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Annual Parish Meeting

23rd April 2019, 7.30pm
at the Ecohub.



All residents of Gamlingay are invited.

Jason Ablewhite, the Police and Crime
Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and
Peterborough will make a presentation and run a
Q & A session.

There will also be presentations from the new
Gamlingay Community Safety Group and
Gamlingay Community Centre Ltd.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Gamlingay Community Safety Group

The village now has its very own Community Safety
Group.

Gamlingay Community Safety Group was created
following a spate of crime late last year, with the aim of
supporting Gamlingay in being a safe place to live and
work.

The group, made up of volunteers, works in conjunction
with the Parish Council and aims to focus on three core
areas:

Awareness:

- Supporting residents and businesses in
accessing information and advice on how to be
safer.
- Informing residents and businesses of potential
threats and hazards.

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Prevention:

- Liaising with appropriate agencies to both gather information to be communicated in the village, and to feedback comments and news from the village to the appropriate agencies.

Liaison:

- Driving village-wide schemes and campaigns to help residents and business secure their property and possessions.
- Seeking partnerships and resources that can be used to support residents and businesses to be safer.

The Group has already made significant steps with Chairman Alison Webb meeting with Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite to speak about policing levels in the village. He has now agreed to come along to the Ecohub to hear from Gamlingay residents on policing in the village.

You'll be hearing more from the group in the coming weeks but in the meantime, join the Gamlingay Community Safety Group Facebook page for updates.



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H=Hatley St George
B=Baptist Church

Dear Friends – and everyone else April sees the celebration of Easter, central to the Christian faith, where we re-live as well as remember the core historical events of the final week of the life of Jesus of Nazareth, culminating in the extraordinary discovery that death was not the end, but rather the beginning.

As I prepare with members of the local churches for these special celebrations, I am acutely aware that so many of our community feel outsiders to our services. As Christians we have a precious task to share the Good News which so often we feel totally inadequate for. In our current times we particularly feel daunted by what we see of misinformation and apathy about the things of faith. We live with catastrophic failures, of ourselves and our leaders, to live out the Gospel truths about Life in its fullness, freedom and joy and right relationships – as much needed now as they have ever been. But, as they say, the truth will out, and it is joy indeed to know that people of all ages, backgrounds and traditions are discovering those ancient truths about love and life, lived out most fully in who Jesus was, and is, and what he did. Do come along if you have any curiosity about what this is all about. Adrian (Baptist) and I (Anglican), Christian leaders in this community, are always delighted to respond to enquiries from anyone, and long to introduce you to Jesus, who is so much more than a 2000+ year old legend. Jesus is for everyone, for all time, not just of those who already go to church.

Which leads me on to talking about the church building, as opposed to the church as people.

As last month, another huge THANK YOU, this time to everyone who has been supporting the Parish Church roof appeal so far. Sunday at the beginning of March, as we prepared for Lent, offered a small opportunity to say 'thank you' to some, with the Guides and Brownies presenting their cheque for over £700 raised by packing bags at Tesco. We are also hugely grateful to a number of individuals, the Co Op organisation and Gamlingay Baptist Church for donations. Also the Brogan group and NCPI solutions for offers of gifts in kind.

News from the churches

PARISH CHURCH OF ST.MARY THE VIRGIN

GAMLINGAY WITH HATLEY AND
EVERTON CUM TETWORTH

Rector: Hilary Young Rectory, 3a Stocks Lane 650 587
Churchwarden: Jan Cooper 69 Greenacres 650 178
Reader and churchwarden: Chris Miller 11 Bunyan Close 650 779

Sunday 7 th	Lent 5	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	G
	Passiontide begins	10.00am	All Age worship followed by APCM	G
Free Buffet Lunch at Gamlingay Church Hall provided by HY, please sign up				
		4.00pm	Holy Communion (no sermon) followed by APCM in the Parish Hall	E
Wednesday 10 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion, then Coffee	G
Sunday 14 th	Palm Sunday	9.30am	Liturgy of the Palms	G H E
Holy Week		10.15am	Benefice Liturgy of the Passion	G
Monday 15 th		7.30pm	Taize-style worship	
Tuesday 16 th		7.30pm	Taize-style worship at	G
Wednesday 17 th		9.30am 7.30pm	Midweek said Communion, then Coffee Taize-style worship at	G E
Maundy Thursday		6.00pm	Supper (Maundy refection) Church Hall	G
		7.30pm	Maundy Eucharist, foot washing, stripping of altars and vigil	G E G H
Good Friday		10.30am	Morning Reflection + Hot Cross Buns	E
		noon - 3pm	Three hour vigil/reflective service with final hour communion from reserve sacrament	G
		6.00pm	Good Friday Reflection	H
Holy Saturday		8.00pm	Benefice Service of Light and renewal of Baptism Vows	G
Sunday 21 st	Easter Day	8.00am	Holy Communion? + Easter Egg hunt	H
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist + Easter Egg hunt	G
		11.00am	Parish Eucharist + Easter Egg hunt	E
Wednesday 24 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion, then Coffee	G
		12.30	Soup Lunch for Christian Aid	G
Sunday 28 th	Easter 2	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
		11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
TBC Planned Launch of St Mary the Virgin Gamlingay church project, including roof appeal				
Wednesday May 1 st			NO MIDWEEK COMMUNION	G

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News from the churches

GAMLINGAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Stocks Lane

Lead Pastor: Revd Adrian Semerene

Church Secretary: Mrs Linda Fraser 01767 677 710

Church office: 01767 651 519

"If Christ is risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is not risen—nothing else matters." Jaroslav Pelikan

What is the most important thing in your life? Can you answer that question easily? Is it a person – child, or partner perhaps? Is it a memory – a locket or picture? Or is it a job, car or other prized possession? What if I said, that while those things may all seem important, they actually don't matter!

Paul, one of the New Testament writers, in one of his letters to the Corinthians, says this:

'For what I received I passed on to you as of **first importance**: that the Messiah died for our sins, exactly as Scripture tells it; that he was buried; that he was raised from death on the third day, again exactly as Scripture says; that he presented himself alive to Peter, then to his closest followers, and later to more than five hundred of his followers all at the same time, most of them still around (although a few have since died); that he then spent time with James and the rest of those he commissioned to represent him; and that he finally presented himself alive to me.' 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (emphasis mine).

As a Christian, I believe that the most important thing in my life is my relationship with Jesus, that comes from the understanding and belief that Jesus died on the cross, for my sins, my rubbish, that I would be able to have forgiveness, grace, mercy and ultimately eternal life. During Easter, we celebrate this momentous moment in History, which changed the world as we know it. I am not naïve in thinking, that all of you reading this, believe what I do, but I wonder if there's a piece of you that has questions? A part of you that is seeking more? A part of you that is uncomfortable with what is currently your most important thing.

Perhaps, that's not true... Perhaps you are very comfortable with the status quo of your life, and would rather me not question your priorities. Fair enough, I can understand that. Let me ask you this then, have you ever wondered, what if? Not just any what if, but, what if Jesus did in fact die and come back to life? What if God is real? Wouldn't that change your perspective on life? Would it not even be worth exploring? I invite you this Easter, to come join us, or St Mary's, at one of the many Easter services, to explore more of who God is? I invite you to explore for yourself the reality of God, because if 'Christ is risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is not risen—nothing else matters.'

Maybe you'd be up for a chat over a coffee or something like that instead of (or in addition to) coming straight to church. That would be great to do, please do get in touch. Hope to meet up with you soon.

