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) is organising a family fun day to raise funds, and also to raise awareness of this rare, but serious, condition. CDH occurs when the diaphragm fails to form correctly in an unborn baby, allowing the abdominal contents to herniate into the chest cavity, which in turn prevents the lungs from developing properly.

Mum Lucie Brown was told that one of the twin boys she was carrying had a problem when she was 23 weeks pregnant. A scan at 30 weeks suggested that her child, by then known to be affected by CDH, had only a 35% chance of survival. Tommy and his brother Patrick (who is not affected by the condition) were born by emergency caesarean section seven weeks prematurely at University College Hospital, London, on 8th November 2017. Tommy was immediately placed in high level intensive care and was transferred to Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) at 6 days old, where surgeons successfully operated to patch his herniated diaphragm.

Lucie and her partner, Tom, have been overwhelmed by the treatment and care Tommy has received at GOSH and the support her whole family has received from the charity CDHUK. Lucie's Mum, Georgie Timmins, tells us *"the past months have been very hard for us, but we could not have asked more for Tommy. The care he has received at Great Ormond Street has been first class, and we've had fantastic practical help and support as a family both from GOSH and CDHUK. We're keen to raise money for both Great Ormond Street and CDHUK, and raise awareness of this little known condition."*

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THE BIG PICNIC

SATURDAY 23RD JUNE



by Jon Mountfort

This summer, Gamlingay Players will be presenting an event on the day of The Big Picnic Saturday 23rd June 2018 outdoors at the Gamlingay Eco Hub - this event is coordinated across the country in remembrance and celebration of the life of Jo Cox MP who was killed in her constituency two years ago.

The players will present two "Coarse" plays written by Michael Green, the author of "The Art of Coarse Acting", titled "Streuth" and "A Collier's Tuesday Tea".

These are short plays and very funny - along the lines of "*The Play That Goes Wrong*", although of course Michael Green wrote his plays many years before and a lot of his ideas are actually used in "*The Play That Goes Wrong*". There will also be a children's play, and a few short sketches performed by the group.

There will be music from Acid Reflux to end the evening, and also hopefully other musical interludes earlier in the show.

Entry is free and everyone is asked to bring a picnic and enjoy themselves sitting on the grass in front of the open-air stage behind the Eco Hub - a bucket will be passed round for donations and the proceeds will all go to charity - this year MAGPAS.

The event will start at 4pm and people are free to wander in and out at will. There will be a bar in the Hub serving all sorts of refreshments and let us hope the weather as glorious as it was last year - although not quite so hot please!

Pudding Event Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful puddings afternoon, by making and bringing puddings and also by coming to enjoy them all!

We sold 100 tickets and made an astonishing £432 for the Scouting Brownsea Island fund.

If you didn't get a chance to try the 45 different puddings (both hot and cold with a selection of hot custard, cream or ice cream to go with them) that were on offer, you missed a treat!



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Due to changes concerning data protection, The *Gazette* editor is very cautious about reproducing pictures of children. Every effort is made not to single out individuals, and parental permission is sought before using any item considered to highlight an individual child.

Your letters and items for articles can be dropped in at 82 Church Street, or emailed. We do not print anonymous contributions.

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by Jan

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03-Jun	Trinity 1	10.00am	First Sunday	G
03-Jun	Trinity 1	4.00pm	Evensong	E
10-Jun	Trinity 2	9.30am	Parish Communion	G
10-Jun	Trinity 2	11.00am	Holy Communion	H
10-Jun	Trinity 2	11.00am	Word and Worship	E
17-Jun	Trinity 3	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with prayers for healing	G
17-Jun	Trinity 3	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
24-Jun	Trinity 4	8.00am	Holy Communion	H
24-Jun	Trinity 4	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
24-Jun	Trinity 4	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
24-Jun	Trinity 4	6.00pm	Evensong	G

We have made an appointment!!

Great news from the Parish Church – we have made an appointment! After nearly two years in vacancy we have, at last, found the right person to take us through the next few years.

Her name is the Revd Hilary Young and she is at present Priest-in-Charge of Settle, Giggleswick and Rathmell with Wigglesworth in the Diocese of Leeds. She will be joining us at the end of July and beginning her ministry straightaway at the beginning of August. Technically her title will be Priest-in-Charge (too complicated to explain why) but I imagine that to you and me she will probably be “vicar” or “rector”.

She will be moving down to Cambridgeshire with her husband, Norman, who is also an ordained clergyman. So we have managed to acquire a BOGOF deal! Norman is retired but may well help out on occasion which will be extremely useful.

We are hoping that she will be licensed at the Parish Church on 29 July at 10.00am although this has yet to be finally confirmed. All are welcome at this service.

I do know that Hilary is very keen to get out and about and to meet the people of the village so if you see her in the village do make yourself known. As I write, her first service in the village is likely to be on Sunday 5 August at 10.00 in the Parish Church. Why not pop along and meet her?

It is at times like this that we, at the Parish Church, really do appreciate the interest shown by members of the village. For a long time now, many of us have been asked the question as to whether there has been an appointment and we have had to respond that even though we are trying our hardest, the right person has yet to come forward. But now she has and thank you all for your interest and for your prayers.

When we meet in church during the Easter season we say the acclamation:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

So perhaps we should now be saying:

Alleluia! We have a new vicar!

We have a new vicar indeed! Alleluia!

