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We are very excited to share details of our activities for this year's Club and can confirm that by the time you read this our Registration Packs will be available for your completion. Please email us at Gamlingaysoc@outlook.com to request a Registration Pack for your child(ren). The registration deadline is strictly Friday 10th May, so please do not delay in taking action to return your forms and payments. We will make some Registration Packs available for collection by parents and carers at Gamlingay Village Primary school (GVP), for the benefit of those who do not have access to email.

The Club will be open from **Monday 5th August to Friday 9th August**, with morning sessions running from 9.30 am to 12.00 pm and afternoon sessions running from 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm. Please note that we do not offer a session on the Friday afternoon. This year we will be located at GVP and have much more space and additional facilities that we can utilise. The Club is suitable to **ALL Gamlingay children aged 5 to 12 years of age**, irrespective of what school they attend. We also welcome children from the surrounding villages if they are pupils at GVP. The session fee remains unchanged at £5 per child, which includes one pre-bookable activity (see below).

What's new this year? Well, we are delighted to announce that the Dragon's Den winning and award winning '**SUBLIME SCIENCE**' team will be joining

us on **Wednesday 7th August**. Children will enjoy watching and gaining hands-on experience for a wide range of jaw-dropping scientific tricks and experiments. The action-packed sessions will also include sweet making experiments, working with 'bubbles, smoke and flying things' and gooey slime making. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and therefore we are offering two sessions, one in the morning and another in the afternoon to ensure that as many children can take part as possible (Children cannot attend both sessions).



GAMLINGAY SCHOOL'S OUT CLUB

Children will be pleased to know that **Inflatable Friday** will be making a comeback (morning session only). The range of inflatables will be dependent on both the weather and on the level of funds we can raise from local businesses. If you know any local businesses that may be willing to make a donation, however big or small, towards this fun and final session (which was hugely popular last year!) please do get in touch.

We continue to offer a wide range of **free-flow play for all children** to enjoy. This includes (weather permitting) outdoor

equipment such as football, cricket, basketball, dodgeball and hula hooping. Indoors the children can take advantage of a fantastic range of toys and dressing up, plus lots of Lego for creative play. They also have access to pool tables, table-tennis, table-football and group sessions on the Wii games console. This year we have also included some craft activities on a free-flow basis, to allow children to spend time decorating pebbles or feathers, making shrinkies or drawing and colouring at their own leisure.

Again there will be **some activities which must be pre-booked** due to limitations on class space or age restrictions. These are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Some of the cookery lessons will be a bit more technical this year as we now have access to a cooking room with additional cooking equipment. This year's recipes include cookies, pizza wheels, jam tarts and the very popular marshmallow pops. Craft activities will include the return of the ever so messy but fun Bath Bomb making, CD art, Squishies and ceramic painting, to name a few.

Parents/carers must collect their children for the lunch hour between sessions, so that our volunteers can take a well-earned rest. We hope to provide access to the field behind GVP/ the Eco Hub, so that parents can stay close by to enjoy a picnic with their children. We are also offering a new **Lunch Club** to allow children to stay and play all

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When 2nd Gamlingay Guides and 1st Gamlingay Brownies heard about the theft of lead from the roof of St Mary's Church and how much it was going to cost to repair it, they decided they wanted to do something to help. So it was that on a cold Saturday in February, teams of Guides and Brownies working in shifts completed 6 hours of bag-packing in Tesco St Neots. At the end of their hard work, they were delighted to discover that they had raised the amazing total of £716 towards the Church roof fund! The girls then attended a special service of celebration at St Mary's on 3rd March, where they took great pleasure in handing over the cheque to Revd Hilary Young.

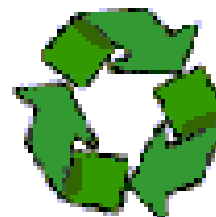


**If your children are
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and are aged between
eight and ten years please
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RECYCLING

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



The Gazette

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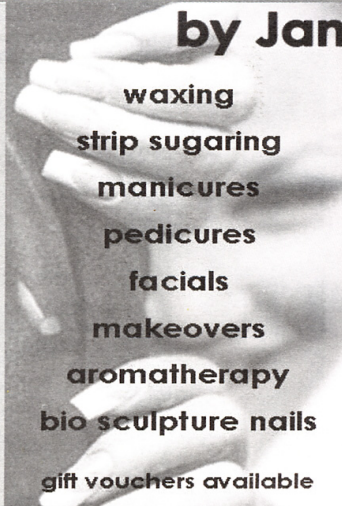
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5th August

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GAMLINGAY WITH HATLEY AND
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KEY

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

Dear Friends – and everyone else. May sees the Easter celebrations continue to Ascension, which falls nearly the last day of the month this year (Thursday 30th). On that day Christians celebrate the fact that Jesus, risen from the dead, having been seen for a while by many of his followers, left them, this time for good. He tells them that only when he has gone from their sight will they receive the Holy Spirit, a mysterious gift that they are to wait for. That gift is for next month's letter. This month we have Anglican Church events to take on board.

At time of writing the Church Annual Meetings have not taken place yet, but in May the Archdeacon of Huntingdon Hugh McCurdy, will be visiting the parishes of our Deanery, meeting clergy all day. At the end of that day he will be swearing in Church Wardens and receiving those who have committed to welcoming people to services in our parish churches (sidespersons). The welcoming service is in Great Gransden, but the day begins here in Gamlingay with a communion service for the clergy of the Deanery, followed by breakfast before Hugh tours the deanery. We give thanks for and pray for those who have responded to a sense of call to this way of serving God in the church community.

Very excitingly, that same week we have Bishop Stephen with us celebrating Ascension at St Mary the Virgin Gamlingay. This was already arranged without a confirmation, however Stephen has agreed to confirm on that day any candidates from these parishes who are ready to make that step of commitment on their faith journey. There are several adults and children preparing so we expect this to be a special time. The service timing has not yet been finalised, so watch out for details. This is a celebration to which we invite all our Christian friends who are free that night to join us.

There is also a Deanery confirmation on July 20th. Do contact Hilary if you are interested in exploring what confirmation might mean, if it could be right for you, and see if either of these dates might be appropriate for you to work towards. In the Church of England Confirmation is the ceremony when Baptism promises are confirmed (or made for the first time by those who have not been baptised as children) and the Bishop lays hands on the candidates, praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit. This means that the candidate becomes a full member of the Church and is entitled to receive the bread and wine at Holy Communion- the sacrament at the core of the Christian faith. The main qualification for confirmation is to want to be. Do ask!

Many blessings Hilary

Wednesday 1 st		9.30am	Midweek said Communion, then coffee	G
Sunday 5 th	Easter 3	8.00am	Holy Communion Book of common prayer	G
		10.00am	All age worship and Baptism	G
		4.00pm	Evensong	E
Wednesday 10 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion, then coffee	G
Sunday 12 th	Easter 4	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
		11.00am	Morning worship and Baptism	E
		11.00am	Morning worship	H
Wednesday 15 th	No midweek said Communion – see Thursday 16 th			G
Thursday 16 th		9.45 10.30am	Midweek communion followed by Christian Aid service with refreshments afterwards	G
Sunday 19 th	Easter 5	9.30am	Parish Eucharist and prayers for healing	G
		11.00am	Holy Communion	E
Wednesday 22 nd		9.30am	Midweek said Communion, then coffee	G
	From 12.30 soup lunch in the Church Hall, proceeds to Christian Aid			
Sunday 26 th	Easter 6	8.00am	Holy Communion book of common prayer	H
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist	
		11.00am		
		4.00pm		
Tuesday 28 th	Archdeacon's Deanery visitation	9.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Wardens' swearing-in service at Great Gransden Parish Church	G
Wednesday 29 th	No midweek Communion at Gamlingay			
Thursday 30 th	Ascension Day	Time tbc	Ascension Celebration with Bishop Stephen and parishes confirmation service	G

News from the churches

GAMLINGAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Stocks Lane
Lead Pastor: Revd Adrian Semerene
Church Secretary: Sally Graves 01767 650 112
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*'Let the children come to me and don't hinder them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to them.'*

- Jesus

We live in a world, where so often, children and young people are looked down upon. Often in society, children are expected to be 'seen and not heard' or to 'only speak when they are spoken to.' Some of us may consider these to be 'old views' while others of us believe this to be true and right. However, whether we hold to these views or not, our interactions with children will often reflect these statements to be true. Take a moment to think about your last interaction with children and young people. What was it like? Does any of that ring true? Perhaps, it only rings true some of the time...but they are views still held in much of our society. I think the questions that we have to ask, that determine our views and interactions with the children and young people are, what value do children and young people have in society? What is their worth? How important are they to us and the world we live in?

As a Christian, if I am to take the words of Jesus seriously, then my view of children and young people must be a high one. Personally, I believe that children and young people have so much to teach me, and those around us. There is a natural born faith that children have that is so pure and exciting. There is joy, freedom, understanding, love, and so much more, that I am impacted by. Jesus openly talks so highly of children and young people. Jesus says that the Kingdom of God belongs to them...WOW! They have so much to offer, and God wants to use them, to work in them and through them to impact the world.

Don't misunderstand me; children and young people are not perfect, and make mistakes (as do we all), but I believe we need to encourage them more, and provide opportunities for them to develop the God given skills and gifts they have, as they grow and become young adults, hopefully to never lose their child-like wonder and nature.

I know that both churches in the village, St Mary's and ourselves, welcome children and young people with arms wide open, to come and be themselves among us, as we journey life and faith together. As a church, GBC is stepping out in faith, trusting God as we commit some of our limited resources to grow our team, by recruiting a Youth Pastor. Our hope and desire is that we as a church, led by our Youth Pastor, be able to work alongside those already supporting children and young people; that we be able to see young people further blossom, and be valued in our society. As a village we are already so blessed by our young people and those who love and support them and we long to join in on their journey. We believe that children and young people aren't just our future, but they are our now.

And so, as we continue to run age specific groups at our Sunday morning gatherings, and we continue to explore ways to connect with and serve the youth of our village, we invite you to join us, as we'd love to journey with you and the young people of Gamlingay. As Dr Seuss would say, 'A person is a person. No matter how small.' A person we value, and respect, and honour. A person we long to serve. A person we love and are grown and stretched by.

So, why not come visit GBC, kids and all. We hope to see you soon. Have some questions or want to further explore this?

Come visit us at GBC, or get in touch, I'd love to meet with you.

Many blessings Rev Adrian Semerene adrian@gbchurch.org.uk 07472 350 860

Twitter: @asemerene



Sunday Services

10.00am-10.30am Awakening Praise

10.45am Worship Service (with GBC kids)

Communion will be celebrated on the **5th May**

GBC Kids

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

Small Groups

Meeting Tues Morning, Wed evening and Thur evening

Please contact the office for details

Men's Prayer and Breakfast

A time to share, pray and eat together - no meeting this month

Craft and Hobbies Group

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

Thursday 2nd May 10.00am

Ladies Brunch

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

Saturday 18th May

10.00am - 1:00pm

Coffee Morning

In aid of GBC and 2019 Charity

Thursday 16th May

10.00am-11:30am

Come join us for tea/coffee and cake



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day without the need for a lunch time collection. This is primarily aimed at helping working parents who can book their children into GSOC for a full day (9.30 am to 3.30 pm inclusive) but is available to all. The Lunch Club will accommodate up to a maximum of 30 children and spaces will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. The fee for the Lunch Club is £4 per child. Full details are included in the Registration Packs. All monies raised from the Lunch Club will be reinvested in activities, resources or entertainment at GSOC.