Many blessings

Rev Adrian Semerene
adrian@gbchurch.org.uk
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Fancy reading other things I write?
Visit my blog at www.adriansemerene.com.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Communion Service 18th April at 7.30pm
Good Friday Reflective Worship Service 19th April at 10.00am
Easter Sunday Worship Service 21st April at 10.45am (followed by Easter egg hunt) .
Easter Praise 21st April at 6.00pm



Sunday Services

10.00am-10.30am Awakening Praise
10.45am Worship Service (with GBC kids)
Communion will be celebrated on the 7th April

GBC Kids

Fun activities to explore bible stories
Every Sunday part-way through the morning service

Small Groups

Meeting at various times and locations, please contact the office for details

Men's Prayer and Breakfast

A time to share, pray and eat together
Saturday 6th April at 9.00am

Craft and Hobbies Group

Bring your own craft or hobby and work on it in the company of others.
Thursday 4th April 10.00am

Ladies Prayer Brunch

Studying, sharing and praying for the first half, with children joining to do activities for the second half.
Saturday 4th April 10.00am - 1:00pm

Coffee Morning

In aid of GBC and 2019 Charity
Thursday 18th April 10.00am-11:30am
Come join us for tea/coffee and cake



For more details please contact Jane, our administrator on 651 519 or email office@gbchurch.org.uk

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The PCC before Christmas agreed in principle the establishment of a church and wider community project team which has been working for some weeks now. The project is to include the church roof repairs along with other work that is needed on the church, including improvements to church facilities as well as repair work, including fixing the roof. A full launch is in planning for the end of this month. The intention is that this will be an opportunity for many elements of Gamlingay community and friends to get involved in the challenge of putting our church into good working order, so it is warm, comfortable and accessible to young, old and everyone in between. Whether for worship, quiet reflection, marking special life events or putting

on appropriate exhibitions, concerts, and other events, we want to see this wonderful ancient building serving the community it belongs to both now and in the years to come. We have identified this point as representing key opportunities which were not there before and may not come again to put together the various needs and bring together grant and other funding possibilities. Watch this and other spaces! CAN YOU HELP? We are particularly looking for people with time and expertise to give, to support the project team with communications and publicity, event organisation and the details of grant applications. Wishing all our readers a blessed Easter



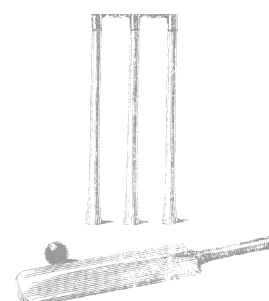
Waresley Cricket Club

More than fifty members and friends attended the presentation buffet at the Duncombe Arms on 26th January. The annual awards for 2018 were distributed by Chairman Andy Donald & President Gareth Thomas while a good spread was provided by the hosts. Our splendid new 150th anniversary poloshirts were modelled for the first time at the event and they are now available to purchase online for £20 from our supplier Mr Cricket (www://mrcricketshop.co.uk/cricket/clu-shop/waresley-cricket-club/). CricketForce weekend begins on Saturday 6 April – this is when we get the ground ready for the new season which gets underway with a home friendly against Potton on Saturday 27 April – the league programme starts the following weekend. Other big dates to note are our World Cup Fun Day on Saturday 8 June, Waresley v MCC on Sunday 23 June & our 150th anniversary game against Gamlingay on the evening of Friday 26 July. We are looking to arrange some ladies taster sessions in August as well - let's hope we have weather like 2018!

Before all that – we have our pre-season dinner at the Duncombe Arms on Saturday 6 April and Senior Indoor Nets which will be held at Stratton Upper School, Biggleswade on the following Thursdays 7, 14, 21, 28 March, 4 and 11 April 2019 from 7.30 until 9.30pm – all are welcome! The dates for colts practice sessions will be confirmed shortly.

We welcome new members of all ages and abilities - playing or social. Don't worry if you haven't played for years (or never played before) come and join us - you'll still be better than some of our regulars!

To keep up to date, visit www.waresley.play-cricket.com and follow us on Facebook and Twitter. waresleycc@hotmail.co.uk



The Gamlingay Show

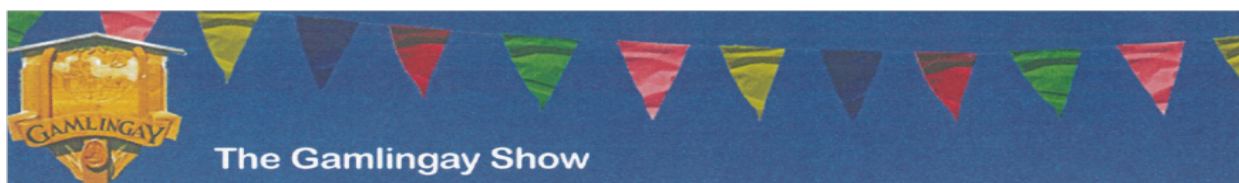
Needs YOU!



The aim of the Gamlingay Show is to raise funds for local Charities and Clubs but at present there aren't enough people to support its future.

We're looking for volunteers to join the Show Committee for this years show, which is planned for Saturday 21st September, and to provide the opportunity to revitalise what we offer to the village in future Gamlingay Shows.

If you are interested, or know someone who is, then please contact Dave Masterson on 07517 400442 or dave_masterson@tiscali.co.uk



APRIL FOOL

*Am I just an April fool,
To think that summer's on it's
way?
That winter, with it's coat so cruel
Is, for a time, a while away.*

*Tiny snowdrops, pushing through
The crust of frozen, hardened
ground.
Then daffodils, and bells of blue,
A woodland carpet to be found.*

*Busy birds, with chatt'ring song,
Awaken to an early day.
Warmed, by sun, from months too
long
With shortened hours of misty-
grey.*

*Bursting buds, on bushes, seen,
Promises of joys ahead.
Fresh, new life, all shades of
green,
Tulips: purple, pink and red.*

*Then thoughts of peace come into
mind,
That right and good and justice
rule,
Where hope and love inspire
mankind,
Or, am I just an April fool?*

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Hatley's Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.00 pm in Hatley Village Hall.

This meeting will be immediately followed by the **Annual General Meeting** of Hatley Parish Council.

We hope that you can join us.

And for your June and July diaries:

An Ordinary Meeting of Hatley Parish Council is due to be held on Tuesday 16th July, at 7.30 pm in Hatley Village Hall.

We hope that you can join us.

If you are unable to attend the training sessions, please refer to www.resus.org.uk/resuscitation-guidelines/adult-basic-life-support-and-automated-external-defibrillation (section 8) which *'takes the reader through recognition of cardiac arrest, calling an ambulance, starting CPR and using an AED', presenting the steps in a logical and concise manner that is easy for all types of rescuers to learn, remember and perform CPR and use*

an AED'. This is very useful information so please do take a look. Additionally, Dr Laurence Drake, who has joined the new 'Defib Support Group' recommends the excellent British Heart Foundation videos which are aimed at non-medical professionals. Go to www.bhf.org.uk, enter 'cpr' into the search box, and scroll down to 'cpr training videos'. These are very clear - 'Learn CPR' (23 mins), 'Public access defibrillators' (2.5 mins), and 'Recovery position' (6 mins). Half an hour to save a life! We hope as many of you as possible will join the training sessions.

Recent Crime

Vehicles are continuing to drive illegally on local farmland on a regular basis for hare coursing, deer poaching and other criminal activities. This is being reported to the police each week but so far without a positive result. If you witness cars driving onto the fields, usually during the hours of darkness and at the weekends, please **call 999 immediately** and report that hare coursing or illegal poaching is taking place. Sadly, a number of fox carcasses have recently been found dumped in a ditch, all of which had clearly been shot by poachers. We were also dismayed to discover that one of our 1950's vintage 'Children Playing' road signs has been stolen from the roadside verge close to the playing field in Hatley St. George. Unfortunately, these vintage signs are becoming increasingly rare and valuable so the second sign has been removed by the Parish Council before it too is stolen.

Play Area

The new toddler swings and 'Roty' roundabout were installed in December

and are hopefully welcome additions for the children and grandchildren who visit Hatley's play area. Temporary notices have been placed in the play area, asking dog walkers to keep their dogs outside of the play area, as some of the equipment has become damaged, possibly by a dog. Also, the bin in the play area is being filled with used dog poo bags, so we are asking people to place these bags in the designated green 'dog poo bin' which is located on the perimeter fence, close to the layby. The bin in the play area is emptied by your parish councillors and clerk and we only expect to find general rubbish from food and drink, whereas the designated dog poo bin is emptied by the District Council's waste services, who are better equipped to handle and dispose of such waste. Please respect these notices and encourage visitors to do the same.

New Village Website

The finishing touches are currently being put to an entirely new Hatley website. The address is the same (www.hatley.info) but you'll certainly notice the difference visually – the main page links are based on a grid of photos to click on, so it should be much easier to use and find your way around. It has been specifically designed to work properly and easily on mobile phones. All (or very nearly all) of the useful news and information pages as well as historic material from the old site has been moved to the new one and new features added, like a gallery of photos where we have lots of pictures and a chart indicating when the Village Hall is free to hire. There are also new pages on our two churches and some of the 'famous' people who have lived here over the last 1,000 years.

News from the Hatley Village Association

Question: Where's the best place to be on a chilly February night?

Answer: The Hatley Village Quiz!

On Saturday 2nd, well over forty people certainly thought so, and in a closely-fought contest of seven teams, the winners were The Foodies (in normal life the Dickenses, the Hoopers and the Ollerenshaws). As well as proving their astounding brainpower, these fine people have won the honour of presenting the quiz next year! Special thanks to them, to this year's hard-working organisers (led by Becky White) and to everyone who came: together we

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Hatley Parish News

'CPR and Defibrillator Awareness' Training Sessions

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the East Anglian Air Ambulance Service will be hosting a second one hour 'CPR and Defibrillator Awareness' training session at Hatley Village Hall on **Wednesday 3rd April from 2 pm to 3 pm**. (This follows on from the March session.)