With best wishes to you all.

Chris Miller, Reader and Churchwarden

News from the churches

GAMLINGAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Stocks Lane

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***'Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.'* - Charles (Chuck) Swindoll**

This month, my wife and I are welcoming our third child into the world. We are excited beyond belief at bringing home the newest bundle of joy and blessing. Don't get me wrong, we are both aware of the difficulties that lie ahead: sleepless nights, additional stresses and a general lack of calm and quiet. Anyone who has ever been a parent knows there are challenges, and moments of near despair. But, equally, we all know it's worth it!

Little compares to the joy and excitement of raising a child. I have often wondered why? Why is it, that holding this tiny, helpless little child is so astonishing. It wasn't until I grew deeper in my faith as a Christian that I began to understand. We read in the bible: 'For you (God) created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well' (Psalm 139:13-14). Not only is that amazing tiny human made by God (as are you and I), but God actually knows everything about that baby: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart'(Jeremiah 1:5).

As a parent I want to love my kids, I want to encourage them, and stretch them, and see them reach their fullest potential. I know there will be moments when they frustrate me, confuse me, push my every button and maybe even get me angry... yet I will still love them and want the best for them.

So, why do I share this with you? No, it's not just because I am excited about having another child, but because just as much love and passion that I have for my kids, God has for you and for me. You see, he knows everything about you; He has set you apart and has a plan and a purpose for your life; God cares about you, and wants nothing but the best for you, to encourage you, stretch you and to see you reach your fullest potential. Why? Because, if we accept it, we are children of God. We are adopted into the family. That's pretty cool I think.

Now I know what you're thinking, "*What? How am I a child of God?*" Well, that takes a little more unpacking than this article can afford but I would love to meet up with you and chat about it!

Have some questions or want to further explore this?
Come visit us at GBC, or get in touch, I'd love to meet with you.

Many blessings
Rev Adrian Semerene
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Fancy reading other things I write? Visit my blog at www.adriansemerene.com.

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Saturday 2nd June 9.00am

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Spending time together working on different activities.

Thursday 7th June 10.00am

Messy Church – Family Picnic

Bring a picnic and the family, activities provided.

Saturday 9th June 12-2pm (note time)

Coffee Morning

In aid of Gamlingay BC and 2018 Charity

Thursday 21st June 10.00am-11.30am
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Ann Kirby
Samantha Martin

Jacqui Mc Geady
Julie Newman
Mark Ridler
Colin Smith
Keith Warburton
Peter Webb
Jayne Wright

The WI hall

This was sold with planning permission for the erection of one dwelling at auction on 14th March 2018 for £192 000. The guide price was £150 000-£175 000.

It was bought by a property developer.

The proceeds of the sale have been used to reduce the Public Works Loan taken out by The Parish Council to help fund the Eco Hub.

The annual loan repayments have been reduced by approximately half, to around £6.5K. This was allowed for in the 2018-19 budget.

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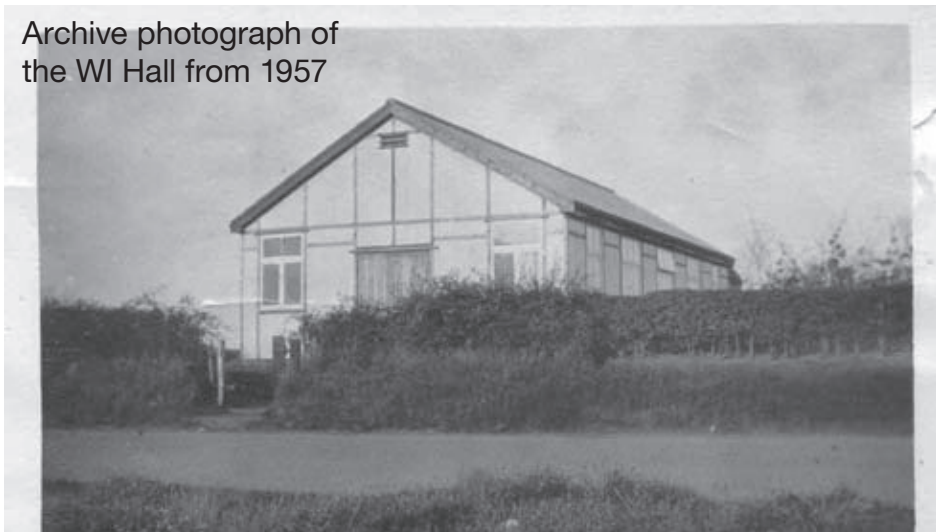


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Councillor's Column

Keeping us abreast on District Council issues

*compiled by Sebastian Kindersley,
with contributions from Bridget Smith*



Keeping us abreast on County Council issues

by Sebastian Kindersley



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District Councillor Bridget Smith is on 01767 650510 or bridget@glockling.com. You can also follow your councillors on Twitter: @Cllrbridget @Seb4SouthCambs and Facebook: CllrBridget

Elections

Thank you to all those Gamlingay and Hatley residents who stood for election to their respective Parish Councils and congratulations to those elected. Also many thanks to the candidates for the District Council election and congrats to Bridget Smith who was returned.

You may know that the District Council elections were for all the wards in South Cambs following boundary changes. The Liberal Democrats took control of the Council and the make up is now LD 30, Conservatives 11, Labour 2 and Independents 2.

