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Gamlingay Players present

A murder mystery by Brian Clemens and Dennis Spooner
At the ECO HUB, STOCKS LANE

**Friday 29th March and Saturday 30th March at
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The story concerns two once successful playwrights, Max and Nigel, who have collaborated on a number of successful thriller plays. At the moment, their creative team effort is in trouble, their financial resources are rapidly dwindling, and they are desperately searching for a new idea for their next play.

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This is a light-hearted thriller that will keep you guessing until the very end. Brian Clemens and Dennis Spooner are well known for writing extensively for TV thrillers in the 1970's and 1980's.

If you enjoyed our production of "Dial M for murder" in 2016, you will certainly enjoy this.

Discover Gamlingay!
The Gamlingay Community
Walk and Treasure Hunt
September 29th

Calling all groups and individuals in Gamlingay.

On Sunday September 29th there is an event for all the family – Discover Gamlingay – and everyone is invited!

Have you ever felt that you'd like to know more about our village? Do you wish you could name that bird, or tree – or wished that your children or grandchildren could? Have you ever thought you'd like to find out more about the various clubs and organisations in Gamlingay? And if you are one of those clubs or organisations – would you like the opportunity to inform people about what you do and to recruit new members? Would you like to explore some of the village paths? You'll have a Treasure Map to help you on your way, with prizes for some lucky winners.

Starting and finishing at the Eco-hub the Community Walk and Treasure hunt will have two routes catering for just about all ages and abilities and will let you share fun and excitement across the generations – not least because Gamlingay Village Primary will be involved as well as various groups.

So what do you need to do right now? If you are an individual or family, simply reserve the date on your calendar and watch out for further announcements. If you are involved with a group or organisation then contact Councillor Keith Warburton to find out how your group can participate and benefit.
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7 MARCH 2019

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at the Eco Hub. Book quizzes, story time,
colouring in, snacks, with a certificate for
anyone dressed up as a book character, and
a prize for the best costume! Free event.
Gamlingay Library, at the Eco Hub
Thursday 7th March, 3.15pm – 5pm



What's on: Potton Ladies Club
We meet on the first Tuesday of the month and the next meeting is on
the 5th March 2019. When it will be a social evening with cheese and
wine. This is at the Mill Lane Pavilion, Mill Lane, Potton. Visitors are
always welcome for £5.
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This letter is going to be rather 'bitty' as there are several different items to publicise which are not obviously connected, except that they are St Mary's concerns and offerings which the wider community may be interested in.

First a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make my first Christmas in these parishes a good experience. I was going to say 'so memorable' but I've noticed that when there's a lot on, when you have everything! I am, however, very grateful for taking into this year's Christmas celebration the Hub, and as the two events probably appeal to different groups, if you do not have a direct input into either event I am not

This month sees the beginning of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. At time of going to press arrangements are being finalised, but there will be something on Sunday and possibly Tuesday evening which includes pancakes, and there will be at least one special service in the Benefice for Ash Wednesday, ushering in six weeks of preparation for Easter, during which some sort of fasting (giving something up, often a special food) is traditional.

In recent years there has been a concentration on making the time of Lent one of positive choices beyond the 'giving up' idea. Our church will be helping anyone who wishes to think about what would help, and to make this a constructive time of faith development. There may well be groups meeting to prepare for confirmation and baptism, so do ask if you would like to be included, there are children and young adults already considering this 'next step', let me know if you are interested – all ages and abilities are welcome.

The promised project to replace the temporary fix on the church roof is underway, with an excellent group of people from church and wider community gathered to enable the work. The group at time of writing in late January, has met once and put a number of actions in train, further details aren't available for the Gazette deadline, so do watch out on Facebook, the church website, church notices and elsewhere for events being planned and information being shared. In particular there is a leaflet in preparation which will outline the project and give details of how you can help if you wish. If you have anything you would like to offer that could contribute, please pass it on to me in the first instance and I will feed it into the project team. Among other things, people to run, or help run, events will be most welcome.

Every blessing for a good and Godly Lent, Hilary

Sunday 3 rd	Next before Lent	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	G
		10.00am	All Age worship and Baptisms (pancake celebrations TBC)	G
		4.00pm	Evensong	E
Shrove Tuesday	Pancake evening TBC,			
Wednesday 6 th	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	? 9.30 midweek communion Benefice Ash Wednesday Eucharist	G G
Sunday 10 th	Lent 1	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
		11.00am	Holy Communion	H
		11.00am	Word and Worship	E
Wednesday 13 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion, then Coffee	G
Sunday 17 th	Lent 2	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with prayers for healing	G
		11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
Wednesday 20 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion, then Coffee	G
Sunday 24 th	Lent 3	8.00am	Holy Communion	H
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
		11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
		6.00pm	Evensong	G
Wednesday 27 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion, then Coffee	G
Sunday 31 st	Mothering Sunday	Services/ special arrangements for all three churches, TBC		

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



"The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.'"

- Billy Graham

Have you ever noticed, that many electronic devices in today's day and age have a reset button? Often times, the only way to press that reset button is by using a tiny little pin or paper clip. With other devices, a reset requires a series of pressed buttons in a certain order. It's sometimes quite annoying to have to work so hard to reset something, but it's level of 'difficulty' is only in place so as to prevent accidental resets. The reality is that sometimes, no matter how challenging or annoying the process, a reset is necessary, as the device is no longer operating that way it is meant to.

Have you ever felt like you needed a reset? Like you're no longer operating the way you're designed to? Don't worry, you're not alone. This is a reality that many, if not all, experience often I am sure, in fact, we see it in scripture, starting at the beginning.

In Genesis, the first book of the Bible, we see the poetic description of creation, from the world, the animals and of course humanity. It was perfect. But as soon as Genesis chapter 3, we see that Humanity has gone its own rogue way. If it was a modern-day device, it would be time for a reset. As a Christian, I often find myself in need of resetting myself, as though something has just gone a bit wonky. How do I do it? Well, by focusing my eyes back on Jesus.

Today's world will tell you that your reset will require you to pick yourself up by your bootstraps... think positive thoughts... convince yourself and those around you that everything is ok... Say it and you will believe it! Right? Wrong! These things might be seen as positive, but they are not addressing the deeper reality of who you are, the underlying reality that there is so much more to you and who you are.

What if I told you that there is a way of resetting yourself, where there are no more software glitches? Where there is no frozen screen or lagging of the device. What if, you could reset all things in your life, the good the bad and the ugly, by simply stepping into a life-changing relationship? Well, that is something that is available to you, me, and everyone around us, who is interested in pursuing such a thing. Much like resetting a device, resetting yourself can sometimes be difficult. But it's always worth it, isn't it?

So why don't we meet up sometime, get to know each other, and chat about what resetting yourself and aspects of life might actually look like. I would love to catch up sometime and discuss it all.

Many blessings

Rev Adrian Semerene

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Fancy reading other things I write? Visit my blog at www.adriansemerene.com.

Sunday Services

10.00am-10.30am Awakening Praise
10.45am Worship Service (with GBC kids)

Communion will be celebrated on the 3rd March

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 2nd March at 9.00am

Craft and Hobbies Group

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

Thursday 7th Mar 10.00am

Ladies Prayer Brunch

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

Saturday 16th March 10.00am - 1:00pm

Coffee Morning

In aid of GBC and 2019 Charity

Thursday 21st March 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

Gamlingay Community Centre (The EcoHub).
Requested use by parents and carers of pupils attending the Gamlingay Village Primary School to use the Community Centre Car Park for child drop off/pick up.

Executive Summary:

The Trustees of the Community Centre have debated this request at length and have decided that they are not prepared to allow the centre car park to be used for child drop off/pick up. The Gamlingay Parish Council supports this decision.