Please note, the GSOC Committee is a small team of local mums who recognise the importance of providing this fantastic club for the benefit of all families in Gamlingay during the summer break. Your children get to spend time with their friends and enjoy some wonderful activities, whilst you get a well-earned rest or a chance to catch up with chores or paid work. The Committee devotes a great deal of time and energy, on a voluntary basis, all year round to make this Club a success. So **please do consider if you or anyone you know can spare just a few hours during the Club week (5th to 9th August) to help lighten our load a little.** Maybe

Hatley's Annual Parish Meeting

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

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

We hope that you can join us.

And for your June and July diaries:

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

We hope that you can join us.

you can help supervise a craft or cooking session, or watch over the children as they enjoy free-flow play? Or maybe you have some skills that you would like to share, or can help to oversee a sporting activity? We also need volunteers to help staff the Lunch Club, and we really appreciate any helping hands to set up each day or for cleaning at the end of the day. PLEASE do think how you can help us, even for only an hour or two of your week. It is really rewarding being part of Club week and seeing a smile on the faces of so many children.

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.

With thanks, Kim Wilde
on behalf of the GSOC Committee

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



The Gamlingay Division comprises the Parishes of Abington Pigotts, Arrington, Barrington, Croydon, Gamlingay, Guilden Morden, Litlington, Hatley, Orwell, Shingay-cum-Wendy, Steeple Morden, Tadlow & Wimpole. This report is for all Division Parish Councils but please be aware that it will include items that may have little or no relevance to your particular Parish. Apologies in advance!

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 (Gamlingay Ward, SCDC) is on 01767 650510 or bridget@glockling.com – twitter and District Councillor Aidan van de Weyer (Barrington, Orwell, the Eversdens & Wimpole SCDC Ward) can be called on 01223 870 869 or email him aidan@mishmush.com You can also follow your councillors on Twitter: @Cllrbridget, @SebKindersley @aidanvdew

East West Rail – Consultation NOW CLOSED

Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation; and in particular thanks to those residents who attended the hastily arranged meetings – Parish Councils really stepped up and sorted out Public Meetings for residents –

The Gamlingay Show Needs YOU!



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

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

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meetings that East West Rail should have arranged themselves. What was clear throughout is that there was little or no appetite for any of the options proposed by East West Rail. Much support was offered to CamBedRailRoad's option running along the A428.

Settled Status

A reminder to EU citizens that – thanks to Brexit – you need to apply for Settled Status. This has to be done online: this can be done via computer rather than smartphone, however required documentation must first be scanned via a Home Office app downloaded onto an Android device with specified features. If you have an iPhone – too bad. Mind you, feedback from Android users is that it is nearly impossible to do anyway.

Mobile Phone Coverage Survey Work

Cambridgeshire County Council commissioned Advanced Wireless Technologies Group Limited (AWTG) to carry out a survey of Mobile Phone Coverage Survey in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area. Both Bridget and Sebastian were delighted to hear this as so many of us have unreliable mobile phone reception in Gamlingay and Hatley and are aware of many other black spots in the area. This work

took place from 11 February 2019 to end March 2019 and has confirmed what we all suspected which is that coverage is much worse and much more patchy than all the official data has suggested. We are now being told that a plan is being put together to sort this out.

Grays Road Parking Bays

We are beyond frustrated that the promised new parking bays have not been built well over 18 months after we started to talk about them and are even more frustrated to learn that the planning application has been withdrawn. The land belongs both to South Cambs and to the County Council which has been problematic but it transpires that the County Council made objections to South Cambs on the grounds of safety and also about the materials which were to be used to create the new parking surface. We also believe that South Cambs messed up on the payment for the planning application which is ridiculous as they were essentially paying themselves. The bottom line is that the plans have to be redrawn and a new planning application submitted. We will get there but please don't hold your breaths.

Ofsted of CCC's Children's Services

Cambridgeshire County Council's Children's Services has recently been assessed by Ofsted. Sadly,

Ofsted have downgraded the council's children's services from 'good' (in 2014), to 'requires improvement' less than five years later. This is not a 'vote of confidence' in the quality of Children's Services in Cambridgeshire (as described by the County's own press release) but a clear sign that the quality of children's services has moved in the wrong direction in recent years.

It is not surprising that cuts to Early Help services across Cambridgeshire, the massive reduction in the number of Children's Centres by almost half, and the removal of almost all the locality teams who used to provide Early Help services to families of older children, the number of children coming into care in Cambridgeshire has continued to rise. This figure is now significantly above the national average, whereas a few years ago it was significantly below.

Social care services are under huge pressure and the Ofsted report makes clear social worker caseloads are far too high. Quotes from the Ofsted report that did not make it into the County Council press release:

"The quality and the timeliness of services remain less than good for too many children. For these children, the local authority is not making the positive difference it could and should."

"The most significant challenge to the local authority's ability to provide consistently good services to children, young people and their families has been, and continues to be, the size of caseloads. These are too high for most social workers and unsustainable in some teams. The impact of this is that, too often, social workers and frontline managers have had to focus on the most urgent and important work to secure children's immediate safety, without sufficient capacity for the follow-up work needed to sustain change within families or to ensure that children in care have permanent homes as soon as possible."

"The help and protection that children, young people and their families receive in Cambridgeshire requires improvement. A significant minority of children do not get the help and support they need quickly enough. Too many assessments take

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longer than they should and do not fully explore underlying problems or the wishes and feelings of children. Significant workload pressures in teams across the county mean that there is much variability in who gets what help and support as well as in its effectiveness."

Oh dear.

Gamlingay Village Primary and Road Safety

Bridget and Sebastian met with Mrs Desborough and Mr Munday to discuss what further steps could be taken to ensure pupils are safe as they come to and leave school. What is clear is that the school is taking its responsibilities very seriously, with a great deal of focus on getting families to walk, cycle and scoot. The Parish Council funded path at the back of the school is being well used. Various other options were discussed and these are now being taken up by the relevant bodies.

A505 Steeple Morden, Guilden Morden & Litlington – Disappointing News

Cllr Steve Jarvis of Herts County Council reports: "Yesterday I had a meeting with staff from the County Council's highways department for them to update me on proposals for safety improvements on the A505 between Baldock and Royston.

The small piece of good news is that they have decided that work on banning right turns from the Litlington turning is something that can be funded from the safety budget (this is apparently the junction with the worst record of accidents where somebody has been injured). This means that the changes should be designed next year and the work done the year after.

Changes at any of the other junctions, which could cost up to about £4 million, will just be added to a list of things to be done at some time in the future. The idea seems to be that they might be funded from future developments, which means that nothing will happen for at least ten years, probably longer.

This is clearly not good enough. If it is going to take that long to find the several million pounds that any of the changes will cost we need something done in the meantime. An obvious solution would be to cut the speed limit to 50 mph past the Ashwell station junction at least.

I have told them that they need to do something to improve the safety in the short term while they are looking for the money for the "ultimate" scheme and the engineers have agreed to look into this. They can't tell me when this will be done but have promised that they will tell me within a couple of weeks."

Additionally, at its March Board meeting the Combined Authority agreed to do a 'multi modal transport study on the A505' at a cost of £1 million. This work had been on their reserve list but pressure from Bridget and Sebastian has hopefully got it back onto the priority list of projects where it undoubtedly should have been all along.

Council and Combined Authority CEOs

The CEO of South Cambridgeshire District Council has taken early retirement. Mike Hill who was the director responsible for Environmental Services is acting up as an interim measure while a new permanent CEO is recruited. The council is also undertaking a review of all of its operations to make it more efficient and to greatly improve the services it gives to the residents. This is a big piece of work which will take a long time to implement fully but which you should start to see the benefits of quite quickly. The adverts should be going out soon for the new CEO.

The Combined Authority has also been without a CEO for quite some time and interviews took place last week for a replacement. No appointment was made and so interim directors remain in place for the time being, one of whom is also running East Cambridgeshire District Council. This is far from satisfactory as the CA has a very ambitious number of extremely

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expensive projects to deliver and it is difficult to see how they can make real progress without first class organisational leadership.

The high profile CAM Metro project which aims to run largely off road using wheeled, tram style vehicles out to the furthest reaches of South Cambridgeshire and beyond (St Neots, Haverhill) has been costed at a staggering £4 billion. Goodness only knows what that cost will be when and if it finally gets built. The really expensive part is the tunnelling under Cambridge City and the creation of an underground station somewhere under the historic city centre. Critical to this is a new Cambridge South Station to serve Addenbrookes and the Bio Medical campus both of which are growing at significant rates and which will have tens of thousands of new employees before too long. The CA agreed to spend up to £100,000 to do a feasibility study into whether there is currently capacity in the timetable to create an extra stop at Cambridge South with a view to putting a temporary station there while it finds the money - along with Government- to build a permanent station. This money is in addition to £5 million already spent on the Cambridge South Station project some of which came from businesses in that area.

Bridget persuaded the CA to include a project for upgrading all of the A10 junctions alongside their preferred project to dual the whole road. The complete dualling will cost up to £500m and it is difficult to see where this sort of money will come from bearing in mind that the A10 is not even a trunk road. Having said that, congestion and safety is a huge issue and so a more modest (under £100m) project which would deliver considerable improvements seems like a sensible compromise. Business cases will now be worked on for both projects.

Business Plan

South Cambs approved its business plan last month which sets an ambitious and clear direction for the council with a focus on business support and protecting the environment. Equally important is the intention to secure new housing

to meet the needs of all residents by making new homes as cheap to run as possible. This could involve water recycling, using renewable energy, building homes close to where people work and ensuring that you can get where you need to get without a car. These are big ambitions but only by aiming high will we really make a positive difference to the cost of living and to the environment. Copies of the summary document on the Business Plan will be available in the Eco Hub, parish Council office or on request from Bridget. They will also be available on the website.

Refugees

South Cambs has announced that it will be working with the City Council to provide homes for five Syrian Refugee families.

Empty Homes

South Cambs is planning to increase the council tax on houses that have been left empty for a significant amount of time. With the shortage of houses available in this area we should not let people just sit on empty properties for no good reason. The Council offers a lot of help to 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:

- * Homes that are empty for two years or more will be charged double their regular Council Tax (i.e. an additional premium of 100%). This will come into effect from 1 April 2019
- * Homes that are empty for five years or more will be charged a 200% premium on top of their regular Council Tax. This will come into effect from 1 April 2020
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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, 1st May

Our speaker is Margaret Nimmo-Smith on Hardy Ferns. Please come along and ask any questions on this specialist subject...from tree ferns, Lady ferns, Ferns in Art, Growing Ferns etc.
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Wouldn't it be wonderful if, even with this different approach, we could match the magnificent sum raised last year? The 2018 house-to-house collections in the three villages produced the sum of £3,010.71. In the July issue of The Gazette we will be reporting on the 2019 result. Knowing how generous you all are we are feeling cautiously optimistic!