As a result of election time purdah lasting months and months now there has been very little activity by either the District Council or County Council to report.

County Council HQ

The County Council has agreed to move out of Shire Hall and relocate to another site. Shire Hall costs £2m a year to run and is inefficient both for officers and the environment. It is a listed building surrounded by other listed buildings and a scheduled ancient monument. It is thought that someone else can find another use for it (eg a hotel) but apparently the County Council cannot make the necessary changes to make it into a more modern office block.

So instead we will use taxpayers money to build ourselves a brand new HQ. There are two sites on the shortlist but I am not allowed to tell you where either of them is because of 'commercial confidentiality'. What I can say is neither of them is in Cambridge and neither of them has the level of public transport access that residents are entitled to expect to get to their own County Council's HQ.

As with so many County Council major projects there's certainly going to be overspend and under-delivery on this new HQ and it is likely to be another very damaging episode for CCC. Lastly, with all the proposed local government changes it is also quite likely that within a few years there won't be a County Council so you - the taxpayer - will have a nice new purpose built white elephant to admire. If you can get to it.

Ely Southern Bypass

Oh dear. Another fine mess. The Ely Southern Bypass - much wanted and well supported by everyone - is already £13m adrift budget-wise. How? Well, in an usually candid agenda paper it appears the County Council is being asked to note the increase in scheme costs and is requested to allocate the additional funding of £13M required to complete the scheme. Why? - because at the time 'it was considered that expedient delivery was the priority and that time allowed in the procurement process for tendering and the time allowed in the contract for stage 1 design should be kept to a minimum ... This approach meant that many

potential engineering and third party issues were not able to be fully considered in the Stage 1 contract. As a result, the information available on which to base the target cost was limited. Consequently it has become evident that the scope of work was underestimated and not fully reflected in the initial stage 2 target cost.'. So - in order to steam ahead we cut corners and those corners it would seem cost at least £13m. If this was a business heads would be rolling.

Rural Housing

We hear a very great deal from residents about the lack of affordable housing locally - and we hear a lot from Government about its intention to make it easier to get some affordable housing built. However this is getting harder and harder as Government itself changes the rules. Whereas before any housing over 3 units in South Cambs had to provide an affordable element (up to 40%) now any development of 10 units or less does not have to make any provision for affordable housing. So guess what happens? Planning applications come in for 10 houses or less.... It's so blindingly obvious - but not to our Government, it seems.

Potholes

As many Gamlingay people know already the RAC has reported that the proportion of call-outs triggered by pothole-related damage such as damaged shock absorbers, broken suspension springs and damaged wheels reached 2.3% in the January-March period, almost double the rate of the previous quarter, and the third highest proportion since the body started tracking the statistic in 2006. Meanwhile there remains no money to fund major road repairs and barely any to fund simple pothole patching.

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Cambridgeshire Clinical Commissioning Group

The Clinical Commissioning Group is responsible for buying healthcare services on behalf of the local population in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It has revealed that it has been unable to contain expenditure within a deficit of £15.5m already agreed with NHS England for 2017/18 and is forecasting an overspend of £48.2m. This is not a sustainable position. The main reasons for the CCG's revised financial position for 2017/18 are greater demand for acute care costing an additional £19million and a £6million increase in prescribing costs, due to national pricing changes. So far so grim but ominously one way of dealing with this appears to be "the public's help to use health and social care resources wisely".

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June 9th to 17th is National Bike Week and there will be two bike rides leaving from the Eco Hub car park at 2pm on Saturday 16th June, to mark the occasion. One for the keener cyclist of 25 miles and a shorter route for those who prefer a more leisurely ride. Children welcome with accompanying adult.

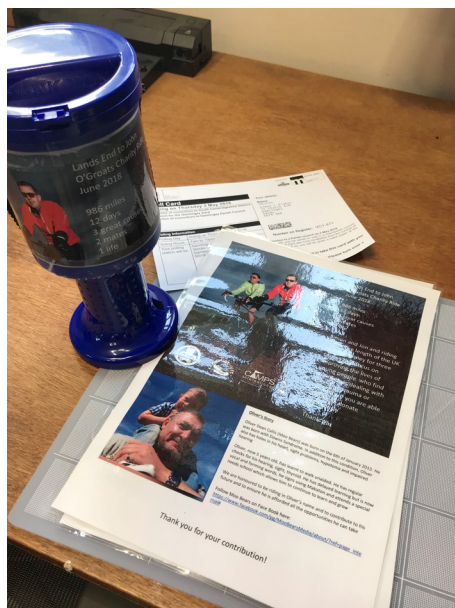
No one will get left behind. The rides are meant to be enjoyable and sociable. Meet new friends and get fitter whilst taking in the sights and sounds of our surrounding countryside. We will ride on quiet roads and weather permitting, off road on bridleways too. If the route allows and we have time, we will find a cafe for a cuppa and cake too.

The routes are being worked out by Gill Kitchener who regularly organises bike rides for the Let's Ride organisation, part of HSBC British Cycling. The event is being organised jointly between Gamlingay Environmental Action Group (GEAG), who will be providing refreshments at the end and Let's Ride.

A great opportunity to get some summer exercise, enjoy what we all hope will be some fine summer weather and exchange the motor for a sustainable mode of transport.

For details and to register interest:
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The Ecohub have agreed to have a donation jar for Simon Fisher's Charity bikeride on reception.