The sessions are provided to you free of charge but any donations from attendees will be gratefully received by the EAAA on the day. The Parish Council will also be making a financial contribution to help cover the costs of the events. The sessions are limited to twenty people so please contact the Parish Clerk to reserve your space. If both sessions are filled and there remains additional demand for spaces by other residents, a further session will be organised at a later stage.

Please be assured that training is NOT required for the community defibrillator, so if you cannot attend the sessions please do not feel that you will be unable to use the equipment in an emergency. It is designed to be used by anyone – you just need to know to phone 999! Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), once attached to the torso, accurately analyse the heart rhythm of the patient to determine if a shock is required. If it is required you will be instructed by the AED to step back while the shock is administered. The AED will continue to monitor the patient's heart and will advise your next steps, if required.

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raised the impressive total of £417 for village funds.

New classes at the Village Hall

The Village Hall is proving to be a very popular venue for a wide range of events and celebrations. Thank you to all residents who are using the hall and to Mervyn Lack and Linda Hudson for undertaking caretaking duties on a voluntary basis – a job that gets more demanding as hall usage increases. In addition to many one-off events Hatley residents can now benefit from our regular hall hirers, so please do support these if you can.

'Yoga with Kirsty' – Every Tuesday from 17.45 to 18.45, just £6.00 for the hour. No need to book you are welcome to just turn up! The small, friendly, candle-lit yoga class is suitable for every 'body' and will leave you feeling relaxed and ready to face the rest of the week. Classes consists of breathing techniques to help calm the mind, gentle stretching to open up the body, sun salutations for a healthy spine and more mobile joints finishing with ten minutes of pure relaxation to help restore the nervous system.

'Body Control Pilates'

On Wednesdays in term time only from 9.30 – 10.30. The Healthy Backs Pilates classes are suitable for all bodies and movement levels, particularly suited to people who have experienced back pain or want to keep it at bay. The exercise routines are designed to help prevent and manage back pain, taking the body through a full range of movement. All injuries and medical conditions can be accommodated. All equipment and mats are supplied for use during the class. Class sizes are small to ensure that everyone receives the appropriate level of support.

St Denis' Church Update

No news yet from the Friends of Friendless Churches, the owners of St Denis', as to when stage two of their restoration project will begin – they are looking to raise around £110,000 for the works, which will include stabilising the internal walls (at the moment they are rather crumbly), putting new windows into the chancel (including a stained glass east window) and returning the sanctuary to how it would have looked after William Butterfield completed his restoration of the church in 1874. Because of this, the church remains locked although it will be opened

again during the Heritage Open Days in September and perhaps on a few other occasions and on special request. Please email requests to the Parish Clerk.

News from Hatley St George Church and St Mary the Virgin, Gamlingay

The Christmas Carol Service was well attended. Extra help from both villages beforehand with decorating, providing greenery and cleaning up, was greatly appreciated – thank you.

On December 20th the Funeral of Roy Hooley took place. He had been postman and lived in Hatley for many years and his parents and son are also buried here. On February 10th the ashes of Ethel ('Jean') Mary Ewles-Johnson (née Hood) were interred in the grave of her parents, Thomas and Daisy Hood.

A **Mothering Sunday Tea Party** was held at Hatley Village Hall, with games and activities for children, thinking about anyone who cares for us (including mothers) and posies given out.

The beginning of Holy Week, Palm Sunday April 14th at Hatley St George, there will be a short ceremony involving giving out Palm Crosses, possibly with a donkey! That will be at 9.30 am, then at 10.15 am we will all be at St Mary the Virgin Gamlingay for a Benefice dramatised presentation of the Passion with Holy Communion and Hot Cross Buns afterwards. There will also be something, yet to be confirmed, on Good Friday April 19th. That week Hatley St George Church will be open in the day time from Sunday 14th April to Easter day Sunday April 21st. The Easter Day service will be at 8.00 am but the Easter Egg Hunt is unconfirmed at this time.

Family Easter Egg Hunt –

Sunday 14th April, 2.00 – 4.00 pm, Hatley Playing Field. Light refreshments will be available as the children search for clues to help them find the hidden Easter eggs.

Parish Council Meetings

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held on **Tuesday 26th February** to consider the public consultation for the East West Rail (Bedford to Cambridge Route) and to consider local planning application S/0528/19/LD – Certificate of Lawful Development for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling

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(Class C3) at Holbeins Farm, East Hatley. An Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council took place on **Tuesday 19th March**, with the draft minutes available for review on the Hatley website.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 21st May** at 7.00 pm in Hatley Village Hall, to be followed immediately by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. Please do join us!

And finally . . .

We need a few volunteers who can help keep the Village Hall clean between events. Can you help us?

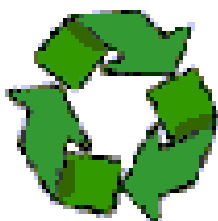
All hall hirers are expected to clean and tidy at the end of their event, so this is not a huge task and will often only require 10-15 minutes of your time, usually at the weekend, to ensure everything is clean and stocked for the next hirer. Occasionally, every few months or so, a more thorough clean is required, but this is dependent on what events have taken place in the hall during that period. The hall is run for the benefit of the community with very low rates of hire, thanks to a very small team of volunteers working behind the scene. So please contact the Parish Clerk if you or someone you know may be able to help us. Thank you.

The newsletter is also available on the Hatley website. Please get in touch if you have any notices or event dates that you would like shared in the June edition

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RECYCLING

Brown paper kitchen caddy liners are now available to purchase from the Parish Council office in the Hub – 60p for 10. They fit the mini green food waste bins



THE KEY

by Ivan Williams

We lived in back-to-backs where people seldom washed. A neighbour had an upright piano. We thought that very posh.

The girl who lived there was only twelve and so was I. She asked me in to hear her play...a little plonky but her nimble fingers caught my eye.

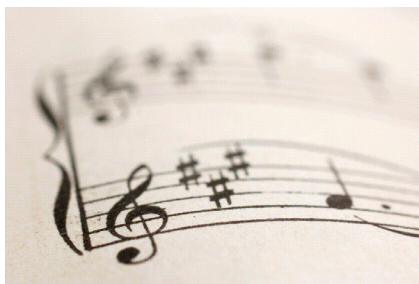
She stood and showed me the stool and I sat there entranced. With hands held high above the keyboard I thrust them down and caused a terrible discord. She hated it and looked askance.

There was more to this than I thought. With only one finger I played some notes and found a white one that sounded right, the key to what I sought.

Then with one hand and all its fingers I found more keys and struck a chord. I was lucky. It sounded grand and my senses tingled. My friend looked surprised and said "Continue".

I played it again but on higher notes and still it sounded right. So I returned to the beginning and ascended the scale. I felt like a concert pianist and my artistic heart took flight.

Sadly, my stubby fingers were impotent, the embryo musician in me silent, devoid of life. The world was spared my grand Rachmaninoff soundalike. Such a pity, it was meant to delight



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Come along and join our fun and friendly group. Be inspired by our wide range of speakers, with tips and tricks to make your gardening experience fun and enjoyable. So if you have an interest in gardening please come along to the evening.

Wednesday 3rd April

Simon McWilliams - Spring flowering shrubs and woodlanders

The speaker is Simon McWilliams of Hedgehog Plants based in Risby, Suffolk. He will be talking about Spring Flowering Shrubs and Woodlanders. Visitors fee is £3.00 including tea/coffee and biscuits. Simon and Jay specialise in growing interesting hardy plants and completed their first ever RHS display at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show in 2018. There will be plants for sale.

Wednesday, 1st May

Our speaker is Margaret Nimmo-Smith on Hardy Ferns. Please come along and ask any questions on this specialist subject...from tree ferns, Lady ferns, Ferns in Art, Growing Ferns etc. It is sure to be an interesting evening.

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Quiz and Puzzle Corner

by Kevin Bentley

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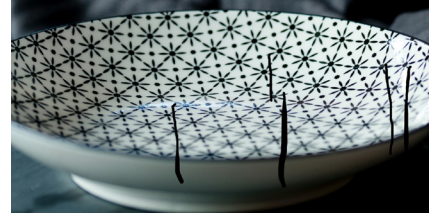
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The next meetings are:

Monday 15th April: Historian, writer, folklorist and storyteller Maureen James' subject is 'Cambridgeshire Calendar Customs'.

Monday 20th May: Hilary Ritchie will speak about Addenbrookes hospital.