- **Risk and Danger.** The trustees believe that the use of the car park for drop off/pick up represents an unacceptable risk. The Cambridgeshire County Council does not provide drop off/pick up parking within the curtilage of primary schools as a matter of Policy because of the risk and danger.
- **Insurance.** Our Public Liability Insurer have insisted that the car park is patrolled at drop off /pick up times and insist that a full risk assessment is carried out which will without doubt result in an increase of the premium.
- **Wear and Tear.** The car park is not designed for frequent vehicle use, particularly the parking bays and the drop off/pick up proposal will undoubtedly increase the wear and tear.
- **CCTV Coverage.** There is minimal coverage of the car park. A significant increase in the number of vehicle movements will inevitably result in accidents and abuse of the car park and additional CCTV coverage will be required. The Trustees do not have a budget or funds for the substantial work required.
- **Winter weather risk.** The Trustees cannot accept any liability for accidents (people or vehicles) occurring in winter conditions in relation to the car park access road, the parking spaces and the foot paths.

Attached to this Executive Summary is a detailed report of all the factors considered and debated by the Trustees.

The Trustees to the Gamlingay Community Centre, January 2019

I have recently read the following on The Guardian page, and felt that their expression of editorial freedom is pertinent to our situation.

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Would a similar idea secure the future of our village magazine?- Ed

Police funding in Cambridgeshire



POLICE and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite asked members of the public to tell him how much they would be willing to support policing in a short survey) by stating how much they would contribute as part of their council tax for 2019/20.

One of the Commissioner's duties is to ensure that Cambridgeshire Constabulary has the resources it needs to keep people safe.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite said:

"Chief Constable, Nick Dean and I have been working hard to ensure our Force is as efficient and effective as it can be. Last year, we introduced a new structure for local policing which brought an additional 50 officers to the front line. And, as a result of last year's increase in the policing part of the council tax, a further 55 officers were also recruited and are now in training. "Whilst those additional officers are very welcome, there are some harsh policing realities that we face. Demand on policing is growing. Cambridgeshire is a safe county, but police now spend more time tackling 'hidden crimes' such as domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation and modern day slavery. They also spend time working with partners to tackle vulnerability where there is a risk to an individual or members of the public. "Our police force is still one of the lowest funded forces in the country and one of the most efficient costing 42p per person per day against a national average of 51p (per person per day). Cambridgeshire's population is forecast to grow by 20% by 2031 but with government funding not currently linked to population growth, this is something we continue to press for change.

"We will continue to identify further efficiency savings, however in order to meet future demand, I propose to increase the policing part of the council tax by £2 per month per household (based on a Band D property). This equates to 50p per week or £24 per year.

Option 1: Increase by 33p per month (£4.00 per year) loss of 80 officers

Option 2: Increase by £2 per month (£24.00 per year) +50 officers

Option 3: Increase by £10 per month (£120 per year) +350 officers, closer to the national average

The proposed (preferred) increase of £2 per month equates to £1.33 for Band A to £3.99 for Band H. A total of 2,030 people responded to the survey.

The result was that 61% said they were prepared to pay an extra £2 a month for policing, 23% were prepared to pay a bigger increase of £10 a month, while 15% said they would not want to pay any more. 700 people also provided comments.

NEWS FROM 1ST GAMLINGAY RAINBOWS

by Helen, Sarah and Georgia

We welcomed more new young ladies into Rainbows in September for the start of our new year and also a young lady who was previously at another Rainbow Unit. We have been gluing, sticking and our way through the new Girl Guiding programme which a completely new thing for the Rainbows as we have not had badge books, so this is completely new to all of us. The adults have attended several training sessions for the new programme and we are embracing this change to our Girl Guiding journey. We have enjoyed the activities that we have undertaken as part of this, we made a robot – the girls were paired and had to draw an arm, leg, body, head and then we put him together at the end of the session, it was a truly unique robot with many interesting features. We took part in the Christmas tree festival, which took several meetings to get all our decorations done. During the Christmas break from school, we took the Rainbows to the Widdershins theatre performance at the Ecohub, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all of us who attended. This half term we will be basing our activities around princess and we always look forward to the new crafts and especially those evenings when we can take part in enjoying food, perhaps the Rainbow princess might even enjoy a princess tea party towards the end of the term.

1ST GAMLINGAY RAINBOWS NEEDS YOU!!!

1st Gamlingay Rainbows started in its current form 2004 with two leaders, Helen and Sarah, we then added Sarah as a parent helper later in the year, Sarah then undertook her Leadership qualification to become a full Leader in 2015. Georgia joined us when Helen retired in 2017.

We now find that 15 years later, 145 girls, a number of young leaders, parent helpers, two venues, lots of outings, parties, visits, courses and



Gamlingay Rainbows
in 2004 - Photograph
taken in the WI Hall



loads of badges later, Helen and Sarah have decided that it is time to retire. This means that we will need new leaders to come forward and take over the Unit.

Please help or this well-established group will close in July at the end of the current academic year. If you are interested in seeing what Rainbows is all about, please get in touch and we will be only too happy to arrange for you to come to a meeting and meet our Rainbows and show you how rewarding volunteering as a leader can be.

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The Amici Singers completed their 40th Anniversary Year

by Wenda Lutterloch

With six special concerts in the weeks before Christmas. They started with a 5 day cruise down the River Seine in May to Rouen where they were invited to sing in one of their beautiful churches and entertaining passengers on the Braemar along the way. Our 40th Anniversary Concert Was held in Stratton Upper School before we broke for the Summer holidays. September was the start of rehearsals for a very busy period starting with a very moving WW1 Remembrance Concert in Potton Church. and then we had just 2 more rehearsals before we were proud to be part of a Concert for Barnardo's in Southwark Cathedral. This was the second year that we have taken part and we are delighted that we have been invited again this year. This was followed by a charity Concert for Rennie Grove Hospital with Pam Rhodes culminating with our Christmas Concert in Sandy Parish Church with Sandy Cof E Primary School collaborating with Sandy Rotary Club. Altogether a very exciting and busy year. The choir are so lucky to have Douglas Coombes MBE as our Musical Director who also writes and arranges of our music. Rehearsals have now started for what I'm sure will be another exciting year. We've already been invited by Fred Olsen Cruises to join the Black Watch on a 5 day cruise in May from Liverpool to the Orkney Island calling at some lovely areas on the way and to Cromer Church in June and other concerts are in the pipeline. Amicis means friends and that is really what the Choir is about. We would love to welcome more ladies of any age to join us. There aren't any auditions and all voices are welcome. Our rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7.45 to 9.45 in Trinity Methodist Church, Shortmead St, Biggleswade and if you would like to join please contact any choir members or ring Carole Lindsay-Douglas on 01767260361. You will be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.



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Gear – once you have the correct speed for the circumstances, engage the appropriate gear for that speed.

Acceleration – apply the correct degree of acceleration to negotiate and leave the hazard safely.

Should you wish to know more about the Group visit www.roadarc.org.uk where you can obtain more information and can download a Membership Application Form.

This issue's top tip: allow at least a 2 second gap between you and the vehicle in front in good conditions and at least double that in wet conditions and much more when snow and/or ice exist.

Police Bid to reunite haul of bur- gled property with owners



DETECTIVES are releasing photographs of thousands of items of property recovered as part of an investigation into a prolific crime gang. They hope to reunite the items, which are believed to have come from crimes in Cambridgeshire and surrounding counties between 9 December 2016 and 9 January 2018, with their rightful owners.

In December, the gang members were sentenced to a total of 71 years in jail. They had committed more than 200 burglaries, including nearly 100 in Cambridgeshire, costing victims more than £2 million pounds.

