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Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan consultation events
3rd, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 15th October
All at the Eco Hub – for more information see page 7
Come along and tell us your views!

“Someone will do it;” Is that someone you?

After twenty years editing the village magazine the current editor would like to step down.

The Gazette is an independent newsletter, priding itself on communicating with local residents. The committee is strong and supportive; so if you feel that you could contribute to that legacy, please get in touch. - Ed

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What's On pages

We have a new way to insert your weekly events.

...and with many new ideas, there have been teething problems. An apology to Kim Wilde at Hatley for the wrong Parish Council meeting date, as well as 'oops' for the odd spacing, font and grammatical inconsistencies in the September double spread scattered throughout the tables.

We will persevere, though.

Please upload your club or society dates using **'whatson@gamlingaygazette.uk'** as detailed on our website. If you also have an article, please submit that as usual. Please note that there will no longer be a page cross reference between the What's On pages and page numbers in the main copy. This information will not be revised once copy is composited, so check your entries carefully.

Thank you to Ted Bradshawe for piloting this new submission facility.

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**10:45 AM - GAMLINGAY
BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FOLLOWED BY A
HARVEST MEAL**

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5th November

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Rector: Hilary Young	Rectory, 3a Stocks Lane	650 587
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KEY

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

Dear Friends – and everyone else. I often wonder who reads this, if anyone! So it is good to hear from people in response to anything I have said. I have no clue if anyone noticed that my offering for September's Gazette didn't have the 'Thank You' image to colour that I mentioned. As my contribution is always last minute and has to fit into the space available, there is no grumble there, but if you like colouring, the image is still available direct from me. It was to say THANK YOU to everyone who has helped and supported in whatever way in my first year in this place.

And I want to continue that theme of thanksgiving here, as we have our Harvest celebrations in the Benefice (Anglican) churches in the first two weeks of October, as do our Baptist Christian friends at GBC. We shall be giving thanks, including our Harvest of Talents, at our services listed in the table above.

I've noticed that sometimes 'Thank You' is not received as a pleased recognition of something that is appreciated, despite that being the basic meaning of the words. I imagine this is because, in common use, the words can mean 'thank you but no thank you', or an attempt at politeness in dismissal of something not appreciated, or even sarcastic pointing out of the unhelpfulness of something that is not well received. That is the trouble with words, they are open to interpretation, and misinterpretation! We receive so much more than the face value of words in our communications with one another (just think how much tone and emphasis can change the meaning of such simple words as 'yes' or 'no'). What we hear or read in communication depends at least as much on what we think of the communicator and what we are expecting as it does on the actual words. So let us take care not to take one another amiss when there's no harm intended!

So what about Harvest thanksgiving? Why do we say 'Thank You'? Is it that there is a Divine being out there needing appreciation to be kept on side? Like the rarely visited Aunt who must be thanked or she will stop sending presents? Some sort of cosmic 'swap shop' – you give so you get? Well I once thought that might be a big part of it, perhaps because of the chore that Christmas 'thank you' letters were as a child. However I've begun to realise how healthy it is both to be thankful, and to receive thanks gracefully. Being thankful is not chiefly about saying 'thank you', though that can help, but about receiving and using well what is given. Fortunately the God to whom all our thanks is ultimately addressed knows what is in our hearts, and how much we need what he gives. God's giving is both generous and without partiality. It is not God who needs our thanks, but we who need to express it. 'Count your blessings' is a healthy way to live, so let us truly acknowledge with gratitude all that we have, not just our food, this Harvest season.

Sunday 6th	Harvest/ Dedication	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	G
		10.00am	Harvest of Talents Celebration and Baptism	G
		4.00pm	Harvest of Talents Celebration	E
Wednesday 9th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
Sunday 13th	Trinity 13	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
		11am	Morning worship	E
		11am	Harvest Festival and Communion	H
Wednesday 16th		9.30am	Midweek said communion	G
Sunday 20th	Trinity 18	9.30am	Eucharist and Prayers for healing	G
		11.00am	Holy Communion	E
Wednesday 23rd		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
		12.30pm	Soup Lunch	G
Sunday 27th	Last after Trinity	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	H
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
		11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
		6.00pm	Evensong	G
Wednesday 30th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G

News from the churches

GAMLINGAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Stocks Lane

Lead Pastor: Revd Adrian Semerene

Church Secretary: Sally Graves 01767 650 112

Church office: 01767 651 519

"To keep our faces toward change, and behave like free spirits in the presence of fate, is strength undefeatable."

Helen Keller

Some of us love change, some of us, less so. However change is inevitable. Be it the change of seasons, the change of fashion through the years, change of friends, or change within ourselves (our age, our looks, our tastes, etc). This season is bringing with it big change for us at GBC. We've just recently welcomed our Youth Pastor Abi Grylls (her formal induction will be this month, do get in touch for details, as we'd love to have you there), we're in process of seeking funding for major upgrades to some of our facilities, and we will be opening the Backroom Cafe this month (well, hopefully, as we have some work still to do as I write this).

Some of us will be really excited about these changes, others of us will not, as it reflects a transition in the way things have happened in the 'Chapel' in past, or because we just simply don't like the changes. Others of us will be ecstatic about the changes. Through it all, emotions will run high, and anxieties may arise as well.

Looking to the Backroom Cafe specifically, this has been such a labour of love and joy, but has also had its fair moments of concern, frustration and set back. This initiative saw us having to upgrade our electrics on site; and then we experienced delays in certain things, and costs growing... But we firmly believed then (and still do now) that the cafe is something we are called to do as a church, and scripture reminds us not to be anxious about anything.

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

And so in those moments of questioning and of challenge, we continued to focus our eyes on God, and continued to seek after Him. We then started seeing more blessings pour in: donations of time, skills and money; we received grants from the Gamlingay Turbine Fund, a Cambridgeshire Community Chest Grant, and a Home Mission Grant from the Eastern Baptist Association. We have seen community members encourage and give of themselves so freely and fully. A MASSIVE thank you to all those who have helped in so many ways.

But I guess, I am not necessarily writing about the Backroom Cafe really, but more about how we sometimes have to stand in the midst of change, with our fears and anxieties, however fast or slow, big or small, lifechanging or afternoon shaking as the change may be. As Christians, we believe, that through those changes, God is with us, strengthening us, guiding us and comforting us... but we have to make space for Him to make the changes. So what do you think? Are you up for making some changes? Why not try taking it to God?

We'd love to see you soon, be it at a service on Sunday or at the Backroom Cafe, or any other event, so please don't be a stranger.

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

Many blessings Rev Adrian Semerene - adrian@gbchurch.org.uk - 07472 350860 - Twitter: @asemerene



Sunday Services

10.00am-10.30am Awakening Praise

10.45am Worship Service (with GBC kids)

HARVEST Thanksgiving Service to be held on 6th Oct Communion will be celebrated on Oct 13th

GBC Kids

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

Small Groups

Meeting Tues Morning, Wed evening and Thurs evening

Please contact the office for details

Men's Prayer and Breakfast

A time to share, pray and eat together **Sat 5th Oct 9.00am**

Craft and Hobbies Group

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

Thurs 3rd Oct 10.00am

Ladies Brunch

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

Sat 19th Oct 10.00am-1.00pm

Coffee Morning

In aid of GBC and 2019 Charity **10.00am-11.30am**

Thurs 17th Oct 10.00am-11.30am

Come join us for tea/coffee and cake



The LIGHT PARTY

Our Christian alternative to Halloween.

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The Summer Reading Challenge at Gamlingay Library

Congratulations to all that took part in this summer's reading challenge "The Space Chase". To complete the challenge and be awarded both a medal and a certificate, children were required to read six different books over the summer holiday, and we're delighted to say that many children rose to the challenge!