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This year's show will be once again held at Gamlingay First School while building works are completed at the Village College and we have booked the sunshine for this year! So please put the date in your diary, 15th September 2018 1-5pm. If you would like to register for a stall, please get in contact. We would also love to hear from any local performers who would like a chance to show us what they can do, either in our music tent, or in the main arena.



The list of competition classes is on page 23 in this edition, so you can all get baking, creating, photographing, sewing and growing in time for this year's show. New for this year, we will be running a digital photography section, with great thanks to Gamlingay Photographic Society, who will be helping organise this, and are again kindly offering free memberships for the winning photos. Details of how to get your digital photos to us will be in the next edition of the Gazette, and on our website.

The 5km fun run is back on the plans for 2018. 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!

Most excitingly, we will once again have a RAF flypast, this time by a Dakota, one of the most successful aircraft designs in history. The Dakota was one of the world's most famous military transport aircraft, used extensively by the Allies during the Second World War.

See you in September!

The Gamlingay Show Committee

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What have we been up to?

The spring term was an extremely busy one and with the help of a great team of volunteers we transformed the Rainbow Pre-school playground. Staff, Committee members and parents gave up their weekend to move sheds, paint fences and install a new outside canopy. The end result is a fantastic covered area which allows the children to free flow between the building and garden. We would like to thank everyone who offered their time and services to achieve this: Gamlingay Parish Council kindly donated the canopy, astro turf and railway sleepers from the old WI building; Halls Haulage, a local family run business, provided the use of one of their lorries and a forklift to transport the canopy; and of course, the parents who came and helped. All in all, a lot was achieved over a very cold February weekend.

Alongside the playground works, and using money raised by and donated to the pre-school, we have had an external office built. This has freed up much needed space inside the setting to make way for a more spacious play area with defined areas to learn and play.

To finish off the playground transformation the pre-school purchased a few furry friends for the children to enjoy in their new garden. Our four guinea pigs will help teach children the responsibility of caring for and looking after pets. A big thank you goes to one of our parents who has built their hutch.

Breakfast Club

Following the closure of two other settings in the village, there is an increased demand for wrap around care. To assist with this Rainbow Pre-school have set up a breakfast club for children aged 2 to 11 years old. This runs 5 days a week during term time only; for £4.00 per session you can rest easy knowing that your children are being looked after by qualified staff with DBS checks.

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'PETS IN PEWS' – Again!

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Exemplary behaviour was, of course, displayed by the three wonderful assistance dogs invited to attend with their owners who each gave a short account of what they do. Penny with Grainger represented Canine Partners. Penny told us about some of the incredible things the dogs are trained to do for people in wheelchairs and Grainger demonstrated skills such as removing socks, undoing zips and picking things up from the floor. He even managed to locate a missing (hidden) mobile phone. Next came Geoff and Buddy. Buddy is a Medical Detection Dog and Geoff amazed us all with an account of the way the dogs are able to sniff out different forms of cancer and are beginning to work with detecting Parkinson's Disease. Our third guest was Barbara with Tommy – Guide Dogs for the Blind. Barbara, who lost her sight 30 years ago, delighted us with tales of Tommy's dedication as he guides her through life, enabling her to do so many of the things most of us take for granted like meeting her son from school, shopping and even travelling to London by train to work at Moorfields Eye Hospital. Plates were displayed for donations after the service and we were very happy to be able to give £50 to each of the three charities.

The service, which was conducted by Phil Loudon, also included prayers, readings, a short address and a blessing for all the pets present. Names were taken and each pet and owner will subsequently have received a certificate of attendance with a special blessing for their pet.

After the service the humans were invited to tuck in to delicious home-made cakes and tea while the dogs had to make do with dog biscuits, water and any crumbs they could find on the floor – doesn't seem quite fair somehow! As before, we were lucky that the rain held off (just about) and we were spared the experience of soggy dogs shaking themselves all over everything.

THANK YOU to
all who came
for helping
to create this
very special
occasion.



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Children will receive a hot or cold breakfast and be accompanied to Gamlingay First School.

We give a warm welcome to Lucy Magill who has joined the Rainbow Pre-school team specifically to run breakfast club.

Stay and Play

Stay and play sessions continue on a Wednesday. These are for children 18 months to under 5's and cost £3.00 including a snack. Children and parents/carers are welcome to attend the afternoon session 1pm-3pm. There is no formal commitment to attend each week, but this is a good opportunity to introduce your child to the setting, meet with the friendly staff and join in with activities alongside other children.

Availability for September 2018

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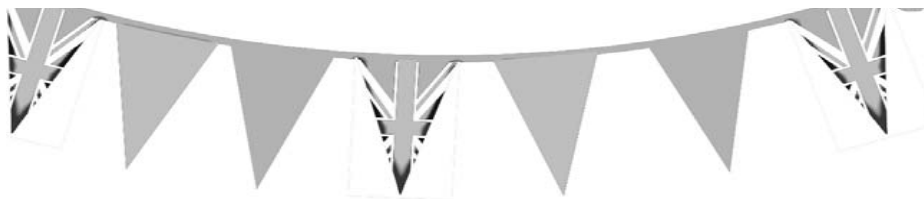


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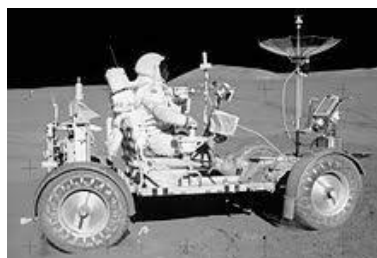


Astronauts to train in Gamlingay

by our correspondent Phil Space

With the imminent resumption of manned missions to the moon NASA urgently needs realistic lunar conditions to train recruits to the astronaut corps. They have identified Church Street as the most heavily cratered region on earth and we will soon see space suited figures attempting to drive lunar exploration vehicles past the Co-op.

