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Gamlingay Rainbow Guide unit is in crisis. Its two leaders, who have given many years' service to Girlguiding, are stepping down at the end of this term. Although there are two lovely helpers and an active parents' rota, this will leave the unit without a leader. Very sadly, this means that the unit could face closure unless a new leader, or someone willing to train to be a leader, is found. This would leave 15 girls with no Rainbow Guides to go to and could have serious consequences for the Brownies and Guides in the village.

Being a leader is rewarding and great fun. You do not have to have a background in Guiding. Full training is given and leaders in training are provided with a mentor to help them. It is a good way to make new friends and give something back to your community.

The Rainbows currently meet in the Eco Hub on a Wednesday, but the time and day could be changed if necessary. If you would like to take up the challenge of being their leader, please contact Benita Scott, District Commissioner on benitascott@waitrose.com. Please help this unit to survive!



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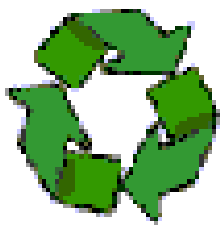
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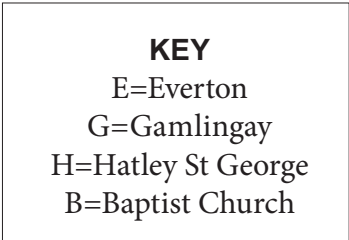
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Dear Friends – and everyone else

We had a wonderful Ascension Day service, with our Diocesan Bishop generously making time to be with us for the planned confirmations, the first in our church for many years, despite his recent bereavement, his mother's funeral only a few days before. We look forward to another at Buckden when adult and young people from our churches will share in the Deanery confirmation, this time with ex Archbishop Rowan Williams.

Having celebrated festivals or prepared for them since the run-up to Christmas, we enter the long season of 'Ordinary time', so called not because nothing special happens, but because this season which runs through Summer to Autumn is 'ordere

England.

This season is when many are on holiday, and may have more opportunity to be together as family. It is the season of festivals and shows; our churches are no exception in any of these departments. It is a time to really take note of Jesus' teaching about living 'life in its fullness' as he promises for those who follow him. Following Christ is not meant to be limited and boring, rather it is meant to be a glorious freedom in love and unity. It is therefore a great delight to be encouraging and taking part in various events which bring people together in having fun and thinking about one another's needs. My particular favourite is the free event that is happening for the first time this year offered by Christians of all flavours. It takes place on the afternoon of July 6th at the Hub. This is Christians being intentional about being Community, which is the nature of the Christian understanding of God the Trinity, knowable as three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, perfectly harmoniously together as one. The Church doesn't always look a lot like that, but we have this Good News, that God is at work in us making us one, not uniform but wonderfully diverse. We pray forgiveness where we fall short of the intended ideal, and blessing on everything that brings us together in that unity of God's love.

Hilary

Wednesday 3 rd		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
Saturday 6 th		10-12	Coffee Morning	E
		1-4pm	Christians In Gamlingay Fun Event at the hub	
Sunday 7 th	Trinity 3	8.00am	Holy Communion	G
		9.00am	Sparks Club	G
		10.00am	Holy Communion	G
		4.00pm	Evensong	E
Tuesday 9 th		7.30pm	'Searchlight' Company and the Plasses	G
Wednesday 10 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
Saturday 13 th		3pm	Wedding	G
Sunday 14 th	Trinity 4	9.00am	Sparks Club	G
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist	
		11.00am	Holy Communion	H
		12.30-4.30	Church Summer Fête	G
Wednesday 17 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
Saturday 19 th		2.30pm	Wedding	G
Sunday 21 st	Trinity 5	9.00am	Sparks Club	G
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist + prayers for healing	G
		11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
		1-4pm	Hatley Summer Fayre	H
Wednesday 24 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
Friday 19 th		2.30pm	Wedding	G
Saturday 20 th		6.00pm	Deanery confirmation at Buckden	
Sunday 28 th	Trinity 6	8.00am	Holy Communion	H
		9.00am	Sparks Club	G
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
		11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
		6.00pm	Evensong	G
Wednesday 31 st		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G

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News from the churches

GAMLINGAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Stocks Lane

Lead Pastor: Revd Adrian Semerene

Church Secretary: Sally Graves 01767 650 112

Church office: 01767 651 519

"Believers may come from different cultures, countries, or customs, but we serve one God who unites us all."

Dillon Burroughs

There are over thirty-three thousand Christian Denominations across the world! If you're anything like me, your first question is, what are they? I mean, most of us know of the basic big ones, Church of England, Baptist, Methodist, Salvation Army, maybe Pentecostal... but what else is there? The reality is that there are thousands of denominations, because there is so much debate and division over theology and orthodoxy.

Church history is a messy and complex one, filled with drama, heated debates, persecution, and for many, death as well. Gamlingay Baptist Church, or Gamlingay Old Meeting as it used to be known, came into being after the English Civil war, and in 1670, a group of non-conformist believers in the village asked the Bunyan Meeting church in Bedford to take them under their wing. And while our church has a deep and rich history, it is clear that there are also some points of division among Christians in the village in its time. Even to this day, there are some who consider there to be a divide among 'Church' and 'Chapel' in the village. The reality, however, is much more different than that.

I can't sit here and tell you that there aren't differences in the way our two village churches live out their faith. Our services, traditions, history, and even some of our theological views differ. However, even in our differences, we are worshipping the same God, trying to live out our faith, in unity with each other, as the Bible calls us to. It is because of our love for God and our love for each other, as brothers and sisters in Christ, that we as churches, though different, work together. Jesus prays for unity among His followers in John 17:20-23, and commands followers to

'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another'

(John 13:34-35).

Rev Hilary and I meet up every week, to pray together, for our churches, and our community. We endeavour to work together as often as possible. To that end, we are really excited to be having a free Family Fun Day on the 6th July, from 12pm, with all sorts of food, music, games and excitement; no agendas, not one church over another, simply Christians in Gamlingay, sharing love with our community. We'd love to see you there.

There is a genuine joy in my heart when I hear of the great things happening in St Mary's, as it is a true answer to prayer. We may look different, sound different and maybe even act different, but the God we worship is the same, and He brings us together. So whether at St Mary's or GBC, why not come and join us, and explore the faith that brings us all together.

We hope to see you soon.

Have some questions? You can get in touch any time, I'd love to meet with you.

Many blessings
Rev Adrian Semerene
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FAMILY FUN-DAY
and Strawberry Tea
To be held at the Eco Hub
Sat July 6th from 12.00pm
Please come join us



Sunday Services

10.00am-10.30am Awakening

Praise

10.45am Worship Service (with GBC kids)

Communion will be celebrated on the **7th July** and **4th August**

GBC Kids

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

Small Groups

Meeting Tues Morning, Wed evening and Thurs evening

Please contact the office for details

Men's Prayer and Breakfast

A time to share, pray and eat together **Sat 6th July 9.00am**

Sat 10th Aug 9.00am

Craft and Hobbies Group

Bring your own craft or hobby and work on it in the company of others.

Thurs 4th July 10.00am

No meeting in August

Ladies Brunch

Studying, sharing and praying for the first half, with children joining to do activities for the second half.

July meeting-contact office for details

No meeting in August

Coffee Morning

In aid of GBC and 2019 Charity

10.00am-11.30am

Thurs 18th July

Thurs 15th Aug

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

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



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

Climate Emergency

Last November, South Cambridgeshire District Council declared a Climate Emergency and set itself a Zero Carbon by 2050 ambition, setting the basis for adapting new policies to meet its goals. The new Zero Carbon Communities Grant is one example (see below).

In April, school children planned a demonstration at Shire Hall to raise awareness at Cambridgeshire County Council of the Climate Emergency.

At the May meeting of Cambridgeshire County Council, the Council Leader brought forward a motion pledging to continue and improve the council's good work on environmental challenges and proposed that officers be given six months to develop a new Climate Change and Environmental Strategy. The Liberal Democrat group proposed an amendment acknowledging the Climate Change Emergency and setting

a Zero Carbon target ambition for 2050, in line with many other local authorities; the amendment also tasked a group of cross-party and cross-committee councillors to take the lead on setting new policy. The amendment was lost, with objections raised against the Zero Carbon target and councillor involvement. However, the amendment proposer came back with a suggestion confined to the declaration of a Climate Emergency and this was unanimously agreed.

As painfully preoccupied with process as this might seem, the outcome was significant because consensus building does not often happen in this way. It's good to see consensus developing across the councils too. That said, the County Council's planned move to Alconbury, away from public transport links, will be difficult to reconcile in climate emergency terms.