If you completed the challenge and haven't yet received your certificate and medal, come along to the library at the Eco hub.

Gamlingay Library is manned largely by volunteers and supported by Gamlingay Parish Council.

Opening hours can be found at www.gamlingayecohub.org.uk/library or in the "What's on" section of the Gazette.

Consultation events during September – October 2019 on Gamlingay's draft Neighbourhood Plan

There will be consultation events on the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Gamlingay during October for residents and businesses to come hear all about it and ask any questions. This is your chance to feed into the draft plan and tell us whether we have correctly captured the priorities for future development in Gamlingay.

All events are listed below:

October Dates	Time	Location: at the Ecohub	Theme
Thurs 3 rd	7.30pm	Kier Suite	All themes
Weds 9 th	3-5pm	Kier Suite	All themes
Thurs 10 th	3-5pm	Kier Suite	All themes
Fri 11 th	10am-1pm	main reception	All themes
Sat 12 th	10am-12pm	main reception	All themes
Tues 15 th	All day and 7.30pm as part of RSPB visit	main reception	Environment

The draft plan is based on all the survey feedback and evidence gathered over the last couple of years and has objectives and policies which focus on:

Supporting new housing that's appropriate size, affordable and adaptable
Protecting the open countryside and Gamlingay's distinct landscape setting as a radial village with satellite hamlets and smallholdings
Nurturing and growing local businesses in the Parish
Ensuring local facilities meet the needs of our community
Developing a network of footpaths to promote walking, cycling and riding
Enhancing the natural environment and biodiversity of the Parish

It's really important for everyone to tell us their views on the draft plan, themes and policies. Feedback can be provided in person via the public events, and via paper and online feedback form.

Once all feedback has been collated, the steering group will draw up a final version of the plan so that we can proceed to final consultation, examination and Referendum later this year.

For further information, please contact Kirstin Rayner, Neighbourhood Plan secretary, (01767) 650310.

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BEANSTALK UPDATE FROM 'GAMLINGAY PLAYERS'

The Magic Beanstalk is alive and well and steadily growing during the rehearsals for the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to be performed by Gamlingay Players on Friday 29th, Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December. The Wicked Witch, Poison Ivy, has been practising her evil cackle, Fairy Rosebud has been swishing her magic wand, Jack has been slapping his thigh and Dame Nelly has been practising wearing a dress - all in preparation for our audiences! Tickets, priced at £9 adults and £7.50 for concession and children, will be on sale from 1st November from The Hub or are on sale online NOW at: www.gamlingayplayers.org.

Evening performances at 7.30pm on Friday and Saturday plus Matinees at 2.30pm on Saturday and Sunday, with a licensed bar available at all performances.

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 Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December
 1pm – 5pm

We are delighted to announce that Santa will be visiting his grotto on Saturday and Sunday and will be assisted by his band of trusty elves. Making a very welcome return will be The Alice Lucas School of Dance who will be performing on Sunday. Their performance last year was so beautiful and moving and the students all coped so well performing in such an unusual space. Also Gamlingay Community Choir will be providing some of the musical entertainment. There will be craft and gift stalls to buy from as well as children's activities, tombola and raffles. As always St Mary's will provide their delicious refreshments and mouth-watering cakes and mulled wine will also be available!

The weekend will end with the draw of our Grand Raffle and community carol-singing. Raffle tickets for the Grand Draw will be delivered to your homes during November.

We invite all our village organisations and any individuals to become involved by:
 'buying' a stall for £10 per day to raise funds for your group
 entering a tree on the theme of 'FILMS' - so lots of opportunity to show off your creativity

To book a stall, (limited spaces) for one or two days, or to enter a tree, please email:
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 Best wishes from St Mary's Church



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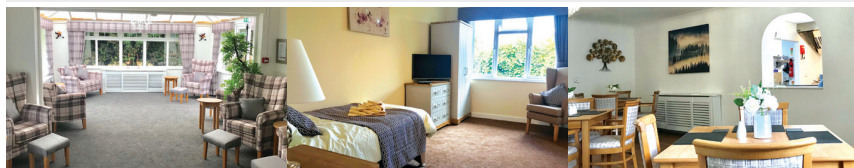
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OCTOBER – WHAT’S GOING ON?

Anyone familiar with the Hub will know that we have a pretty full diary of exercise and activity classes, and many of you attend them regularly. Our website and Facebook is the best place to look for the latest up to date information – or look at our What’s On leaflet in the Hub itself.

But in addition, we have loads of new stuff to look forward to this month, and we are hoping you will find something you like!



Have you ever tried indoor Kurling? We have a friendly, volunteer led group every Wednesday at 2pm, and it’s suitable for those less mobile or even wheelchair bound. Also for those who want to improve their mobility we have Forever Active Strength and Balance classes at 11.30 on Tuesday, with a teacher specially trained to work with those who may be frail or unable to move well.

For those who need to relax, we have Tutum Yoga at 1.45 on Mondays, and Sound Bath Meditation sessions on the last Friday of every month at 7pm (they use Tibetan Singing Bowls to create primordial sounds and vibrations, which induce a deeply relaxing and meditative state), and for strength, cardio fitness and energy we have Kettlercise with Kamni at

COMEDY AND CURRY ANYONE?

Our next Comedy night on Friday 4th October has a new twist – a freshly prepared Curry meal cooked by an amazingly talented chef! Bring your friends to enjoy a night of live stand up comedy alongside a delicious curry dinner, all with table service and a stocked bar.

Book now, places are limited, tickets are £15 each at the Hub or book online at www.bigdealcomedy.co.uk.



6.15 on Tuesdays, new Fire and Ice classes on Wednesdays at 7.45 and HiiT classes on Monday and Friday evenings with Joolz Clarke.

New arts and crafts – we have another series of Indian cookery tutorials with Rama starting on 7th October at 7pm plus we have new sewing and dressmaking classes starting on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings with Kim. It’s all here – please come and join in.

Have a look at our website for full details of What’s On, 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 does. We are Sarah and Kate (joint managers) supported by Jake and Tony. Our Chair of Trustees is Jackie McGeady and our Vice Chair is Neil Muirhead.

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letters



How Sad

I have been trying to establish flowers under the big Breech Trees in The churchyard of St. Mary's. This area is covered with Ivy that runs along the ground and smothers everything given half a chance. Thus the first thing is to clear the area and dispose of the Ivy and its roots. This I have done over two areas. The one that is most developed is for Snowdrops whilst the other is mainly for autumn flowering cyclamen. (*Cyclamen hederifolium*). It is quite arduous work and can only be done bit by bit. The problem is disposing of the Ivy. Green Bins can only take a limited amount. I also have to provide the Snowdrops and the cyclamen. In practice this means from our own garden. At the age of 90 there is also the problem of the physical effort.

Anyway I really did think that I was getting somewhere. I have been at the Snowdrop patch for some 9 years and they look well. The sad thing is the Cyclamen patch which I have been developing for 4 years. My wife said that it was looking very well this year. Unfortunately when I went out I found that virtually all the plants had been dug up and stolen.

One of the real pleasures of gardening is to look out and take pleasure in your own work. How could anyone get pleasure from looking out at their stolen plants and get pleasure from that? It is not even a case of expensive plants. You can get them for as little as £1 per plant. As I said it is a sad reflection on the thoughtless action of some unhappy person.

Philip Gorton

Guild of St Mary meetings

All ladies are warmly invited to the Guild of St Mary meetings, usually held on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Church Hall, Gamlingay.

We have nine meetings per year with speakers, both a fantastic Garden Party and a Christmas Party and at least one outing.