As always, we will be adding the profits from four of Gamlingay's Soup Lunches and Everton will be adding the money raised at a special Coffee Morning.

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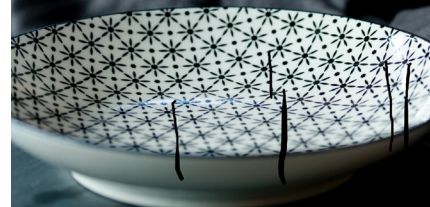
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The next meetings are:

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

Monday 17th June: Our annual Garden Party at The Emplins (the Church Hall if wet). This starts at 7pm.

We have two outings in July: afternoon tea at Carriages of Cambridge, and a tour of the scientific establishment the Wellcome Sanger Institute. Depending on numbers these may be open to visitors.

Photographic society

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

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

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



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Tips for the spring Garden

by Karen Aitkins
of All Green Landscapes Ltd

May is a beautiful time of year, it is named after the Roman Goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Spring is well under way, and there is a scent of Summer in the air. Our thoughts turn to the garden, possibly neglected during the Winter, now coming into bud and bloom. Everything is waking up and screaming colour and it makes you want to get out there and start doing things. The Rhododendron is the most colourful shrub in bloom in May, but we don't have acidic soil here. However, they do well in pots filled with ericaceous compost. Ancient Celts celebrated the 'fire of Bel' or Beltane which was the first day of Summer, celebrated today as May Day. Maypole dancing was a druid tradition of dancing and worshipping the trees. Our spring bedding plants will now be going over and there will be a wide selection of Summer bedding plants in garden centre and nurseries. Don't be tempted to put them out until the end of May and the frosts are finished. Any new shrubs will be vulnerable to frost. In preparation for Summer, filled with

plenty of sunshine and barbeques we need to concentrate on cleaning and clearing. Give the patio a good jet wash, washing away all the moss and grime of winter. Treat with a sealant to prevent moss build up in the future. This will bring out the natural colour of the stone. Clean and treat patio furniture and drag out the barbeque for a good scrub. Lawns benefit now, from a good feed. Choose a high nitrogen fertilizer to encourage a healthier looking lawn, being careful around ponds and streams. Repair bald spots with seed and avoid these areas when cutting, especially when the young shoots pop their heads up. Sprinkle a light compost over the seed to discourage the birds and water in.

Prune overcrowded and diseased clematis and any frost damaged evergreen shrubs. Care must be taken at this time of year due to nesting birds. All maintenance to hedges and trees must be done sensitively with this in mind. Also take care when trimming, look out for hedgehogs in the undergrowth. The days are getting longer and

hopefully warmer now, and we can spend more time outside either whiling away an hour with a glass of wine or getting stuck into all the garden chores.

If you fancy an easier to maintain garden, consider artificial turf. There is a wide selection now on the market and it has come a long way from bright green astro turf. Grow more shrubs in pots and have raised flower beds with slow growing easy maintenance plants for ground cover.

However, if you are a hardy gardener May is the time to get stuck in and get your hands dirty. If you have kept your garden weed free and pest free, well done. It is easier keeping on top of these things throughout

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the year. Check plants for aphids and slugs and treat accordingly but preferably eco and bird friendly. Chelsea flower show is on the 21st to the 25th May this year. Its good to get some inspiration from these shows. Not everything is as expensive as it looks. There are ways to make that show room garden on a budget. Hopefully summer will come earlier this year and will be as glorious as last years.



premium on top of their regular Council Tax. This will come into effect from 1 April 2021

Right now across South Cambridgeshire, there are 100 properties that have been empty for between two years and five years. There are 41 homes that have been empty for between five and ten years. There are 39 properties that have been empty for more than ten years.

Moving the Sewage Works

An application for over £200 million to Government from South Cambs, Cambridge City and the County Council to move the existing sewage/water works from North Cambridge has been successful. Moving this facility which has a reputation for being pretty smelly will free up a significant site for some thousands of houses. The next big decision is where will the new sewage/ water works go. It will be in South Cambs and has to be close to the river and not in the flood plain which greatly restricts the options. The plan is further complicated by the need to increase the amount of 'sludge' from outside our area which the new facility will treat. It was this which made it eligible for the funding but it will involve significant lorry movement which means that there has to be first class infrastructure to support the new site.

Making Money the Green Way

South Cambs has installed a large array of solar photo voltaic panels on the roof of the waste management depot at Waterbeach. The money to do this has come from a fund resulting from the business rates from the large number of solar farms in the district. This initiative will generate income for the council which it can invest in other green enterprises. The Solar panels will generate around a quarter of all the electricity the building uses.

This is the latest stage in the Council's efforts to be "green to the core" and will deliver clean, renewable energy, reduce costs and cut carbon emissions. It follows on from a recent Council commitment to work towards the ambitious target

of making South Cambridgeshire carbon-neutral by 2050, and a purge on single-use plastics at the authority.

Local Plan

You may recall that the current Local Plan (which identifies where development is to go in future years) was finally adopted in October after being in inspection for over 4 years. During this time about 4000 houses were consented in unplanned-for locations. The government inspector requires us to now embark on a new joint local plan with Cambridge City and this is now getting underway. The first piece of work is to ask landowners to come forward and tell us about any land they are prepared to offer up for future development.

The consultation is to identify potential sites that can be technically assessed for housing and economic development, to meet the needs identified for the District, for inclusion in our next local plan. Anyone can put forward sites, but it is usually landowners, developers, land promoters, businesses, local interest groups, parish councils, local property agents, neighbourhood forums (prepared or preparing neighbourhood plans).

Not all the sites that are submitted will be included in the plan – It will depend on the spatial strategy we decide on, and the assessment of the sites based on several factors including whether they are suitable, available, achievable, and viable. The selected sites will then go through the local plan process and become part of the adopted policy when the plan is found sound and adopted.

Gamlingay Business Hub

Gamlingay Business Hub, run by Bridget and Sarah Groom and supported by Sebastian on behalf of Forward Gamlingay, was delighted to welcome a representative of the Chamber of Commerce to last month's meeting to talk about the offer the Chamber can make to our businesses both big and small. People often think that the Chamber is just for big employers but they cater for all sizes including sole traders. Membership (which is

modest for small businesses) gives you access to all sorts of benefits and advice. They also run a huge programme of business support events which are free for anyone to go to. Details will be available on the Business Support section of 'Solution Gamlingay'. The speaker at the April meeting will be talking about importing and Exporting - which is something a surprising number of local businesses are involved in and which will potentially be even more challenging in the future.

A428 Caxton Gibbet to Black Cat

In stark contrast to East West Rail, Highways England clearly listened to the 83% of respondents to the public consultation who preferred the Northern option and recently announced that option would now be taken forward. A new 10 mile dual carriageway between the Black Cat and Caxton Gibbet junctions will end at a three tier junction at the Black Cat roundabout which will allow traffic to flow freely on the A1, A421 and the new road. New junctions at Cambridge Road and Caxton Gibbet will connect the new dual carriageway to the existing A428 which will be retained for local traffic and public transport. New bridges will cross over the dual carriageway at Roxton Road, Barford Road, the B1046 and Toseland Road and new bridges over the River Great Ouse and East Coast Main Line railway will also be included. Improvements to A428/B1040 Eltisley junction will be widely welcomed as will improved routes for cyclists, walkers and horse riders.

Removal of computer charge in libraries

As predicted by us (because it was such a stupid idea) a report proposing the withdrawal of charges for computer access in libraries will be discussed shortly by the County Council. The £1 charge for computer access, introduced in May last year 2018, was part of a package of measures based on public feedback and trialled to ensure computers are available for those who most need them and to generate more income for the library service to ensure

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they remain financially sustainable for the future. In September, Members reviewed progress on these measures, including the charge for computer access. The recommendation to withdraw the computer charge comes in response to this review, as well as feedback collected in a customer survey and a detailed analysis of the anticipated income – all of which was entirely predictable.

Health Funding

We are more than worried to learn that the funding formula used to decide how much money our local health service gets over the next three years is based upon an assumption that there will be less growth in the County and South Cambs than the average expected for the rest of the UK. We know this is nonsense as we are in the top three areas for growth but the bottom three for public funding. The police share the concerns of the NHS as they are also seeing a complete lack of correlation between their funding and predicted growth. If we received the national average we would be £21 million better off.

Building Control

South Cambs has seen huge improvements in its Building Control Service with greatly increased customer satisfaction and consequently a larger share of the market. If you are building a house or factory you will require the services of building control. Please consider using the Council's service rather than a private contractor.

Manor Farm, Girton

We would not normally write about individuals. However, we have been asked about this matter quite a lot, especially given its recent appearance in *Private Eye*. The deputy leader of the county council was granted the tenancy of a county council owned farm, and currently enjoys a rent abatement on that tenancy. Councillors had recommended an investment of £183,000 in an extension to the property (which the tenant will repay over time), without initially

knowing that the tenant was a senior councillor. The councillor concerned chaired the council's former Assets sub-committee that had responsibility for the farm's estate, and was the lead member for the council's 'outcome focused review' of the county farms estate and member champion for the council's farms estate. So whilst there is no suggestion that anyone has done anything wrong there is a suggestion that it doesn't look good to the person on the street.

'Mysouthcams'

South Cambs District Council has launched a new way of accessing information, processing claims and applications, and generally engaging with the council: 'mysouthcams' is a customer portal on the home page on the Council's website - www.scams.gov.uk

Registration only takes a few minutes. Once in, you will be able to create a personal account with the Council which shows and tracks all your online transactions with Council services. All existing forms are on the portal, as well as revenue and benefits functions, making it much easier for residents to provide information and complete forms. In due course other services will come online, including the planning service scheduled for summer 2019.

Bus review published ...

The Mayor's long-awaited Strategic Bus Review has finally been published. It considered different types of arrangement between bus companies and councils. The report recommends that the Combined Authority should develop a business case comparison of possible models, including enhanced partnership and franchising. However, consultation on this may not be finished until 2021, which is a long time while services continue to deteriorate. If you are interested in being part of a community group promoting good bus services you might like to join the Cambridge Area Bus Users Association.

... as journeys sink to record low

Figures from the Department for Transport reveal that 19.9 million

journeys were made on local bus services in Cambridgeshire in 2017/18 – 100,000 fewer journeys than the year before, and the lowest number since at least 2009/10, when the figures were first published and when 22.7 million local bus journeys were taken across Cambridgeshire. Average local bus fares across England have increased by twelve per cent since 2009, after allowing for inflation.