Photographic society

For details of the Family and Concessionary Memberships, please see our Website www.gamlingay-ps.org.uk email Jackie on nickbruce7@btinternet.com or ring Nick or Jackie on 01767 651025. We are also on Facebook: Gamlingay Photographic Society. We meet 8-10 pm at The Communal Room Avenells Way, which has Disabled Access and Disabled Toilets. Non-Members welcome free of charge to our Lecture Evenings

5th April - Competition No 7: a) The Nick Bruce Anniversary Trophy - Set Subject - Motion - DPLs, b) The Peter Berry Shield - Set Subject - Everyday Life - Prints plus the Black & White Prints and Colour Prints from Competition No 5 which was cancelled owing to the weather on 1st February 2019. Judge: Ben Pike EAF "C" Panel.

12th - 19th April - Easter Break.

26th April - Studio Night - Society Member Jon Mayes - format tbc

17th May 7.30 pm Trophy Presentation/8.00 pm AGM.



Please Note: there was an error on page 27 of the March Gazette; it said that GPS' entry was on page 12 but it was on page 14.

*Apologies to Mrs Jackie Bruce for
missing this in the proofing - Ed*

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Tips for the spring Garden

by Karen Aitkins
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Last year April was a mixed bag of heat wave and freezing cold, as it seems most of our months are turning into. It's difficult to predict what this April will bring as we have seen temperatures of 19°C in February which is extraordinary for the time of year. Gardeners all across the country have been kept guessing, will we have the heat wave of last year in the summer? Spring was quite late in coming though, so we have yet to see what this year will bring.

Weather should start to feel a bit warmer now, although we will still experience sharp frosts in the morning. We have an extra hour of daylight and the sun will be higher in the sky. April is known for its sharp showers and changeable conditions.

The smell of spring should be well and truly in our nostrils, as our gardens spring to life and offer an assault of colour and fragrance. If you have planted bulbs in the autumn they will now be in abundance. Beautiful pink blossom of cherry trees and crab apple trees transform our dull streets into avenues of delight like an orchestra, dazzling the senses. The end of winter has arrived.

Because the winter has been mild most of us have been cutting lawns for a few weeks now, but by April it will become a weekly task. Always edge up, it makes it look so much better and sharper. Avoid cutting when the lawn is sodden and keep the blades high until drier weather. Treat for moss with a good feeder that includes a moss killer. When weeds come up try to remove by hand. Aerate with a fork to help with drainage.

Vegetables such as spring onions, peas and broad beans can be sown outside now. Hold out a little longer for the milder weather for more vulnerable seedlings. Pests are also on the move now. Try to avoid slug pellets as these are also poisonous to birds and hedgehogs. Birds will also have nesting chicks and a juicy slug makes a great meal but if it has just consumed a slug pellet then it would be certain death to a chick. Just keep your eyes peeled for the slugs and snails and remove by hand.

Tie back daffodils and allow to die back to allow the nutrients to go back into the bulb. Prune back forsythias after flowering, cut back the flowered shoots to two or three buds from the base. Cut back lavenders and get rid of old wood, as they never flower on old wood.

Adding an organic fertilizer will give the plants the boost they need to grow. Gently rake back the bark mulch and add fertilizer according to instructions. A good phosphorus fertilizer is great for roses and helps to prevent black spot and rust. This is a good time to add bark mulch because it will have rotted down in the winter. This helps with keeping weeds at bay and retaining moisture in the soil.

Invest in a kneeling stool or when planning your garden include some raised borders. Plant plenty of fragrant plants like lavenders, rosemary, lemongrass or lemon balm, basil and mint and place near windows. Not only will you benefit from the amazing scents these smells are detested by flies. So, in preparation for the Gamlingay fly infestation, start planting.



Thank you from the Parish Council on behalf of residents of Gamlingay to Peter Middlicott and team of All Growth Ltd for providing, installing and removing three beautiful Christmas trees free of charge for the village. To Richard Petch, Wayne Hipgrave and team for putting the Christmas lights up again this year and to Jolin Darcy and team of Brogan Group for removing them.



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Councillor's Column

Keeping us abreast on District Council issues

by Heather Williams, The Mordens



East West Rail

The Oxford to Cambridge Rail line central section (between Bedford and Cambridge) could have a huge impact to our area. East West Rail Company have started a non-statutory public consultation that runs between 28th January and 11th March, thank you to all who have already taken part and to those who haven't yet please do, your views are extremely important. My personal view is that a southerly route would be detrimental to where we live and would have an unforgivable impact on the Wimpole Hall estate which is of unique historic value to our area. You can have your say via the link below:

<https://eastwestrail.co.uk/haveyoursay>

Taxis

I am a member of the Licensing committee at South Cambs District Council who are the licensing authority for the District. I would like to remind readers of the importance of using licensed taxis only. As a customer you have every right to ask to see a taxi drivers license. If you have any concerns or are aware of an unlicensed taxi driver operating in the area, then please do report it to SCDC. Unlicensed drivers are a public safety concern.

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Community Chest Grants

At November's Full council meeting I seconded a motion that called for a re-consideration of the barring of some parish councils from accessing the Community Chest funding. This is because of my concerns about where the line has been drawn to define which parishes were "small" for the purposes of the policy. Only Parish meetings or parish councils with less than 160 registered electors can currently apply for Community Chest Funding, meaning that parishes such as Hatley no longer qualify. I also feel that Council Tax is collected on the basis of households, not electorate, and feel that the link to the number of electors is unfair as not everyone qualifies for inclusion on the electoral roll. I note as well that small community groups could apply for funding, but if the scheme is on parish council land, the parish council is expected to contribute 50% of the cost and this could discourage proactive groups from being able to apply for funding.

If I can be of any assistance then please do get in contact by any of the details below.

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letters



Dear Editor,

I was dismayed when I read the report in the March 2019 edition of the Gazette from the Trustees of the "Community" Centre about refusing the request to use the car park for Children drop off/pick up and that this is supported by the Parish Council. Amongst the reasons given was that the car park wasn't designed for frequent vehicle use.

The "Community" centre currently has the Library, the Parish Council offices, and looking at the Gazette lots of clubs and societies using it. Is there a limit on the numbers of people using the Community centre to keep the wear and tear on the car park to a minimum?

Since the move of pupils to the new Primary School there are no safe crossings on Waresley Road, Mill Street, Stocks Lane or Station Road. What are the Parish Council and School Governors doing to reduce the 'Risk and Danger' to pupils and parents walking to the school?

'CCTV Coverage -There is minimal coverage of the car park.' Do we really need CCTV for everything?

What about the 'Winter weather risk'? 'The Trustees cannot accept liability for accidents in winter conditions.' In winter conditions none of the paths in the village are treated and in poor conditions the school is usually closed!

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HAPPY EASTER FROM THE ECO HUB



As I write we are basking in the warmest February on record, so I expect when you read this it will be arctic temperatures!

However, warm or cold, April is the month when we celebrate Easter and we have our Easter Egg Hunt on once again, taking place on **Sunday 14 April at 11 am.**



Unless it's pouring with rain, we will have the hunt itself down in the playground next to the Hub, as usual, with clues scattered around the play equipment, the short version for the little ones and a slightly harder version for older children.

Once the clues are completed, children can come up to the Hub for their prize of a full size chocolate Egg and a drink and a snack from the café. If it's wet, we will do everything in the Hub itself.

GAMLINGAY BUSINESS HUB

The next meeting of the Gamlingay Business Hub will take place on **Thursday 4th April in the Kier Suite at 8.30 am.**

This is open to all Gamlingay businesses, large or small, and if you don't get an email invitation to it, please get in touch as we would love to include you. We often have speakers and it's an opportunity to meet other local businesses and promote yours.

Last year over 300 of you took part, so I hope you will come and support us again! What else is new this month?

We have a performance of the Linton Jazz Orchestra on 6th April – all welcome for a great night out, plus our usual very busy schedule of activity including boxing classes for adults and children, Forever Active classes for the older or less mobile, Zumba and Circuits, Yoga and Pilates, our Forward Gamlingay sponsored community art group, art classes, movie makers, ballet, fitness for Golf, Music and Movement for the under 4s, dog training, indoor bowls and of course the library. We are also looking at setting up an adult ballet class, and another Indian Cookery session.

And don't forget, we are a great venue for parties, wedding celebrations and fund raisers, as well as offering great meeting space for local businesses.

You can find out more on our website, or come in and say hello, give us a ring or visit our Facebook page for lots of information about what the Eco Hub has to offer you.

We will always be happy to hear from you. We are Sarah and Kate (joint managers) supported by Jake and Tony.

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News from The Lodge

by Mark Brandon

It really is hard to believe the unseasonably good weather and very mild conditions we've experienced over most of February. Birds have been singing, flowers blooming and butterflies, bees and insects are on the wing on the bright, warm sunny days, making it feel much more like early spring than winter!