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

The next meetings are:

Monday 21st October:
Simon Durand from 999PTSD -
Dark days and hot nights.

Monday 18th November:
Helen Walton from The Leprosy
Mission.

This brilliant poem written by Abdullah Shoaib can be read both ways, and both messages are so incredibly powerful.

I'm very ugly
So don't try to convince me that
I am a very beautiful person
Because at the end of the day
I hate myself in every single way
And I'm not going to lie to myself by
saying
There is beauty inside of me that
matters
So rest assured I will remind myself
That I am a worthless, terrible
person
And nothing you say will make me
believe
I still deserve love
Because no matter what
I am not good enough to be loved
And I am in no position to believe
that
Beauty does exist within me
Because whenever I look in the
mirror I always think
Am I as ugly as people say?

Now read the same words, but
bottom up.

submission by Roderick Starksfield

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 and break a fragile heart

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 or catalogue the depths of misery.

Leaders inspire with empty slogans because
 words are so powerful they can bypass reason,
 making us great again, because things can only get better.

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by Keith Warburton

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Parish Council

What is a Parish Council and what does it do?

Fifteen local people give their time freely every month to meet and do their best to make Gamlingay a great place for us all to live. They listen to views and concerns and work hard to improve and protect our local services. They don't get paid.

Parish Councils were set up in 1894 and have Statutory Powers as the first tier of Local Government. They have the power to raise finance (the 'precept'). They have statutory accountability- they are monitored and audited.

Parish Councillors are elected every four years. In between elections if a vacancy arises, any eligible resident can apply to join. Our next election will be in 2022.

Parish Councils are supported by CAPALC- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils as well as LCPAS - Local Council Public Advisory Service and SLCC - Society of Local Council Clerks, which provide support and training for Councillors and Clerks on an on-going basis. Training is also delivered by other organisations such as Cambridgeshire ACRE, South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridgeshire County Councils.

The Parish Council currently employs 5 part time staff – 2 clerks (job share), a groundsman, a cleaner and a Library Manager. The Parish Council office is in the Eco Hub on Stocks Lane and is open every weekday.

The Parish Council has statutory powers and duties, it is the Burial Authority for the area and a statutory consultee on planning applications within its boundaries. It also owns land and buildings and is responsible for the maintenance of these.

The Council meets every second Tuesday of every month except August, in the Kier suite of Gamlingay Eco Hub, starting at 7.30pm. Meetings are open to the public. On occasion, where the information is of a confidential or contractual nature, closed sessions are held.

Recent projects – Skatepark

refurbishment and tree survey. Apologies that the skatepark took longer than planned; the hot weather delayed the tarmac which then caused some scheduling issues for the contractors, but we hope everyone enjoys the new improved facility. What has changed? The whole surface has been re tarmaced, most of the ramp surfaces have been replaced, new galvanised steel "rolled" toe plates have been added, all all the equipment has been moved to allow more space around the grind rails, as requested by users. The grind rails themselves have been lowered and the one which was central to the low ramp removed altogether, again after a request from users. Safety reflective edging strip has been added. The improvements have largely been funded by Section 106 "open space" financial contributions relating to the Robinson Court redevelopment. This funding is specifically allocated to this project and could not be used for anything unrelated.

Trees – The Parish Council has a Tree Policy. Every 2 years it engages experts to assess the condition of the trees on its land, to ensure they are safe and in good health. This was undertaken in July 2019, no urgent problems were found, but some recommendations were made for medium priority works which will be carried out within 6 months. If any tree is ever removed, the Parish Council always considers planting a replacement.

If you would like any more information about your Parish Council, please get in touch.

Gamlingay skate park August 2019



Potton Ladies Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at Mill Lane Pavilion, Mill Lane, Potton. SG19 2PG. We have a range of speakers, a lunch club and numerous day trips. Visitors are always welcome for £5, to include light refreshments.

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Gamlingay and Hatleys Community Car Scheme

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Our villages have little or no public transport, and the car scheme is becoming increasingly well known amongst residents as a valuable support - but the scheme urgently needs more volunteer drivers to continue that support. Your tasks would be to get residents to their appointments, or community activities - for driving only! You would not be required to do shopping or provide physical assistance. The scheme is entirely voluntary and flexible to suit your availability, so you would drive on whichever days or hours would be convenient to you, and all mileage driven will be reimbursed at approx. 45p per mile.

The scheme is sponsored by South Cambs District Council. Volunteers must have held a full UK driving license for a minimum of 2 years and a DBS check will be provided. There are no other qualifications required! Just your goodwill! Please contact Alison Baker for more information, or to sign up.

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25th October

Friday	24th January	Friday	24th July
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	27th March		25th September
	24th April		23rd October
	22nd May		27th November
	26th June	SORRY, NO SESSION IN DECEMBER	



Quiz and Puzzle Corner

by Kevin Bentley

Komino

Rules:-

Using the whole list of reversible digit pairs, complete the grid so that each box contains one pair.

A digit cannot be beside the same digit in an adjacent box.

Boxes containing a pair of identical digits cannot be side by side.

Komino

8			4
	3		7
		9	7
	1		1
1		6	5

0 2	1 1	1 2
1 5	2 4	2 5
2 8	3 5	3 6
3 9	4 7	5 5
5 7	5 9	7 7

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September
solution

4	1	4	3	6
3	5	6	1	2
1	5		0	2
2	6	5	3	1
3	5	0	0	5

Tips for the Autumn Garden

by Karen Aitkins
of All Green Landscapes Ltd

Autumn is upon us and the nights are drawing in but our gardens will have one last glorious display before bedding down for the winter. Autumn colours are at their best now with rusty reds, burnt oranges and golds. If you are lucky enough to have shrubs and trees with berries and fruits, then they will be abundant now and the birds will love them! The days are noticeably shorter, especially with the clock going back an hour at the end of the month. Less time to spend in the garden if you're working. So weekends are all important for the keen gardener. This is a good time for cleaning out the greenhouse. Make sure the windows are cleaned inside and out to admit as much light as possible. Also disinfect and hose down all the insides to dislodge pests and kill off any infection.

Rake up fallen leaves and add to compost. Collect last of the fruits from any apple or pear trees. Lift and store dahlias, gladioli and other summer flowering bulbs. Trim hedges again if necessary especially conifers but be careful not to cut into old wood as most conifers will not regenerate. Prune back climbing roses and tie back. Cut back perennials that have finished flowering and lift and divide overgrown plants to avoid clumping. Plant tulip and lily bulbs towards the

end of this month and finish planting all spring flowering bulbs. Finish planting spring bedding plants this month as well. This is still a good time to plant out perennials as they still have time to establish before winter and the frosts are still mild. Lawns will need less mowing now as growth slows right down but it is still a good time of year to lay a new lawn. This is still a good time to scarify your old lawn if it's not too wet.

The end of October is also Halloween or All Hallows eve, a time for ghosts and ghoulies. We celebrate this time by hollowing out a pumpkin and carving a ghoulish face into it. Trick and treat is now quite common place. Well done if you've managed to grow your own pumpkin. Put away or cover up garden furniture and the barbeque. I think we can safely say summer is now officially over. Apart from the odd bright crisp autumnal day I think sitting outside for any great length of time must be left to the hardier of us. Hopefully we will have a mild autumn and this can be a beautiful time of year with the sun dappling through the trees. There is always a heady assault of colours that only nature can produce.



Gamlingay & District Garden Club

**Wednesday 2nd October.
Luci Skinner. Irises.**

Luci is from Woottons of Wenhaston, a well-known plant nursery in Suffolk who specialize in a range of perennials, including irises.