New Road Railway Bridge

An application has been lodged to backfill the void under the old railway bridge on New Rd (running from Fuller's Hill to Hatley Road). Anyone using this road will know that it is at best very uneven owing to subsidence, and the back fill should cure that. The badgers on the side will be left unmolested.

Illegal Parking in Poppyfields

A number of commercial vehicles are using Poppyfields for parking. This is not permitted. The management company who are responsible for the estate are willing to investigate any issues but need residents to send them details of times, registration plates and photographs. We are told that it could take a couple of weeks to resolve problems but that they do take this matter seriously.

Planning and New Housing

You will recall that for some years under the old administration at South Cambs District Council there was no Local Plan and no 5 year housing land supply. This meant that planning rules were much more flexible and during that time over

4000 houses were given planning permission in South Cambs which under normal circumstances would not have been. Many of these houses were in the countryside (defined as being outside the village frameworks) and were not required to make much financial contribution to the communities they were associated with to pay for things like health care, education and community facilities. Since the change of administration, the Local Plan has been adopted and a 5 year housing land supply is in place. This has resulted in the planning laws - especially those preventing development in the countryside - being rigorously enforced. This may not seem fair to people who would have liked to build on their land in the countryside and who are now not able to do so but have seen land near to them developed over the past few years. Fair or not, planning is controlled by policies and if a policy is against development in the countryside then it will be prevented unless there are truly exceptional circumstances. One of these circumstances is the provision of 'exception sites' which are exclusively for 'affordable housing for local people'. These sites have to be adjacent to village boundaries and landowners can expect to receive only a small percentage of the value of the land had it been given permission for market housing. Bridget is always happy to advise anyone interested in putting land forward as an exception site.

Stocks Lane Medical Centre

Congratulations to all at the Stocks Lane Medical Centre on the new interior arrangements which will make a big difference to how the practice works. This project was paid for by S106 money from Station Road (yes, it sometimes does take that long!) We are very fortunate to have a surgery remaining in Gamlingay and long may it prosper.

Cambridge Airport

Marshalls has announced that it intends to move from Cambridge Airport, something which has been on the cards for many years. The site could provide "space for 12,000

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new homes as well as about five million square feet of business and commercial space.” Added to the c7,000 homes planned for the Anglian Water sewage site on North East fringe this is considerable growth in Cambridge. Marshalls hopes to move to Duxford and Anglian Water – despite all the dancing around ‘public consultation’ about sites – can only move to Waterbeach.

Potholes

Cambridgeshire has received the maximum amount of additional road maintenance funding from the Department for Transport, with £2.5m in recognition for making the best use of funds available and prioritising the needs of the public. This year (2019/20), Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have also received funding totalling £990k to help prevent and fix potholes. The ‘dragon patcher’ has been busy most recently in Shingay-cum-Wendy and the Mordens. The rutting on Croydon Hill has been scheduled for works which will close the road for a couple of days in mid-July.

The Mayor’s Latest

The latest news to hit the headlines regarding the Mayor has been the recruitment into his political office of an ex-Councillor without any reference to the Combined Authority’s Employment Committee, job advert or as far as we know even a job description. At the beginning of May this Councillor was leader of East Cambridgeshire Council and one of the members (along with Bridget) of the Combined Authority Board. He has now stood down from that role to be employed by the Mayor on a pretty hefty salary. Headline number two has been the Mayor’s decision to appoint (without the involvement of the Employment Committee) the current two interim CEOs as permanent for the duration of his term. These two individuals (one of whom is also the CEO of East Cambridgeshire District Council) were standing in following the sudden departure of the previous incumbent. A new full time CEO was advertised for and interviews took place but despite there being very credible candidates

the Mayor exerted his power of veto and no appointment was made. The Board voted to support the two interim roles being made permanent until the Mayor’s term of office ends. Bridget did not vote in support.

It has been a busy a month at the Combined Authority and so the third headline grabber has been the Mayor choosing to write, in his capacity as Mayor, to the Government Planning Inspector in support of a major development just off the A505 near Duxford and Hinxton. The reason this is an issue is that the application by Smithson Hill for an agri-tech site was rejected by South Cambs planning committee and then, as is their right, Smithson Hill appealed the refusal. For the Mayor to try to interfere in a decision made by South Cambs

councillors (and bearing in mind that a planning committee is non-political) is quite extraordinary. Bridget has made formal complaints about all these issues both to the Combined Authority and higher up the political food chain.

Shire Hall

Following a meeting behind closed doors, Cambridgeshire County Council has announced regeneration company Brookgate as its preferred bidder for the council’s Shire Hall site in Cambridge. The decision was taken in confidential session very much against the spirit of openness and transparency and despite Sebastian’s best efforts to ensure that Cambridgeshire residents could see and hear how their Councillors took this decision.

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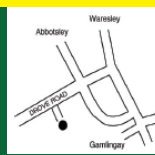
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Brookgate will lease the Shire Hall site for a period still to be agreed. The company proposes to establish a hotel and office accommodation, while the county council moves its HQ to Alconbury. We opposed the move to Alconbury, on the basis that there are too many levels of government in Cambridgeshire, and we should not be building an expensive new headquarters at a time when we should be reducing the number of councils and moving to a unitary structure.

The proposed lease arrangement leaves the council with a high level of future risk. The expectations of income over the next 30 years depend on complex calculations of inflation and rental income. This income is far from certain. So a relatively simple property arrangement has been made as complicated as possible with all the attendant chance of it going horribly wrong – because that's never happened before with a CCC project....

Grays Rd Parking

The proposed extra parking bays in Gray's Road is turning into as much of a saga as the Combined Authority. After a real mess up with a lost payment for the planning application we are now told that new plans are having to be drawn up as the County Council have objected to the materials which were to be used for surfacing and it is hoped a new planning application will be submitted in AUGUST. We can but apologise to residents who have been waiting for almost 2 years.

WI Site

There have been concerns about the height of the pair of houses being built on the WI Hall site. The original plans were to sink the building into the ground in order to reduce the impact on the neighbouring houses. Now, a reduction in roof height has been incorporated into the design so that the need to sink the building is not so marked. We are assured that what you now see complies with all planning conditions.

Bourn Airfield

Plans to build some thousands of houses on Bourn Airfield are progressing with a 'Supplementary Planning Document' being discussed this month by South Cambs Cabinet. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee were quite critical of the SPD and a number of changes have been made as a result. One of the big issues is access onto the A428 and whether an additional junction is required. As a Council we are committed to trying to reduce rather than increase car use and the fact of the matter is that if you make it easier for people to use cars, by increasing road capacity for instance, then people will use their cars instead of more sustainable modes of transport such as public transport, walking and cycling. It is a difficult balance to strike but we have to start to plan for developments which are either car free or which actively discourage car use whilst encouraging alternatives. People like 'carrots' but dislike 'sticks and you have to have both to really make a difference. Commuters into and out of Cambridge will know that the road capacity is already exceeded and so we have to find ways to get people out of their cars. For those of us in rural villages such as Gamlingay that has to mean that we have access to high quality, affordable and reliable public transport. The Mayor's plans for a Metro from St Neots and Cambourne will offer a partial solution (once he finds the £4billion it will cost) and an East West rail link could be similarly useful. However, there has to be a plan to get us from Gamlingay to these transport hubs' where we can pick up whatever public transport there is. I would love to cycle more but last time I cycled to my office in Cambourne I nearly didn't make it thanks to a driver on the A1198 bashing me with his/her wing mirror. So a network of safe cycle ways for Gamlingay is high on my list of priorities and I know the Parish Council have similar ambitions.

Grants at South Cambs and Cambs County Council

The District Council has significantly improved the haphazard way in

which various grants have been allocated in the past. For instance instead of an elite (and elitist) sports grant which has for instance paid for one person to go to the USA for a competition, sports grants will in future focus on community events. The new Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme will give large grants (up to £15,000) to effective plans to reduce carbon emissions in our villages.

The next deadline for Cambridgeshire County Council's Innovate & Cultivate Fund applications is 1st August – Cultivate grants (£2,000 – £19,000) and Innovate grants (£19,001 – £50,000). The aim is to support initiatives that strengthen communities and reduce pressure on County Council services. There are two funding streams: a 'Cultivate' fund for smaller projects that build community support networks and an 'Innovate' fund for bigger, bolder and more innovative initiatives. Council services that are inviting applications include adult social care and children and families services. Projects thus far have included Timebanks, Good Neighbour Schemes, Dementia-Friendly Communities and Men's Sheds.

The fund is open to voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations based in and outside of Cambridgeshire, and public sector organisations in Cambridgeshire.