I have even seen reports of house martins arriving across the country, even as far as the north of Scotland, and numerous sightings of swallows were recorded around the coast, especially in the South-West.

A small group of four crossbills have been around the reserve since Christmas and have excited any birdwatchers lucky enough to see them. They seemed to split into two pairs and are still around as I write, so as an early breeder they may be nesting on the site?

Woodcocks over-winter here in small numbers and were regularly seen at dusk over the new heath and along the boundaries. One night as I left a woodcock was flying alongside the wall by the road!

A pair of ravens have also been very active and vocal and we suspect they have been investigating nest sites on the new heath again. Only a few bramblings and lesser redpolls have been on the reserve this winter and the first siskins in any numbers only arrived in mid - February.

Strangely, the birding highlight for me was seeing a single house sparrow amongst the buildings at HQ. This is the first sparrow I've seen at The Lodge, and I've worked here for over ten years! Looking at the reserve's historical bird records, a small number of records were present in the early 70's but since then there's only been very erratic reports of odd birds over the years. Tree sparrows were actually a more common bird when the RSPB first moved into The Lodge, but it's a

very long time since they made their home here.

Next time you visit you will see the new solar powered car

ports that are being installed in the over-flow car park in early March. Climate change is one of the greatest threats to birds, wildlife and people worldwide and the RSPB is looking to further its sustainability mission to enable the organisation to progress towards its 2050 energy vision which sets out an ambitious target to reducing its carbon footprint in the UK by 100%, from 1990 levels.

As an organisation we are also tasked with reducing carbon dioxide emissions from energy use in RSPB buildings by 2020. Installing solar panels in the form of car ports represents part of the mix to achieve this goal. The project also demonstrates the use of clean, green energy and, in addition, means we don't have to buy in energy from the National Grid.

We'll soon be listening for the first early spring migrant birds to arrive again, especially if the mild conditions carry on into March!

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 - £6 a car for non-members, free if you are members or just visiting the shop.

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Forward Gamlingay is a village charity that was set up nearly 15 years ago by parents, two parish councillors and one district councillor, in response to the withdrawal of youth support by the County Council and the resulting anti social behaviour. Those on the Parish Council at the time may remember how damage and vandalism was a regular feature on the Council agenda.

Since then, some Forward Gamlingay volunteers have changed, but the core of the charity is very much alive and thriving. Our focus has always been to try to improve life in Gamlingay for teenagers and young people, and to work closely with, and to support the Parish Council through targeted project delivery.

Over the years we have raised money and built the current Skate Park and the Youth Shelter on the field, built the Bike Track at the end of the recreation ground, started a record label for young musicians and mentored young local bands, as well as training our own youth workers and building the Youth Club and Youth Cafe into the very successful weekly club it is today.

We know that many people in the village don't really know much about Forward Gamlingay so here's a little about who we are and what we now do!

Who are Forward Gamlingay?

Current trustees are Bridget Smith, Sarah Groom (founder members) and Lucy Rands (Youth Leader). We are all volunteers and we work with a volunteer supporting group, including a Parish Councillor, who meet regularly to discuss current projects and future ideas.

How is Forward Gamlingay funded?

Funds for running the Youth Club

come from the Parish Council with a grant allocated every year specifically for this activity. Each year, the grant is reviewed and agreed by councillors, following an application by Forward Gamlingay. The success of the youth club and youth cafe is due to the support of the Parish Council and the skill of the youth workers who run it, and the fact that it is attended by up to 80 children each week, is a testament to their dedication.

Any other activities and projects are only made possible with grant funding from outside organisations. For example, in 2017 and 2018 we worked with Cambridge based company Form the Future to deliver careers advice in the Village College and Stratton school and this was funded by Kier Housing at the time of the new development in Station Road.

What projects are currently happening?

In 2017 Forward Gamlingay was responsible for the making of the 'Church Street in Clay' artwork which was created by a group of older residents over a number of weeks and now hangs in the Eco Hub. This was so successful that we are currently running another community art project every Thursday at the Eco Hub, creating a mosaic themed artwork which will reflect life and wildlife in Gamlingay.

Forward Gamlingay has supported the development of a website based 'APP' called Solution Gamlingay – an exciting project which the Parish Council extensively covered in previous issues of the Gazette

How can you get involved?

We would love to hear from you if you are interested in helping us with ideas and delivering our next project! We have some money to train a new youth worker and would especially love to hear from anyone who would like to come and support Lucy as a youth worker. We are a friendly, informal group and meet every 4-6 weeks in the village. Please contact Sarah Groom: sarahgroom@rescue.co.uk. If you would like to come along to a meeting and find out more.

Fire and Rescue Service



As the weather drops further and the snow and ice kicks in, we begin using our fires, burners and chimneys more often to heat up our homes. But, have you had your chimney swept in the last year?

Follow our 'top tips' below to ensure your home is kept safely warm and cosy all year round:

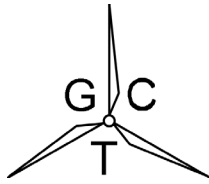
Chimneys and Open Fires

- Have your chimney swept once a year or more frequently if you burn wood
- Avoid burning resinous woods that quickly build up soot
- Only burn fuels suitable for your burner (eg. never burn anything other than wood in a wood burner)
- Do not overload the grate/appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them
- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly the roof space. Make sure it is sound and sparks/fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.

Wood/Multi-Fuel Burners

- A qualified and competent engineer should install all wood/multi-fuel burners and boilers – regular maintenance should be undertaken to prolong the working life of the appliance. Specialist servicing and maintenance will usually be provided by the company you purchase the appliance from but you can also refer to www.solidfuel.co.uk for advice and information
- Ensure correct ventilation is in place when the appliance is in use
- Wood burning appliances should only use the right quality wood recommended by the supplier
- Regularly inspect the

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**Do you know of a
deserving cause
in the Parish of
Gamlingay that
could use some
extra cash?**

**Applications are invited
for funds from the
Gamlingay Community
Turbine Tithe Fund**

There will be about £5,000
available in May. Applications
can be submitted in writing on an
application form via one of the
following: -

- The Eco Hub Reception
- E-mail to info@gamlingay_community_turbine.co.uk
- By post or hand to: - GCT, 70 Church Street, Gamlingay, Sandy, Beds. SG19 3JJ

Application forms are available in
the Eco-Hub, at 70 Church Street,
Gamlingay, or can be downloaded
from the website - www.gamlingay-community-turbine.co.uk or on
request by emailing info@gamlingay-community-turbine.co.uk.

No more than 2 applications may
be submitted by any individual or
organisation within one year.

The decision on the first funding
awards will be made by a group
of 3 representatives meeting in
May 2019. Applications should be
received before the end of April.
(Note the decision may not be made
at the initial meeting and may be
announced later).



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Wednesday
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WANT TO KNOW A LITTLE MORE?

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The representatives on the Tithe Panel will comprise: -

1. A person nominated by GCT
2. A person representing Gamlingay Parish Council – If GPC do not appoint somebody then GCT may appoint another person.
3. A person representing Forward Gamlingay! - If FG! does not appoint somebody then GCT may appoint another person.

The guidelines for the Tithe Panel are: -

1. The donation should benefit Parishioners of Gamlingay.
2. The donation should benefit more than just a single person or family.
3. GCT will prefer applications that will result in helping our environment but anything will be considered.
4. If a member of the panel has any pecuniary interest in any application under consideration at that meeting they must declare it and stand down from that meeting.
5. The panel's decision is final and not open to appeal.

KNOKED UP GNOKKI

Once again I was stuck for a simple supper dish. I had been given a baked potato for lunch with a lot of trimmings (cheese, coleslaw and salad etc.) for lunch, so didn't want anything too big. Somehow a simple gnocchi dish came to mind...

I usually make a gnocchi dish with a traditional Italian sauce – a rich tomato, or pesto, but fancied something different, maybe just a flavoursome butter and herbs.

Serves 4 as a starter, or 2 as a meal.

Ingredients:

Gnocchi:

5oz/150gm mashed potato – no butter or cream

5oz/150gm plain flour

1 egg

To cook:

Good knob of butter, about 1oz

Glug of oil

1 small round shallot (or half a banana shallot), very finely chopped

1 small red chilli, very finely chopped

1 clove of garlic, very finely chopped or crushed

Good bunch of chopped fresh herbs, the choice is yours – sage, parsley, chives...

Dip: (optional)

Crème fraiche

Hot horseradish sauce

Splash of hot chilli sauce (Tabasco or similar) – just a drop or two! - or half teaspoon of Harissa paste

Method:

Make the gnocchi: Make sure the potato is dry, no butter, cream or milk. Mix with the flour then, having made a well in the centre, break in the egg. Using your hands mix well to form a dough, you should not need any other liquid.