Nationally, the number of local bus journeys taken across England has fallen by eighty-five million in the last year. Ongoing cuts in funding for these services, resulting in fewer services and higher fares, are being blamed. Cambridgeshire CC has been asked to agree to extend funding for subsidised contracted bus services until the end of the 2019/20 financial year. This is a continuation of the arrangement whereby for the last two years the Mayor has delegated his bus powers back to the county council while he decides what to do about buses.

NEW H service

Slightly off location but Stagecoach is starting a new bus service – H – from 1 April 2019 connecting Papworth Everard, Cambourne and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus with journeys at 05:44, 07:09 and 08:41 between Papworth Everard and Cambridge Biomedical Campus and then again 17:20, 19:50 and 20:20 between Cambridge Biomedical Campus and Papworth Everard.

Community RePaint

Community RePaint - a partnership with CCC, Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network (CCORRN) and Amey – has collected and treated over HALF A MILLION LITRES of paint in the last eight years. The scheme collects used paint from Household Recycling Centres where it is sorted, tested and re-manufactured so that it can be resold or donated into the community.

The scheme has been going from strength to strength and has a range of re-manufactured emulsion paint and chalky furniture paint in a host of great colours for great prices. So

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if you are thinking of redecorating, upcycling or know of a community or school project that needs paint, why not visit CCORRN (located in March) or follow them on Facebook.

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!

More Trees in the Park

by Chris Smith

Gamlingay Community Turbine has planted two oak trees between the new cemetery and the brook in memory of Pauline Girdwood who did so much for our community.

The oaks came from Deepdale Trees in Pottton who have a fascinating business supplying a vast range of spectacular trees. Pete Cutmore kindly dug the holes with his mini digger, then Johnny Johnson, Andy Banham, Wayne Beacon, Toby Smith, Chris Barker and I planted the oaks at the end of March. We retired to the Wheatsheaf afterwards where we debated 'when is the best time to plant an oak tree?' Mike clearly had the best answer with 'Twenty years ago!' Gamlingay Community Turbine volunteers will continue to maintain these trees as their roots become established over the coming years.

It's a delightful spot near the Parish's Peace Bench where you can watch a range of wildlife. Whilst enjoying the spring sunshine this year I've already seen a kingfisher and little egret feeding in the brook. I hope others enjoy this spot too and remember Pauline's generosity to so many in Gamlingay.



News from

The Old Chapel, Green End,
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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 Summer term is now upon us with future events on the horizon.... The Rainbow Pamper evening is coming up this is lovely evening, come along and unwind with a glass of bubbles. Have a treatment or your fortune told and maybe treat yourself to a little something. Friday 17th May 7.30pm. Entry is £2.00 tickets available on the door.



Forest School

Children at Rainbow enjoy their weekly Forest School time. The children are continuing to use the Forest school area where small groups of children take part in Forest school each term. This term we have done den building, searching for bugs, whittled sticks, learnt how to stay safe when in the woods, leaf threading and making stick men. The final lesson involves the camp fire and toasting marshmallows (everyone's favourite). Staff are looking to re-sculpture the Forest School area this summer and rejuvenate the pond, to make it an enriched learning environment for the children. We would be grateful for

any volunteers who have gardening skills, a pair of secateurs and a few free hours. Please contact the pre-school if you can help.

Breakfast Club

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. £4.00 a session, the children enjoy breakfast and a drink and then our school-aged children are accompanied to school. 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. Focussing on children aged 18 months to 2.5 years sessions are held on a Wednesday from 1pm until 3pm. The session fee is £3.00 which includes a snack. Please contact the preschool to register your interest on an informal basis (there is no formal commitment to attend every week should you not wish to) or to learn more.

Availability for future terms

If you are interested in your child attending Rainbow Preschool, or have any questions, please contact Julie Prior, Setting Manager, who will be happy to assist you. Spaces are limited but a waiting list is in operation, especially for 2 year olds.



Quiz and Puzzle Corner

by Kevin Bentley

Komino

Complete the grid so that all the digit pairs listed are present in any orientation. The digits on both sides of any shared box line must be different. Any box containing a pair of identical digits (double) cannot touch any other box containing a double except at the corner.

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April's solution

2	3	5	1
1	2	3	1
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3	2	3	6

by Jack Waley Cohen

1. In a book by Judith Kerr, who comes uninvited to tea and devours all the food and drink that Sophie and her parents have in their house?
2. The leader of a symphony orchestra always plays which instrument?
3. Which of the seven dwarves in the Disney film of Snow White is the only one without a beard?
4. Who was the last horse to win the Grand National more than once?
5. What is the maximum number of Friday 13ths that can occur in any one calendar year?



answers next month

We are writing to notify you that A2B Coaches is to alter one of their services.

Service 32 Operator A2B

Route Hauxton – Trumpington Park & Ride

Description of change Frequency reduced from every 20 minutes to every 30 minutes to improve reliability



Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Passenger Transport Team, Phone: 0345 045 0675, email: passenger.transport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Stagecoach is to alter a number of their services

Service Citi 5 Operator Stagecoach

Change of route Fenstanton – Bar Hill – Cambridge

Description of change Route amended between Bar Hill and Huntingdon Road in Cambridge to use new local access road built as part of the A14 improvements. No change to timetable.

Service Citi 5 Operator Stagecoach

Change of route Fenstanton – Bar Hill – Cambridge

Description New 06:21 journey between Bar Hill and Cambridge, Monday to Friday.

Service NEW H service Operator Stagecoach

Change of route Papworth Everard – Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Description New direct service operating between Papworth Everard, Cambourne and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, Monday to Friday.

05:44, 07:09 and 08:41 journeys between Papworth Everard and Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

17:20, 19:50 and 20:20 journeys between Cambridge Biomedical Campus and Papworth Everard.

Funded by the Cambridge Biomedical Campus partners

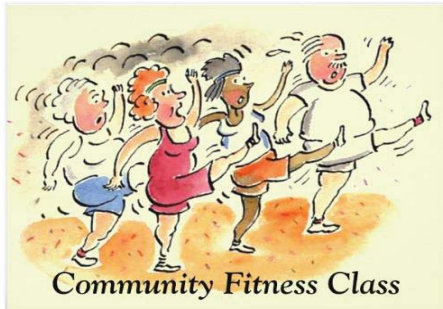
Full details and copies of the timetable can be obtained by contacting Stagecoach directly on 01223 433250, cambridge.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com or going to www.stagecoachbus.com





HELLO FROM THE ECO HUB

Well, its May already and the Eco Hub is busy, busy, busy!. What's going on?



New for May are Kettlercise classes (no, that's not boiling a kettle to music) but swinging kettlebells around in a very controlled manner of course! Tutor Kamni Brown is a regular here, and the sessions are ideal for beginners or those wishing to improve their fitness. These classes are starting on Tuesday 30th April at 6.15pm.

On 1st May, also with Kamni, we are trialling a Seated Pilates as a taster session at 1pm as part of our Forever Active scheme which has also included Forever Active yoga, run by Caroline. The yoga sessions, designed for those who have never done it before have been running throughout March and we hope they will be continuing for a long time.

Also in May are our regular pilates classes – Tuesdays at 9.30 am, Wednesdays at 8.15 am and Fridays at 8.30 am – quiet sessions for mind and body. Yoga too – Caroline also runs a regular yoga class on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

SLEEP SOLUTIONS WORKSHOP

Saturday 4th May 2 – 4 pm

Are you or your family having trouble sleeping? Do you wake and struggle to get back to sleep? Are your children constantly waking up, or refusing to sleep at bedtime? Constantly tired?

Join Rachel for a sleep workshop designed to help with these problems, suitable for all ages. £10 per ticket, £15 for two. Contact us at the Hub for more details.

For more energetic fitness, we have Zumba on Monday mornings at 10am, Dance fitness followed by Circuits from 7 – 9 pm on Monday evenings with Joolz Clarke, and Joolz also runs a circuits class for beginners on Tuesdays at 11.30 am. Our Boxing fitness on Monday mornings at 9am is a great way to start the week, plus Fitness for Golf with our sports therapist Craig at 9.30am, Wednesdays and Legs, Bums, Tums on Fridays at 9.30 am.

The next group of Forward Gamlingay sponsored community art group sessions are starting on Thursdays at 2pm, plus we are introducing a taster session for Adult Ballet, and by the time you read this, we hope it will have turned into a regular weekly class with Anna.

Don't forget our ever popular Connect Café on Friday mornings, plus youth café, music and movement for the little ones, and all the great community groups who use us every week or month. We are a great venue for parties and wedding celebrations, as well as offering meeting space for local businesses. Phew!

It's all on 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.

www.gamlingayecohub.org.uk

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@gamlingayecohub.org.uk

CONNECT CAFE - contact letitia.kirby@googlemail.com 01767 651 134

A warm, friendly, smiley, chatty welcome awaits you at the Connect Café at the Hub on Friday mornings between 10.30am and 12.30 pm.

Come and join us, and for £2 you could enjoy a 'cuppa and a bun' (tea or coffee with a either a toasted teacake, carrot cake, jammy doughnut, coffee and walnut cake, cheese scone etc. etc.) with free tea and coffee refills. Enjoy a chat with some old friends, or meet some new ones.

Don't be shy! We can arrange to pick you up if you need a lift. Please contact the hub manager who will pass on a message.

Dawn, Lindsay, Ann and Chris will be waiting to welcome you with a cheery smile and a big hug if you need one. We look forward to seeing you.



Councillor's Column Keeping us abreast on District Council issues

by Heather Williams, The Mordens



South Cambs Budget

The budget for SCDC was put to the council in February. The budget report raised many concerns from my perspective because despite increasing council tax, increased funds from government, the introduction of new charges, increasing over 30 current charges, spending considerable amounts of reserves and identified cuts of £2.5 million pounds over the next five years, £3 million pounds worth of cuts or income needs to be found to make the budget workable.

It has been suggested that the £3 million gap would be solved from an investment strategy that involves borrowing £100 million over the next five years and using the monies to make commercial investments. I appreciate the need to find alternative sources of income to fund local government services and am supportive of the concept of doing this via investments. Initiatives taken previously in Ermine Street has been successful and produces around £2 million per annum worth of income. However, the decision to invest in Ermine Street was taken by full council (this means that all councillors were consulted and voted to make the investment decision). More recently the decision to invest in a Ice Rink in South Cambs was take by full council and went through a full scrutiny process. The investment strategy presented to us in February enables the investment decisions surrounding the £100 million pounds of money being borrowed to be made by 4 individuals (2 councillors and 2 officers). I personally was uncomfortable with this proposal from a governance perspective, I proposed an amendment that enabled a method of scrutiny to the investment decisions being made. Unfortunately this was voted

down and the original proposal was successful.

There are many factors that contribute to uncertainty in Local government finance. The Budget indicates over a 60% decrease in the reserves the council holds, leaving a reserve of £3,371,000. However, there is £3 million shortfall in the calculations which could then result in reserves dropping even further and below the recommended minimum of £2.5 million. All of this amounts to a high risk and economically frail budget in my view, I therefore did not feel that I could, with a clear conscious, take such risks on behalf of the residents I serve and voted against the budget.