NASA driving instructor and veteran astronaut Major Rhode Wuerkz commented - "On the Apollo 18 mission I had to collect rock samples from the mysterious 'Sea of Potholes' area but that was nothing. If my guys can get a Lunar Rover from one end of Church Street to the other without losing a wheel then they will find the moon a doddle".





WHAT HAPPENS AT THE ECO HUB?

Hello again! Unless you follow our Facebook page you might not be aware of everything that happens at the Hub - and it's a huge amount.

We have a range of fitness classes, including Yoga, Pilates, Circuits, Ballet, Dance, Zumba, SOSA, martial arts – there is something every evening of the week, plus some classes during the day. Of course not everyone is able to join in classes that assume a level of fitness, so we are working on introducing classes for the less mobile and more fitness for children as well.

We have art classes, and groups for all ages and interests, including carpet bowls, two slimming clubs, the WI, groups for archaeology, history, music and Guides and the Youth Club. We have Stay and Play for the little ones, with a health visitor who visits once a month. The Home Education group meets

here every fortnight, and we have story time on Monday mornings for pre school children. Also don't forget our wonderful Connect Café on Friday mornings at 10.30 am.

In addition to all that we are of course, the perfect venue for your party, wedding or charity event!

Nothing here for you? New ideas and suggestions are always welcome, just get in touch or come in and fill in our (short) survey.

PICNIC ON THE PITCH IS HERE AGAIN!

SATURDAY 21 JULY

Please put Saturday 21 July in your diary for our summer party, which will be another Picnic on the Pitch. Last year we had wonderful weather and a great turnout, so we are doing it again this year, as a chance for everyone in the village to get together for a summer picnic on the field with friends and family and enjoy some entertainment put on by the Hub. It is a little 'thank you' from us to you, so we hope you will come along.

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Of course we are dependent upon the rates for a whole host of services which are supplied not only by the county but by the local district council. For some years I have been interested in what is called the village precept. This is the amount of money which the Gamlingay Parish Council consider that they need to run the services which are directly their own responsibility.

I appreciate that the parish council undertakes quite a bit of work but I have to wonder if they have got the balance correctly assessed. It is possible to consider how they run the affairs of the village when compared with other localities in the South Cambridgeshire District Council's area. There are hundred and one other parishes within the council's area. This produces a reasonable basis for comparison.

So how is our Gamlingay Parish Council standing up to this sort of

broad comparison?

It is sad to report that Gamlingay spends almost exactly twice the average for the area. It is equally sad to note that it has the highest of all precepts when compared against the hundred other parishes. It would perhaps be nice to report that we have a great deal more services. I regret that certainly from my position it is difficult to justify this cost of running the village.

So what can we do about it? I have to say first of all that we should support our councillors whilst at the same time holding them to account. I would certainly do this if I had half a chance of being given the tools to do the job. I am, much to my regret, getting quite deaf. It is impossible for me at meetings to hear what is being said. Some two years ago I made an application under the Disabled Persons Act asking the councillors to use a hearing aid loop system in their meeting room. I was told that they would put one in but nothing has happened.

I have to leave it to the younger generation to give firm guidance to our parish council. May I urge that some of this guidance should be directed towards financial efficiency and a reduction in our absurdly high village precept?

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News from The Lodge

by Mark Brandon

The reserve suddenly burst into life when we had our few days of hot sunshine in April. Seemingly overnight a lush green growth appeared across the site, the bluebells emerged, and came into flower, while the warm weather creatures such as common lizards, grass snakes and a variety of butterflies, bees, beetles and insects came out for the first time this year to take advantage of these ideal conditions.

Sadly, the weather very quickly reverted back to the cold, wet and gloomy days that we've been so used to this spring, so the creatures soon took cover again!

The first hobby arrived back on the reserve on 22 April, three days earlier than last year. A cuckoo was first heard calling just off the reserve on 11 April and has since been heard regularly on the reserve, mainly from the Sandy Ridge trail. There are possibly two pairs of linnets carrying nesting material on the new heath and Sandy Ridge and a firecrest and a group of nine crossbills, a rare bird here in recent years, were at Galley Hill at the beginning of May. We are also waiting to see if the spotted flycatchers return, they are traditionally one of the latest returning migrants to the UK.

Our new waymarker posts have just been installed, and we have named the three main trails as buzzard, woodpecker and nuthatch, with respective colour coding and numbered post points, so it will be easier to explain the routes and the nearest locations for sightings.

The new heathland loop path had been cut before the breeding season started. Over the coming weeks we will open this up to allow visitors a close-up experience of the restored heathland, where common lizards, green-tiger beetles, moths and butterflies make their homes while buzzards, kestrels and hobbies hunt above.

As part of the Greensand Country Festival in May, we hosted an event with the Beds Geology Society, called Geo Rocks. The Bedfordshire Geology group brought their display of ancient rocks and bones to touch, feel, learn and discover. The two guided walks went around the heathland route of a planned 'geo trail' at the reserve.