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Councillor's Column

Keeping us abreast on District Council issues

by Cllr Heather Williams, The Mordens



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Williams Community Chest Grants

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

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

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

Investment Strategy

The first investment of £13 million pounds plus purchase costs has been made. This is the purchase of an office at the Cambridge Science

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

Elite Athletes Grant Scheme

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

Cambridge Airport

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

Retail Rate Relief

In the Government's Autumn Budget, a scheme was announced for the next two years that enables small retailers to apply for a

Retail Discount to their Business Rates, potentially this can create a reduction in a business' rates bill of a third. The types of businesses that can benefit from this are Shops, Restaurants, Cafes, bars and pubs in England. I very much welcome this news as I know how important these vital facilities are to our villages.

Fly-Tipping

There has recently been an increase in fly-tipping through the district including an estimated 30 tonnes dumped on private land near Fulbourn. Some of the fly-tipping being witnessed by our Environment Enforcement Officers is being described as 'industrial-scale'. A request I and others are making is for residents check that operators collecting rubbish are properly registered waste carriers. This can be done via the link below. <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>

Audit of 2018 accounts

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

If I can be of any assistance then please do get in contact

Councillor's Column Keeping us abreast on District Council issues *by Bridget Smith*



Keeping us abreast on County Council issues *by Sebastian Kindersley*



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

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Buses

Central Bedfordshire which has already seen savage cuts to bus services over the last 10 years is set to lose even more services in changes due to come into place on 30th September following retendering by Central Bedfordshire Council of the 85/85A town service in Biggleswade and the 188/190 bus routes between Sandy/Blunham/Everton/Gamlingay/Potton/Biggleswade. The 188/190 Route will lose the following services:

05.40 Potton to Sandy
06.02 Potton to Sandy (via Gamlingay and Everton)
06.30 Biggleswade to Sandy
06.31 Sandy to Biggleswade (via Gamlingay & Potton)
07.06 Sandy to Biggleswade (via Gamlingay & Potton)
07.20 Biggleswade to Sandy

The first bus for Gamlingay to Sandy will now be at 07.33 rather than 06.13 and the first bus from Potton to Sandy will now be at 07.25 rather than 05.40.

Household Waste Recycling ('Tips')

CCC is to introduce a van and trailer e-permit scheme across Cambridgeshire's nine household recycling centres (HRCs). Starting in October the scheme will allow the Council to better regulate the use of vans and trailers at HRCs, helping to ensure only household waste is delivered to sites.

Any resident planning to visit an HRC with a van or trailer should obtain an e-permit using an online system beforehand. These e-permits will be limited to 12 visits per year. To allow larger household and garden jobs, there will be an exemption to the scheme for trailers up to 1.5m (5ft) in length (excluding the towing mechanism bar) and 570 litre capacity.

Between 2012/13 and 2016/17 there was a 20% rise in waste collected at tips. The County evidently thinks that this is because unlawful trade waste is being disposed of at HRCs, which is ultimately at a cost to the council tax paying residents of Cambridgeshire. It's more likely to be, we would venture, because householders can't put old TVs etc in their bins which are often full. The result of this scheme is likely to be a big increase in fly-tipping.

First School Site

Residents continue to be concerned, quite rightly, about the future of the First School site. There is now security and the grounds are being maintained. By participating in the consultation for the Draft Neighbourhood Plan you will be able to voice your wishes for the future of the site.

Public Transport Networks

The Greater Cambridge Partnership has postponed a decision about the route of the CAM Metro from Cambridge to Cambourne for additional studies to be completed.

A final route decision is now expected in October which should hopefully be about the same time that we know what route the East West rail link will take. South Cambs District Council is supportive of a Northern Route that goes through St Neots and puts a station at Cambourne thus linking many thousands of residents to the London mainline station as well as to Oxford, Milton Keynes etc. What we do not want is a route running via Sandy through Bassingbourn to Cambridge which will essentially create a semi impermeable barrier right through the centre of South Cambs and potentially splitting established communities in two. Additional to this will be the environmental damage of running a rail line through virgin farmland. The northern route will hopefully hug the existing A428 thus creating a transport corridor where opportunities for environmental enhancement can be exploited to the full.

South Cambs Issues South Cambridgeshire District Council: Cllr Bridget Smith

The future is green

The new administration at South Cambs pledged to make South Cambs carbon neutral by 2050, and we are pleased to say that one of our initiatives towards this goal, the Zero Carbon Communities scheme, is now up and running and accepting applications. Community groups can bid for grants of up to £15,000 each on projects that reduce carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels.

Suitable projects include energy-saving improvements to community buildings, the installation of electric-vehicle charging points, tree planting, cycle paths or racks, and many more. South Cambs District Council is also consulting the public on its proposals to make new housing developments as green as possible, through sustainable design and construction that minimise carbon emissions (as well as running costs), flood risks, pollution and pressure on water sources.

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Financial mismanagement revealed

South Cambs received a damning report from auditors about the previous administration's management of the council's finances. The Audit and Corporate Governance Committee heard that the extent of the last regime's chaotic accounting came to light with the appointment of an interim finance director last year, and that errors go back over several years. The full report (online) makes for grim reading. In May 2018 the council's accounts were a shambles and shockingly not in a fit state to be audited. This extraordinary and unacceptable situation was made worse by the continued failure to ensure that corrections requested by previous external auditors were done effectively and comprehensively.

Is there to be a drought?

Within the Cambridge region we continue to experience lower than average levels of rainfall. This is now starting to generate concerns among the public, relating to levels within watercourses and the local environment. We have seen a press release from Cambridge Water which says:

"We are closely monitoring the situation in conjunction with the Environment Agency. We are not at the point where we believe a drought should be declared. We have suffered from some exceptionally low levels of rainfall and without the rainfall, ultimately the whole system isn't sustainable in the long term.

There's no imminent risk of anyone's taps running dry, as there are adequate supplies to meet everyone's demand at the moment but we're really conscious of the environmental impact associated with the abstraction of our water. We're working very closely with the Cam Valley Forum and the Environment Agency. We've limited the volume that we abstract and reduced our licence capacity in order to make sure we minimise that environmental impact. We've done that by using some alternative sources and moving water around.

However, in the longer term with the continued growth in population we are going to find it increasingly difficult to do that.

New developments will have a significant impact on demand. We're planning ahead and looking at our 25-year planning and investment strategy in order to make sure we'll be able to meet everyone's demands.

Invariably, we've all got a part to play in this. We all need to recognise that water is a precious resource and that we often take it for granted. So we all need to avoid, wherever we can, any waste or misuse of water. Increasingly we will need to implement recycling of grey water and rainwater harvesting, particularly in new developments, which will reduce the amount of water abstraction and allow us to better meet people's needs in the future.

We work with Water Resources East, where we look at the challenge across the region and what needs to be done. Within that group there are water companies and representatives from agriculture and energy, so all the users of this precious resource. Our challenge is to collectively look at how we can meet everyone's needs in a sustainable way. So the options we are discussing at the moment, construction of reservoirs, transfer mains using rivers to transfer water from wetter parts of the country and also desalination, which is an extreme measure and quite expensive to operate but potentially offers a solution to the problem."

Voter Registration

South Cambs has recently sent letters to all homes in the district to ask them to confirm the names of people who are eligible to register to vote. Please respond! They need a response even if there are no changes and have to send someone to households who do not respond to chase response by law. Contact: elections@scambs.gov.uk or 03450 455 214

Cambridge Ice Rink

It's time to get your skates on as the

new ice rink in Cambridge is open! The company building this had quite a lot of money from the University but South Cambs was able to make them a large loan when they overran their budget due to finding lots of unexploded bombs on the site (which is on the old military airfield run by Marshalls in Cambridge). We made the loan because we felt that this would be a significant attraction to the residents of South Cambs. Let us know what you think of it.