Crime

Brilliant to see the Gamlingay residents who have organised themselves so well to address Crime Prevention in Gamlingay. They have been very well received by the Police and Crime Commissioner, who spoke at the last Parish Council APM and are now working with officers from South Cambs to develop their plans. Bridget is delighted that they are also going to be doing some work with Forward Gamlingay and the Youth Club to involve young people in their future work and plans.

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Community Right to Challenge

This initiative is part of the Localism Act and gives voluntary and community groups, charities and parish councils the opportunity to make formal expressions of interest in running Council services if they believe they can provide them in a more efficient, responsive or cost-effective way. The period to put forward an expression of interest is now open and local groups have got until the end of July to challenge for the running of our services.

Visit www.scambs.gov.uk/community-development/community-rights/community-right-to-challenge/ for more information or contact Ryan Coetsee on ryan.coetsee@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713 461.

EMPTY HOMES

South Cambs District Council is increasing council tax on houses that have been left empty for a significant period of time. The Council offers lots of help for landlords and owners of empty homes to help them get them back into use, but now has the option to significantly increase council tax where there are no convincing reasons for them to remain empty.

Currently the owners of homes that are left empty and substantially unfurnished for more than two years must pay an extra 50% on top of the regular bill. Following the full Council meeting, the 50% premium will be replaced by the following arrangements – all in effect from April 1. Homes that are empty for two years or more will be charged double their regular Council Tax (i.e. an additional premium of 100%); for five years or more will be charged a 200% premium on top of their regular Council Tax; for ten years or more will be charged a 300% premium on top of their regular Council Tax. Currently in South Cambridgeshire, 100 properties have been empty for between 2-5 years. 41 homes have been empty for 5-10 years. 39 properties have been empty for more than ten years.

Got a problem? Issue? Something you'd like to discuss?

Your Councillors are here to help you. Please do feel free to contact us with comments, questions, problems or complaints. We hope we can help but if we can't we are likely to know someone who can!

Councillor's Column Keeping us abreast on District Council issues

by Heather Williams, The Mordens



Community Chest Grants

The first Half of the £58,000 is now available to be bid for in relation to Community Chest Grants, these grants are for up to £1,000. I have mentioned in previous months of the changes to eligibility in excluding the majority of Parish Councils from bidding. Below is the explanation given in a press release from SCDC:

"the scheme is no longer be open to Parish Councils with more than 160 registered electors. This is because, the larger villages are, the more funding their local Parish Council can raise on their own via their dedicated Council Tax precepts."

I have previously vowed to many of my residents that I will continue to make the case that a cut off of 160 electors is too low and that using the number of electors in my view is an inappropriate criterion, as not all residents are able to vote and thereby not being on the electoral roll. I also believe that given council tax is paid on a household basis, this ought to be the appropriate method of measurement. At a recent Grants advisory committee meeting I raised this once again and am pleased to say there was general consensus that this ought to be looked at as part of the Community Chest Review. I very much hope that I shall be able to report in the future that more parish councils will have access to the grant and on a fairer criterion. While this is in the gift of others at this time, I will continue to campaign for parishes like Hatley and Croydon to qualify.

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Investment Strategy

The first investment of £13 million plus purchase costs has been made. This is the purchase of an office at the Cambridge Science Park. With this being a large amount spent so soon, it is unknown to councillors such as myself whether this will result in a request to advance further funds for investment in the first year (In the Budget report it was shown that £20 million a year for the next 5 years would be spent on investments made from the £100 million to be borrowed from the PWLB). At a recent Audit and Corporate Governance meeting it was also reported that this purchase has been made from reserves as opposed to borrowing which had been the strategy proposed in the budget to full council on the 21st February 2019.

Elite Athletes Grant Scheme

I'm very disappointed to report that on 3rd April Cabinet took a decision to discontinue the elite Athletes Grant Scheme. Unfortunately, the current administration does not feel this fits in with their objectives. When this was discussed in a workshop I argued strongly that this grant was a great help to many aspiring young athletes and their parents as often the training and equipment is very costly and a barrier for some to progress with their talent. This pot of money (£10,000) was not a great sum in comparison to the entire expenditure of the council and could have and should have been continued in my view. I'd also like to add that this decision was taken with no consultation process.

Cambridge Airport

There is a possibility of Marshall's Aerospace and Defence Group relocating. This could lead to the Cambridge Airport Site being redeveloped for housing. The next local plan for our area will be a joint plan between Cambridge city and South Cambs District Council. One of the three potential sites for Marshalls to relocate to is Duxford airport. There has not been a formal planning application submitted, but the councils and Marshalls are beginning talks.

Retail Rate Relief

In the Government's Autumn Budget, a scheme was announced for the next two years that enables small retailers to apply for a Retail Discount to their Business Rates. Potentially this can create a reduction in a business' rates bill of a third. The types of businesses that can benefit from this are Shops, Restaurants, Cafes, bars and pubs in England. I very much welcome this news as I know how important these vital facilities are to our villages.

Fly-Tipping

There has recently been an increase in fly-tipping through the district including an estimated thirty tonnes dumped on private land near Fulbourn. Some of the fly-tipping being witnessed by our Environment Enforcement Officers is being described as 'industrial-scale'. A request I and others are making is that residents check whether operators collecting

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Audit of 2018 accounts

It has now been reported to Councillors that the year ending March 2018 accounts (due to be audited by July 2018) are not expected to be audited until August 2019. This has been a key concern for many councillors especially when we had not had an audit and corporate governance meeting for over six months. There will now be an Audit Task and Finish Group that I will be involved in to monitor this as closely as possible. This does mean that we know the March 2019 accounts will be late also. Though there are no financial penalties for Local Government bodies filing late accounts there are extra external auditor costs expected as a 5-6 number figure. This is something that I feel the administration ought to be taking very seriously, and I hope to see an improvement. This is particularly concerning in my view due to the economic frailty of the budget that was approved (though I personally voted against) in February.

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

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Twitter: @Cllr_H_Williams Facebook Page: Cllr Heather Williams



from Sandy Lodge,
by Mark Brandon

It's been a mixed time for our migrant birds this spring. We had very good numbers of warblers arriving; whitethroats, willow warblers,

chiffchaffs, garden warblers and blackcaps were across the site filling the reserve with their songs, warbling and scratchy phrases.

Hobbies, a falcon that migrates from sub-Saharan Africa, have bred on the new heath since 2012. Although they arrived a little later than usual, around April 26th, they have been quite elusive so far. Although May was generally a warm and dry month, the evenings have still been cold, so we've not seen the dragonflies that the birds hunt for, and the birds are probably feeding over large areas to find other prey at this time.

Swallows, swifts, house martins and sand martins generally appear to have arrived quite late and in low numbers this year, although in recent days I've noticed more swifts swooping around the local villages. They are another prey target for the hobbies, so may also account for them having to travel longer distances to find other food sources.

Cuckoos were heard calling off the reserve, but as we moved in to late May they have now appeared on the reserve at times, with the welcome sound of the 'cuckoo cuckoo' call ringing out over the heaths.

Sadly, despite a one-off sighting in late April, to date we have not seen the increasingly scarce spotted flycatchers that have traditionally bred at The Lodge. We hope they may be here in an area, where they have remained unobserved, or they are still to arrive, but very late.

We had some very exciting news when three freshly fledged stonechats were seen on the new heath in late May. We had discovered a pair were here earlier in the season and suspected they may be breeding, but it was great to have this proved.

More positive news was the confirmed breeding of a pair of siskins. These handsome bright yellow and black finches over-winter on the reserve and then return to their breeding grounds in early spring, mainly in pine forest in the north of the country, so it was a surprise to see a female feeding her juvenile after we had finished the Dawn Chorus walk in early May. Worth the 4:30 am start alone!

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The bird we will be certainly be out looking and listening for on the new heath in coming weeks is the nightjar. Will these heathland specialists return again after last year's pair, the first on the reserve for over fifty years, came back?

With summer upon us, we have several events planned including the ever-popular Pantaloons Outdoor Theatre company, who are performing Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen on the lawn of The Lodge, on Sunday 25th August, at 2 pm and 7pm. Tickets from thepantaloons.co.uk

The excellent and very local Theatre of Widdershins are also performing story and puppet shows for the youngsters (and adults!) in the yurt. July 20th Granny Dumpling
Sept 15th The King with Stinky Feet
Tickets are available on Eventbrite and more info on these and all of our events, including the minibeast safaris from our web-page below.

Finally, this is my last article for the Gamlingay Gazette, as I retire in August. I started contributing way back in 2009, following on from our Senior Site Manager Peter Bradley, who I still work alongside. I've enjoyed sharing the news from the reserve with you and I hope you've also enjoyed reading about this wonderful place for nature, that is almost on your doorstep!

Hope you can make it along this summer to enjoy a walk, explore the gardens and enjoy an ice cream on the lawn after a visit to the RSPB shop!