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**Jason Ablewhite,
Police Commissioner
marks two years in
office**

From opening a county-wide centre for victims of sexual assault to increasing the numbers of frontline police officers; the varied role includes setting the overall police budget for policing, holding the Chief Constable to account, bringing together community safety and community justice partners to make sure local priorities are joined up, awarding grants and commissioning services that reduce crime and disorder, and commissioning services for victims of crime.



The Commissioner has spent the first half of his term progress the four strategic themes of his [Police and Communities](#) and transformation.

The Commissioner says:

"On the back of Chief Constable, Alec Wood's announcement of retiring from the Constabulary in September, it is testament to the very real progress we have made to make the force more efficient. I have been very fortunate to work with Alec. His approachable and principled style of leadership has put me in a very strong position to respond to the challenges ahead. I thank his exemplary leadership and wish him the very best in his future endeavours."

"One of the highlights of the past year has been the introduction of the new policing model, which streamlines management and puts more officers out on the frontline. That, together with the consultation in January this year, asking people if they would pay an extra £12 per year from their council tax, will enable us to recruit more police officers over the next twelve months."

"Supporting victims to cope and recover from their experience is a priority for me. Over the last two years, we have introduced support services for victims of crime helping many people to move forward."

"I continue to fund three Community Psychiatric Nurse posts in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust. Managed by the Clinical Commissioning Group, the team provides a Mental Health Team and provide immediate advice to the public who call 999 and potentially have mental health issues. Advice to the officers on how best to handle these victims is also provided."

"Supporting people to stop them reoffending is another area where progress has been made. An approach by Cambridgeshire to prevent people from reoffending has been rolled out across the county. Working with HMP Peterborough and Outside Line, the team has issued conditional cautions to help steer offenders away from putting in place suitable conditions and support such as treatment for drugs or alcohol."

"I remain committed to working with partners to improve road safety for all users. This has included funding a Casualty Reduction Unit to reduce the number of collisions on our roads and introducing a new platform to educate young people about safer driving."

"The changes we have achieved over the last two years, both with Bedfordshire Police and Hertfordshire Constabulary, both within the Seven Force structure, are bringing cost efficiencies and improving the decision by the Home Secretary, announced in the Budget, to take on responsibility for the governance of the Fire and Rescue Service from the Fire Authority creates the opportunity to build on the already close working relationship."

"Whilst I am proud of the progress made over the last two years, there is still work to be done. The number of crime incidents over the last two years has increased, both nationally and in Cambridgeshire. This is due to stricter recording practices and some because of a loss of confidence in reporting crime to the police, this is something we are working on relating to modern slavery, child sexual exploitation and other issues. There have also been some genuine increases in some types of crime related theft and burglary. In response to rising crime, the force has instigated a series of monthly Days of Action from April to June focusing on specific issues. The days focused on crime prevention, road safety, burglary. This included tagging 750 bikes, hosting community workshops and tackling 50 outstanding suspects in the community. "It is important to remind people that improving community safety is not in isolation. I chair a number of county wide strategic groups that consider the way public organisations work together, ensuring we consider the "big picture" rather than just the work of individual organisations. I consider myself very fortunate to be in a position to lead the force, to consider ways of working, to listen to people's needs and to move forward to the challenges ahead."

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Waresley Cricket Club

A very soggy start to the season saw five fixtures cancelled and only two games being played in



April – a controversial defeat to Histon for the 1st XI (due to a new rule regarding penalty runs) and a convincing win for the 2nd XI over Cambridge NCI – let's hope May's weather has been kinder!

Our two Australians, Tushaar Garg and Dan Cummins have settled in well at the club and are living at Mrs Colebrook's - many thanks to her as well as Ben at Waresley Stud & the Mears at Wood Farm for finding them work. Tush and Dan are fully qualified coaches and are offering one-to-one sessions (with video analysis) up at the ground for youngsters and adults - if you know of anyone who would like to improve their game, they can be contacted on 0784 5157240.

More than 60 youngsters attended the first Colts' practice night of the season and our ten youth teams are now well into their busy fixture lists. All Stars Cricket for 5-8 year olds is scheduled to get underway on 26 May.

If you haven't done so already, do come up and see us – adult practice is every Thursday from 6pm while the Colts have their practice every Friday from 6 to 8pm. The bar is open on these evenings as well as at each home game. To keep up to date, visit www.waresley.play-cricket.com, follow us on Facebook and Twitter or email waresleycc@hotmail.co.uk.



Fixtures for June

June	1 st XI	2 nd XI	Sunday XI
Sat 2	Godmanchester Town (A)	Godmanchester Town 2 nd XI (H)	
Sun 3			Amphill Town (H)
Sat 9	Kimbolton (H)	Barnack (A)	
Sun 10			Clifton (H)
Sat 16		Nassington 2 nd XI (A)	
Sun 17			Eversholt 2 nd XI (H)
Sat 23	Wisbech Town (H)	Alconbury (A)	
Sun 24			Amphill Town (A)
Sat 30	March Town (H)	Sawtry (A)	

Gamlingay Show 2018 – Competition Classes

The Show will be held this year on Saturday 15th September. Details on how to enter your creations will be in next month's Gazette, and on also on our website, www.thegamlingayshow.co.uk