Genome Campus

South Cambs has had a second briefing on the Genome Campus' proposals for a vast expansion of their site together with 1500 dwellings which would be exclusively for employees. The current workforce is some 2500; they anticipate this would rise to in excess of 8000. Therefore a great deal of ancillary development is also envisaged including a school, hotel and retail units. The proposals go against South Cambs Local Plan but entail significant benefits for the community. It will be an interesting and complex application to decide. It will also not fit the 40% affordable housing requirement because of the restrictions on how the housing will be handled; the scheme will make an overall loss not the usual developer's profits. We were told the total cost of the scheme is £932,822,110.00 -- they must have some very competent bean-counters.

Homelessness

Homelessness is an increasing problem and is especially concerning when it involves young people as is becoming more common. If you think you see a young person rough sleeping please ring the duty housing officer at South Cambs straight away. If the office is shut phone the emergency number 01253 501117.

New Council Houses

The District Council bought 144 new Council houses last month (81 at Northstowe and 63 at Sawston) for £24m, which is great news. The money comes from the reward government gives us for building

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new market homes – the New Homes Bonus as well as the receipts we get from people acquiring their council houses under the Right to Buy Scheme. We are aiming to build or acquire over 70 council houses each year and so far have exceeded our targets.

Local Authority Funding

The keenly awaited Spending Review has now been postponed by Government and so local authorities have to battle on for a further year with the inadequate amounts of money they have been struggling with since the advent of austerity. The expectation was that there would be a reallocation of business rates between Government, district and county councils with the aim of addressing the crisis in health and social care. What moving money from district to county councils fails to address is the need for more money for district councils to develop the work they do in preventing people becoming ill and a burden on social care through any number of ways including public health, high quality building standards, council housing, homelessness prevention - to name but a few.

For those of you who would like a bit more detail about local authority funding:

The recent announcement means that the three-year Comprehensive Spending Review - which was due to be delivered in the autumn - will now be held in 2020. The Spending Review, which ordinarily sets Whitehall budgets for a three year period, was due to cover the period 2020-2023, but will now not begin until April 2021.

In overall terms, between 2010 and 2020, Councils will have lost almost 60p in every £1 of central government funding; which has had a significant impact on the services which local authorities deliver in their communities. S Cambs, for example, budgeted for £7.823 million Government Grant (Formula Grant) in 2010/2011 and, by comparison, identified £3.439 million in the Medium Term Financial

Plan for “Retained Business Rates” in 2020/2021 (equivalent to 44%) and £1.798 million for New Homes Bonus (the money we get from government for building new houses).

There is currently no certainty of funding for local government beyond this financial year, though there are indications that Government will increase public spending and investment, with an expected review of funding for adult social care. Questions do, however, remain over the following areas which are potentially crucial for District Councils:

- The continuation of funding streams such as the New Homes Bonus;
- The impact of the Fair Funding Review on distribution of funding – with District Council’s expected to be losers;
- The impact of the new business rates retention system and associated changes;
- The overall level of funding for the sector.

It is vital that the Government uses the Spending Review to deliver truly sustainable funding for local government as the investment in local services is good for prosperity, economic growth and overall health and wellbeing.

Papworth Hospital

You will likely be aware that Papworth Hospital has moved to a new site near Addenbrookes Hospital. We have recently learnt that Global Healthcare Real Estate Ltd has won the bid to acquire the site of the former hospital site in Papworth Everard. They plan to open a five-star health and wellness village comprising a country club and spa, convalescence and rehabilitation units, villas, and apartments. This will of course require planning permission from the Council.

Gamlingay and Hatley

Road Closure

The road that joins Long Lane to Hatley Road, Gamlingay will be

closed for the removal of the old railway bridge from 11/11/2019-22/11/2019.

Manufacturing

Gamlingay is unusual in that it retains a lot of manufacturing industry. Bridget recently visited the Institute for Manufacturing at Cambridge University. This amazing organisation will partner with businesses of all sorts to help them solve their manufacturing and production problems. They will place extremely competent students in your business to help you to solve your problems. This is a core part of the students’ learning and so there is no charge to the business. If this is of interest to you either contact the Institute direct or give Bridget a ring.

WiFi at Hatley Village Hall

Thanks to the eagle-eyed Clerk to the PC Hatley Village Hall had been selected as a suitable candidate for free public access Wifi via the existing CambWifi network, subject to a feasibility study. Annoyingly the supplier has not been able to identify a viable option, so cannot proceed with the installation at present. However, CCC are continuing to investigate alternative funding sources and solutions, which may be available so that we can connect more village/community halls, and will have more details in the next two months. Arrington Reading Rooms however look likely to be enabled shortly.

General Issues

Brexit and Business

It is very worrying how few businesses have made any preparations at all for Brexit. Without wishing to go into any detail about the problems they might well be facing by the time you read this we are encouraged that a number of local business support bodies are mobilising their own resources to provide help and advice.

The Chamber of Commerce has a Brexit Hub on its website which is updated daily.

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The Combined Authority has been very slow off the mark but now has its own Business Support arm Signpost2grow (created under the previous Local Enterprise Partnership) which is about to start to run series of meetings titled Brexit Basics. We pointed out that these sessions were not advertised on the Combined Authority's website - an error which we hope has now been resolved. If you still cannot find them try the website of Signpost2grow or the excellent business support pages on South Cambs's own website.

If you are a local business experiencing particular problems as a result of Brexit please do let your councillors know.

Brexit and Travel

We never thought of South Cambs as having any 'ports' mainly because we are so far from the sea. However, Duxford and Cambridge airports are considered to be 'ports' and this means that the Council will have to start to man them with officers such as environmental health officers once Brexit has happened. The reason for this will be to ensure that no food stuff enters the country which is not permitted by our own laws. What the cost of this will be to the taxpayer we have yet to discover.

Brexit and People

At the time of writing only about a 1/3rd of eligible EU citizens in the UK had applied for settled status. In South Cambs this amounts to only 2360 people having applied. A Government sponsored advert has been removed from the air waves for being misleading in saying that the process was very straight forward. It is actually rather complex - South Cambs and Cambridge City are planning a joint approach to helping people complete their applications. Please keep an eye on our websites and also on .Gov website for updates. If you are struggling, then make contact urgently with your councillors.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

CCVS are working with the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire to see if we can get more local organisations nominated and winning this prestigious award. Are you aware of a voluntary group that is doing great work? If so, you can nominate them for this award. Unlike the honours system nominees are encouraged to work with the group to complete the application, and it does not have to be a secret. If you have any thoughts or questions do get in touch with us and we will endeavour to answer any questions. mark@cambridgecvcs.org.uk

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!



**Businesses
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FREE energy efficiency reviews

Small and medium sized businesses in the wider Cambridgeshire area are being offered free, independent professional advice, delivered by some of the best energy efficiency consultants in the country, to help them enhance their green credentials this Autumn.

The free energy efficiency reviews are made possible thanks to funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), and will help businesses to identify the cost and carbon savings that can be made through becoming more energy efficient, giving their businesses a competitive advantage whilst being eco-friendly too.

Since its inception in 2017, the Business Energy Efficiency (BEE) programme, delivered by Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT), has supported over 200 businesses in the wider Cambridgeshire area identifying over £1.2million of potential cost savings, and 6,290 tonnes of carbon savings. That's the equivalent of 1145 flights from London to Sydney.

With carbon reporting requirements potentially on the horizon for every business, BEE is urging organisations to act now and take advantage of the free energy efficiency reviews, allowing businesses to prioritise where energy efficiency measures will have the biggest impact, in order to make well informed business decisions.