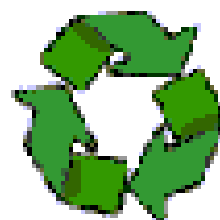
Gang members would mask their faces using balaclavas and smash or force open doors or windows in broad daylight. They would steal specific items, mainly high-powered BMWs and Audis, firearms, cash and jewellery, all of which they could dispose of through contacts. Norfolk suffered a similar number of burglaries to Cambridgeshire while other offences took place in Suffolk, Essex and Bedfordshire.

The images can be viewed here <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ophawksbury/>

Those who believe an item belongs to them should email Operation-Hawkesbury@cambs.pnn.police.uk with their name, date and address of offence, crime number, exhibit number/album-photo ref of property, contact details, including email address, and any receipts/proof of purchase or photographs of items.

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



News from



The Old Chapel, Green End, Gamlingay,

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What have we been up to?

By the time you are reading this we will have had another term of fun at rainbow. The children were fortunate to have a visit from The Animal Ark people, they visited with furry and feathered friends for the children to feed, hold and learn about.

The parents and grandparents have had a valentines' lunch with the children at Rainbow, cakes, biscuits and a cup of tea with friends, made a lovely morning for all.

Fun and laughter were the theme for our quiz night held at the Jannah. A meal and quiz, along with free entry into our raffle. This was another fund raising event organised by our committee with all proceeds going towards the children's activities and toys at pre-school.

We also enjoyed a visit from Adrian who told the children the Easter Story. Children were imaginative with their Easter bonnet designs and a furry visitor hopped along to bring all the children a chocolate egg.

Breakfast Club

In April we launched 'Breakfast Club' at Rainbow. The session runs from 7:30am for children up to the age of 12 during term time only and has proved popular with parents in providing a much needed early morning drop off for their children. For just £4.00 a session, the children can enjoy breakfast and a drink and then our school-aged children will be accompanied to school. We are now full on a Monday and Wednesday but we do still have limited places available on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please do get in touch to find out more and to book your child's place.

Stay and Play

Our Stay and Play sessions continue. Stay and Play sessions focus on children aged 18 months to 2.5 years. It is held on a Wednesday afternoon from 1pm until 3pm. The session fee is £3.00 which includes a snack. Please contact the preschool to



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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 southernly 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.

Highway Issues

I would just like to remind that, you can report problems on roads or pavements including potholes, kerbs, verges, flooding, hedges and trees, public rights of way, road markings, road signs and traffic signals on the Cambs county council website via the link below:

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Community Chest Grants

At November's Full council meeting I seconded a motion that called for a re-consideration 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 discouraged 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.

Cllr Heather Williams
SCDC The Mordens Ward
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Email: cllr.williamsh@scambs.gov.uk
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ALMSHOUSE VACANCY

There is a vacancy at the Gamlingay Almshouses. Applicants should apply to the Trustees of Sir John Jacob's Almshouses, in writing. Please note that the deed of settlement states that applicants are to be 'poor widows of good character resident in Gamlingay', however the Charity Commission have given the Trustees discretion to widen these terms.

For further details, please approach one of the Trustees listed below:

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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 6th March Zsazsa Serer - Tropical plants

We are fortunate to have Zsazsa talk to us again about her favourite Exotic Tropical Plants. Exotic plants are renowned for their showy blooms and lush foliage, excellent for lending an exciting jungle feel to your garden. Tropical plants are often thought of as tender and difficult to maintain but some are very hardy in the UK! Learn how to grow these great-value exotic flowers in borders, conservatories, or in patio containers.

Wednesday 3rd April

Simon McWilliams - Spring flowering shrubs and woodlanders

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Simon will be focusing on spring flowering shrubs and woodland plants



Quiz and Puzzle Corner

by Jack Waley-Cohen

.Answers January/February 2019

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4. MasterChef: The Professionals (specifically 'The Professionals' not normal MasterChef)
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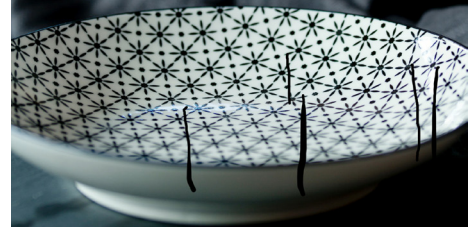
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The next meetings are:

Monday 18th March: David Squibb returns to us to talk about Switzerland.

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



1st March - Competition 6 The Digital Images Portfolio - Open Judge Colin Southgate FRPS DPAGB Chilterns Panel (CACC)

8th March - Annual friendly V Melbourn & District PC - Judge Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB EAF A Panel.

15th March - TBC Please phone or check website for details

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Tips for the spring Garden

by Karen Aitkins
of All Green Landscapes Ltd

March is officially the first month of Spring and hopefully our garden look can now look forward to milder weather but probable high winds so don't be tempted to put out more vulnerable plants. The high winds will hopefully dry out the sodden earth, making gardening easier. Days will be significantly longer, especially when the clocks spring forward at the end of the month.

This time was originally the beginning of the calendar year and was changed in the eighteenth century to January. The Anglo Saxons called it Hydl monath which means stormy month. Maybe that's where the saying "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" comes from.

Bulbs planted in the autumn will now start to shoot upwards and the traditional daffodil which adorns most gardens will be in abundance. Forsythias will also bring forth a stunning show of bright yellow flowers. Yellow really is the colour of spring. This is also a good time to plant summer flowering bulbs.

Keep on top of weeds as they will start to show their heads too, the best time to weed is in the sunshine, using a dutch hoe. Leave the weeds to dry out and shrivel up in the sun then rake them up. Applying a good quality mulch is ideal, whilst the soil is still moist as it allows the soil to retain its moisture. Adding it when the soil is too dry, keeps it dry and doesn't allow water to penetrate to the detriment of the plants. This will help in the summer months to conserve moisture in the soil, cutting out the need to water so frequently.

Towards the end of the month the lawn will have its first cut. Make sure the blades are very sharp and are set high for the first cut. Try to pick a day when the grass is quite dry, or the blades may end up ripping the grass out and making a mess. If you have been aerating the lawn with a pitch fork the ground should be sufficiently firm to walk on without damaging it. Reseed bare patches in the lawn.

March is the traditional time to prune roses. Don't be shy to go in hard, they will respond by coming back even stronger. Cut away any

dead or diseased wood and burn. Always prune to an outward facing bud and use sharp secateurs.

An interesting way of planting which has become quite fashionable is to plant vegetables in with other shrubs and plants. This gives a lot more colour and texture to your borders whilst being useful. Beetroot, courgettes, chards and artichokes can look amazing in amongst other flowering shrubs. Just remember what they are and where you planted them if you want to eat them. Put in a little stick as a pointer with a label on it.

Evergreen shrubs that have got too large can be moved now. Take as much of the root ball as possible when moving plants to give them the best chance of survival. Now that the soil is warming up shrubs will start to grow and therefore lose less water, helping them re-establish.

Pests start to show around this month, so be prepared and keep on top of them. A natural remedy for killing and controlling aphids is to mix 1 tablespoon of canola oil and a few drops of Ivory soap into 1 litre of water, shake well and put into a spray bottle. Spray onto the under side of the leaves. Encourage birds into the garden as they are the natural predator of slugs and snails. Remember slug pellets are poisonous to birds and hedgehogs too.

Start planning how you want your garden to look. Get ideas from magazines and the internet. Don't be put off by price. Quite often an idea can be revised and simplified to the same effect. You can have a garden that looks like Chelsea Flower Show you just have to make a few changes.

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Avenells Way Community Centre

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Our fund raising efforts during 2018 raised £960 for different charities. We also organised four trips namely to , Cromer and Sheringham, Great Yarmouth, Brighton and Bury St Edmunds market, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Each month we hold various events which include, coffee mornings, lunches and afternoon teas.

We are able to raise this money for these charities and our events by holding regular raffles and charging affordable amounts to those that attend.

Through the efforts of four regular volunteers who perform around 40 hours each month, and the help of a few others, we are able to help and provide this service to some of the Gamlingay community.