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 lace
- 6D A piece of crochet
- 6E A piece of any other craft
- 6F A flower arrangement

Section 7 - Homemade produce

- 7A A jar of jam – any fruit
- 7B A jar of marmalade (fresh fruit)
- 7C A jar of chutney
- 7D A 'vegetable' cake
- 7E A fruit cake or fruit loaf
- 7F A chocolate cake
- 7G 6 scones – any type
- 7H A plate fruit pie with homemade pastry
- 7I A plate of sausage rolls
- 7J A 1lb loaf (any type)
- 7K A bottle of 'home brew' – any type

Section 8 – Photography

- 8A Holidays
- 8B Shapes
- 8D Children
- 8E A touch of red
- 8F A funny moment

Max photo size = A5

Photos to be unframed and unmounted

Section 9 – NEW THIS YEAR – Digital photography

- 9A Any digital picture
- All pictures to be ideally 300dpi, 1400x1050 pixels, jpg format

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Entries should be children's own work

As aged in September 2018

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 construction kit model

Section 12: Year 3 and Year 4

- 12A A drawing or painting
- 12B A construction kit model
- 12C Dress up a vegetable
- 12D 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 cover for your favourite book
- 13D 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 A photo bomb
- 15B Nature
- 15C Pets
- 15D Holidays

Max photo size = A5

Section 16 – NEW THIS YEAR – Children's Digital photography (any age up to 16)

- 16A Any digital picture
- All pictures to be ideally 300dpi, 1400x1050 pixels, jpg format



A winning entry at last year's show

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Walkers	Meet at Ecohub car park. New members welcome. Phone 654 891 for further information. Miriam 654 891 email miriamjones80@hotmail.com
Gardening Club	Monthly meetings held at the WI Hall, 7:30pm (not June, July or August)
September 5th	Ben Potterton, scented plants
W I	
3rd Tuesday every month	
19th June	7.30pm Kier Suite. Healthwatch Cambridgeshire
17th July	7:00pm Garden party Liz Taylor
21st August	7:30pm Art - A hands on evening with Mary Booth
Community Choir	Kingspan Hall Jan Cooper 650 178
First Wednesday of the month	8:00 -9:30pm
Third Saturday of the month	10:00am - 12 noon
Soup lunches	Every fourth Wednesday of the month 12:30pm start, Church Hall
Cock Inn, monthly quiz nights	
Second Monday of the month	8pm £1 per head for various charities. New teams welcome
The Wheatsheaf	
First and third Monday of the month	Charity quiz nights
Tuesdays	Jam sessions 651 743
Social Club	16 Waresely Road. Quiz nights, pool nights and live bands
Fridays	Bingo
Total Wellness workout	
Fridays	Church Hall 9:30am-10:30am. Bring some water and an exercise mat or towel for floor work. £5 per class.
Beginners Breeze	
First Thursday of the month	10:15am at the hub. Contact gill.kitchener@btinternet.com 07842 135 732
Library	
Mondays	9:15am -10:30 toddler story time 4:00pm-8:00pm library open
Tuesdays	9:15am.-.12:15 board games
Wednesdays	12:30.-.3:15pm library open 1:00pm - 3:00pm drop in computer training
Thursdays	4:00pm.-.7:00pm library open
Fridays	10:30 - 12:30 library open and connect café
Saturdays	9:30am - 12:30 library open
Housing, Police and councillor surgery	
First Monday of the month	9:30am - 10:00am ecohub
Youth Cafe and Club	5:15pm - 9:00pm Yr 4+cafe Yr8+ club

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Allotments (GAGA)

Membership secretary Bob Gordon 651 913, email bob.gordon22@talktalk.net

Parish Council

For information contact the Clerk on 650 310

2nd and 4th Tuesday every month

7:30pm planning committee meeting Ecohub

2nd Tuesday every month

7:30pm parish council meeting Ecohub

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

The Gazette

4th June

July / August summer double edition copy deadline

30th July

September edition copy deadline

Gamlingay Writers

3rd Tuesday every month

Please contact emryssparks@gmail.com for full details

Guitar Club

Meets on every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 650748

Gamlingay Players

Mondays and Thursdays

Hayley Parker 652 992

8:00-10:00pm Society producing plays and pantomime meet at the ecohub

St Mary's choir practice

Thursdays

6.30pm choir practice open to all intereted singers - St Mary's Church

Guild of St Mary's

3rd Monday of the month

Church Hall 7:30pm, all ladies welcome

Gamlingay Archaeological Group (GAMARCH)

Thursday, 5th July

Chris Tomsett - Chairman 01767 650 009

Julia Manley - Julia.manley@anglia.ac.uk

7:30pm Kier suite -Saxon Heritage: Research

Bellringers

Thursdays

7.30 - 9.00pm with John Boocock at St.Mary's, Gamlingay

Photographic Society

Fridays 8:00 pm -10:00pm

Meetings are term time at the Avenells Way Communal Room
New members most welcome.