Antony Gough, Project Manager at BEE, explained; "Our fully-funded reviews are undertaken by highly experienced professionals. They will look at the energy usage within your company, and identify the cost and carbon savings available from switching to alternative technologies such as LED lighting, heating and insulation, or solar PV. If you wish to undertake any of the recommendations, the team at BEE can help you to identify any suitable funding sources are available to you."

There are general eligibility criteria that need to be met to qualify for support from BEECP, but typically 95% of organisations contacting the programme are likely to be eligible.

Businesses can sign up for free expert advice, delivered by some of the best energy efficiency consultants in the country, at <https://www.becp.org/sign-up> or call the BEE team on 01733 882549.

Careers with KMG Systems Ltd

KMG Systems Limited is the global leader in the design and manufacture of equipment for the biggest names in the snacks industry. We've been established on Station Road, Gamlingay for more than 40 years and have over 100 employees. The business grows every year and we are currently recruiting for many skilled and unskilled roles including:

- > Fabricator Welder
- > Laser Operator/Nester
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We have other vacancies. Use the **Solution Gamlingay** app or visit **www.kmgsystems.com** to see the most current vacancies and more information.

Apply by email to recruitment@kmgsystems.com

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



Gamlingay United Update



At the time of writing, pre-season is complete and the Firsts have played the first few league games of the season. Pre-season was successful, with the Firsts playing five fixtures. Despite not having great results some younger players got some opportunities, and three new signings were bedded in. Gamlingay legend James Cooper returned from Biggleswade United, a double signing along with Ricky Christie. Also, Gamgy Old-boy Steve Snelling re-joined after moving back to the village, perhaps 10 or so years on from where he started his journey in men's football. The Reserves also had mixed results pre-season but with 7 games, also welcomed some new faces, more next month. The Firsts started the season well with two wins and a draw from the opening three games, but ended the month with back-to-back defeats. As with last year GUFC have set themselves a hard task in the search for promotion and find themselves behind the group after the opening fixtures. Hopefully with cricket and holiday season ending the team can start to get a consistent feel to it and results will surely follow.

First team Results:

14/08 Orwell 5-5 GUFC 1st team

As far as season openers go, GUFC were awarded a tough game away at Orwell, last season fourth placed team and one of the teams GUFC will have to fight with in the bid to achieve promotion this season. This game had it all, it really was one for the neutrals. Gamlingay took the lead through a fine take and finish by last years star man Jimmy Walker. The lead was doubled when GUFC veteran Ash Dean fired home a free-kick, his first goal since 2015. The home side grew back into the game scoring the third goal, however Jimmy's second of the day ensured the two goal cushion was intact going into the break. GUFC were guilty of thinking it was game over as Jimmy Walker started the season on fire, completing his hat-

trick after a sublime chipped pass from Coops. Orwell with nothing to lose struck back, 2-4 then 3-4, there was only one team in it now then they levelled to 4-4. With the scores even Orwell were looking to win it, they thought they had when they took the lead 5-4 with only minutes remaining. However on his return competitive debut, Coops struck home a delightful stoppage time free kick to rescue a point for the visitors. At one point it looked like three points dropped, in the end it was one gained.

20/08 Somersham Town 1-2 GUFC 1st team

GUFC returned to Somersham, the place which ended last season's title challenge. The rearlights got off to a cracking start creating numerous opportunities. Tom Baker who graduated to the first team last season scored with a fine finish from outside the box on his first start of the season. GUFC were guilty of wasting a few chances, with three one-on-ones saved by the home team keeper, and at half time Gamlingay had a slender 1-0 win. The second half was a scrappy affair with few real chances for either team; the GUFC defence switched off midway through the half leaving GK James Worboys (Standing in for regular keeper Flappy, who's son was born that morning; congratulations to Flappy and Donna) stranded. Worboys was helpless as he was rounded and the home side equalised. With about 15 minutes to go, Tom Mac hobbled forward for a corner and picked up a loose ball. He coolly controlled the ball and poked home, before being substituted, luckily for him as I don't think he'd have made it back to defend. Some resolute defending in the final minutes as Somersham gave everything to equalise but Gamgy stood firm to get the first three points of the season.

24/08 GUFC 1st team 5-0 Bluntisham

Jimmy Walker continued his fine start to the season with GUFC in their first home game of the season. He started the scoring by bagging a first half brace with two fine goals. The win was more or less secured with the third goal, which was scored by Sam Bonham who has

been enjoying some fine form in the middle of the park. Another player who has started the season well, the returning James Cooper found himself on the scoresheet for the fourth. Sam Bonham added the final touch scoring his second of the day to round off the scoring and a 5-0 victory in a very comfortable game.

28/08 Huntingdon 1-0 GUFC 1st team

GUFC were narrowly edged out and suffered their first defeat of the season away at Huntingdon, another of the early season favourites for promotion. After a cagey first half with either team failing to make their mark it was Gamlingay who started the second half the brighter. Despite some half chances GUFC were not able to make the breakthrough and Huntingdon capitalised on this, scoring from a deflected effort.

31/08 GUFC 1st team vs Hundon

GUFC will be pleased to get out of August where they ended the month with back to back defeats. August is always tricky with cricket, holidays and other commitments but the defeat against Hundon was a painful one in a game GUFC will feel they should have won. Tom Barker opened the scoring as he did at Somersham earlier in the month, the youngster having a fine start to the season. Missed chances came back to haunt GUFC who gave away the lead and suffered a late defeat. GUFC have a week off on the 7th to recover and go again in two weeks where they are away to another of the league favourites Barley Mow.

Sam Bonham who has captained the team during the 2018/19 season, in action against Somersham. Sam scored a brace in the months 5-0 win vs Bluntisham.

17 year old Tom Barker, seen in action vs Somersham. Opened the scoring in this game (2-1 win) and also in the 2-1 defeat against Hundon. Tom's really starting to show his importance to the first team.

Jimmy Walker, the standout player for the month scored 5 goals in as many matches.



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HIGH ON TRUNDLE HILL

Ivan Williams

Above me a dome of infinite sky.
Around me wild orchids in unkempt
grass; their spurs of pink flowers
shake in the breeze, they seem to
laugh.

Below me a Red Kite floats on
rising air, forked tail twisting, wingtip
feathers flicking, drifting in effortless
flight; wheeling and searching with
pin-sharp eyes for something to bite.

Before me, down, out and away,
across patchwork fields, scattered
homesteads, to ancient city beneath
a haze, its cathedral spire like a tiny
finger pointing to heaven from its
shroud.

On and out to distant harbours
and glittering sea, to where lies
the rump of an isle called Wight,
mysterious and beckoning me.

All was once my playground, the
land where I was born. Nearly ninety
years have passed since then and
it's hard to believe all I have known:
the hopes and fears, the laughter
and tears, the wrongs I did and
the love I received in this land I still
regard as part of me.

A rush of wind climbs the hill,
racing through shrub and grass,
then wraps itself around me, flapping
my clothing, making me gasp.

I welcome this buffeting air, this
wild embrace, this oneness with
nature. I knew it as a child in this
place of adventure.

To my left the rolling South
Downs, stretching beyond the
horizon, ending in white cliffs which
stand in a sea that slowly erodes
them.

To my right the distant waters
of the Solent and another rump
of the Isle of Wight and before
them sprawls the harbour city of
Portsmouth, where I lived my early
life.

In this wide panorama before me
I travelled many miles and made
my first kiss. My lips pursed tightly
bumped against the soft pouting of
hers, an innocent hit and miss.

Then came a robust girl driven
by lust. It terrified me so much and
I fled so fast you could not see my
arse for the dust.