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. The shop (01767 693333) is open every day (9am-5pm and 10am-5pm weekends and Bank Holidays) and has everything for people who love nature. Our website; www.rspb.org.uk/thelodge is the place to look for all of the events you can enjoy here at RSPB The Lodge.

Calling all village children Win a prize in a design competition

All children aged 4 - 14 are invited to design a logo for the Discover Gamlingay Community Walk and Treasure Hunt on 29th September.

There will be prizes for the winners in each age group 4-7, 8-10, 11-14 and a prize for the overall winner. But the main prize will simply be FAME!

The winning design will be used on up to 500 badges distributed to entrants when they register for the Gamlingay Community Walk and Treasure Hunt and featured in the "Treasure Map" all participants will use to guide them round the village.

Design Brief: Design a logo to fit onto a circular shaped badge, approximately 35mm in diameter. Because we aim to run this event every year you should show the year as part of your design. You do NOT have to use the whole title of our event, but you must include the words Discover Gamlingay. Your design should either be in black and white or black and white plus one other colour.

Use the top half of an A5 sheet of paper. You do not have to cover all of that area, remember the finished product will be reduced in size by the printer so it can fit and be readable on a 35mm badge. Write your name and age in the bottom half of the sheet (when judging takes place sheets will be folded so we don't know whose is which). If you go to Gamlingay Primary School write your class there as well. If you don't go to GPS, please write a parent or guardian's phone number – but you must ask their permission first!

Entries to the hub by mid-day on Friday 29th June. The overall winner will be notified by 1st September. Winners will be announced and after the Community Walk on 29th September.

By entering this competition you grant Discover Gamlingay Community Walk the right to use the image you submit at no cost.

Christian Aid 2019

Total raised : £2,888.95 as follows :

GAMLINGAY : Envelopes £1,108.91 and Soup Lunches £834.22 Total : £1,943.13

EVERTON : Envelopes £349.42 and Coffee Morning £396.40 Total : £745.82

HATLEY : Envelopes £100.00 and Coffee Morning £100.00 Total : £200.00

The Benefice Christian Aid Committee would like to say thank you so much to all of you who took the trouble to fill and deliver your envelopes to one of the many collection points and supported our special Christian Aid events. We would also like to record a very special 'THANK YOU' to the army of envelope deliverers who ensured that every house at least had the opportunity to contribute.

Our different method of operating this year was, inevitably, going to result in a decrease in the overall amount but this is still a rewarding and significant sum to be able to donate from our three villages.

THANK YOU!

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



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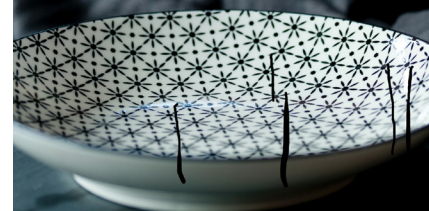
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If you would like more information come along to one of our meetings, or contact Liz on 650 988. Visitor charges are £4, or join us for £6 subscription + £2 per meeting

The next meetings are:

Friday 5th July: afternoon tea at Carriages of Cambridge.

Monday 15th July: tour of the scientific establishment the Wellcome

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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.

Tips for the spring Garden

by Karen Aitkins
of All Green Landscapes Ltd

Hopefully by now Summer is well under way. This is traditionally the time for holidays and relaxation. It should also be the hottest and driest time of year. Last year was such a scorcher with temperatures reaching well into the thirties Celsius. Almost tropical. Most lawns are only just recovering. Weeds did well though, and unfortunately most people were left with a lawn full of weeds. Mow the grass every week except in a drought. In very hot dry weather set the mower to a slightly higher level than normal to prevent the lawn drying out.

An alternative to grass is artificial turf, which has become very popular as it is very low maintenance. It requires only brushing with a stiff broom and hosing if used by pets. There are different grades of artificial turf with various shades and textures and lengths. It is ideal for areas that are used by children or pets and for the elderly as it requires so little maintenance.

Bedding plants, pots and other vulnerable shrubs should be regularly watered at least once a day and twice if it's dry and windy. If you go on holiday try and book with a neighbour to come in and water your plants otherwise all that hard work could look like the dead zone when you return, especially if we have a heat wave again. Put indoor plants in the bath in an inch of water. Dead head flowering plants and cut back untidy shrubs and bushes to encourage new growth. August is a good time of year to divide and thin out over grown areas of shrubs.

Give your hedges such as privet, hawthorn and beech a good hard trim. Most birds will have finished nesting now. Large leaved hedges like laurel need to be cut with secateurs as hedge trimmers will damage the large leaves and cause them to go brown.

When dead heading roses use sharp secateurs and cut down to a leaf showing a new growth and spray in the evening with fungicide to ward off black spot and mildew every fortnight until the autumn. Cut off affected areas and burn to destroy the infection. When watering try not to get the water on the leaves

of the rose as this can encourage mildew.

Feed and leave out water for the birds in the summer as the ground becomes dry and hard, and it becomes more difficult for them to forage for food. Also the friendly hedgehog will appreciate a bowl of water. Keep the water regularly topped up in ponds and water features, as well as bird tables. Water first thing in the morning and last thing at night but never in full sun.

Hopefully we will have a long hot summer so we can get out and enjoy our gardens. We only get a short window, let's make the most of it.



Potton Ladies Club for July and August

by Sue Sheppard-Smith

At our May meeting we welcomed Sandra Highsted talking on "Hatch, Match and Dispatch – my life as a Registration Officer". Sandra gave an interesting talk about the processes of registering births, marriages and deaths and how occupations registered have changed over the years. The talk culminated in a mock wedding and naming ceremony. After years as a registrar Sandra is now a celebrant.

•In June was an interesting talk from our Speaker Ian Scott Hunter talking about his "Life as a Royal Footman". Ian worked as a Footman at Buckingham Palace in the 1970's where he very much enjoyed the work and felt it a great honour to serve the Royal Family.

•In July we are very much looking forward to welcoming Barbara Lorne Hudson who will be speaking about Internet dating and fiction writing after the age of 60. Barbara has written short stories and novels and has a very interesting and varied career.

•In September we will be travelling to Milton Keynes to watch the Musical "9 to 5". We also have upcoming trips to Ladies Day at Newmarket and Stratford upon Avon as well as a Xmas trip to the Barbican for a "Jingle bells" Concert. We have a wide and varied speaker's programme and several trips out arranged each year. New members and Visitors are always welcome.

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Amici Singers

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We were delighted to be invited back by Fred Olsen Cruise Line to join another five day cruise, this time from Liverpool to the Orkneys. We will be giving two concerts on Bird and another in St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall. Over fifty choir members and friends and family went on this trip over the Whitsun Bank Holiday.

June saw a return visit to Cromer, North Norfolk for a Concert in Cromer Parish Church in aid of the Lifeboats, followed by a Concert

in Potton Parish Church.

This would normally have been the last concert before the Summer break but on 14th July we are proudly doing a memorial concert for Brian Mack and will be joined by an orchestra made up of lots of the many professional musicians that have been proud to have played with Brian over many years.

We are privileged to have as our Musical Director, Mr Douglas Coombe MBE who arranges our music to suit ladies voices and also writes many of our best pieces (that we have been rehearsing since January). This is very varied and exciting from Gershwin and Cole Porter to Spirituals and many other favourites.



We would welcome new members at any time to our rehearsal at the Trinity Church Biggleswade on Thursday evening at 7.30 for 8.45 x 9.45. If you love good music and friendly faces come and join us for a taster evening. You would be sure to see how welcome you would be to join. Details can be obtained from any choir member or from Mrs Carole Lindsay-Douglas. 01767 260 361.



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CLARIFICATION

It has been brought to our attention that an item published in the January / February 2019 Gazette headed "The Gazette in Crisis" was capable of being interpreted as a criticism of the previous Chairman/Editor, Nick Bruce and his wife Jackie who worked enthusiastically beside him on the Gazette even though she held no formal office.

The Gazette committee is in no way critical of the hard work that Nick and Jackie Bruce invested in the Gazette. We would also like to clarify that the committee has already thanked Nick both directly and through the pages of the Gazette for his valuable contribution to the continuity of this publication.

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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



August	Sunday	Time	Service/event	
Sunday 4 th	Trinity 7	8.00am	Holy Communion	G
		9.00am	Sparks Club	G
		10.00am	Holy Communion	G
		4.00pm	Evensong	E
Wednesday 10 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
Saturday 10 th		2pm	Wedding	G
Sunday 11 th	Trinity 8	9.00am	Sparks Club	G
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist	
		11.00am	Holy Communion	H
Wednesday 14 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
Sunday 18 th	Trinity 9	9.00am	Sparks Club	G
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist + prayers for healing	G
		11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
Wednesday 21 st		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
Sunday 25 th	Trinity 10	8.00am	Holy Communion	H
		9.00am	Sparks Club	G
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
		11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
		6.00pm	Evensong	G
Wednesday 28 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
Saturday 31 st		2pm	Wedding	G

KEY

E=Everton G=Gamlingay H=Hatley St George B=Baptist Church

The Gazette - run by Old Farts!