We should add that most of our members live alone, so the service we provide enables them to meet, make new friends and enjoy the surroundings, and we know this is greatly appreciated.



letters



Snippet for Historyman

Hi. I have been given a copy of the Gazette dated September 2018 and in it is photo of Gamlingay Youth FC and my Father is in it Alec Cownden, it states 1944_1945. My Father did not arrive in Gamlingay until 1948 when he married my Mother Kathleen Gilbert. I'm not sure when this was taken but I would say in the early Fifties?

Regards Dean Cownden.

We wonder how many new comers to the village know how much time and work goes into running the Gazette? It has been run since 1991 entirely by volunteers. We all appreciate it's worth and we wish to express our very sincere thanks to the Gazette team for all their work and wish them well.

Philip and Lindy Gorton

did you know...

There is a flourishing Craft Club, which many may not know about. It takes place at the Echohub on Thursdays between 10am. and noon, in the Kier suite.

Beadwork, patchwork, embroidery, tapestry, knitting and crochet are all there. You may learn how these are done or improve skills, or just come along and learn what is going on in the village. There is a £2 charge to cover the hire of the room and a cuppa

Mr Sykes

Former Headteacher of Gamlingay First school (1974-1986)
Passed away on the 18th December 2018, aged 89 years.

Mr Sykes was featured in the Historyman article for January/February compiled by Nick Bruce.

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We run a free community NHS hearing aid maintenance session in Gamlingay, at the Baptist Church, Stocks Lane. At these drop in sessions we will clean and re-tube your NHS hearing aids, supply you with NHS hearing aid batteries, and offer information/advice about hearing loss. Held on the 4th Friday of each month, 10am -12noon

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Get the call - become an on-call firefighter

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit more on-call firefighters to help serve local communities across the county.

CFRS is looking for men and women from all backgrounds to become on-call firefighters and provide emergency cover from either their home or their workplace. On-call firefighters are a vital part of our Service and community. They respond to a wide range of incidents, from fighting fires, attending road traffic collisions, animal rescues to supporting other emergency services. In addition to responding to emergency incidents, our on-call firefighters support their communities by providing information and advice on a range of community safety topics. They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights (one evening a week for two hours).

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Cambridgeshire sexual assault survivors to have their say

Cambridgeshire's Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), is asking people who have used the service to provide feedback.

A new Service User Group (The Elms SUG) is being set up by survivor and volunteer, Emily Watson.

Emily, now aged 45, was sexually assaulted while away on business. Emily explains:

"At the time, I was not aware of the level of support available to me from centres such as The Elms. Once I made the decision to report the crime to the police, I found myself alone and vulnerable and this only got worse as I faced the eventual court case with just my family behind me.

"It was at that point that I saw a report on the local news about support for survivors in Cambridgeshire. Knowing that there is a safe place where people who have experienced sexual violence can go to receive support prompted me to contact the SARC and offer my help so that others don't find themselves in my situation.

We encourage those who have had support through the SARC to talk through their experiences and ask how such support services might be enhanced. It is only by sharing our views that we can ensure no one has to cope with such devastating experiences alone."

Led by Emily, The Elms Service User Group (SUG) is a voluntary, survivor-led forum to encourage constructive feedback. The Group is keen to attract:

Survivors who are at a stage in

their journey where they want to provide feedback and share ideas; and those who have the confidence to speak openly within an informal (confidential) group environment; and those who want to help promote the SARC as a haven of support and sanctuary for victims of sexual violence and sexual abuse within the county.

Rachel Matheson, Manager of The Elms, explains:

"It is vital that individuals using the service are given opportunities to have their say on what is currently offered and how services can be shaped in the future."

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, said:

"It is important that we continue to wrap a blanket of care around people when they are at their most vulnerable, ensuring they receive the highest quality of care and ongoing support. We need to ensure services at The Elms continue to address the needs of survivors."

Services at The Elms are provided by Mountain Healthcare Ltd who are commissioned to provide forensic healthcare services by NHS England and Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and regulated by the Care Quality Commission. The Elms services are closely supported by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Rape Crisis Partnership, Embrace-Child Victims of Crime, the Constabulary and the Victim and Witness Hub.

Support is available 24/7 to anyone who has experienced sexual violence and/or abuse by calling 0800 193 5434.

More information about The Elms is available online at www.theelmssarc.org. The website includes an option to hide the webpage from your browser history to enable survivors to view it without fear.

Since the SARC opened in December 2016, 565 people have been supported.

Gamlingay and Hatley get their own Business Support Solution

Solution Gamlingay was designed by local company Ebase Technology Ltd for Gamlingay Parish Council. It was developed from an idea suggested by Project Officer Bridget Smith in response to concerns raised by local businesses about serious barriers to local economic growth.

Gamlingay Parish Council secured 100% grant funding to turn Solution Gamlingay into a reality.

Bridget Smith said, "Local businesses had been telling us for a long time that they found it difficult to be a part of each other's supply chains, to recruit a local workforce and to find suitable premises in the area. Our aim was to provide a free 'one stop shop' that addressed these issues and allowed businesses to access support and information about a huge variety of things, including taking on apprentices, starting new businesses and getting planning permission. We also included the means for people to receive emails notifying them of new job adverts as well as a section for visitors to Gamlingay and Hatley."

Chair of Gamlingay Parish Council, Colin Smith added "This is an unusual venture for a parish council, but Gamlingay has always embraced innovative solutions to local problems and we believe that securing the economic future of our village will benefit all of our residents."

Solution Gamlingay was developed by Ebase Technology Ltd, a local firm based in Hatley St. George. Ebase CEO, Dave Rawlins commented: "We were very excited by this project and delighted to help. What we've delivered is a multi-tenanted platform that will allow any number of other villages to cost-effectively create their own version of the Gamlingay system, each tailored to their own specific needs. Nothing would please us more than having every village in South Cambridgeshire use the platform to help promote their local economy."

Solution Gamlingay is a FREE one stop shop for businesses and residents in Gamlingay and Hatley.

Solution Gamlingay allows **businesses** to:

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Solution Gamlingay allows **job seekers** to:

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Solution Gamlingay: Background Information

Solution Gamlingay is owned and administered by Gamlingay Parish Council. It was **totally** funded by a grant from the European LEADER programme and by the community development charity Forward Gamlingay. It was developed by Ebase Technology and the original concept was designed by Bridget Smith following a number of workshops and meetings with local business and land agents.



Gamlingay Parish

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Money, Money, Money



This is to settle a repeated question about the Church of England and its finances – money does indeed ‘make the world go round’ in many respects, and like many of the cycles in nature (water, carbon eg), what happens to it isn’t all that obvious at times, so I want to explode or explain the origins of a particular myth.

To help understand, first here is a run-down of how the Church of England works.

The whole of the Church of England is made up of Ecclesiastical parishes, all of which have a church building and are served by a parish priest, though many do not now have a priest to themselves, the parishes that share a priest are grouped into Benefices.

The parishes and Benefices are further grouped locally into Deaneries (ours is St Neots Deanery). Deaneries in turn are parts of a Diocese, which will have a cathedral ‘mother church’ – ours is Ely, where a bishop (Bishop Stephen) has a seat, and near which staff who support the churches and clergy of the Diocese are based.

Myth - The Church of England is rich (therefore eg St Mary the Virgin in Gamlingay is rich).

It is true that the CofE holds considerable historical assets, mainly land and buildings, but also sizeable investments. HOWEVER a large proportion of the income from investments goes to pay clergy pensions, but investment income also supports the costs of our hugely expensive and valuable historical cathedrals and some of their staff. There are also payments to support the cost of clergy nationally, and help to finance poorer Dioceses. The central church has no other income than from investments and sale of assets (where that is possible – mostly it is not).