As a lad I had lain in long grass
beside a young lass, a dancer
in ballet and my first true love; a
poignant, clumsy and turbulent affair
of many adventures but it did not
last and the ending was sad.

In the wide sky before me Spitfires
and Hurricanes had screamed and
roared, dived and soared, their guns
blazing at an enemy who brought
the grimness of war.

Aircraft blew apart, some spiralled
earthward streaming dark smoke.
Bodies of pilots fell into fields,
spinnys and even the gardens of
startled and horrified folk.

I was an evacuee at seven,
blessed by life on an ancient farm.
Nearly five years later I returned to
my home, to a dreary, smelly, bomb-
damaged city; to schooling that was
truly elementary and included caning
on the bum.

I saw things being made for D-Day:
landing craft in workshops, floating
structures in muddy harbours and
glider parts at the city's airport....and
early on that fateful morn in June,
I was woken by the roar of an ariel
armada flying southward, carrying
men, many of them to their doom.

We swam in muddy harbour, in
water smoothed by coal dust,
gleaming with rainbow colours
from oil floating on its surface. We
straggled home, tired, mucky and
looking rough, to mothers who were
shocked and very fussed.

We explored muddy shorelines
smelling of rotting weed and salty
sea; scrunching on shells, gravel and
debris and gazing at rubber things
unknown to boys like me.

Bomb sites were our playgrounds,
where slivers of glass and splintered
wood broke through hard-trodden
surface and drew young blood;
something the enemy may not have
foreseen but for us it was all run,
shout and scream.

Rollerskating was the latest fun.

With wheels strapped to our boots,
we clung to the backs of lorries, it
was such a hoot. With increasing
speed our feet shook and juddered,
then sparks flew alarmingly and in
fear we thought of our mothers.

The air is calmer, a dark cloud has
passed and the sun feels warmer. I
sit in the grass, an orchid between
my feet and remember a brief
encounter with an exotic youth I
took home proudly for my family to
meet.

They gawped in disbelief at this
young cadet in naval uniform,
smiling broadly and looking very
neat. He came from the land of curry
and tigers, part of an empire now
long gone and a person of colour in
our house was unheard of, unknown.

Dear Habu, if you are still alive, I
apologise for any hurt but we did
have fun exploring this glorious
landscape on our bikes and we sat
here, on this great hill, on this very
turf.

I worked as errand boy, then as
clerk, then as Boy Friday at a
squash-rackets club where my skill
at that sport earned me many marks.

There was also a gym and I used
the trapeze with remarkable ease.
Needing more money I became a
model at a college of art, thanks to
my muscled tutor who also posed
there and must have fluttered many
female hearts.

"You can't do that!" said Mum
"naked before all those people,
showing your thing and baring your
bum". So she cut up an old vest
and with elastic for knickers, made a
small pouch. With modesty ensured,
I was able to sprawl decently on
studio couch.

I was aeroplane mad and flew free
with flying-club members, in return
for doing the dirty work which the
club's two engineers found endless.

My reward was informal flying
training, helped by a "Teach
Yourself" book. I practised in a chair
with a stick for pitch and roll, each
foot on a cushion to give me rudder
control.

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A great funding opportunity to help combat climate change is here. Thinking caps on!

Grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 are available from South Cambridgeshire District Council to community groups for projects that both engage communities and help the shift towards a cleaner, greener future in support of the aim of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. The application deadline is 5pm on Thursday 31 October 2019.

Projects should both engage communities in mitigating climate change and benefiting the environment and satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

reduce carbon emissions; reduce energy use, generate renewable energy or heat, promote sustainable travel, reduce use of resources, or increase recycling and/or waste reduction. A couple of examples are electric car charging points for community use and community tree planting.

Can you think of any ideas? Would you like to help on a project? If so, please contact Cllr Bridget Smith on 01767 650 510 or bridget@maypolehouse.plus.com, Nicola Jenkins on nicola.jenkins49@btinternet.com or phone South Cambs District Council on 01954 713 070 and ask for Emma Dyer, Project Officer, Climate and Environment.

Further details can be found on the South Cambs District Council website scambs.gov.uk.

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One night I climbed the airport's perimeter fence. Armed with torch and Pilot's Notes, I crept low and entered an aircraft, a serious criminal offence.

I sat there peering into the darkness ahead and the madness of what I was doing entered my head. Wisely, I retraced my steps, otherwise I and possibly others might have been dead.

One hot Summer I cycled with friends to a far sandy beach. We swam and played and met with others and there, laughing and mocking me, the once small girl of my first kiss, now a curvaceous young woman. My heart missed a beat.

I was ill at ease and blushing. She stood and smiled and put a hand on my shoulder, a kindly gesture that made this shy youth feel so much better and just a little bit bolder.

Evening has come, the sun is low, bathing all in a golden glow. I stand and ease my aching joints and whisper farewell to that long-lost past, then turn and walk down in the shadow of the hill to my car, enter and switch on its engine and lights.

I pause to muse again but no; time to drive into the night, to the heart of England, to my home where my wife and I had enjoyed a long life together, one she had made so worth living.

Roderick Starksfield's vegetarian recipes

Super Healthy Rice and Lentils

This is a very healthy meal, full of fibre, protein and many essential vitamins. It is also very tasty, and despite the relatively long cooking time, is quick to prepare.

I have given the quantities for a single serving, easy increased for more guests.

Ingredients

75gm/3oz long grain rice

50gm/2oz Puy lentils

1tsp stock powder

½tsp turmeric (optional)

Extras

A knob of butter and/or a glug of olive oil

2 or 3 spring onions, finely chopped

1 small red chilli, very finely chopped

Good handful of chopped herbs 3 or 4 from this selection:

parsley, chives, basil, tarragon, mint or similar

1 small tomato (or 2 cherry tomatoes)

Juice of ½ lemon

Method

Soak the rice in a large saucepan for 30 mins to 1 hour, stirring often and replacing the water to remove as much starch as possible.

Put the Puy lentils in another saucepan and cover well with water. You need to cook the rice and the lentils separately as the lentils will cook with a dark brown water. These need to boil for about 25 to 30 minutes.

After about 15 minutes of the lentils starting, drain off the rice and just cover with water, about 4mm only. Add the stock powder and turmeric. Place on the hob and bring to a boil. As soon as it is boiling, turn off the heat and cover the pan with close fitting lid and leave for 10 minutes. I put a sheet of kitchen paper under the lid to help the seal. The rice will not need any further help.

Check the water level in the lentils, don't let them boil dry! When the rice is done, remove the lid and fluff it up. Drain the lentils, and add to the rice. Stir through as many of the other ingredients as you wish.

Serve with green salad and a glass of white wine.