Old folk with old ideas are running your village magazine – is this right?

This is the 21st Century, shouldn't The Gamlingay Gazette be run by people who are closer to 20 years old than 100? People born after the invention of the personal computer must have a better idea of what the majority of the people in the village need and want in their village magazine.

school gates" in 1991 when some parents recognised the need for ... something. It was initially launched under the auspices of the church, later becoming independent of it. We are now distributing over 2,000 copies of the Gazette each month, going to every household in Gamlingay (and its hamlets) and The Hatleys, and we are growing at a time when traditional print is in decline.

People tell us how much they

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The Gazette was born "at the

18 The GAZETTE Hand delivered free to every household

DID YOU SIGN THE VILLAGE PETITION FOR MORE POLICE PRESENCE IN GAMLINGAY?

One core focus of the Gamlingay Community Safety Group (GCSG) is to liaise with key agencies, such as the local police force, to encourage good communications and relations between the village and the people who can help.

By acting as a 'middle man', we hope to be able to not only advocate for the village, but also feedback any information or initiatives that may help residents or businesses.

It's a strategy that has already seen success. We recently invited Jason Ablewhite, Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner, to join us at the Annual Parish Meeting, to talk about policing in South Cambridgeshire and to hear from residents, an event that was very well attended.

And we're pleased to now announce that Inspector Paul Rogerson of Cambridgeshire Police will be coming to the EcoHub on Thursday 18th July from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. He will be giving a crime prevention talk, focusing on issues relevant to Gamlingay, such as car crime.

Inspector Rogerson will also be officially accepting our village petition for more police presence in Gamlingay and to address all aspects of rural crime. It has taken some time to find the right person to hand the petition over to officially, although the police force has already been made aware of the strength of feeling in the village and have been working hard with GCSG to address all our issues.

Please come along to support the event and find out how to keep your property safe. There will also be a stand selling crime prevention products, such as driveway and shed alarms, at not-for-profit rates.



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appreciate the Gazette and the information and entertainment it brings. In the 21st century we have access to news and entertainment from all over the world, and may hook into mountains of it through television and social media, but if we are honest relatively little of it is truly important in our day-to-day lives. But what is happening on our own doorstep affects us and our families directly, whether that is through our local sports and youth groups, through the pastimes and hobbies we enjoy (or might like to explore) and local issues such as ensuring our communities are serviced and develop in the ways we want them to. The Gamlingay Gazette is an important part of the life of this village.

But these days The Gazette is still run largely by the generation of people who set it up in the first place and frankly, they are getting a bit tired. Isn't it about time that some younger blood was injected?

So if you'd like to find out about how you might help YOUR village magazine please let us know. It could be simply in distributing a few copies each month or in being part of the production or editorial process. Whatever you do it will be appreciated both by the existing committee and by your fellow villagers.

To find out more, please contact the chair, Lis Riley on: elisabethjriley@gmail.com

Roderick Starksfield's vegetarian recipes

RODERICK'S RAREBIT

Yes, I know, cheese on toast. We've all done it, slice of bread, sliced or grated cheese, put in the grill until the cheese has melted.

This rarebit is different, not much longer to make, but what an improvement! I seldom do cheese on toast anymore, now it is this rarebit instead.

It can also be very versatile, make several slices, then use a pastry cutter to cut out disks from the rarebit, decorate the top with an olive, slices of red pepper, mushroom slices or some other topping of your choice, then use these as canapés, served hot or cold.

Serves 2 – easily double up for more

Ingredients

2 slices of bread, best if not fresh, a day or two old helps

1oz/25gm butter

1oz/25gm plain flour

1 heaped teaspoon English dry mustard

4oz/110gm grated cheese (Cheddar though almost any cheese will do – perhaps a mix of cheeses?)

5floz/150ml ale

1 tablespoons mushroom ketchup or Worcester sauce (there is a vegetarian type)

Method

In a small saucepan, melt the butter. When the butter is sizzling add the flour and mustard, cook until a paste forms. Very slowly add the ale, a few splashes at a time, and mix each addition in so no lumps form.

Add the cheese, and stir well until the cheese is melted and you have thick, glossy sauce.

Meanwhile toast the bread on one side. Pour the sauce over the bread, covering right to the edges, otherwise the edges of the bread may toast before the sauce is nicely browned. Place under the grill until the sauce has nice brown blotches.

The rest of the ale? You have a glass haven't you ...?



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We see apprenticeships as an investment in our future and we will be actively recruiting for **apprentices** to start next summer.





Senior Fixtures for the rest of the season

The 2019 season got off to a slow start playing wise but by the beginning of June, the 1st XI had won their first game with Aussie Angus Flint hitting century while the 2nd and Sunday XIs have recorded two wins each. Our Friday evening Colts sessions are as popular as ever and our youngsters have been showing off their skills in various matches and tournaments throughout the county.

At the time of writing, we are preparing for our special 150th anniversary game in June – let's hope the weather stayed fine! A reminder that on Friday 26th July, the day before the anniversary of our first recorded game in 1869, we play a Gamlingay XI in a "very" friendly match! This starts at 6pm & there will be a barbecue and the bar will be open! We hope you can join us for some or all of our events at the ground this year.

On Sunday 25th August, we are hosting our first Ladies Softball Taster Session where ladies of all ages can come up and give Cricket a go. It is a very light hearted fun, afternoon and, again, the bar will be open and a barbecue available. If it is successful, we hope to run similar events in the future and form a ladies team.

As part of the celebrations, our splendid new 150th anniversary polo shirts are available to purchase online for £20 from our supplier Mr Cricket (www://mrcricketshop.co.uk/cricket/club-shop/waresley-cricket-club/).

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), do come and join us – even if it just for a pint!

Senior practice is every Wednesday evening from 6pm and the colts every Friday up to 19 July.

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



1st XI

JULY				
Sat 6	Kimbolton	WPL2	12:30pm	Away
Sat 13	Blunham	WPL2	12:30pm	Home
Sat 20	Stamford	WPL2	12:30pm	Away
Fri 26	Gamlingay	Friendly	6.00pm	Home
Sat 27	Cambridge St Giles	WPL2	12:30pm	Home
AUGUST				
Sat 3	Ufford Park	WPL2	12:30pm	Away
Sat 10	St Ives & Warboys	WPL2	12:30pm	Away
Sat 17	Castor & Ailsworth	WPL2	12:30pm	Home
Sat 24	Huntingdon	WPL2	12:30pm	Away
Sat 31	Saffron Walden II	WPL2	12:30pm	Home

2nd XI

JULY				
Sat 6	Godmanchester II	HL2	1:00pm	Home
Sat 13	Falcon	HL2	1:00pm	Away
Sat 20	Sawtry	HL2	1:00pm	Home
Sat 27	Houghton & Wyton	HL2	1:00pm	Away
AUGUST				
Sat 3	Falcon	HL2	1:00pm	Home
Sat 10	Houghton & Wyton	HL2	1:00pm	Home
Sat 17	Peterborough III	HL2	1:00pm	Away
Sat 24	Blunham II	HL2	1:00pm	Home
Sat 31	Godmanchester II	HL2	1:00pm	Away
SEPT				
Sat 7	Bretton	HL2	1:00pm	Home
Sat 14	The Lenches (Worcs)	Friendly	12:00pm	Home

Sunday XI

JULY				
Sun 7	Letchworth G.C.	BCL3	1:30pm	Away
Sun 14	Southill Park 2nd XI	BCL3	1:30pm	Home
Sun 21	Flitwick 2nd XI	BCL3	1:30pm	Home
Sun 28	Eversholt 2nd XI	BCL3	1:30pm	Away
AUGUST				
Sun 4	Clifton	BCL3	1:00pm	Home
Sun 11	Southill Park 2nd XI	BCL3	1:00pm	Away
Sun 18	Elstow	BCL3	1:00pm	Away
Sun 25	Clifton	BCL3	1:00pm	Away
SEPT				
Sun 1	Grantchester	Friendly	1:00pm	Home



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Freshly cooked food available every day except Mondays between 17:00 and 20:30
Sunday lunches available between 12:00 and 16:00 ... booking required by Friday morning

Entertainment and Music Events

Charity Quizz Nights every other Monday from 10 June starting at 20:00 . . . come and join the fun!