This dough need to be rolled out into a sausage, about 1cm/½inch diameter. You will need to do this in batches as there is too much dough to do in a single sausage!

Cut the sausages into short lengths, about 15mm/¾inch. Place on a tray and leave to dry out a bit, about 30 minutes to an hour.

You can of course really cheat and go and buy a bag of ready-made gnocchi at your local supermarket. If you are making a dip, just mix the dip ingredients together and put to one side.

To cook the gnocchi, bring a large pan of salted water to a boil. Once boiling, tip in the gnocchi. They will be cooked when they rise to surface.

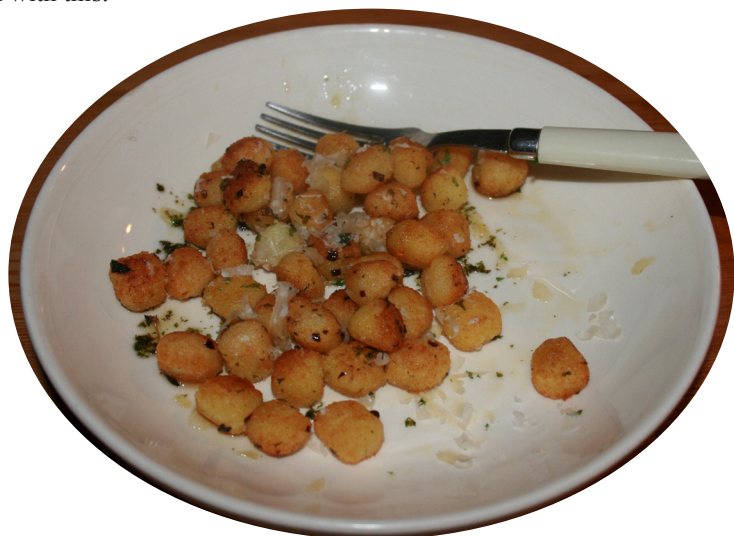
Drain the gnocchi thoroughly.

Heat up a frying pan and melt the butter and oil together and add the Shallot and chilli. Fry gently until the shallot is transparent, then add the garlic, fry for another minute. Add the gnocchi. Jiggle the pan about to coat the gnocchi in the buttery juices, and keep frying until the gnocchi have shades of gold on the outside.

To serve as a starter, place the gnocchi, with the buttery sauce in a serving bowl as a sharing dish.

Provide your guests with cocktail sticks to pick out gnocchi and use in the dip.

A light white wine is good with this.



The Mayor plans to force you to use his metro

I have written previously about the Greater Cambridge Partnership's plans for travel into Cambridge. For many in Gamlingay it would still be down to Park and Ride, perhaps using additional satellite or feeder car parks, or else our local bus service.

However the Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is dead against such schemes. As far as James Palmer is concerned a Metro system is the answer and it seems that since his authority is higher than District, County or City he has the power to trump the plans of the GCP.

In November I attended a conference for Parish Councils, hosted by Cambridgeshire County Council where James Palmer addressed the plenary session. I found his views to be eye opening, rather like the effect of hitting your thumb with a hammer. I subsequently briefed Gamlingay Parish Council along the following lines:

The current title for the planned transport system is the Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro System. James Palmer is quoted as saying that the stations will be designed with small car parks so as to not encourage car use "We can't develop a transport system designed to alleviate congestion on roads that by its design still forces people into their cars". I asked Mayor Palmer where the nearest Metro station for us in Gamlingay would be, to which he replied "Huntingdon". I then asked how we would get there to which he replied "there will be a bus". I rather doubt that the mayor's bus will be just for Gamlingay residents, and wonder just how many other villages it will have to meander through before it gets to Huntingdon.

As a supplementary question I asked what research had been commissioned that underpinned his vision. The only reply he gave was that London Underground was reducing the provision it made for parking. I interpret his failure to answer the question as indicating there is no independent professional

verification of his opinions. So I did a bit of research on my own into car parks serving London Underground.

The largest TfL car parks are on the outer fringes of the Underground system, places such as Stanmore (450 places), Epping (519) North Greenwich (567), Hounslow West (425), Newbury Park (456), whilst those closer to the centre have many fewer, such as Perivale (33), Greenford (14) and Highgate (29) and of course those in Central London have none at all. However, most of the underground system was built 100+ years ago when private car ownership was minimal and there was excellent public transport serving many areas and feeding the Underground. There still is. Newbury Park and Epping underground service commenced in 1947 and '49 when increased car use was catered for by the larger car parks.

But the key difference is, of course, that the London Underground was built to serve solidly developed areas of commuter land, and it doesn't serve peripheral villages very well at all. A shortcoming that Mayor Palmer's Metro seems set to replicate.

Parish Councillor
Keith Warburton

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chimney and flues

- Generally wood should be well-seasoned (usually wood kept dry and stored for around 2 years)
- Avoid wet or newly felled wood as this will cause tars/ creosote deposits forming in the burning appliance and chimney
- Using laminated chip boards will leave binding glue deposits
- For each slow burning period there should follow a quick burn to dry out unwanted tar/ creosote deposits and to warm up the chimney again
- At the end of each burning season and at least once during the season the entire system should be cooled and thoroughly cleaned to maintain top performance.

Most importantly

- Fit a smoke alarm that carries the kite mark or British Standard Number 5446 and test your alarm weekly by pressing the test button and know the life of your battery.
- Always also install a CO alarm in the room where the burner is installed. Chimney Fires continue to be a common occurrence in

home fires in the winter months.

We experience an average of 81 chimney fires a year in Cambridgeshire alone. Whatever fire you have, or fuel you burn, it is vitally important you have your chimney swept to avoid a build-up of ash and soot.

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Gamlingay United Update

At the time of writing, all February fixtures have been completed, and the first team unfortunately suffered a heavy 5-0 defeat in the Cockell Memorial Cup Final. The first team had only league games in this spell, winning 6-0 and holding on to fourth place, with games in hand at Orwell and Chatteris, eyes are firmly looking upwards. The reserves fell from 6th to 7th, losing all three games they played in February all against teams above them in the league. The vets unfortunately did not feature in the league this month, but won and then lost a fixture in the Invitation cup.

First team Results:

23/02 Gamlingay United Firsts 6-0 Fulbourn

In their only league game for the month, the first team made short work of a Fulbourn side, second from bottom in the table. GUFC led by two goals at half time, which were scored by Tom Bell-Green and Jamie Steele. The second half sealed the result early with substitute Sam Bonham scoring just after the break. Bonham capped off a fine, man of the match performance, adding another goal and assisting a further two for Keating and Small. Final Score was 6-0.

01/03 Gamlingay United 0-5 Over William Cockell Memorial Cup Final

Going into the final GUFC were two league places, and 6 points behind Over. GUFC were on the back of a 12 match unbeaten run, whilst the last team to beat Over was in fact Gamlingay back in December. On paper, it was going to be a good cup final. However, as the cliché goes, football is not played on paper; it's played on grass..... Not tonight, it was played on a 3G surface, at Newmarket town- literally a carpet, a touch flatter than we are used to at the Eco Hub. However, excuses cannot and will not be made for this, Over were the better side on the night- even though the score line flattered, the result was correct. GUFC lined up in a 4-1-4-1 Formation, Cowell, Shoe, Dan, Dom, Josh, Edi, Ben, Harry, Bonham, Ash, Leo. The early game was cagey, neither team was prepared to show

their hand, Ash had a chance from distance on his right foot, and Over had a couple of corners, one of which hit the bar. After half an hour, Over had grown into the game and were the more dominant team, and the first big chance of the game fell to their striker, who duly converted after a loose ball managed to get through our back line, missing a couple of chances to clear, but the forward kept his composure and steered past Cowell in the Gamlingay goal. This started a period of play that would ultimately kill the game. On the 35 minute mark, GK Cowell made a fantastic double save; again Gamgy were second to react and a loose ball was clipped into the box where the shortest guy on the pitch had a free header and made it 0-2. The third goal came on the 44th minute; Sam Bonham tried to nick the ball, but tripped the attacker in the process, leaving the referee no option but to award the spot kick, 0-3 just before half time. GUFC manager Steele responded at half time by making two changes, his brother Jamie replacing Edi with Leo dropping deeper. In addition, Tom Bell-Green replaced Josh Palmer with Ash dropping to full back. The changes did work, with Gamgy starting the second half the stronger team, TBG was played in one on one but the keeper was out quickly and forced Tom to shoot early, but his chance went wide. Jamie Steele also got himself a couple of half chances, but the second ball was

cleared by Over, who, as for most of the night were quicker to react. Unfortunately, the game was well and truly killed off after 57 mins, when against the run of play they scored a fourth. Phil Tipping entered the field for Bonham, changing Gamgy to a 442- unfortunately



after a nasty challenge and a cut lip Tipping was not allowed to re-enter the field, and was replaced by Reece. Gamlingay's last throw of the dice was Tom Macintosh replacing injured Harry Kennedy. Whilst Gamlingay prodded to try to restore some pride, and dominated the majority of the second half- the sought after goal just did not come. It was Over who added insult to injury scoring the final goal with



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minutes to play. Credit to Over who were the better team on the night, but congratulations to Matt Steele and his team on taking us to our first cup final since 2016. Let's hope the next one isn't too far away.