Phone: 651 025 nickbruce7@btinternet.com

History Society

Monday 11th June

7.30pm , AGM at the ecohub Free to members,

July and August

Summer break

Bin Collection Days

Wednesday, 6th June 2018

Blue and green bins

Wednesday, 13th June 2018

Black bin

Wednesday, 20th June 2018

Blue and green bins

Wednesday, 27th June 2018

Black bin

Wednesday, 4th July 2018

Blue and green bins



PRE SCHOOL GROUPS AND EDUCATION

Montessori	Mrs Pat Jenkins	650 645 0771 4821 940
Rainbow Preschool	Julie Prior	651 996
Everton Preschool	Julie	07814 815 491
Jelly Tots	Sarah Petch	07581 393 322
	Natalie	691 477
Carers Group	Bridget Smith	650 510
SPORTS		
Bowls Club	Brian	651 020
Football Club	Chair: Brian Culverhouse (youth teams)	651 020
Junior Football School	Brian Culverhouse	651 020
Tennis Club	John Gray	654 165
Fitness Workshop		651 785
Breeze Ladies Cycling	Gill Kitchener	650 035
Girls Football - MUGA	Nancy Kyle	651 785
	nantmarg@hotmail.co.uk	
Waresley Cricket	Phil Masdin	221 027

YOUTH GROUPS

2nd Gamlingay Guides	Benita Scott	650 547
1st Gamlingay Brownies	Jane Brown	652 997
1st Gamlingay Rainbows	Helen Brown	449 043
Tinuwen Rangers	Irene Gray	651 212
Gamlingay Cubs	Steve Palmer	651 532
Gamlingay Gransden Cubs	Susan Jefferd	261 000
Gamlingay Scouts Thursday	Will Colebrook	07527 717 463
Pathfinder Scouts Friday	Mark Harrision	
Explorers	Phil Wood	01480 830 866
(all meet at Scout Hut)		
Youth Club		07929
Youth Cafe	Lucy Rands	453235
Gamlingay Young Lacemakers	Kay Palmer	651 532

HALLS FOR HIRE

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Ecohub Manager	Sarah Groom Kate Laugharne	651 226
Everton Village Hall		682 251

CHURCHES

Baptist Church, Office	Linda Fraser	677 710 651 519
St Mary The Virgin, Rector:	Hilary Young	
Churchwarden	Jan Cooper	650 178
Churchwarden and reader	Chris Miller	650 779

SCHOOLS

First School		650 208
First School Association	Via school office	650 208

HOBBIES LEISURE AND INTERESTS

Gamlingay Players	Hayley Parker	652 992
Bell Ringers	John Boocock	650 736
Gardening Club	Lindy Gorton	650 581
History Society	Peter Wright gamlingayhistory@gmail.com	652 899
Gamlingay Walkers	Miriam and Phil Titchner	654 891
Booklinks	Kate Laugharne	
Friends of St Mary's	Philip Gorton	650 581
Ladybird Club	Mrs C Watson	650 707
St. Neots Model	John Kneeshaw	
Railway club	j.kneeshaw@ntlworld.com	
East Beds Model	Sec: John Wakeman	
Railway Society	wakemanpj@aol.com	
Photographic Society	Jackie Bruce, Secretary	651 025
Royal British Legion	Sebastian Kindersley	651 982
Gamlingay Writers	Jackie Hough Emrys Sparks gamlingaywriters@gmail.com	651 070
Village Show	Amy Lovat	07843 527 979
WI	Anne Clarke Jean York	651 932 650 367
Guild of St Mary's	Liz Huckle	650 988
Music Club	Geoff Bruerton	650 748
Lacecaps	Pat Brunson	01480 385 351

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GEAG (Gamlingay Environmental Action Group)	contact@geag.org.uk www.geag.org.uk	
Gamarch (gamlingay Archaeological Group)	Chris Tomsett Julia Manley (Sec)	650 009
Gamlingay Allotment Gardeners Association (GAGA)	Bob Gordon	651 913
	Brian Giddings	07746 074 796
Community Choir	Jan Cooper	650 178

Cambridge County Council

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Adult Health and Social Service General Enquiries	0345 045 5201
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Children's Services	0345 045 5203
Blue Badges Disabled Parking	0345 045 5204
Occupational Health	0345 045 5205
Learning Disability Partnership/Sensory Services	0345 045 5221
General Community Services	
General Enquiries	0345 045 5200
Switchboard	0345 045 5222
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Waste Management	0345 045 5207
Education Transport	0345 045 5208
Human Resources (recruitment line)	0345 045 5210
Online Payments Support	0345 045 5211
Streetscene (highways, transport and streets)	0345 045 5212
Library Services (includes automatic renewals)	0345 045 5225
Citizenship	0345 045 5155
Family Information Service	0345 045 1360
Education Welfare Benefits Service	0345 045 1361

HEALTH CARE AND SUPPORT

Medical Centre	Appointments:	651 544
	Emergencies:	651 546
District nurses	0845	602 4064
Age Concern		01354 696650
Car Care Scheme	Alison Baker	07519 493701

EMERGENCY SERVICES

POLICE, AMBULANCE, FIRE	999
Non-emergency	01223
Fire	376 217
Non-emergency	101
Police and Community Police	PC John Coppard john.coppard@cambs.pnn.police.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

	Clerks,	650 310
	Kirstin Rayner	
	Leanne Bacon	
at ecohub	clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk	
Web page	www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk	

Chairman	
Vice Chairman	
Library	Kate Laugharne 651 226

Forward Gamlingay Hatley Parish Council	Chair: Sarah Groom Clerk: Kim Wilde	650 596
	hatley-parish-clerk@hatley.info www.hatley.info	

Chairman:	Margot Eagle	
POLITICS		
MP	Heidi Allen Conservative.	01954 211 444
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