Sunday 7 July, 16:00

Jagger
Sings live in the garden
A feast of all your favourites...
come and sing along

Saturday 10 August, 20:00

Dr Busker
Returning by popular demand
Join in the fun and come dressed in
the Poldark style

Sunday 25 August, 17:00

Steve Winkett Band
Back again in the garden for this
Bank Holiday weekend feast of
'60s, '70s and '80s Rock favourites

We are pleased to announce our Food Hygiene Rating has been received:



The Wheatsheaf, 92 Church Street, Gamlingay SG19 3JJ
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 Email: deryck.wicks@gmail.com Facebook: The Wheatsheaf Pub Gamlingay



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SUMMERTIME AT THE ECO HUB

July is a time when many of us are looking forward to summer holidays, some good weather and perhaps a party or two!

It can get a bit warm in the Hub, as those who do workouts in the Kingspan Hall will know, but we don't have air conditioning on purpose, preferring to open a window and catch a breeze. Summertime is when we generate a great deal of our own heat – solar panels on the roof capture the sun's rays and generate electricity that is fed into the National Grid to earn income for the building. We also pull up heat from the ground, and hope that there is enough rainfall to keep the giant tank under the car park full enough to flush the loos and provide the non drinking water that we use.



We take the Hub for granted and it is easy to lose sight of how extraordinary a building it is, but did you know that we get visitors from all over the East of England coming to tour the Hub wanting to know how they can have a similar building in their town or village? Very few other places have anything like our Eco Hub and it is only when we see the ambitions of others to try to match it, do we reflect on how proud we are to have this facility in Gamlingay.

DOING BUSINESS AT THE HUB

Do you own or work for a local business? If so, have you considered the Hub for your next off site meeting, training day or workshop?

Everyone needs a break from the office, and the Hub has a lovely purpose built business suite perfect for numbers up to 40 or 50 plus an upstairs meeting room that seats 8 round a boardroom table. We can also take up to 100 in our main hall. We provide all day teas and coffees and a freshly made lunch using local suppliers. We have TV screens, projectors and screens for your presentation, plus staff on hand to help your day go smoothly. We have free parking, full disabled access and you can even bring your dog with you! Contact us for full details and prices.

As always there is lots going on in July, with the weekday mix of zumba, pilates, SOSA, circuits, yoga, slimming clubs, carpet bowls, childrens music and movement, New Age Kurling, Community meetings and our weekly café, plus a steady stream of parties, events and business meetings. And if all that activity leaves you with aches and pains or injury we have Sports Therapist Craig Gant on hand with classes and a treatment clinic to set you right.

We have four halls open for private hire seven days a week, so if you love the idea of using an eco friendly, light filled, always warm venue then please contact us about coming here. Have a look at our website, or come in and say hello, give us a ring or visit our Facebook page for up to date information about what the Eco Hub has to offer you. We are Sarah and Kate (joint managers) supported by Jake and Tony. Our Chair of Trustees is Jackie McGeady and our Vice Chair is Neil Muirhead.

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LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF



Stop Unsolicited Telephone Calls (CAPASP) would like to offer some advice on preventing unwanted telephone calls.

Tick boxes on forms

Check forms that you fill in for tick boxes that say something like "I give permission for you/third parties to contact me by phone". Don't tick the boxes if you don't want to be contacted.

Register with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS)

The TPS is a free opt-out register where you can state your preference to not receive unsolicited sales and marketing calls. All organisations (including charities, voluntary organisations and political parties) must not call any number registered on the TPS unless they have consent to do so. The Information Commissioner's Office can issue hefty fines to those breaching this legal requirement.

Register for the TPS at www.tpsonline.org.uk or on 0345 070 0707. You can also sign up from your mobile by texting 'TPS' and your email address to 85095.

Contact your service provider

Telephone service providers offer different free or low-cost options to stop unsolicited calls including activating a protection service such as BT Call Protect, Sky Talk Shield, TalkTalk CallSafe or Plusnet Call Protect. Give your service provider's customer services a call.

Invest in a call blocker

These small devices fit between your telephone handset and the socket on the wall and are proven to stop over 95% of nuisance sales, marketing and scam calls. An alternative is to purchase a new telephone handset with the call blocking technology built-in. For support and advice on scams call Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Organised by The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) and the UK public library network since 1999, the Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. The aim of the Challenge is to encourage children to read any six books of their choice from their library during the summer holidays - fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books, or whatever they enjoy. The theme for the 2019 Summer Reading Challenge is Space Chase – an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Space Chase features bespoke artwork from top children's illustrator, Adam Stower, and celebrates adventure, exploration, reading and fun!

To join the Summer Reading Challenge, just visit your local library during the summer holidays to sign up – the sooner you go, the longer your child will have to read six books! Once registered, your child will receive some fun materials to get them started. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part! There's also a website, www.spacechase.org.uk, full of games, competitions and book recommendations

There will be activities every Saturday morning 10 -12 at Gamlingay Library over the holidays.

It's FUN! It's FREE!

Visit Gamlingay Library for more details. Gamlingay Library is your local volunteer-run community library, situated at the Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay. Tel 01767 651226 email gamlingaylap@yahoo.com



WALK FOR PARKINSON'S

Wandlebury Country Park,
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10am – Saturday 28th September 2019

Join this walk and unite with thousands of people across the UK.
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WHAT'S ON in July and August

Walkers	Meet 9:30am at Ecohub car park. New members welcome. Phone Miriam 654 891 for further information. email miriamjones80@hotmail.com
July 3 rd , August 7 th , Sept 4 th , October 2 nd , November 6 th , December 4 th	All walks are now the first Wednesday of the month
Gardening Club	Monthly meetings held in the Kier Suite, 7:30pm; tea coffee and raffle
Wednesday 4 th September	Garden bugs: cohabit, conserve or control with Dr Ian Bedford
Wednesday 2 nd October	Irises with Lucy Skinner
W I	3 rd Tuesday of the month.
Wednesday 16 th July	Garden party at The Emplins 7:30pm - if wet go to the hub
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	
Second Monday of the month	Monthly quiz nights 8pm £1 per head for various charities. New teams welcome
Monday 8 th July	quizmasters - DH and Stephen Murphy (music)
Monday 12 th August	quizmasters - Baden-Powells
Monday 9 th September	quizmasters - Bates and Co.
The Wheatsheaf	
1 st and 3 rd Monday of the month	Charity quiz nights
Social Club	16 Waresley 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. £6 per class.
Beginners Breeze	Cycling
First Thursday of the month	10:15am at the hub. Contact gill.kitchener@btinternet.com 07842 135 732
Ecohub	9:15am -10:30 toddler story time and craft session at the hub
Mondays	4:00pm-8:00pm library open
Tuesdays	9:15am-12:15 board games from 10:00am
Wednesdays	12:30-3:15pm library open 1:00pm - 3:00pm drop in computer training
Thursdays	10.00am -noon Kier suite Craft club. 4:00pm-7:00pm library open
Fridays	10:00 - 12:00 library open (and connect café 10:30-12:30 - leave a message with the manager if you need a lift)
Saturdays	9:30am - 12:30 library open
Housing, Police and councillor surgery	
First Monday of the month	9:30am - 10:00am ecohub
Youth Café and Club	5:15pm - 9:00pm Yr 4 ⁺ cafe Yr8 ⁺ club
Thursdays	

WHAT'S ON in July and August

Allotments (GAGA)	Membership secretary Bob Gordon Bob.gordon22@talktalk.net 651 913		
Parish Council	For information contact the Clerk on 650 310		
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 16 th July	Ordinary meeting 7:30pm. We hope that you can join us.		
Hatley Coffee morning	10:am - 1pm Hatley village hall. Everyone welcome; donations on the day split between the village hall and church		
1 st Tuesday of the month	Village fête on the playing field 1-4:30pm		
Hatley Village Association	July/August double summer edition copy deadline		
Sunday 21 st July	September copy deadline		
The Gazette	Please contact pottonwriters@gmail.com for full details		
3 rd June	Meets on every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 650748		
5 th August	8:00-10:00pm Society producing plays and pantomime meet at the ecohub		
Potton Writers	6.30pm choir practice open to all interested singers - St Mary's Church		
3 rd Tuesday every month	Monthly meetings, usually third Monday		
Guitar Club	For details, please see page 14		
Gamlingay Players	Chris Tomsett - Chairman 01767 650 009		
Tuesdays and Thursdays	Julia Manley - Julialmanley@yahoo.com		
St Mary's choir practice	7.30pm Blythe Way community room		
Thursdays	7.30 - 9.00pm with John Boocock at St.Mary's, Gamlingay		
Guild of St Mary's	Programme for Autumn 2019 awaited		
Gamlingay Archaeological Group (GAMARCH)	Meetings are term time at the Avenells Way Communal Room		
1 st Thursday of the month	New members most welcome. Phone: 651 025 nickbruce7@btinternet.com		
Bellringers	Monthly meetings usually Mondays, 7:30pm Kier Suite. Non members welcome		
Thursdays	New programme awaited		
Photographic Society	First Tuesday of the month at the Mill Lane Pavillion, Mill Lane Potton		
Fridays 8:00 pm -10:00pm	contact Sarah Burgoine at sarahjburgoine@gmail.com or 01767 631 415		
History Society			
Potton Ladies Club			
Bin Collection Days			
Wednesday 3 rd July	blue and green	Wednesday 7 th August	black
Wednesday 10 th July	black	Wednesday 14 th August	blue and green
Wednesday 17 th July	blue and green	Wednesday 21 st August	black
Wednesday 24 th July	black	Thursday 29 th August	blue and green
Wednesday 31 st July	blue and green		



Retired after 15 years – welcome to the new Hatley website by Peter Mann

If you've looked at the Hatley village website (www.hatley.info) recently, you'll have noticed a huge change.