Former Chief Executive of SCDC

There has been much media interest around the departure of Beverly



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Wednesday
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Chrishall Road Fowlmere
Herts SG8 7RY

WANT TO KNOW A LITTLE MORE?

alma@cerocspirit.co.uk or 07710 409167

david@cerocevoke.co.uk or 07747 848375

Agass, the former Chief-Executive who was appointed in July 2017. For legal reasons councillors are restricted on what we can say, but I can confirm that a payment of circa £202,500 has been paid into Mrs Agass' Local Government Pension Scheme by the council, in order for her to have early access to her pension and retire. I am also allowed to confirm that I voted against this proposal.

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

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Facebook Page: Cllr Heather Williams

JUST CARROTS

With a few other bits

I was looking round our local farm-shop, and noticed some lovely looking carrots, they looked so juicy and crisp. On impulse I bought some, this is not like me, I usually know what I am after and only get what I need.

The following uses just carrots and rice, with a few spices and bits and pieces; absolutely delicious. Apart from the cooking time (slow) and soaking, there is very little preparation. With rice, I usually use the 'absorption' method, gives a consistent result and very tasty, see below.

Serves 2

Ingredients:

Carrots:

5 or 6 medium sized carrots

glass of Vermouth

1 orange

1 desert-spoon honey

1 heaped teaspoon marmalade (not too many bits of orange in it)

knob of butter

to decorate – 4 or 5 spring onions, finely chopped

Rice:

6oz/175gm Basmati rice

1 heaped tea-spoon stock powder (Marigold or similar)

½ teaspoon Harissa spice or paste

Method:

Soak the rice in plenty of cold water, stirring it round and refreshing until the water is nearly clear. Leave to stand, covered in water for about an hour.

Pre heat the oven to 200°C, 180°C fan, Gas 4.

Prepare the carrots. Peel, or scrub if they look good enough, having topped and tailed them, slice into batons (cut into quarters lengthwise, then cut in half to give batons about 3 inches long).

Make the sauce by zesting and juicing the orange, then add the rest of the ingredients, except for the butter, it can be handy to microwave the sauce to help melt the honey and marmalade.

Place the carrots in an oven proof dish and pour over the sauce. If you don't have a lid for the dish, cover with foil. Place in the oven for about 50 minutes to 1 hour.

Remove the lid or foil, the carrots should by now be soft and about half the sauce reduced.

Place back in the oven for another 20 minutes.

Drain off the rice and just cover with water, about 5mm. Add the Stock Powder and Harissa. Bring to a boil, then cover the saucepan with a cloth and lid. Turn off the heat, but leave the saucepan on the hob, or about 10 minutes.

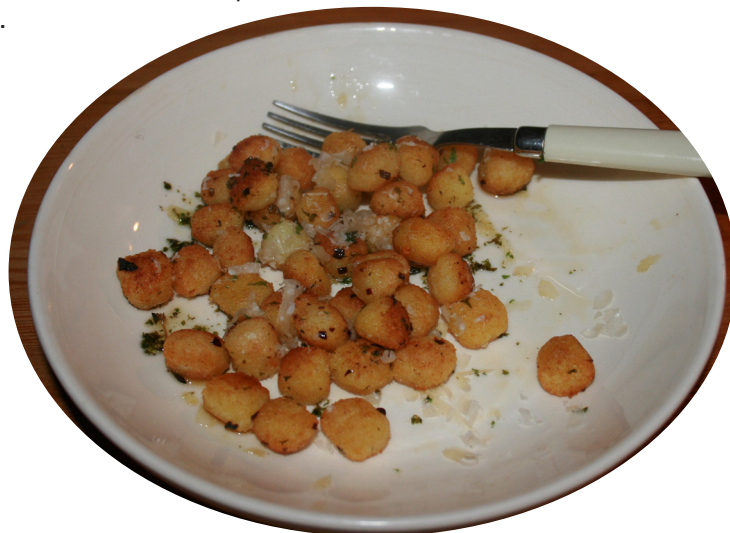
Remove the carrots from the oven, most of the sauce should have gone, add the butter and stir gently to melt.

Serve the rice on a plate with the carrots and sauce poured over.

Add the Spring Onions or chives.

A sweet dish but with lots of savoury notes.

This can cope with a punchy red wine – Chilean merlot?



Gamlingay and Hatleys Community Car Scheme



If you live in Gamlingay, the Hatleys, Waresley or the Gransdens and have difficulty getting to medical appointments, day centres, the shops or visiting a relative in hospital, then we are here to help. The scheme is operated by a small team of approved volunteers and sponsored by Cambridge County Council.

Who is the service for?

The scheme is for individuals who do not have their own means of transport and are unable to use conventional public transport for reasons of age, frailty, impaired mobility or lack of public transport.

What is covered?

The service can be used for return journeys to:

- Gamlingay or Potton surgeries for doctors' appointments
- Hospitals (Addenbrookes, Hinchingsbrooke, Bedford, Lister, Ely, etc.) for appointments, admissions or visits
- Opticians, dentists and other health care appointments
- Day Centres / Special Needs clubs
- Some social purposes

If appointments are for more than 2 ½ - 3 hours, two separate trips will be required and charged for. If assistance is needed, then please bring a carer or friend with you. There is no extra cost for more passengers.

How much does it cost?

Passengers make a contribution of 25 – 30p per mile based on the distance travelled by the driver, confirmed at the time of booking. Most of the hospital drives will cost £10 return, from Gamlingay. There is a minimum charge of £1.00 per return journey of up to four miles.

Passengers pay the driver at the end of the journey.

How do I book a journey?

To find out more about the scheme or to arrange a journey, telephone

07519 493 701

When booking a journey, please give at least THREE working days' notice unless it is an emergency, when we will always try to help. If the telephone is unmanned, a recorded message will ask you to leave your name and telephone number; the booking co-ordinator will call you back as soon as possible. Please note that a journey is NOT booked until confirmed by a co-ordinator.

Leaflets outlining details of this and other transport facilities are available at the surgery and EcoHub.

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Gamlingay and Hatleys Community Car Scheme is a community-based service to help local residents who are unable to access other transport to get to medical appointments, visit hospitals or access other community services. We are a small team of volunteers who would welcome additional drivers to help out with this essential and much valued service. Drivers receive expenses of 40 to 45p per mile, partly from the passenger at the end of the drive and the balance from Cambridge County Council (which means it isn't subject to income tax).

If you would like to do something for your community and are able to offer around one day a week (which can be flexible), have a car that can easily be accessed by people with impaired mobility and are willing to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check by Cambridge County Council, then please do get in touch with the scheme co-ordinator, Alison Baker, on 07754 275755 (or the Car Scheme mobile 07519 493 701).



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

Waresley Cricket Club



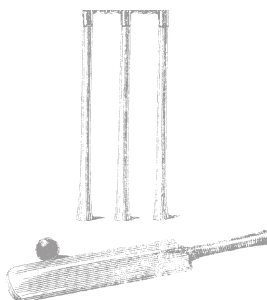
by Rodd Kerr

More than fifty members and friends attended the presentation buffet at the Duncombe Arms on 26th January. The annual awards for 2018 were distributed by Chairman Andy Donald and President Gareth Thomas while a good spread was provided by the hosts. Our splendid new 150th anniversary poloshirts were modelled for the first time at the event and they are now available to purchase online for £20 from our supplier Mr Cricket ([www://mrcricketshop.co.uk/cricket/club-shop/waresley-cricket-club/](http://www.mrcricketshop.co.uk/cricket/club-shop/waresley-cricket-club/)).

CricketForce weekend begins on Saturday 6th April – this is when we get the ground ready for the new season which gets underway with a home friendly against Potton on Saturday 27th April – the league programme starts the following weekend. Other big dates to note are our World Cup Fun Day on Saturday 8th June, Waresley v MCC on Sunday 23rd June and our 150th anniversary game against Gamlingay on the evening of Friday 26th July. We are looking to arrange some ladies taster sessions in August as well – let's hope we have weather like 2018!

A pre season dinner was held at the Duncombe Arms in April. Senior Indoor Nets will be held at Stratton Upper School, Biggleswade. The dates for colts practice sessions will be confirmed shortly. We welcome new members of all ages and abilities – playing or social. Don't worry if you haven't played for years (or never played before) come and join us – you'll still be better than some of our regulars!

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



Grant Funding for Small and Medium Businesses



Small and medium businesses in Cambridgeshire can access Grant Funding and Free Energy Efficiency reviews, thanks to ERDF funding.

The Business Energy Efficiency programme can potentially provide grant funding up to a maximum of £20,000, or 25% of project costs, to eligible businesses for energy efficiency improvement measures such as LED lighting, heating, insulation and solar PV.

The pot of grant funding is limited and businesses are urged to register their interest by 30th June 2019 at www.beecp.org/sign-up or call 01733 882549 or email info@beecp.co.uk

If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact me by return email. Cath Boughton Marketing Officer Business Energy Efficiency Programme



Changing attitudes by education

Are you a good driver or motorcycle rider? Advanced driver and rider training is for all, young or old, inexperienced or been driving or riding for years.

What is advanced driving and riding? Advanced driving and riding is all about HAZARD management.

Virtually all road traffic collisions and incidents are caused by driver (or rider) error with the driver (or rider) not being able to deal correctly with the HAZARD.

The five most common causes of fatalities on the roads are using a mobile phone whilst driving, excessive and inappropriate speed, drunk / drug driving, not wearing a seat belt and distraction at the wheel. In the recent past, four people have been jailed in our region for causing a road fatality whilst using a mobile phone.

What is a HAZARD? There are fundamentally three types of HAZARD:

1. PHYSICAL FEATURES such as roundabouts, junctions, bends, crests and the condition of the road surface, etc.;
2. OTHER ROAD USERS such as vehicle drivers, motorcyclists, cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders, animals, etc.;
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS such as rain, sun, ice, fog, snow, micro climates on bridges or under trees or shaded areas etc.

RoADARC is a club where members are trained to recognise and manage HAZARDS using the System of Car/Bike Control as taught to Police drivers and riders.

For an annual membership fee of £10.00 you can be coached in advanced driving (or riding) and will be encouraged to take the RoSPA Advanced Driving/Riding Test. If you just want to be coached but not take the Test then that is fine also.

RoADARC's mission is to promote safer driving.

Contact us by email at info@roadarc.org.uk or visit our website at www.roadarc.org.uk for further details.

This issues top tips:

- Never drive so fast that you cannot stop safely within the distance you can see to be clear on your own side of the road (Highway Code Rule 126).
- Be seen: Be safe – in poor light conditions use dipped headlights as they are better than sidelights or daylight running lights.
- Always drive with a 2 second gap between you and the vehicle in front (allow considerably more in adverse road or weather conditions (Highway Code Rule 126). Not sure how long 2 seconds is then recite "Only a fool ignores the 2 second rule". If you cannot recite that from when the vehicle in front passes a fixed point and you passing that same fixed point, then you are driving too close.