Reserves Results:

09/02 Gamlingay United Reserves 1-5 Comberton

A poor start to the month for the reserves, suffering back-to-back defeats for the first time this season. An awful start, from a home kick off saw the visitors win a corner in

half was more even, Gamlingay continually looking for a way back into the game, with ten minutes to go with the score still 1-3 GUFC threw everything but the kitchen sink at the away team, with a swift counter attack against the run of play resulting in a fourth goal for the visitors. A fifth added insult to injury, the score line flattered the visitors, but the result was fair

16/02 Sawston Reserves 4-0 Gamlingay United Reserves February was always going to be

some extra quality in reserve, and a spectacular own goal from Cam Girdwood.

23/02 Shelford Reserves 4-1 Gamlingay United Reserves

Shelford always play nice football, however the score line on the day didn't justify the performance. On the day the reserves controlled things for the majority of the game. After dominating the first twenty minutes and missing a gilt edged chance, the hosts scored from a dubious penalty, and a second own goal in as many games for Girdwood doubled the lead. A third – as the balance of play had swung saw the visitors win the game in the first half. GUFC scored early in the second half but were unable to get back to one goal behind but missed a few good opportunities to do so. Shelford scored a late 4th which added insult to injury on the day despite a good performance. Veterans Results:

17/02 Gamlingay United Veterans 3-2 CUP Vets

GUFC were certainly up for the cup today. Hosting Cambs University press veterans. Keiran Brace was never much of a goal scorer in his heyday but he found a goal today with a header. John Harvey helped himself to the other two goals. Man of the match was Kieran, the win set up the next round vs Bar Hill.

17/02 Bar Hill Vets 4-1 Gamlingay United Veterans

Unfortunately, it wasn't GUFC's day today. A tough battle but outfought by a strong Bar Hill side. GUFC were not helped by the absence of Dave 'Scary' Careless, who just didn't turn up on the day- literally- a poor act which let his team down on the day. Mark Tyler was MOM on the day. Defeat in the cup means the Vets now focus on winning league 2- where they are two points off the top with five games to play.

Starting line-up for the William Cockell Memorial Cup Final.

Back Row: M. Steele (Manager), Dom Walker, Dan Walker, Leo Churms, Matthew Cowell, Sam Bonham, Josh Palmer, Harry Kennedy. Front row: Stefan Shoebox, Edi Careless, Ash Dean, Ben Small.

Tables available online



the opening seconds. The first was defended- resulting in a second, and again a third, however the visitors poached on some hesitant defending and took the lead. GUFC were handed a lifeline after Tipping won a penalty duly despatched by Wylie. However, it did not last long as the visitors scored quickly after. GUFC made some changes and the game was more even, but the visitors extended the lead to 1-3 just before half time. The second

tough. An away game at leaders Sawston was not going to make things any easier. Against the wind and hill first half, the reserves battled to keep the score 0-0 at half time, with 'stand-in' keeper Shaun Allen making a couple of fine saves. However, the second half, Gamlingay tired, the opposition were fitter, and they soon took the lead. Sawston added a further three goals in the second half, two from substitutes showing they had



WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Walkers

April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th

Gardening Club

Wednesday 6th March

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Tuesday 16th April

Community Choir

First Wednesday of the month

Third Saturday of the month

Soup lunches

Cock Inn

Second Monday of the month

Monday, 8th April

The Wheatsheaf

First and third Monday of the month

Tuesdays

Social Club

Fridays

Total Wellness workout

Fridays

Beginners Breeze

First Thursday of the month

Mondays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

Saturdays

Housing, Police and councillor surgery

First Monday of the month

Youth Café and Club

Thursdays

Meet 9:30am at Ecohub car park. New members welcome. Phone Miriam 654 891 for further information. email miriamjones80@hotmail.com

All walks are now the first Wednesday of the month

Monthly meetings held in the Kier Suite, 7:30pm; tea coffe and raffle

Zsazsa Serer on Tropical plants

3rd Tuesday of the month.

Flowers for cakes - a demonstration. 7pm Kier room

Kingspan Hall Jan Cooper 650 178

8:00 -9:30pm

10:00am - 12 noon

Every fourth Wednesday of the month 12:30pm start, Church Hall

Monthly quiz nights

8pm £1 per head for various charities. New teams welcome

quizmaster - Steve Green

Charity quiz nights

Jam sessions 651 743

16 Waresley Road. Quiz nights, pool nights and live bands

Bingo

Church Hall 9:30am-10:30am. Bring some water and an exercise mat or towel for floor work. £6 per class.

cycling

10:15am at the hub. Contact gill.kitchener@btinternet.com 07842 135 732

9:15am -10:30 toddler story time and craft session at the hub

4:00pm-8:00pm library open

9:15am-12:15 board games from 10:00am

12:30-3:15pm library open

1:00pm - 3:00pm drop in computer training

10.00am -noon Kier suite Craft club.

4:00pm-7:00pm library open

10:00 - 12:00 library open (and connect café has slightly different hours)

9:30am - 12:30 library open

9:30am - 10:00am ecohub

5:15pm - 9:00pm Yr 4⁺cafe Yr8⁺ club

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

Allotments (GAGA)	Membership secretary Bob Gordon Bob.gordon22@talktalk.net 651 913
Parish Council	For information contact the Clerk on 650 310
23 rd April	Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm Ecohub
2 nd and 4 th Tuesday every month	7:00pm planning committee meeting Ecohub
2 nd 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
Tuesday 21 st May	Annual Parish Meeting 7:30pm Hatley Village Hall, followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council
Hatley Coffee morning	
1 st Tuesday of the month	10:am - 1pm Hatley village hall. Everyone welcome; donations on the day split between the village hall and church
Hatley Village Association	
Sunday 14 th April	Egg hunt and family day - playing field
Friday 10 th May	Race night at the village hall
The Gazette	
1 st April	May copy deadline
29 th April	June copy deadline
3 rd June	July/August double summer edition
5 th August	September copy deadline
Potton Writers	
3 rd 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	Hayley Parker 652 992
Mondays and Thursdays	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 interested singers - St Mary's Church
Guild of St Mary's	Monthly meetings, usually third Monday
Monday 15 th April	Maureen James on Cambridgeshire calendar customs
Monday 20 th May	Hilary Ritchie will speak about Addenbrookes hospital.
Monday 17th June	Annual Garden Party at The Emplins (the Church Hall if wet) 7pm.
Gamlingay Archaeological Group (GAMARCH)	Chris Tomsett - Chairman 01767 650 009
1 st Monday of the month	Julia Manley - Julialmanley@yahoo.com
Bellringers	7.30pm Blythe Way community room Please note, no meeting January or April
Thursdays	7.30 - 9.00pm with John Boocock at St.Mary's, Gamlingay
Photographic Society	see page 14 for full details
Fridays 8:00 pm -10:00pm	Meetings are term time at the Avenells Way Communal Room
History Society	New members most welcome. Phone: 651 025 nickbruce7@btinternet.com
8 th April	Monthly meetings usually Monday, 7:30pm Kier Suite. Non members welcome
Potton Ladies Club	National Trust speaker Veronica Bennett on Sutton Hoo
	First Tuesday of the month at the Mill Lane Pavillion, Mill Lane Potton
	contact Sarah Burgoine at sarahjburgoine@gmail.com or 01767 631 415 (page 2)
Bin Collection Days - mixed!	
Wednesday, 3 rd	Black
Wednesday, 10 th	Blue and green
	Wednesday, 17 th Black
	Friday, 26 th Blue and green
	Thursday, 2 nd May Black



The 'Varsity Line is *NOT* coming back!

Don't for a minute believe that the proposed East West Rail line has anything at all to do with the old 'varsity line between Oxford and Cambridge. For a start, the old line had more than forty stations and halts along its route, with five of them between Sandy and Cambridge, including Gamlingay. Of the five potential routes being put forward by East West Rail in it's recent consultation on the section between Bedford and Cambridge only two have potential for a new station, at Cambourne, that might be of interest to our residents. The alternative routes might have a station at Bassingbourn.