The local churches are NOT generally rich – many are very

far from financially secure. Each parish, here Gamlingay with the Hatleys - two churches, and Everton cum Tetworth – one church, is responsible for its own assets and funding – there is no central fund that pays anything to parish churches. Some have historical assets, none is rich, some manage better than others. Village churches usually struggle to make ends meet. Daily running costs amount to hundreds, sometimes thousands of pounds.

The only income is from the giving and fund-raising of the local congregations, together with a part of the fees for weddings and funerals at the church (some also goes to the Diocese) and also any legacies or historical assets and investments particular to that church.

Outgoings include insurance and all other running and repair costs of the parish church, also a substantial contribution towards the cost of clergy – this is shared across the parishes of an area according to a formula which takes account of ability to pay to some extent, and is paid to the Diocese. Churches also support local and national charities out of their income.

The Diocese is responsible for clergy stipends and housing, as well as supporting all aspects of parish life, especially the legal side of buildings responsibility and employment.

Hilary Young

Gamlingay School's Out Club is BACK this summer!

Hopefully there will be lots of children jumping for joy at the announcement that, following a successful first year, Gamlingay School's Out Club (GSOC) will be back from Monday 5th August to Friday 9th August 2019. For the benefit of anyone who is new to the village, or who was unable to join us last year, GSOC offers a wide range of activities and free-play for the children of Gamlingay, aged 5 to 12 years of age. The Club is run by a committee of volunteers on a not-for-profit basis.

We are very fortunate to be able to use the new Gamlingay Village

Primary (GVP) this year and are looking forward to the extra space and facilities that this will provide. We are currently brainstorming ideas to ensure that our Club offers fun activities for all the children who join us, whether they are interested in crafts, cookery, sports, or just playing with their friends. The most popular activities from last year will be repeated, but we also want to bring something extra special to the Club each summer, so that your children can experience something new and exciting. By the time you read this our timetable of activities will be ready. We will make further announcements via our Facebook page in due course, so please do keep in touch.

We offer a morning session from 9.30am to 12.00pm and an afternoon session from 1.00pm to 3.30pm on all days except Friday, when we close at 12.00pm for the big clean and tidy away. The session fee is £5 per child, which includes two activities, (craft, cooking etc.) plus access to a well-stocked toy room, dressing up clothes, indoor sports such as pool and table tennis, plus outdoor play equipment and organised sports too. Some children just enjoy ‘hanging out’ with their friends. All session fees are used to finance the wide range of craft materials, cooking ingredients, replacement toys and other supplies, as well as covering our administrative costs, such as insurance and the essential DBS checks.

Parents/carers are asked to collect their children for the lunch hour between sessions, so that our volunteers can take a well-earned rest. Some parents/carers take their children home, or to the park for their lunch, others stay close by and enjoy a picnic with their children. We appreciate that this is not an option for many working parents and as such this year we will be offering a Lunch Club to allow children to stay and play all day without the need for a lunch time collection. The Lunch Club will be held in a designated area, where children can enjoy their packed lunch and some ‘quiet time’ with their friends, under adult supervision. The fee

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for the Lunch Club is £4 per child. Full details will be supplied with the Registration Packs. All monies raised from the Lunch Club will be reinvested in activities, resources or entertainment at GSOC.

Places must be pre-booked for all sessions, including the Lunch Club, so that we can organise supplies and ensure we have the appropriate number of adults to supervise the children. Registration Packs will be available at the start of the summer term, being Wednesday 24th April for GVP pupils. This year we hope to make the packs available by email too. All paperwork and payments must be returned to us by Friday 10th May. Again, more details and reminders will be provided nearer the time, via the School's Parent Hub app and our Facebook page.

Some activities, including the Lunch Club, have limited spaces and will be strictly allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. Please note that GSOC is open to all children of Gamlingay aged 5-12 years, irrespective of what school they attend. We also welcome all children who attend GVP irrespective of where they live. So please do help spread the word to those who may like to join us but who do not receive a copy of the Gazette.

We are fortunate that all committee members agreed to stay on board for our second year and we look forward to the return of the many wonderful volunteers who joined us in 2018 to give us a helping hand. We will need even more volunteers as GSOC grows, so please consider if you can spare a few hours to help us during the Club week. We need adults to help supervise activities, but also others who can help with set up and tidy up each day. Maybe you have a skill you would like to share with the children at one of our sessions? All helping hands are very welcome and much appreciated, so please do contact us if you have some time to spare in August and want to be a part of the fun.

Please keep an eye out for updates on our Facebook page 'Gamlingay School's Out Club' / @gamlingaysoc. If you have any questions you can

contact us via Facebook messenger or email to gamlingaysoc@outlook.com. As before, we hope to get as much support as possible from our wonderful community to make GSOC a successful and valued service for our children. We look forward to hearing from you if you can help us in any way!

With thanks,
Kim Wilde - on behalf of the GSOC Committee

Great Escape Huh! That's nothing ! *by David Sadler*

Almost every Christmas that film is shown about sixty or so prisoners of war planning to escape from a WWII German prison camp. Most were recaptured and killed. But in Italy allied prisoners really did make a Great Escape as thousands at a time walked out of camps. 11,500 made it back to Allied lines and returned to fight again.

At the time of the armistice when the Italians withdrew from the conflict the Italian guards deserted the camps. In some cases they left the gates open and the prisoners walked out before Germans arrived to take over the guarding duties. At one camp 600 men formed up and marched out just one hour before the German guards arrived. My father-in-law and fishing chum was a POW and he hid in the hills helping on a farm. Eventually he walked back to join the allied lines as they fought their way up Italy. Since his death I have searched for his name on various archives but there is no trace of him even on his regimental archives. I found a web site devoted to POWs in Italy and added his name. Recently the chap who was compiling the details and collecting the names for every European POW camp appealed for help and I volunteered to help with Italian POWs. I read the emails and enter the names, details of their imprisonment. Some are amazing! They range from a South African soldier held in a camp at Bengazi, North Africa. In that camp most prisoners had dysentery. They were marched to a port and loaded on a ship to be taken to Sicily and kept in the lowest bowels of the ship. When

they were brought up to the deck for exercise and on the vertical ladders, the worst happened to those on the lower rungs.

Some tales caused me to smile like the four escaped officers who went to a hotel had an evening meal and rooms for the night but they couldn't pay so they gave the owner a paper on which they had written

"To: Area Commander

ALLIED FORCES

*The undermentioned family at inn at Castellinchio gave food and shelter for one night to four officers POWs liberated from campo di concentramento 49. I request that they be paid therefore
Signature."*

Obviously well bred, upper crust officers to have the cheek to do this. Several escapers went on to be heroes like the Canadian medic who entered the service as a private then by the start of the war was a lieutenant in the Canadian Field Ambulance Division. After he was captured he escaped and was awarded eleven medals including a DSC and bar, George V medal and George VI medal, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour he left the war as a Colonel.

Another hero was an east end lad who escaped, was recaptured, escaped again by jumping from a train and joined the partisans disrupting German supply trains until the end of the war. A S.O.E. debrief states that "While in charge of a patrol, he took part in fifteen attacks against German motor vehicles. His leadership and courage inspired the rest of his men and all partisans in the area."

My fishing friend? Well he was injured in North Africa then captured by a German patrol. The hospital ship he was on got torpedoed. As the ship listed he walked down the ship's side and entered the water. He spent the night clinging to a floating door in the Mediterranean. He was rescued by an Italian Cruiser and taken to Italy and placed in a POW camp. After he got home he married his sweetheart and raised my wife!



NEWS FROM THE ECO HUB

Hello again. Bored of winter? It's a tricky time of year, but we've got plenty to look forward to in March at the Hub.

We have got a few new things going on—for the first time we are putting on a stand up comedy night on 1st March together with Big Deal Comedy. Indications as I write (late January) are that this will be a sell out, and if you all like it, we will be added to the regular 'circuit' for new and established comedy acts. So if you missed this one, hopefully there will be more!