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Lorna

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Entertainment and Music Events

Charity Quizz Nights on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month . . . come and join the fun!

Bank Holiday Monday 6 May, 15:00

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Saturday 10 August, 20:00

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Dear Sirs,

Village traffic

I have been doing some survey work in the last three weeks on the early morning traffic in Church End and as a result I have been thinking we could benefit, and in fact the whole of Gamlingay could do so, from a ban to non village traffic say between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. I have noticed on several occasions that Hilton has notices to this purpose on the village approaches.

Mary Bell



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Support within the Community of Gamlingay Caring at Home by Jackie Compton

A few months ago, I found myself searching around to put in place some care for an aged parent. Having contacted a few local private caring agencies only to find they were unable to help, I was given the details of the following agency -

"CommunityCareMatters" GAMLINGAY

I contacted Anne Hutson and explained my predicament. She told me that Community Care Matters is a non-profit organisation working within Gamlingay which offers an independent caring service for both families and carers.

I found Anne extremely helpful and, to my great relief, she put me in touch with a local carer. With our parents living much longer and happy to stay living at home we now find ourselves in the situation of looking for assistance from a carer to help out. If you are in the process of looking for some care and finding it difficult why not give Anne a call?

Anne Hutson 07776 021 611 or communitycarematters@mail.com

Fill in a survey from Healthwatch and have your say on local services. In particular, Healthwatch wants to hear your ideas about

- Making it easier for people to access support closer to home and via technology.
- Doing more to help people stay well.
- Providing better support for people with cancer, mental health conditions, heart and lung diseases, and other long-term conditions.
- Providing better support for people as they get older and experience conditions such as dementia.

Share your ideas

Your local NHS needs to hear from you about what it should do to make care better for your community.

Feedback online at <https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do>

Call your local Healthwatch on 0330 355 1285, text 0752 0635 176
Or visit www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

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The Late Milton (Bill) Sykes



Most of the villagers now know that on the day The First School closed its doors for the end of an era, a piece of that era passed away with the passing of Milton (Bill) Sykes, a previous and well loved Headmaster of The First School.

Milton was born in 1929 in Castleford, Yorkshire and after a good school education he went on to teacher training at Sheffield where his specialities were Maths, PE and Woodwork.

It was at teacher training he met his future wife Joan who also became a teacher with one of her schools being Potton Lower School

After a stint in the National Service Milton and Joan both got teaching jobs around Castleford and got married in 1951 and went on to buy their first house in Rothwell near Leeds.

In 1957 Milton and Joan decided to move to a different area to carry on their careers in teaching

and moved to Alconbury near Huntingdon where they lived in a school house with Milton taking up a teaching post at Alconbury CoE school then later at Huntingdon CP.

Milton played cricket for the local cricket team and rugby union for Huntingdon 2nd's, Milton and Joan also enjoyed playing tennis at their local club.

Milton and Joan had two children Peter and Richard who both now live in the south of England where Milton and Joan moved for their retirement.

In 1961 Joan and her best friend Margaret dragged Milton off to learn American Square Dancing at the US airbase at Alconbury and it soon became a major part of their lives for the next 35 years or so with Milton becoming a highly respected SD caller.

In 1967 he founded his own SD club at Papworth Everard where he was now Head Teacher of the Primary School there.

In the 1970's Milton became Head of Gamlingay First School while Joan became Head at Potton Lower

School where they would both finish their respective careers.

During this time and their retirement in Christchurch they had many hobbies with Milton carrying on Square Dance calling and also Photography.

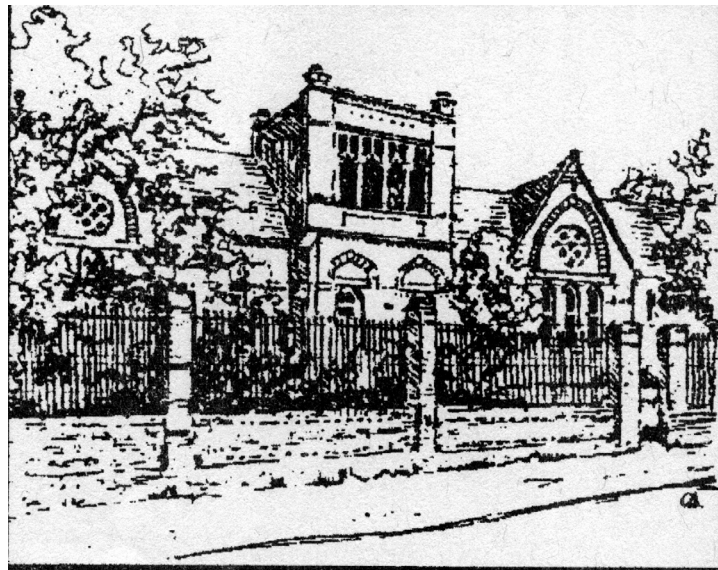
During his time at Gamlingay First School Milton became a much-loved Headmaster and teacher to many of the children taught there and also their parents with the enthusiasm for the school and pupils being uppermost on his mind. This made him one of the most popular Heads in the school's history.

Milton and Joan spent many more happy years on the south coast near their two sons and their wives, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Unfortunately, Joan passed away three years ago.

Milton's funeral was held on 14th January at Hinton Park Woodland Burial Ground close to Walkford in Dorset.

From the Sykes family.



COFFEE MORNINGS

When approaching the evening of our lives, there is an education which brings delight and surprise.

All who attend these happy gatherings enjoy companionship, make new friends and with an open mind and a listening ear, can be amazed and inspired by what they hear.

Talking with people who have seen it all, have no illusions about themselves and cope with life's many falls, brings the gift of wisdom, of knowledge improved by experience.

It enriches the soul, the real value of coffee mornings and worth its weight in gold. Give it a go. Gain new friends. Find a better self and enjoy a different kind of wealth.

It needs little effort and is free from years of study and great expense and more fulfilling than sitting at home, hoping for a joyful event.



With three league wins in March and other results falling in favour the firsts are now in 5th with games in hand and looking to climb. With only 6 points covering the top 5, GUFC have two games in hand on each team except Over where they have one game in hand. After a poor February, the reserves bounced back to win 3 out of the 4 league games, climbing back up to 6th and looking higher. The team has passed last season's point tally, so this season will be the highest finish in terms of places and points since we have been in Div2. Three league wins in a row has seen the vets climb to the top of the table with two fixtures left.

First team Results:

09/03 Chatteris 3-5 Gamlingay United Firsts

After a heavy defeat in the cup final, GUFC had no choice but to dust themselves down with an away trip at league leaders Chatteris. GUFC were also boosted by the news of Orwell's win over Over. The first half was not great for Gamlingay, finding themselves 1-0 down, and then temporarily a man down as Jamie Steele was sinbinned for dissent. Captain Leo Churms scored, continuing his fine form for the season with his 23rd in 21 games to take us into the half level. Shortly after the break we took the lead with a fortunate goal from Jamie Steele, however Chatteris levelled quickly. From then on, it was one-way traffic with GUFC taking and doubling the lead through Bonham and Jamie again. Chatteris hit back with a consolation goal, making it 4-3, but the two goal advantage was restored and result secured by Jimmy Walker's goal. Man of the match on the day was GUFC 'keeper Aaron Loney.

16/03 Soham United 1-3 Gamlingay United

Results are more important than performances, which is why today was pleasing. Whilst not the best, it was professional enough to get the three points. Goals from Stefan Shoebox and Jimmy Walker gave us a 0-2 lead at the break. Second half we were sluggish but forced into stepping it up when Soham got back into the game on the hour mark. Fortunately, with his first touch, Tom Bell-Green wrapped up the game

Gamlingay United Update



Images courtesy of Jon Mayes @ Debonair Images.
Dominic-Ascroft Walker bringing the ball out of defence
Matthew Cowell collecting a corner.

moments later giving us the win, and MOTM award in the process.

23/03 Gamlingay United 6-3 Milton

GUFC aware that maximum points from all remaining fixtures is of paramount importance to climb the table. It was a good start when James Worboys gave us a lead after five mins from a free kick. Milton came back strongly scoring rapidly twice to lead at half time. Matt's team talk did galvanise the team as they soon got level through Jimmy, however somewhat fortuitously Milton regained the lead when arguably GUFC should have been out of sight. James Worboys scored yet another free kick to make it 3-3 with 10 minutes remaining; substitute Dan Walker helped himself to a brace of headers to seal the game for Gamlingay. Sam Bonham wrapped up proceedings making it 6-3 to GUFC, a stunning comeback.

Reserves Results:

09/03 Gamlingay United Reserves 3-1 Papworth

After a poor run of results, losing 5 of the last 6 league games, it was imperative the reserves got to win. The away game was very unpleasant as Papworth won 4-2 in a hotly contested game. The scores were level at 0-0 at the break, however Papworth found themselves ahead 10 minutes after the restart. Papworth gifted GUFC an equaliser that Matt Wyllie duly converted; he also helped himself to a second moments later. GUFC continually pressed to get the game-ending



goal, when Reece Keating steadied himself and volleyed home from just inside the box. **3-1 GUFC.**

16/03 Comberton 2-1 Gamlingay United Reserves

A day where the wind had a great effect on the game. Comberton hit on a break to take the lead after a defensive mishap; however, parity was restored when Wyllie headed home a corner from Nath Lightning. Despite a string of half chances, GUFC could not take a lead into half time, which was something they would come to rue. The second half GUFC started brightly but couldn't get an opening. Comberton got a foothold on the game and scored a stunning goal from 20 yards. Unfortunately despite throwing Fish and the kitchen sink at the hosts,

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GUFC could not create a clear enough opening to level the scores.

23/03 Litlington 2-3 Gamlingay United Reserves

After a cagey first half, Litlington took the lead with the last kick, which they doubled, shortly after the interval. The feeling of injustice (due to the way the game had played out) spurred GUFC reserves on; they were sure they were still in the game. A rare headed goal from Reece Keating was the catalyst that got GUFC going. Ollie Thomas, a constant rock at the heart of GUFC defence, was effective at the other end this time, smashing home his first for the club from close range with 10 mins left on the clock. With injury time ticking away, it looked as though the spoils would be shared, when GUFC got a free kick deep inside their own half, however the lead laden boots of Loney sent a hopeful ball forward, which was cushioned by the head of Wyllie into the path of Matt Walker. Matt Walker kept the ball, beating a couple of defenders on the left hand side of the penalty box, dancing closer to the goal. In his advanced and wide position many would have passed it square hopeful to find a team mate, but Walker saw the opportunity with the onrushing keeper, and found a space between him and the post, to give the Reserves a last gasp win. MOTM on the day was Colm Dempsey, who left no blade of grass untouched.