What's On in October

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Over 50's walkers club Wed-Oct-02, Wed-Nov-06,	Meet 9:30am at Ecohub car park. New members welcome. Phone Miriam 654 891 for further information. email miriamjones80@hotmail.com
Gardening Club Wed-Oct-02 Wed-Nov-06	Monthly meetings held in the Kier Suite, 7:30pm; tea coffee and raffle Luci Skinner from Woottens of Wenhaston. Irises. The Plantsman's Preference ; Gardening with Grasses
Womens Institute Tue-Oct-15	3rd Tuesday of the month. harvest meal at The Hub at 7.30. This year it will be a Fish and Chip supper. We have to pre order so please contact Jean before the event. 01767 650367.
Community Choir Sat-Oct-05, Tue-Oct-15,	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 Sat-Oct-26,	Every fourth Wednesday of the month 12:30pm start, Church Hall
Cock Inn Mon-Oct-14,	Monthly quiz nights 8pm £1 per head for various charities. New teams welcome
The Wheatsheaf Mon-Oct-07,	1st and 3rd Monday of the month Charity quiz nights
Social Club Mon-Oct-21,	Charity quiz nights
Total Wellness workout Thu-Oct-10,	16 Waresley Road. Quiz nights, pool nights and live bands Friday Nights Bingo
Beginners Breeze Thu-Oct-03,	Fridays. Church Hall 9:30am-10:30am. Bring some water and an exercise mat or towel for floor work. £6 per class
Eco Hub Tuesday	Cycling. First Thursday of the month at the hub. Contact gill.kitchener@btinternet.com 07842 135 732
Wednesday	9:15am-12:15 board games from 10:00am 12:30-3:15pm library open 1:00pm - 3:00pm drop in computer training
Thursday	10:00am till noon Kier suite Craft club 4:00pm-7:00pm library open
Fri-Oct-04,	BigDeal Comedy- comedy and curry night. Book your ticket now to avoid disappointment. £15 per person - includes entry, curry and table service. Full details on our website www.bigdealcomedy.co.uk
Friday	10-12 Library open -Cambridgeshire Children's Centres run a toddlers' Music & Movement class 10 – 12 (Connect Café 10:30-12:30 - leave message with manager if you need a lift.)
Monday	9:15am -10:30 toddler story time and craft session at the hub 4:00pm-8:00pm library open
Housing, Police and councillor surgery Thu-Oct-03,	9:30am - 10:00am ecohub First Monday of the month
Youth Café and Club Sun-Oct-06,	Thursdays 5:15pm - 9:00pm Yr 4+cafe Yr8+ club
Gamlingay Allotments Association Thu-Oct-10,	Membership secretary Bob Gordon Bob.gordon22@talktalk.net 651 913

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Gamlingay Parish Council	Clerks: Leanne Bacon and Kirstin Rayner Tel: 01767 650310 Email: clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk Agendas available on our website: www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk and on noticeboards. Meetings are held at 7:30 in the Kier Suite of Gamlingay Eco Hub and are open to all. Planning meeting 7:00
Tue-Oct-08,	
Tue-Oct-22,	7:00pm planning committee meeting Ecohub
Hatley Parish Council	
Tue-Oct-15,	Contact the Clerk Kim Wilde 650 596 or email hatley-parish-clerk@hatley.info. Details on the website www.hatley.info or noticeboards Ordinary meeting 7:30pm. We hope that you can join us.
Hatley Coffee morning	
Tue-Oct-01,	10:am - 1pm Hatley village hall. Everyone welcome; donations on the day split between the village hall and church
Hatley Village Association	
The Gazette	
Mon-Oct-07,	November edition copy deadline
Potton and district Writers	
Tue-Oct-15,	Please contact pottonwriters@gmail.com for full details 3rd Tuesday every month
Guitar Club	
Thu-Oct-10,	Meets on every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 650748
Gamlingay Players	
Tuesday	8:00-10:00pm Society producing plays and pantomime meet at the ecohub
Thursday	8:00-10:00pm Society producing plays and pantomime meet at the ecohub
St Mary's choir	
Thu-Oct-03,	Thursdays 6.30pm choir practice open to all interested singers - St Mary's Church
Guild of St Mary's	Monthly meetings, usually third Monday
Mon-Oct-21	Simon Durand from 999PTSD - Dark days and hot nights.
Mon-Nov-18	Helen Walton from The Leprosy Mission.
Gamlingay Archaeological Group	
Thu-Oct-03,	Chris Tomsett - Chairman 01767 650 009 Julia Manley - Julialmanley@yahoo.com 7.30pm Blythe Way community room 1st Thursday of the month
Bellringers	
Sun-Oct-06,	Thursdays 7.30 - 9.00pm with John Boocock at St.Mary's, Gamlingay
Photographic Society	
Fri-Oct-04,	Lecture Evening Meetings are term time at the Avenells Way Communal Room New members most welcome. Phone: 651 025 nickbruce7@btinternet.com
Fri-Oct-18,	Competition 1 Judge Alan Goldby EAF Open for DPI's and Prints, Monochrome and Colour - N.B. No meeting 25th (Half Term)
History Society	Monthly meetings usually Mondays, 7:30pm Kier Suite. Non members welcome
Mon-Oct-14	Peter Bradley. RSPB's The Lodge, Sandy. It's natural history and archeology.
Mon-Nov-11	Ken Bonham. The barns of Cambridgeshire and adjacent counties.
Mon-Dec-09	Christmas history quiz, and social evening.
Potton Ladies Club	
Tue-Oct-01, Tue-Nov-05,	First Tuesday of the month at the Mill Lane Pavillion, Mill Lane Potton contact Sarah Burgoine at sarahjburgoine@gmail.com or 01767 631 415
Bin Collection Days	
Wed-Oct-02, Wed-Oct-16,	Blue & Green
Wed-Oct-30,	
Wed-Oct-09, Wed-Oct-23,	Black
Wed-Nov-06,	

Historyman

New Pictures

by Nick Bruce

This Months Historyman is all about new pictures I have been given in the last couple of months and I am still repairing if needed and still doing research on.

The first doesn't need much research as most know about the Great Barn which stood as part of Merton Farm in Station Road. It was demolished after the other barns that stood beside it in a courtyard to the left and in front of the farm house. It was 160 feet long, thatched and inside had five large aisled bays. In the later part of it's life it was used as a lorry shed by many local lorry drivers and haulage firms. I have had a version of this picture for many years but I acquired this one recently and is a lot better quality than the others I have. The next picture is the Tithe Barn which stood where the new Cemetery is now in the near right hand corner on the St Marys Close side. It is one of many pictures I have of this barn but this is one of the last taken before it was burned down and demolished. A lot smaller than the Great Barn but also thatch and used for farm storage by Merton Farm.

Picture three is the Old Ram public house in Potton Road the Heath, which was closed in 1960 and was one of two pubs on The Heath, the other being the Live and Let Live on Everton Road.

Picture four is Lindsay's Bakery in Church Street which had bread ovens in the back of the building and had a doughnut making extension added in the late 1960's. It later moved to Mill Street and the baking side was moved to their Potton shop. Next comes Knibbs Butchers



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which was where LJ's Bistro and Cafe now is and ran through four generations of the family, making their own pies, sausages, brawn and cooking their own meats. Outside the shop you can see the corner of local electrician Peter Moss's mini van. Picture six is the Baptist Church Sunday School book prize giving from 1957 with Reverend Tydeman with his wife to his right Mrs Maynard, Mrs Goodchild, and many children including Brian Giddings, Peter Moss, Sandra Allen, Dean & Lee Cownden, and many more with their books such as Three Little Pigs, Sooty and The Bedtime Book.

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Picture seven is a Christmas Party at the First School with Mr and Mrs Robinson the school heads, pupils and parents including well known villagers of today such as Keith Worboys and Peter Swannell.

To finish we have a picture of the Gamlingay Brownies, so I'm told but we need to find who is in the picture, either if it is you or you know someone in it.

If you do have any names please email me at nb777@btinternet.com or call 01767-651025 or 07925119346.

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Everton Preschool	Julie	07814 815 491
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Bowls Club	Brian Culverhouse	651 020
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Fitness Workshop		651 785
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HALLS FOR HIRE

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	www.hatley.info	
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vice chair	Neil Muirhead	
Everton Village Hall		682 251

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SCHOOL

Gamlingay Primary		650 208
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1st Gamlingay Rainbows	Helen Brown	449 043
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Gamlingay Gransden Cubs	Susan Jefferd	261 000
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Pathfinder Scouts Friday	Mark Harrison	07979 102 568
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Youth Club		07929
Youth Cafe	Lucy Rands	453235
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