Also new to the Hub is Indoor New Age Kurling (what??). Kurling is a form of original ice curling, but adapted so that it can be played on any smooth flat surface.



EASTER EGG HUNT 2019

With Easter Eggs in the shops from January (yes, Tesco Potton I'm looking at you) it's not too early to let you know that our annual Easter Egg hunt will be on Sunday 14th April this year. The Easter Bunny will be giving out the eggs to lucky hunters and if the weather is nice it will be a fun morning. So please put it in your diaries now – more in the April Gazette.

It's very easy to play seated, so ideal for those who have limited mobility, need a chair or wheelchair, and is great fun for all ages.

We also have a new boxing instructor who is proving very popular with a Monday morning 9am class (nothing like getting the week started!) and a children's class after school.

All this is on top of our huge range of regular fitness classes, from Zumba to Circuits to 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.

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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JACOB (THIS BOY)

You came into Cambridge,
With a **Ticket To Ride**,
And when we saw you
We almost cried.

We hopped on a
Magical Mystery Tour
An open-topped bus,
For an hour or more.

No **Yellow Submarine**
Just a punt, on the Cam,
Along the **(Get) Backs**,
Creating a jam.

A little **Rain**, but
Here Comes The Sun,
There's a Pla(i)ce and chip lunch
In The Anchor, what fun.

In London, to Buckingham Palace
You'd been,
Her Majesty's there,
But is not often seen.

Day Tripper to Liverpool,
Beatles to trace,
Penny Lane and The Cavern,
Hey Jude, what a place!

Eight Days a Week
Is what is required
To stop you from saying
"Oh, boy, **I'm So Tired**".

No **Blackbird** or
Blue Jay Way were spied,
But at King's College - Wagtails -
Yellow and Pied.

John's Ukulele you played
And it sounded so good:
From a bit of old threshold -
(Not **Norwegian Wood**)

And soon, **Golden Slumbers**
Will fill up your eyes **Because**,
Baby, You're A Rich Man -
Travelling-wise!

Here, There And Everywhere,
In such a short time.
But - no **Paperback Writer**
I'll finish this rhyme.

You're **Flying**, and
Back In The US (SR)
Have spent all your dough.
What's next on your bucket list?
Your Mother Should Know!!!

*In memory of a wonderful day in
Cambridge with Jacob and Jeff.*

*Gill Spaul
Gamlingay, June 2017*



Waresley Cricket Club Huntingdonshire

Well, we've arrived in 2019 and all of our plans for the new season will be happening soon – exciting times! We have signed an Australian fast bowler, Tim Mulholland, and are in the process of obtaining another overseas player.

Here are some important dates to note & keep free!

Sat 23 March – Pre Season Dinner in the Duncombe Arms 7.30 for 8pm

Thurs 28 March, 4 & 11 April – Senior Indoor Nets at Stratton School Biggleswade 7.30 to 9.30pm.

Sat 8 April – CricketForce Day – this is when we get the ground & pavilion ready for the season.

TBC April – First Outdoor Colts Night of the Season

Sat 4 May – First League Games

Sat 8 June – World Cup Fun Day (details to follow!)

Sun 23 June – Waresley v MCC

Sun 7 July – Colts Under 9 Tournament

Fri 26 July – 150th Anniversary game against a Gamlingay XI

Plus more to be announced later!

To find out more, email us at waresleycc@hotmail.co.uk, visit our website www.waresley.play-cricket.com or follow our page on Facebook!



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Gamlingay United Update

At the time of writing, all December and January fixtures have been completed. The club remained unbeaten in November but with fixtures being called off left right and centre it remained to be seen if December and January would be so fruitful. Matt Steele was named Manager of the month for November, Leo Churms second in the county for player of the month, and Aaron Loney was second in the vote for his respective leagues for player of the month. The first team had 5 league games in this spell, winning three and drawing two, holding on to fourth place but lost some ground on the teams above- also suffered defeat in a cup quarter final. But with some big league games coming up offering a chance to close the gaps and also a cup final, it's far from doom and gloom. The reserves fell from 4th to 6th, but partly down to lack of fixtures, only playing 4 in the two months- winning two and losing two, it is February which will be the crucial month for the Rearlights, playing the four teams directly above in the next four fixtures. The vets unfortunately did not make it into the top league, however remain unbeaten in division two after two fixtures, sitting 3rd in the table.

First team Results:

15/12 Gamlingay United Firsts 3-2 Cottenham

The first team faced Cottenham after a two week break with no fixture, at half time it didn't seem as if they'd been away storming to a 3-0 lead with goals from Sam Bonham, Jimmy Walker and Reece Keating. Storm however was the key word. The second half was played out in dire conditions, with the weather apps saying with wind chill factor it felt like -5 degrees, and with downpours of rain/sleet and strong winds the games flow was stopped. The away side failed to threaten through most of the match, GUFC appeared comfortable but for a crazy last ten mins where the away side were gifted two goals, but the First team held on for what was an important win. Jimmy Walker was man of the match.

22/12 Over Sports 1-3 Gamlingay United Firsts

In a game dubbed a 'must win' if GUFC were to mount any type of title challenge, Matt Steele's men duly delivered. The game started in a cagey fashion, both teams setting up respecting the importance of the

game; however, it was the visitors who took the lead with Churms striking home a 25-yard free kick, leaving the keeper with no chance. A Churms free kick was also the source of the second goal, his effort too hot to handle for the keeper who parried to Tipping's feet and he was able to sort his feet out quickly and coolly slot home the second. A particularly fine save from Cowell ensured GUFC kept a 0-2 lead at the break. Over threw everything they had at Gamlingay in the second half, and with 20mins to go they gave themselves hope, scoring direct from a freekick, which flew into the bottom corner. Any hope of an equaliser was short lived as another Churms effort was saved by the keeper only for substitute Keating to react quickest to bundle the ball into the empty net to restore the lead, and indeed the three points. Man of the match was captain Leo Churms.

05/01 Orwell 2-2 Gamlingay United Firsts

Going into this game GUFC were two points and two places behind Orwell who sat in 4th, so it had the feel of a must not lose game. The Rearlights took a fortuitous lead through Leo who smashed the ball home after bouncing to him off the face of a team mate. Before half time the lead was doubled through Tipping who carried on his hot streak calmly finishing a 1-on-1. The second half however was disappointing, some personal mistakes saw the hosts awarded a penalty which was duly converted and Bonham was sin binned for dissent putting the away side down to ten men, the home side capitalised and equalised with 15 left on the clock. Fortunately for GUFC Cowell was on hand to make a couple of brilliant saves to ensure GUFC left with a point.

12/01 Girtton 0-8 Gamlingay United Firsts

Gamlingay ran riot away at bottom of the league Girtton. The first half was more even, even after J Steele put the visitors ahead midway through the first half, the lead was doubled five minutes before the break when Dom assisted Jimmy with a delightful ball over the top. The second half was all Gamlingay as they registered a further 6 goals. Leo was assisted by Ben to open his tally for the day shortly before Jimmy grabbed his second, and in return, Leo grabbed his second assisted by Jimmy rounding off a fine Gamgy

move, the goal of the day. Ben Small also got in on the action before GUFC were awarded two late penalties (both won by Jimmy) which allowed Leo and Jimmy to both grab their hat tricks.