Recent public meetings in south Cambridgeshire villages have seen a great deal of incredulity expressed that East West Rail seems completely dismissive of what to many seems to be the most logical route for the new track to follow, namely that of the new "expressway", between St Neots and Caxton Gibbet – being roughly the line of the current A428. (This route is being promoted by the non-governmental group CamBedRailRoad, supported by local M.P. Heidi Allen and County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley).

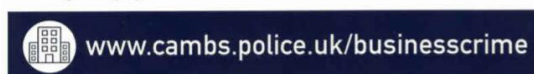
The explanation for this seems to be that the country needs new housing and South Cambs and East Beds have been earmarked as potentially providing it, with possible new towns at Tempsford and Bassingbourn. The development of these two areas could raise a lot of the money needed to fund the railway, whereas the more logical route to the north, serving existing and new communities that are already well under way would not bring in any funding.

And all this apparently ignores that fact that given the choice most people would prefer to do their work using the digital super-highway rather than to commute to work, whether by road or rail. And it will certainly be cheaper.



Report a business crime

Report a non-emergency business crime online, such as theft or damage, for your business or the company you work for.



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Remember, if someone is in danger and you need immediate support please call 999 now.

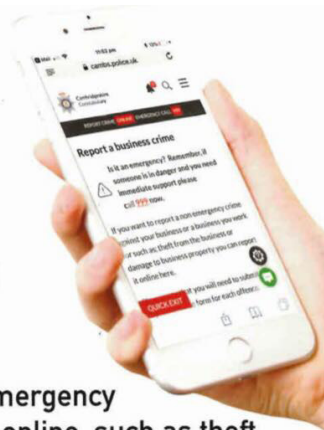


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Police Commissioner warns businesses to stay vigilant against business crime

As we move from the biggest retail months of the year, Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, is reminding businesses to stay vigilant and be aware of potential threats from theft, scams and cyber-attacks. Business crime can have wider ramifications on the community as a whole, potentially leading to companies closing and the loss of jobs if the impact is severe enough. Businesses are also a lucrative target for cyber criminals trying to steal money or sensitive data. Assessing the true scale of the issue builds up intelligence to help catch offenders.

The Police Commissioner says: "I encourage any business owners affected by crime to use the Constabulary's online reporting function to report non-emergency business crimes, such as theft or damage. You can find the link on www.cambs.police.uk/businesscrime. The option of reporting online makes the process easily accessible and can be done outside of business opening hours." Demand Hub Contract Manager, Tracey Blackwood, explains: Businesses can access Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC) and Huntingdon Business Against



Crime (HBAC) for support for any business related crime matters. Operating on behalf of businesses, both organisations operate locally to help prevent and reduce crime.

CAMBAC works closely in partnership with Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridge Community Safety Partnership, and both City and County Councils, among other agencies. It is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, set up in response to concerns from city centre

businesses, utilising a city-wide radio and information sharing network. Members of CAMBAC get free access to a secure, online database for the sharing of vital information, free staff training and receive intelligence and information from the police.

CAMBAC's Adam Ratcliffe explains:

"The business community in Cambridge face daily issues with crime, with theft and anti-social behaviour a constant presence, the level of aggression towards staff is rising at an alarming rate. Under-reporting of crimes to the Police has made this situation worse, creating an inaccurate picture of the true state of the situation.

Online reporting procedure making reporting incidents easier. We encourage all businesses to utilise the online reporting procedure whenever they are affected by crime, and CAMBAC will be supporting its members with that process."

HBAC link in with Cambridge and Bedford City to ensure that retailers are kept up to date with the newest of crime initiatives using a 24/7 information sharing portal and two way radios to promote the 'community' with the town to detect, deter and displace crimes.

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Traditional police role to change



Cambridgeshire Constabulary is set to join other police forces nationwide by ceasing to take reports of lost property and accepting only certain types of found item.

It is as a way of reducing non-essential demand and the associated costs and bureaucracy generated for call centres and front counters.

The police service has traditionally accepted the responsibility of recording lost and found property, despite there being no statutory duty to maintain a system of recording non-evidential property.

Found items dealt with by police will reduce and a consistent approach will be adopted across the country. This will help reduce call volumes and remove an unnecessary burden on policing.

Inspector Keren Pope said: "As with any change to a long-standing convention, it will take time for people to get used to this new way of working.

"There are now many ways of receiving the same service online and information and guidance will be available on our website. These changes will result in a significant saving for forces in terms of time and money, allowing us to concentrate on the issues most important to people.

"For found items we no longer accept, with some exceptions, the finder will be encouraged to retain the property. They are under no legal obligation to hand in the property providing they have made a reasonable attempt to return it to the owner."

Those who have lost or found an item, can visit the [force website](#) for guidance on what they should do.

Arthur Rank Hospice events April 2019

Cambridge Wood Wind Band's Concert – Saturday 6 April: one for music lovers!

A film-music themed concert from 7.30pm at West Road Concert Hall. Tickets £15 adults, £10 concessions

or over 60s. Save the date and keep an eye on arhc.org.uk/events.asp for further details in due course.

Eileen Milner's Jumble Sale – Saturday 27 April: looking for a bargain?

11am at Barnwell Baptist Church.

May 2019

The Big Shiver – Friday 10 May: give outdoor swimming a try!

The Big Shiver returns to the Jesus Green Lido in Cambridge, with participants taking a dip in Europe's biggest outdoor pool before it opens to the public. Entry fee £15 with



sponsorship encouraged. More details at arhc.org.uk/the-big-shiver

Star Shine Night Walk – Saturday 18 May: a special memory walk with an 80s twist!

Grab your torches, dust off your crimpers and find your neon leggings! We are winding the clock back and adding some Saturday night fever to our annual memory walk!

Gather your friends and family and decide on the 6.5 or 10 mile option. Starting at 8pm from Shelford Rugby Club. Register now at starshinenightwalk.co.uk or call 01223 675888.

Tea at Three – Monday 20 – Saturday 26 May: hold a tea party!

Decide on a date, time and location to suit you. It could be tea and cake, a coffee break at work or G&T with friends! Simply supply the refreshments and invite your guests to make a donation.

Let us know your plans and we will send you a pack with posters, invites, fundraising tips and lots more. Visit arhc.org.uk/teaatthree or call 01223 675888.

Student Volunteer Programme at Arthur Rank Hospice for 16 and 17 year olds

Arthur Rank Hospice has been running its first ever student volunteering programme, which has taken place between September 2018 and April 2019. Seven young people have been shadowing volunteers on main reception, the Inpatient unit reception, the Bistro and the Inpatient unit.

We asked two of them to tell us more about their experiences:

Ciara

"So far, I have been working in the Hospice Bistro on Sundays, and WOW what great Sunday lunches the Bistro provides! It is great to see how the kitchen staff provide for the patients - ranging from them either wanting very small portions - one patient only asking for one roast potato or providing pureed meals etc. The chef really tries to be accommodating to all the patients' needs where possible."

Adrian

"In the last few weeks my experience has included manning the Inpatient Unit reception every Thursday, after 5pm. This includes opening the after-hours door, helping visitors and answering telephone calls. It is a fantastic feeling to assist with someone's query, or to help some of the incredible nurses and volunteers do their crucial jobs. There is an incredible community spirit throughout the entire Hospice and I have loved being part of the Arthur Rank Hospice team and the family of volunteers here".

If you would like more info on our Student Volunteer Programme, please give our Voluntary Services team a call on 01223 675872.



PRE SCHOOL GROUPS AND EDUCATION

Montessori	Mrs Pat Jenkins	650 645 0771 4821 940
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Everton Preschool	Julie	07814 815 491
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	Natalie	691 477
Carers Group	Bridget Smith	650 510
SPORTS		
Bowls Club	Brian Culverhouse	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
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HALLS FOR HIRE

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Methodist Chapel	Parish Council	650 310
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	www.hatley.info	
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	Kate Laugharne	651 226
hub trustees chair	Jackie McGeady	
vice chair	Neil Muirhead	
Everton Village Hall		682 251

CHURCHES

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St Mary The Virgin, Rector	Hilary Young	650 587
Churchwarden	Jan Cooper	650 178
Churchwarden and reader	Chris Miller	650 779

SCHOOLS

Gamlingay Primary		650 208
PTA	Via school office	650 208

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
Beavers	Mark Harrison	07979 102568
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 Harrison	07979 102 568
Explorers	vacancy (all meet at Scout Hut)	
Youth Club		07929
Youth Cafe	Lucy Rands	453235
Gamlingay Young Lacemakers	Kay Palmer	651 532

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Bell Ringers	John Boocock	650 736
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Cambridge County Council

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Adult Health and Social Service General Enquiries	0345 045 5201
Adult Social Care	0345 045 5202
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
Trading Standards	0845 4040506
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

Village Information

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
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