Instead of a profusion of confusing links, there's now a simple grid of nine photos on the home page to take you on a journey of well over 100 pages.

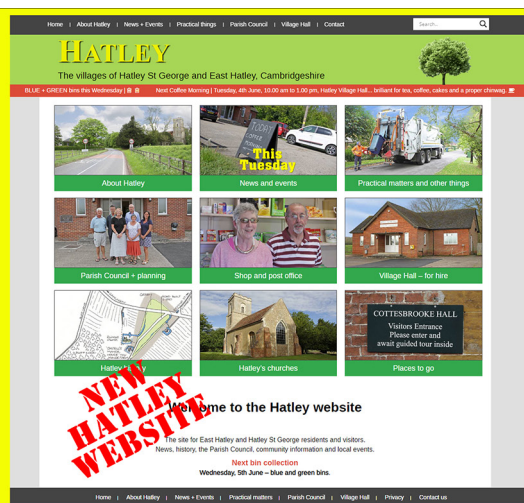
The new site, launched on 6th April 2019, replaced the original site created in 2004 – 15 years of sterling service. And unlike the old site, the new one is mobile friendly, meaning it adapts to the size and shape of whatever device you're using.

It remains a site devoted to the parish of Hatley – East Hatley and Hatley St George – with sections about the village, practical things on living in Hatley, news and events, services offered at the shop and post office, the history of Hatley, Hatley's churches and an availability calendar if you want to hire the Village Hall (as many do!)... plus information on the Parish Council. We've included a page on Gamlingay, too.

Many of the pages from the old site have been carried over, updated if necessary and, wherever possible, now include more photos with 'thumbnails' linked to larger versions – on pages where there are a lot of photos, a 'gallery' has been created to display them.

Navigation was the number one priority for the new design, the major point highlighted in a village survey about the site in May 2016. Depending on the subject, clicking on one of the grid photos will either go to a text page or, if more detail is involved, another grid page with more links to choose from.

In deciding what to include on the new site, we recognised many people will search Google for things not wholly connected with Hatley – so rather than include swathes of information on our pages, which can



Old vs new: the new Hatley website – www.hatley.info – uses a grid format to make it far easier to navigate than the old site.

date all too easily, we've put single links to the appropriate websites for things like vets, eating out, places to visit and so on.

There are more pages on the history of Hatley and our two churches than before – including, for the first time, specific pages on St Denis' church and Hatley St George church with galleries of photographs. Articles which first appeared in the Gazette in the 1990s are also on the new site.

Like all good websites, 'Hatley-dot-info' is, as it always has been, a living entity and welcomes comments and contributions so it can be improved and made more useful and interesting. Contact in the first instance should be with Kim Wilde, Hatley's Parish Clerk.

And being a 'living entity', design aspects of the site will continue to evolve to improve its appearance and, importantly, usability.

The new site, which took 18 months from concept to launch, was designed by Peter Mann of Buzz Associates in East Hatley on behalf of Hatley Parish Council, funded through grants from South Cambridgeshire District Council's Community Chest (before it was closed to small villages like Hatley) and the National Association of Local Councils' Transparency Fund.

Peter is the site's webmaster and masterminded the site build – the engineering / development of the site was a cooperative effort between Peter and Cambridge based Federation Design.

Thanks must go to everyone, past and present, who has contributed articles (without those contributions, it would be a very uninteresting and far less informative site), to Hatley Parish Council for appreciating the need for a more modern site and to the help and advice from Hatley Parish Councillor Nicola Jenkins.

The 2019 Gamlingay Show

I'm pleased to say that we have been able to get a committee together to allow this years show to go ahead, but with so much work and detail to plan we still need more support on the committee and certainly on the day of the show – so don't be backwards about coming forward!

The show will be return to its traditional location at the newly refurbished Gamlingay Village Primary School, so please put the date in your diary, 21st September 2019 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.

Please see the list of classes for this years Show (in June Gazette.)



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The 5km fun run is back on the plans for 2019. 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!

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A BENEFICIARY OF THE VILLAGE SHOW?

Every year, the show committee uses the profit from the village show to make donations to local charities and organizations. If you want to be in with a chance of receiving monies this year, please read the following rules carefully to ensure you are eligible.....

You must be a registered charity, not for profit organization (including schools/nurseries if applicable), or club with its main base within Gamlingay or the locality. Your group must get involved in this year's show - by having a stall, performing in the main arena, and/or assisting with the setting up before the show or clearing away after the show.

You need to apply in writing by 11th September 2019 by post or email to Dave Masterson - 50 Elizabeth Way, Gamlingay, SG19 3NH or dave_masterson@tiscali.co.uk giving details of your organisation, what you need the monies for, who any cheque should be made payable to, and where it can be sent to.

To contact the Village Show Committee:
email : gamlingayshow@hotmail.com
Tel: 07519 921126
Facebook: Gamlingay Show
Website: thegamlingayshow.co.uk



Get Growing, get Crafting,
get Photographing and
get Fit
See you in September!
The Gamlingay Show
Committee

TAKE PART IN THE GAMLINGAY 5K AND FUN RUN

On Saturday 21st September

as part of the Gamlingay Village Show Day. Start Time 1.15pm

Participate to win, as a goal to get fitter, or take part just for fun!

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Early entry is recommended as places are strictly limited

For tickets and information please contact Ginny Jones on ginny.jones@yahoo.co.uk or 07813 629354

Please also contact me if you would like to volunteer to marshal on the day which is a vital role to enable the run to go ahead.

Poem

*It can bring us to laughter.
It can bring us to tears.
Found in relief from disaster,
in the smile of an infant whose loss we feared.
Heard in a child's giggle.
Seen in tears of disbelief.
Joyful in a lamb's leap and wriggle.
Deserved in hard-won achievement.
Known when a hand grasps ours in trust.
Felt in a longed-for embrace on meeting.
Shared among old friends re-uniting.
Soft in memories of a loved one long gone.
Warm in contentment of a life fulfilled.
Tender when a long life ends
and the last breath is drawn.
Its shape can vary and take many forms.
Light and delicate or deeply profound.
It enriches the soul and can make it shine.
It can be infectious.
Its name is happiness,
yours and mine.*

Ivan Williams

A monster, rising from the sea

by Samantha Kellow

The monster gnashed its teeth and thrashed its tail. Lady Saltworthy looked perplexed. She wasn't entirely sure of the correct etiquette on the unexpected arrival of a monster.

She raised her lorgnette to her eyes. The monster was very large, she noticed, and tubular in shape. His head lay on her immaculate lawn and, much to her distress, her herbaceous border, her pride and joy, lay crushed somewhere beneath a loop of the monster's green and scaly body. The middle of the monster lay on the small beach that separated the garden from the sea. His tail, in the water, was splashing about rather more than Lady Saltworthy thought was polite.

'Will you take tea?' repeated Lady Saltworthy. The tail rose up from the water and slammed downwards.

'Oh, how dreadfully rude of me,' said Lady Saltworthy. 'I suppose you can't speak. Supposing we agree on one splash for no and two splashes for yes. Now then, may I pour you some tea?'

The monster's 'yes' was so emphatic that Lady Saltworthy was drenched. A sorry kind of groan escaped from the monster's mouth. Lady Saltworthy hastened to reassure him. 'I'm sure I'll have time to change before the vicar gets here. And the other guests.' She surveyed the neatly arranged tables, laden with platefuls of dainty sandwiches, all now utterly ruined by sea water.

Lady Saltworthy pulled herself up sharply and remembered her duty to her guest. 'One lump or two?' she asked.

The monster thrashed his tale twice. Lady Saltworthy watched the party decorations being swept out to sea, before dropping two salty cubes of sugar into the cup.