19/01 Chatteris 1-1 Gamlingay United Firsts (Chatteris won 5-4 on penalties)

Going into the game, the Rearlights had an unlikely treble in sight, one cup final secured, and albeit behind in the league, destiny still very much in our own hands – with some big games against those above coming up. Today was the other cup, quarter final- against league frontrunners Chatteris. The 90 mins was a frustrating one, Chatteris took the lead as they capitalised on a slow start from GUFC. Captain, Leader, Legend Churm's was the man again as stepped up and gave United the equaliser. It was from an Ash Dean corner, which was flicked on by Jimmy and Leo was first to respond to fire home. After that, GUFC ramped up the pressure hitting the post twice, the bar, and having one cleared off the line, perhaps signs it wouldn't be our day. The game ended as a draw, and it was down to penalties to separate the teams. Leo opened the scoring in the shootout, Chatteris responded. Jimmy unfortunately saw his effort crash off the bar before Chatteris made it 2-1. Bonham, Dom and Reece all slotted home, so too unfortunately did Chatteris, scoring all five of their spot kicks, taking the day 5-4. A bitter pill to swallow for the Rearlights, but a performance and some revenge perhaps to seek as they hunt Chatteris in the league.

26/01 Gamlingay United Firsts 2-2 Somersham

The first team had a frustrating afternoon, being held at home by a resolute Somersham side. The first half should have seen the game out of sight, with GUFC creating numerous chances but a combination of wasteful finishing and good goalkeeping. Only one was taken (twice) with Sam Bonham firing into the bottom corner, assisted by Ash Dean- however the ref deemed this to have hit the post after it rebounded from the goal after striking the wheel inside the post, fortunately it didn't matter as Leo fired home as the ball bounced out. This was after Somersham had scored earlier, with their only notable chance of the half. The second

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Gamlingay's front three as they chased an equaliser at home vs Somersham (James Worboys, Leo Churms, Jimmy Walker).

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half was a scrappier affair with the ball spending most the time in the middle of the pitch. Somersham took a deserved lead heading in from a free kick; it seemed to be an unlikely away win was on the card until GUFC scored a fortuitous late equaliser. Dom Walker carried the ball midway in his own half, with few options and time running out, he went long with a ball over the top, and it was over hit and beyond the front line. However the 'keeper came to meet the ball only to be deceived by the bounce and the ball went over him and into an empty net, Dom celebrating well within his own half. A point that could prove important at the end of the season.

Reserves Results:

01/12 Gamlingay United Reserves 5-1 Foxton

5 league wins in a row for the reserves, for the first time since the 13/14 when they were in division 4. The reserves were boosted by the inclusion of first team defender Tom MacIntosh and midfielder Harry Kennedy. Phil Tipping nodded home from close distance after Kennedy headed a corner back across goal opened the goal scoring. Tipping wasn't far from the action winning a penalty which Matt Wyllie duly converted. At half time it was 2-0 and the Rearlights were in control. The game was sealed when Tipping extended the lead with his right foot, and Kennedy smashed home to make it 4. The fifth goal was arguably the finest, a solo effort from the edge of the box struck with his left foot, making it a perfect hat trick. The Visitors scored a stoppage time consolation goal from a corner, when the hosts had been reduced to ten men.

22/12 Gamlingay United Reserves 0-6 Shelford Reserves

A bad day at the office for the reserves, perhaps partly down to missing two weekends of fixtures but also down to being second best on the day. The visitors grabbed a quickfire double midway through the

first half, and the killer blow against the run of play just before the break as GUFC were looking to halve the deficit. Although the game looked past them, the reserves rallied and started the second half brightly but could not find a way through. The visitors added insult to injury through some sloppy defensive play and some individual errors scoring three goals unanswered in the second half. GUFC face another two-week break before fixtures start again in January.

19/01 Gamlingay United Reserves 7-0 Linton Granta

The reserves were finally back in action, with only the second game since 1st December, and the first was one to forget about. Fortunately the reserves were able to put the Shelford ghost to bed quickly and pick up from the form they had in November. Early goals from Price and a delightful team goal finished by Walker settled any nerves. By half time GUFC had made it four, Wyllie adding the third assisted selflessly by Tom Baker who in turn scored his first competitive goal for the club with some fine footwork and finish. The second half was all Gamlingay again, Lightning putting pinpoint crosses on the heads of Price, and Wyllie to make it 5 and 5 respectively. Substitute Binks made a fine run, and tapped in at the back post from Tom Barkers pass. A fine game all round, the only disappointment was it was only 7. Man of the match was Tom Barker, who dictated the play, scored a goal and managed three assists.

26/01 Haverhill Rovers 3-2 Gamlingay United Reserves

The reserves were beaten on the final game of January, and Goalkeeper Aaron Loney was the man of the match, so it's hard to argue the home side were deserving of the points. Fortunately, performances were not lacking, but a couple of things before the game certainly played into the hosts favour. The game was to be played on an artificial pitch, a big advantage

to sides used to playing on this, also the home side had benefit of their senior team not having a fixture so were able to call upon a couple of their 'big guns' who scored two of the three goals on the day. GUFC took the lead through a Wyllie penalty, but from then on it was the hosts who dominated, putting themselves 3-1 up. With 10 mins to go Conor gave the away side hope with a fine goal from distance, but unfortunately, this was consolation more than a lifeline as the home side saw the game out.

Veterans Results:

09/12 Gamlingay United Veterans 10-1 Thurlow Vets

The Vets may well be disappointed having narrowly missed out on being placed in Division One for the second half of the season, but showed no signs of hurt during an emphatic cup win, which will send a message that Gamgy are up for the cup. In a blistering first half GUFC were 9-0 up, with changes and the game being over, the second half was a slower pace and the score ended 10-1. The goals were scored by Neil Ellis x4, Mark Tyler x2, Dan Redbond, Anthony Schurek and David and James Careless. Man of the Match was John Harvey.

06/01 Ridgeons Veterans First 0-7 Gamlingay United Veterans

John Harvey was the star of the show as Gamlingay thrashed Ridgeons seven nil. John managed to score a hattrick on the day, the other goals were scored by Neil Ellis (2), Simon Desborough and Mark Tyler. A routine victory which was a good way for the Vets to blow off any Christmas Cobwebs.

27/01 Gamlingay United Veterans 2-2 Kedington F.C. Veterans

It was certainly a game of two halves as GUFC hosted Kedington, the blustery conditions blowing strongly at one goal certainly played its part. Matthew Dixon's side looked as though they were making it count, taking a 2-0 lead within the first 20 both through returning striker Lee Marshall. Kedington scored a goal against the run of play making it two one before the break which gave them a great opportunity. The second half passed without many incidents other than a Kedington penalty, which was duly converted. Man of the match was Paul Knibbs.



WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Walkers

March 6th

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

Gardening Club

Wednesday 9th Jan

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

Geoff Hodge, The life and times of a gardening editor

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Tuesday 19th March

3rd Tuesday of the month. Programee for 2019 awaited

7pm Kier room AGM and games

Community Choir

First Wednesday of the month

Kingspan Hall Jan Cooper 650 178

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

11th March

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

quizmaster - Gentlemen Players

The Wheatsheaf

First and third Monday of the month

Charity quiz nights

Tuesdays

Jam sessions 651 743

Social Club

Fridays

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

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

First Thursday of the month

cycling

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

9:15am -10:30 toddler story time and craft session at the hub
4:00pm-8:00pm library open

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

12:30-3:15pm library open
1:00pm - 3:00pm drop in computer training
10.00am -noon Kier suite Craft club, (see page 16).
4:00pm-7:00pm library open