30/03 Gamlingay United Reserves 2-1 Sawston

After a 4-0 defeat away at Sawston,

who are currently topping the table, needing only a point to secure promotion. These facts seem to only fire up Gamlingay, who started the much brighter team. After 15 minutes a long kick from Loney was flicked into Reece's path by Harry, Reece beat a man and put a teasing ball across the box, which Cam had gambled on and struck home from a few yards out- an excellent team goal. Sawston's efforts to turn the tie around were not helped when they lost a man to a red card midway through the half. Gamlingay remained dominant but stayed patient, when they were awarded a penalty around an hour in, which Wyllie calmly sent home. The only downside was the goal conceded, also a penalty. At 2-1, GUFC missed a few good chances to seal the game but it was seen out with great professionalism. The result secured a good month of March winning three out of the four league games, climbing to 6th in the process.

Veterans Results:

10/03 Gamlingay United Veterans 4-1 Cambridge Ambassadors

A much needed win for the Vets, with other results around them helping, meaning with four games to play, maximum points would secure GUFC the league. Goals on the day were scored by Tyler (2), Desi and Geordie. Desi was also MOM.

17/03 Bottisham Veterans 3-6 Gamlingay United Veterans

The vets continued winning ways away at Bottisham. After falling behind in the first minute, and with Kieran Brace suffering a big injury

it wasn't looking good. By halftime however GUFC had turned it around with goals from Desi, Knowlesy, and Dawksy giving a 1-3 lead. The second half continued in the same vein with Tyler getting himself a goal and Dawksy a further two.

31/03 Gamlingay United Veterans 6-1 Barton Vets

A more hard fought win than the score line suggested. The first half was one-way traffic but Gamlingay squandered a large number of chances. Mark Tyler opened the scoring which was pleasing after the away team had singled him out for some 'rough' treatment. Further goals from Matt B and an OG gave GUFC a 3-0 half time lead. The second half Barton came out fast scoring a long range effort. Barton kept on knocking, but Gamgy weathered the storm before Tyler helped himself to two more goals securing his hat trick and Matt B earned a brace to round off the scoring. Man of the match was Craig Darlow who covered every blade of grass and was pivotal in ensuring Barton did not get back in the game when the score was 3-1.

I would like to make a formal apology to David Careless for a statement made in last month's article, suggestive overtones that the Bar Hill defeat result was down to his non-appearance, this was not only unfair but also inaccurate. It was good to see 'Scary' where he belongs, back in the fold for the Barton game. Apologies for any offence caused. #COYG.

Tables available online



WHAT'S ON IN MAY

Walkers	Meet 9:30am at Ecohub car park. New members welcome. Phone Miriam 654 891 for further information. email miriamjones80@hotmail.com
May 1 st , June 5 th , July 3 rd , August 7 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, 1 st May	Margaret Nimmo-Smith on Hardy Ferns
Sunday, 19 th May	Plant sale at St. Mary's Church Hall and gardens Opens 2pm - FREE entry
W I	3 rd Tuesday of the month.
Tuesday, 21 st May	Trevor Chapman speaking on hearing
Community Choir	Kingspan Hall Jan Cooper 650 178
First Wednesday of the month	8:00 -9:30pm
Third Saturday of the month	10:00am - 12 noon
Soup lunches	Every fourth Wednesday of the month 12:30pm start, Church Hall
Cock Inn	Monthly quiz nights
Second Monday of the month	8pm £1 per head for various charities. New teams welcome
Monday, 13 th May	quizmaster - Jane Brown
Monday, 10 th June	quizmaster - Ian Parker
The Wheatsheaf	
1st and 3rd Monday of the month	Charity quiz nights
Tuesdays	Jam sessions 651 743
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
Mondays	9:15am -10:30 toddler story time and craft session at the hub
Tuesdays	4:00pm-8:00pm library open
Wednesdays	9:15am-12:15 board games from 10:00am
Thursdays	12:30-3:15pm library open
Fridays	1:00pm - 3:00pm drop in computer training
Saturdays	10.00am -noon Kier suite Craft club.
Housing, Police and councillor surgery	4:00pm-7:00pm library open
First Monday of the month	10:00 - 12:00 library open (and connect café 10:30-12:30 - leave a message with the manager if you need a lift)
Youth Café and Club	9:30am - 12:30 library open
Thursdays	
Biggleswade and District Art Society	
11 th and 12 th May	9:30am - 10:00am ecohub
	5:15pm - 9:00pm Yr 4+cafe Yr8+ club
	Annual exhibition at 10:00 to 4:00pm Northill Village Hall free entry, refreshments and raffle www.biggleswade-art-society.co.uk

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

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 21 st May	Annual Parish Meeting 7:00pm Hatley Village Hall, followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council		
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	Race night at the village hall		
Hatley Village Association	Village fête on the playing field		
Friday 10 th May	June copy deadline		
Sunday 7 th July	July/August double summer edition		
The Gazette	September copy deadline		
29 th April	Please contact emryssparks@gmail.com for full details		
3 rd June	Meets on every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 650748		
5 th August	Hayley Parker 652 992		
Potton Writers	8:00-10:00pm Society producing plays and pantomime meet at the ecohub		
3 rd Tuesday every month	6.30pm choir practice open to all interested singers - St Mary's Church		
Guitar Club	Monthly meetings, usually third Monday		
Gamlingay Players	Hilary Ritchie will speak about Addenbrookes hospital.		
Mondays and Thursdays	Annual Garden Party at The Emplins (the Church Hall if wet) 7pm.		
St Mary's choir practice	Chris Tomsett - Chairman 01767 650 009		
Thursdays	Julia Manley - Julialmanley@yahoo.com		
Guild of St Mary's	7.30pm Blythe Way community room		
Monday 20 th May	7.30 - 9.00pm with John Boocock at St.Mary's, Gamlingay		
Monday 17 th June	Meetings are term time at the Avenells Way Communal Room		
Gamlingay Archaeological Group (GAMARCH)	New members most welcome. Phone: 651 025 nickbruce7@btinternet.com		
1st Thursday of the month	Monthly meetings usually Mondays, 7:30pm Kier Suite. Non members welcome		
Bellringers	Colin Woolf - A walking tour of Bedford's Victorian cemetery		
Thursdays	AGM and social evening		
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 sarahburgoine@gmail.com or 01767 631 415		
History Society	Wednesday, 15 th May Black		
13 th May	Black Wednesday, 22 nd May Blue and green		
10 th June	Blue and green Thursday, 30 th May Black		
Potton Ladies Club			
Bin Collection Days			
Thursday, 2 nd May			
Thursday, 9 th May			



Historyman

People Part 1 by Nick Bruce



The people of Gamlingay past and present bring many walks of life together that come and go as the residents of the village move to different parts of the country and even abroad.

Many years ago the people didn't move as much as today so were known more about the village and became characters; also 90% had nicknames. With the Historyman this month and next I will show some of the residents of Gamlingay from past years.

1 Herbert Paine who comes from a good old Gamlingay family, Herbert fought and died for King and Country in WW1. This portrait study would of probably been taken at a studio while home on leave.

2 Frank Titmus and Harold Norman (brother of garage owner Alec Norman) demonstrating a radio they have built



themselves in the garden of a house in Stocks Lane in the 1930's.

3 A coach tour from Gamlingay to the seaside was a regular outing, this time Great Yarmouth and the beach. Back row Herbert Dickerson - Frank Careless - Tut Arnold - Jim Wright - ? - Eddy Housden - George Bedford - Sid Cole - Lol Arnold - Jack Albone - Arthur Barford - Zak Owens - Bill Wright. Front row, Bob Luff - Arthur Dew - Harry Drury - Bert Kitchener - ? - Stan Tott. Laying down, Orwell Bill.

4 The Gamlingay lads pose with Ken Worboys 1938 Austin 14.

Front row Ken Worboys - Sid Cole - Billy Cook

In the driving seat Morton Careless - in the car is Geoff Giddings plus others that aren't known.

5 Gamlingay Parish Council from 1966 as County Councillor JTC Robinson hands a cheque to Parish Council Chairman Tom Wisson.

Back row Peter Swannell - Graham Wills - ? - ? - Jean Buckler - Mrs Gostling.





- Ickle Meeks - Stan Gore - Mrs & Mr Gaunt (Landlord & Landlady of The White Horse) - J Scarrot - Frank Daisley. Front row Sam Jakes - Hank Gilbert - Bill Maskelyne - Jack Paine - Horace Gilbert - A Housden. You can see the pub sign The White Horse in the background. Many of the men are in Home Guard uniforms.

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Front row Mr John Kitchener (clerk) Tom Wisson - John (Tom) Robinson - Chair of Planning Jack Arnold.

6 Butlins holiday camp for four local lads as they sit down for a meal in the restaurant, Graham Meeks - Archie Swannell - Mick Swannell - Keith Worboys.

7 The darts team from The White Horse at the Cinques, Gamlingay c1943. Back row Charlie Gilbert - Harry Meeks



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8 Another trip to the seaside and a bit of fun posing with the promenade cut-outs
L to R Stan Hutchinson - Ted Hayes
- Bob Munns - Ernie Gore - ? - Billy Cook.

9 The Bakery down Church Street with the baker and his daughter, pet dog and horse and cart c1931

10 The same bakers but now owned by the Lindsay family. The baker seen standing outside the shop is Jack George and his wife, who both lived in a flat over the bakers shop.

Jack baked the bread and rolls and pastry, he also had pig stys behind the shop and an allotment.

On Christmas Day he would cook villagers turkeys in the bread ovens; people would drop their turkeys off first thing in the morning and then from midday until around 2-30pm they would collect them. c1968

Next Month people part two.

Anyone who can fill in any of the missing names or has pictures of anything from Gamlingay history please email Nick Bruce on nb777@btinternet.com or call Nick on 07925119346.



Historyman

People Part 1 by Nick Bruce



Police Commissioner funds 'black boxes' to support new Community Speedwatch Schemes

As part of his commitment to keeping all road users safe, Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite is funding Speed Data Recorders to help communities support the police in tackling speeding.

Funded through the Casualty Reduction Fund, the Speed Data Recorders, also known as black boxes, monitor traffic volume, vehicle type and speeds to help build up a profile of village traffic which in turn provides local intelligence for communities wishing to set up Speedwatch schemes.

The boxes have so far been set up in two village locations.

Casualty Reduction Officer for Cambridgeshire Constabulary, PC Jon Morris explains:

"The boxes allow us to assess

if there is a problem, what that problem might be and when it might be occurring so that we can look at what resources to best deploy and work, where relevant with other agencies to help resolve problems. I would like to re-assure motorists that the device does not record personal information or number plates. It is purely there to help us."

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite has invested in a number of speed data recorders to empower local volunteer groups to take action in their own communities.

The Commissioner explains:

"The Casualty Reduction team use the recorders to collect meaningful data which is used to either inform the Roads Policing Team to do some extra patrols or for the wider Road Safety Partnership to look at longer term interventions. It works brilliantly alongside our county Speedwatch campaigns as well as informing wider data."

If speeding is something that you are concerned about and you are interested in setting up a Speedwatch scheme, please visit: <http://speedwatch.info/>.

Each request is looked at on an individual basis before the equipment is deployed to ensure the site is suited to the data capture.