She squished across the grass towards the monster, realising as

she approached that the appalling stench of fish came from his mouth. She gagged as she placed the cup before him and quickly put her handkerchief over her face. 'Oh, excuse me,' she said, trying not to appear rude, 'I believe I have a cold coming.'

She saw her butler step through the French windows onto the terrace, the vicar just behind him.

'Your ladyship, the vicar is here,' said the butler, going pale on seeing the monster. He started to run backwards and forwards along the terrace, screaming.

'Jenkins, pull yourself together,' snapped Lady Saltworthy. 'And bring some more tea, please. I believe the monster would like some more.'

The vicar stepped onto the lawn. 'Hello, vicar,' Lady Saltworthy greeted him. 'May I introduce you?'

'Why, certainly,' said the vicar, coming forward.

'Vicar,' said Lady Saltworthy, 'this is the monster. Monster, the vicar.'

The vicar began to express his delight at making the monster's acquaintance, when the monster lunged forward, and swallowed the vicar whole.

Lady Saltwater began to say 'Oh, not to worry', as if the monster had merely dropped a teacup. Her instincts, after years of acting as hostess at garden parties and balls, told her that she should overlook this terrible faux pas on the part of her guest. Instead she ran down the beach, raving and pulling her hair, and plunged into the sea.

Samantha Kellow is a member of Potton & District Writers Group, which meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month. Find us online. Or email us at pottonwriters@gmail.com for further details.



Summer fire safety

As the weather brightens up and the sunshine starts brightening our weeks we welcome the longer, brighter nights and the opportunity to enjoy summer days and nights in the garden.

When powering up your BBQ's and putting out the garden furniture for the summer season, be sure to take note of our top tips below to ensure you have a fun and safe summer in the garden.

If cooking outdoors, always check BBQs over after winter storage. Keep them on level ground and ensure they are sited away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and property

Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area and never leave the barbecue unattended

If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave

When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area

Don't forget to stay safe around our county's waterways and if you see someone in trouble in water, call 999 immediately with clear details of your location

When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent.

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Police matters

A COUPLE have been jailed for assaulting and neglecting their three children.

The man and woman, who are in their early 30s and from West Wrating, Cambridgeshire, both admitted three counts of child neglect and were each jailed for 12 months at Cambridge Crown Court on Friday (24 May).

The court heard concerns were first raised in June 2017 after the children, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, told another adult what was happening at home.

They told police they had had objects thrown at them including a stereo and a plastic bat, had their hair pulled, and been pushed and slapped.

Occasionally the couple left their children outside in the cold, late at night, as punishment for misbehaving.

The three children are now in social care.

Detective Constable Jen Rouse said: "This couple subjected their children to things no child should have to experience. Thankfully, the children found the courage to tell someone about what was happening and are now safe and doing well.

"I would encourage anyone who suspects offences have been, or are being committed, against children to report their concerns to police, Children's Social Services or the NSPCC. We all have a duty to report child abuse."

If you think a child is in immediate danger call police on 999. If you're worried about a child, but unsure call police on 101 or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.



Police Commissioner commends Museum of Armed Policing as a 'gem' of the Fens

POLICE and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite visited the Armed Policing Museum in Chatteris today to find out more about some of the great work going on at the Museum.

Opened to the public in January, the Museum is dedicated to the history of armed policing and showcases the use of firearms going back to the 1600s. It also has a virtual firing range to show how police officers are tested in real-life situations.

There is a large range of seized weapons and firearms to help warn young people about the potential consequences of gang culture and carrying weapons.

The site is located next to the UK headquarters of the Police Firearms Officers Association (PFOA) now supports 8,000 firearms officers nationally. The PFOA is managed by serving and retired police officers with years of experience offering support for officers and their families.

Mark Williams, Chief Executive of the PFOA said: "It was a pleasure to host the Commissioner today. We are thrilled to have our wonderful museum and PFOA headquarters in Chatteris. We're in such a great place to engage with local communities and educate people on the dangers of gun and knife crime."

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite said:

"To have such a rich resource in our county is truly wonderful. The museum not only tells the story of the use of firearms through the years, it is doing incredibly important work, educating communities and young people in particular about the consequences of carrying guns.

"I encourage everyone to take the time to visit."

People interested in booking a visit should email: museum@pfoa.co.uk.

Admiration for volunteer officers *

A TV personality has spoken of being "inspired" by the contribution voluntary police officers, "Specials", make to policing in Cambridgeshire.

Penny Lancaster, who went out on the frontline in Cambridgeshire as part of the TV series Famous and Fighting Crime, spoke out as Volunteers' Week began across the country. The annual campaign, established in 1984 recognises the contribution volunteers make to communities every day.

Penny was paired with a Special constable for the Channel 4 series, which was broadcast earlier this year, and saw her pursue a shoplifter, help solve a serious assault and assist in dealing with a threatening man who was high on drugs.

Penny, who is married to singer Rod Stewart and is a regular panellist on ITV's Loose Women, said: "My time filming with Cambridgeshire police for Famous and Fighting Crime was a revelation. I was so impressed by the work the police do all the time, which often goes unseen.

"The fact that some officers do their role in their spare time, without pay, and alongside a regular career, was just inspiring. I experienced first hand how they put themselves in harm's way and go towards danger when others are running away."

In April, Penny became a patron for the charity Care of Police Survivors (COPS), which supports families of police officers and staff who die on duty.

"I can't praise the people who do the role highly enough and I would urge anyone who would like to help others to think about becoming a Special", Penny said.

"It gives you confidence, professional training and a unique opportunity to meet people, see life and really make a difference. It may seem a lot to give but the rewards more than compensate."

Chief Constable Nick Dean praised all the people who volunteered to support policing in Cambridgeshire.

He said: "We have great, professional and committed volunteers across the whole

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of policing and here in Cambridgeshire is no different; from police cadets and their leaders, to Special Constabulary members, to members of the public who assist us within the organisation, I am sure there are many more. Their work never goes unnoticed or unappreciated."

Police and Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite said: "I am proud and grateful of all of our volunteers and this year, in particular our Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) who recently achieved Silver Standard at an awards event in the House of Lords. ICVs make unannounced visits into custody cells to check on the welfare of detained persons.

"The Chief Constable and I both recognise the enormous contribution our volunteers make and remain impressed by their level of commitment, professionalism and determination. "Whilst we recognise that people are able to make different levels of commitment, whatever they give goes a long way in the local community and is hugely valued."

On national Specials Weekend Volunteer officers in Cambridgeshire joined colleagues throughout England and Wales in getting out and about showcasing the vital support they provide to regular officers.

On Saturday, Specials ran a road operation in which 12 drivers and seven passengers were reported for not wearing a seat belt. Two children were found not wearing a seat belt while another motorist was caught using a mobile phone while driving.

In 2018/19, Specials completed nearly 7900 duties, which equates to more than 51,000 hours worked. The force currently has about 220 Specials.

For more on becoming a Special visit our website www.cambs.police.uk/specialconstable

Historyman

People Part II by Nick Bruce

This double issue for July and August we look at some more characters and groups from old Gamlingay.

Some of last months characters still have relatives living in the village and many contacted me to tell stories and ask for prints of the photos that appeared here.

I hope you like the second part and please call or email me if you would like information or a copy of a photograph that appears.

1 The first photo is a puzzler as I have only just been given it by another collector from this area. All that was written on the back was East Hatley, no names or year or location.

If anyone knows or has any ideas about this photo please get in touch. It looks like it's 1940's 50's and just shows the two people on the ladder leaning on a hay stack.

Not much at all to go on and a true puzzler.

2 Wilfred Savage standing in the doorway of his Grocers and Drapers shop in



Church Street, where the chemist is now. C1930's.

3 The last Station Master of Gamlingay Station Treg Staniforth pictured in front of one of the Gamlingay platform signs. He started working at Gamlingay in January 1953 until the station closed 1st February 1968.

This photo was taken in November 1962.



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4 Jim Empson in Empsons garage in 1937 near the petrol office.

5 Walter Turrells horse drawn coal carts coming into the village from taking on coal at the station. The man driving the the second cart is a Mr Hughes. Taken 1912.

6 Walter Cross driving the Wagstaffs in a pony and trap C1920. Thought to be at the back of the Cross family home and cherry orchards in Mill Street.



7 Archie Fowler, of the Fowler and Gostling family, on his motorcycle complete with gas lamps early in the 1900's.

8 Teggy Dailey and Mr Saunders in their pony and traps along Heath Road early 1900's. Teggys dog is doing a nice pose for the camera. The village in the early 1900's was amass with pony and traps then came the first car.

...and there are more to follow in the next edition.

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