Fridays

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

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

Thursdays

5:15pm - 9:00pm Yr 4+cafe Yr8+ club

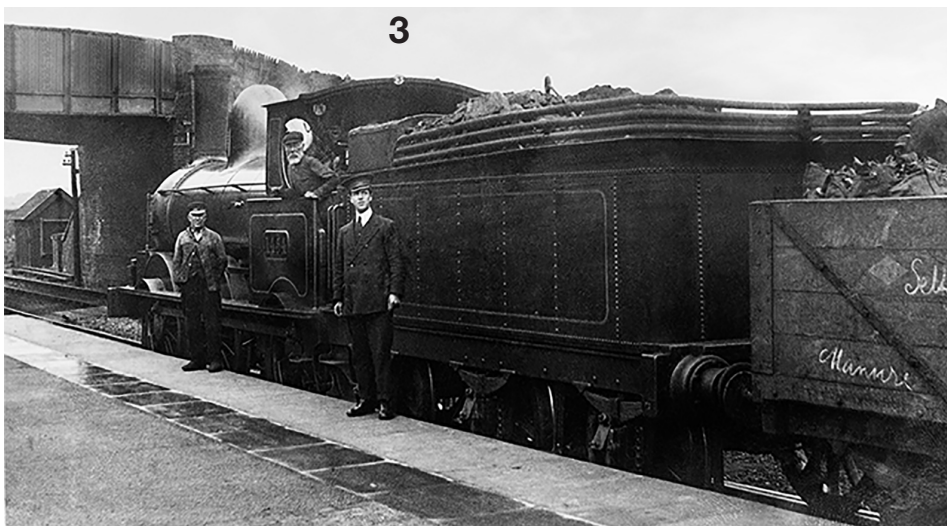
WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

Allotments (GAGA)	Membership secretary Bob Gordon Bob.gordon22@talktalk.net 651 913 There are a few allotment vacancies, so please ask for details
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
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 3 rd March	pancake race - playing field
Sunday 14 th April	egg hunt and family day - playing field
The Gazette	
4 th March	April copy deadline
1 st April	May copy deadline
29 th April	June copy deadline
3 rd June	July/August double summer edition
Gamlingay 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
Gamlingay Archaeological Group (GAMARCH)	Chris Tomsett - Chairman 01767 650 009 Julia Manley - Julialmanley@yahoo.com
1st Monday of the month	7.30pm Blythe Way community room Please note, no meeting January or April
Bellringers	
Thursdays	7.30 - 9.00pm with John Boocock at St.Mary's, Gamlingay
Photographic Society	see page 12 for full details
Fridays 8:00 pm -10:00pm	Meetings are term time at the Avenells Way Communal Room New members most welcome. Phone: 651 025 nickbruce7@btinternet.com
History Society	Monthly meetings usually Monday, 7:30pm Kier Suite. Non members welcome
11 th February	James Brown Tudor Gamlingay, 1485-1603
Potton Ladies Club	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 -Wednesdays	
Wednesday, 6 th March	Black
Wednesday, 13 th March	Blue and green
Wednesday, 20 th March	Black
Wednesday, 27 th March	Blue and green



Historyman

by Nick Bruce



Gamlingay Railway Station

Gamlingay Railway Station was opened on the 7th July 1862 and closed on the 1st January 1968. In its last years it was manned by Station Master Treg Staniforth and Signaller Bill Mortimer. It was part of the Varsity Line linking Oxford and Cambridge. Shortly after opening an extra siding was added leading from the main line to Little Heath and the brickyard. Originally known as Dennis's Brick Siding, it later became known as Belle Vue Brickworks Siding and remained in service until 20th April 1936. It was used again during WW2 for storing ammunition.

Gamlingay Station a goods yard on the down side of the line consisting of three sidings, cattle pens and a substantial goods shed.

Gamlingay marked the start of the distinctly rural section of the Varsity Line, where industrial landscapes gave way to the rolling fields, tall trees and wide-open skies of Cambridgeshire. The station, slightly to the south-east of Gamlingay village, was situated just before a two-mile climb of 1 in 150 to Hayley Wood. The station had two platforms lit by old lamps right up until its closure, the substantial station buildings being situated on the Down platform, whilst a timber and slate waiting shelter was to be found on the Up side. A goodsyard was located to the west of the station buildings, consisting of three sidings plus a cattle pen and a goods shed. The station layout changed little during its lifetime, yet the community which it served decreased from 1,722 inhabitants in 1901 to 1,622 in 1962. The siding was used again during the Second World War for ammunition storage

The stations from Cambridge to Bedford were:

Cambridge - Lord's Bridge - Old North Road - Gamlingay - Potton - Sandy - Blunham - Willington - Bedford St. Johns

1 A Bedford to Cambridge bound train just about to go under Potton Road bridge, early 1900's.

2 Bedford bound train stopped for parcels and passengers, C 1950

3 Cambridge bound loco C 1910, built in Crewe in 1865. Station Master was Walter Kent.

4 Engine Shed (left) Signal Box and Waiting Room The sleeper walkway seen crossing the lines was for pedestrians and goods to cross the lines. (right) C 1959.

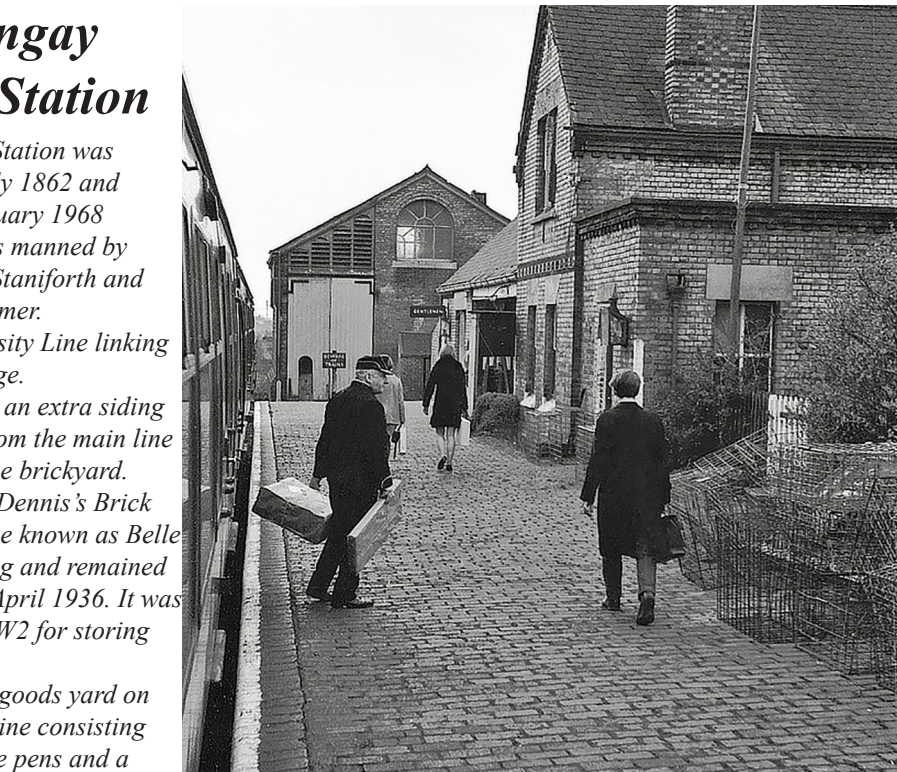
5 Platform and waiting room C 1959.

6 Bedford bound diesel loco just stopping at Gamlingay C1966.

7 Station Master Treg Staniforth 1962, the last Station Master at Gamlingay.

8 Passengers and Porter getting off at Gamlingay on the Cambridge bound line C 1966.

9 A sad sight at Gamlingay Station C 1969 as the steam crane moves in to take the tracks and sleepers up for the end of an era at our village.



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PRE SCHOOL GROUPS AND EDUCATION

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Everton Preschool	Julie	07814 815 491
Jelly Tots	Emma Radley	07156 027 150
	Natalie	691 477
Carers Group	Bridget Smith	650 510
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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
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Ecohub Manager	Sarah Groom Kate Laugharne	651 226
Everton Village Hall		682 251

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Churchwarden and reader	Chris Miller	650 779

SCHOOLS

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1st Gamlingay Rainbows	Helen Brown	449 043
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(all meet at Scout Hut)		
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Village Information

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Age Concern		01354 696650
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Non-emergency	101
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