Police Commissioner joins local MPs to tackle hare coursing

POLICE and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite joined local MPs at a meeting at the House of Lords yesterday (5th March) to discuss problems faced by police in combatting illegal hare coursing.

The Commissioner met Lord Randall, the Prime Minister's Senior Policy Advisor on Rural Affairs together with local MPs from across Cambridgeshire, including Jonathan Djanogly (Huntingdon), Shailesh Vara (North West Cambridgeshire), Heidi Allen (South Cambridgeshire) and Superintendent James Sutherland from Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

With incidents of hare coursing on the rise within the county, the Commissioner has been working closely with local MPs, the Constabulary, Countryside Watch and the NFU to encourage the government to review sentencing.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite said: "Hare coursing continues to be a big problem in Cambridgeshire, threatening local livelihoods, putting pressure on policing resources and increasing the fear of crime within our rural communities.

"Police Officers only have the Game Act of 1831 which results in the average fine per individual offender being £280. It is vital we bring about a change in the sentencing law so that the penalty better suits the crime.

"It's more important than ever that we work together to continue to address this threat. The meeting with Lord Randall was a great opportunity for us to be at the heart of decision making representing farmers and those living in rural communities from this despicable crime."

Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Supt James Sutherland said: "While we continue to provide dedicated officers to tackle hare coursing in the form of the RCAT (Rural Crime Action Team), the issue needs to be addressed by the whole of the criminal justice system. Therefore I was really pleased to be able to meet with Cambridgeshire MPs and government advisors who showed a clear understanding of the extent of the problem and a willingness to consider reform. There is reason to be optimistic about the future."

Jonathan Djanogly MP for Huntingdon added: "More needs to be done to tackle hare coursing which is why I am working with the Police and Crime Commissioner to call on Ministers for co-ordinated action to be taken with Cambridgeshire Constabulary to ensure that we have all the necessary powers to deal with the problem. I share the Police and Crime Commissioner's concerns about the impact this issue has in our rural communities and will continue to work with him to raise awareness and strengthen the Police's hand in tackling this criminal behaviour."

Police Commissioner's support to keep communities safe from knife crime

POLICE and Crime Commissioners



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across the country are stepping up to help police forces tackle violent crime following a significant rise of incidents across the country.

The Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) has this week published "Serious Violence in Focus" to highlight a series of initiatives that PCCs have commissioned to tackle the scourge of violent crime across England and Wales.

And whilst Cambridgeshire remains a safe place to live, Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite is today (22nd March) taking the opportunity to reassure local people that everything possible is being done to keep communities safe from knife crime.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite said:

"No one can have failed to read the devastating headlines over the past few months where far too many young people have become victims of gun and knife crime. In many of our bigger cities such as London, these incidents have an extremely detrimental impact on communities."

"Whilst our officers work hard to catch offenders and talk to young people about the dangers of carrying knives, I am committed to doing everything I can to help steer young people away from serious crime.

"I contribute more than £250k to the county's Youth Offending Service and fund restorative justice approaches to help offenders see the impact of their crimes. Additionally, my Youth and Community Fund has enabled grassroots diversionary projects to get off the ground. From boxing clubs to projects helping care-leavers move into training, a host of projects has already benefitted from the funding.

"I want to reassure people living and working in Cambridgeshire that whilst possession of weapon offences increased in our county from 487 in 2017 to 527 in 2018, (a rise of 8.2%), these figures are below the national average.

"We can all do more to ensure our young people do not become victims of the potentially devastating consequences of carrying knives."

A week-long amnesty held by Cambridgeshire Constabulary in

February encouraged members of the public to hand in knives without prosecution. Part of a national initiative to tackle knife crime, Operation Sceptre also saw officers conducting extra patrols and speaking to young people about the dangers of carrying weapons.

You can read about what other Police and Crime Commissioner are doing to tackle violent crime in communities across England & Wales here: PCCs Making a Difference: Serious Violence in Focus <https://bit.ly/2Jk11Eg>.

Anyone who knows someone who carries a knife can also report it anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visiting <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>.

THE EVACUEE

September 1939. War is declared. Ahead of us, a very dark time.

Mother lifts me onto the kitchen table. I, age seven, an only child of a single parent, am unaware of history transforming my life and shaping my destiny.

With cold wet flannel she wipes my face, hands and knees, pulls up my socks, sets me down and with sadness in her eyes, helps me into my coat, holds my hand and leads me out of the house feeling ill at ease.

We arrive outside a school, joining a throng of children and anxious mothers. Nearby, several town buses.

A label is tied to one of my buttons, a gasmask in a box slung over my shoulder and in my hand I find a paper carrier-bag containing... something.

We are led to a bus, I upstairs to a seat by a window. There I look down on a sea of fraught faces, of tearful mothers searching for their children to wave a last farewell amid all the chaos.

I cannot find my mother and the bus growls into life, driving away slowly, leaving behind all that strife.

We arrive at a station crowded

with children awaiting a train. It comes amid clouds of steam and jars to a halt. The doors are opened and we clamber in, haul ourselves onto the seats and our door is shut with a slam. We feel locked in.

A whistle blows and the carriage lurches as the engine heaves into life. There is loud chuffing and we gather speed to the sound of a rhythmic clunking. Scenery new to us passes the windows, ever changing.

Across from me the children are silent and bewildered, wondering what is happening. I delve into my bag, find some biscuits and with eyes glazed by faster-moving scenes beyond the window, begin munching.

There are many stops and many starts and a lot of waiting. Some around me close their eyes, lost to sleeping; woken only by the jolt of the train as it stops at an unknown destination.

The door is opened and a cheery voice cries "Come along now". We are helped down from the carriage safely and I stare around me, wondering where this place might be.

The engine stands hissing and steaming as we crowd along the platform and gather outside the station. There, we form into columns and walk past flintstone walls into a town we later learn was the capital of ancient England.

Our destination the Odeon cinema, its auditorium well lit. Silky stage curtains glow with warm colours, giving a comforting feeling as we shuffle sideways through the rows to find our seating.

Someone on stage is talking and the babble of young voices lessens but what is said goes over our heads, until we hear the word "toilets"...and a mad race begins.

Seats bang up and we shuffle sideways quickly, desperate to reach that much needed place and gather there waiting patiently; jumping up and down, standing crossed legged, even grasping our crotches.

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We return to find many children have gone. They are outside boarding a coach. It will take them on a journey to their final destination, perhaps feeling helpless but not without hope.

My turn comes and I climb the few steps and find a seat by a window. As we leave the town I gaze in disbelief, amazed by all around me.

Hills and valleys, far-distant views, shrubs and woodland, cattle grazing, rooks flying and many green fields and a few of them brown...all so different from the streets, pavements and gutters of my home town.

Our conveyance ends at a village hall, filled with children shuffling and adults waving their hands and calling; while the weary and confused among us rub their eyes and tears are falling.

A lady takes me by the hand, holding a girl with the other, then leads us through sweet clean air and beside a river where we see unmoving trout, only their tails waving gently.

The girl is led to a red-brick house, I through a rattling gate beside a high yew hedge to the front of an ancient farmhouse.

The door is knocked, there is a pause and then it opens. The farmer's wife stands there smiling kindly. After talking with my escort, she takes my hand, leads me in and welcomes me warmly.

This is where a grand adventure will begin: a life on a farm with all its animals and the ploughing, planting, harvesting, gleaning and oh, so many other and wonderful things; in daylight and in moonlight and in all the seasons.

...and it began when I woke the next morning, lying in a warm wet bed and feeling ashamed but no one complained. It was not my fault they said, my alarming day was to blame.

Discover Gamlingay!

The Gamlingay Community Walk and Treasure Hunt

Sunday 29th September 2019

What is it?

- It is an opportunity for people to explore and learn about their village, its history and its flora and fauna
- It is a fun and family day out.
- It is an exploration of (part of) the village and countryside.
- It is an opportunity for people to find out about the various groups that operate in the community
- It is an opportunity for local groups to promote themselves and gain new members.
- It aims to be accessible for as many people as possible

What will happen?

- It is a walk, starting and finishing at the Eco-hub.
- There are two circular routes, a short and accessible one of about 2 kilometres taking in the meadows at both sides of Station Rd (the gates will be open to facilitate mobility scooters etc) and a longer one, about 4.5k, which heads to Gamlingay Wood before returning via the meadows.
- There will be opportunity for refreshments and comfort breaks along the way.
- Participants will pay £1 per individual or £2 per group of up to 4 people
- Participants will be prompted to answer questions on their "Treasure Map"
- Questions will have been set by the various organisations who are involved in the event (all village groups and organisations are invited to participate).
- Any village organisation or group can be involved in the event.
- If participants are stuck for answers there will be representatives of the participating organisations at the Eco-hub who can help.
- There will be a draw to select winners.
- There will be refreshments at the Eco-hub at the end.
- We're planning a brief concert at the conclusion, to include children from Gamlingay Primary School and Gamlingay Village Choir.
- There'll be souvenirs and competitions!
- Village groups and organisations which actively support the event, by attending organising meetings, getting involved on the day and promoting the event to their members will have a free place in the hall at the Eco-hub from which they can promote their organisation – it's a member recruitment opportunity! Other groups may be charged to participate.

Who is organising this and how can I get involved?

Keith.Warburton@Gamlingay-pc.gov.uk is the lead organiser, supported by a working group of volunteers representing various village groups and organisations. The Parish Council is funding some of the costs. All groups and organisations (and shops and businesses) in the village are welcome to take part by generating ideas, participating in the working group, helping to organise the event and by participating in the event itself.

If you represent a group or organisation please contact Keith Warburton on the email address above or by leaving a phone message at the PC Office 01767 650 310 to find out more and to express your interest.

PRE SCHOOL GROUPS AND EDUCATION

Montessori	Mrs Pat Jenkins	650 645 0771 4821 940
Rainbow Preschool	Julie Prior	651 996
Everton Preschool	Julie	07814 815 491
Jelly Tots	Emma Radley	07156 027 150
	Natalie	691 477
Carers Group	Bridget Smith	650 510
SPORTS		
Bowls Club	Brian Culverhouse	651 020
Football Club	Chair: Brian Culverhouse (youth teams)	651 020
Junior Football School	Brian Culverhouse	651 020
Tennis Club	John Gray	654 165
Fitness Workshop		651 785
Breeze Ladies Cycling	Gill Kitchener	650 035
Girls Football - MUGA	Nancy Kyle	651 785
	nantmarg@hotmail.co.uk	
Waresley Cricket	Phil Masdin	221 027

HALLS FOR HIRE

St Mary's Church Hall	Lindy Gorton	650 581
Social Club	Martin Hull	650418
Methodist Chapel	Parish Council	650 310
Hatley St George Village Hall	Kim Wilde	650 596
	www.hatley.info	
Ecohub Manager	Sarah Groom	
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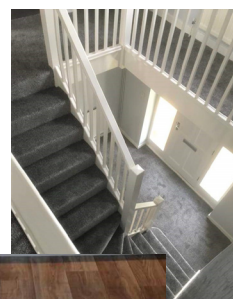
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