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21st September

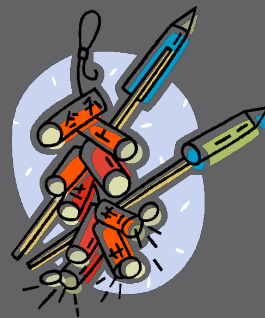
1-5 pm

see you there

See inside June edition for details of classes and fun run details

Sunday 3rd November
20th anniversary fireworks display

Tickets on sale in October
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The Gamlingay Community Walk and Treasure Hunt

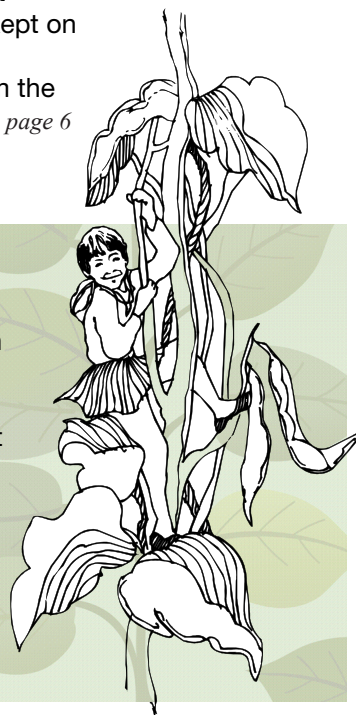
On Sunday September 29th you can take part in the first Gamlingay Community Walk and Treasure Hunt. So what's it all about?

Firstly, our logo. It was designed by Monty, from the Village Primary and will be featured on the guide booklet and badge that every participant will receive. While Monty now knows he won the competition (congratulations!), there are two other age-group winners who will be announced on the day, when all three of them will receive their prizes.

The event commences at midday on Sunday 29th September when pre-registered walkers will pick up their "Treasure Hunt Map & Guide" and souvenirs and start out from the Eco-hub; walkers will leave from then up to 2.30pm. A staggered start is necessary to ensure we don't have large groups of people clogging up the route, especially at street crossings. Well behaved dogs and small children are welcome on the walk but must be kept on leads at all times – especially the small children.

We need to count you out and back again, so we will take your details as you leave from the Eco-hub and return.

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NEWS FLASH FROM
'GAMLINGAY PLAYERS'



Rumours are circulating in Gamlingay that someone has been seen planting some beans near the Ecohub. Not newsworthy you may well say BUT these beans are allegedly MAGIC and will start to grow over the coming months and should reach the full height of a giant beanstalk by late November. If you want to see this amazing sight, you can do so by buying tickets for the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to be performed by Gamlingay Players on 29th and

30th November and 1st December. This family panto has all the usual ingredients:

Dame, Principal boy and girl, kind fairy, wicked witch, goodies, baddies, jokes, singing, dancing – all for your entertainment.

Watch out for further details on page 9 and in next month's *Gazette*



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Residents of Huntingdonshire can use the Dial-a-Ride service provided by Huntingdonshire Association for Community Transport (HACT).

Local community car schemes can provide transport for those who are unable to make journeys by other means.

Go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/communitytransport or call 0345 045 0675 for more details.



What's On pages

We have a new way to insert your weekly events.

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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and are aged between
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Akela (Steve Palmer) on
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2nd September

November
30th September

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News from the churches

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GAMLINGAY WITH HATLEY AND EVERTON CUM TETWORTH

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KEY

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

Sunday 1 st	Trinity 11	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	G
		9-11.00am	Sparks	G
		10.00am	All Age worship + Baptism	G
		4.00pm	Evensong	E
Monday 2 nd		10.00am	Home Communion at Avenell's way	
Wednesday 4 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
Sunday 8 th	Trinity 12	9-11.00am	Sparks	G
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
		11.00am	Morning worship	E
		11.00am	Eucharist	H
Wednesday 11 th		9.30am	Midweek said communion	G
Sunday 15 th	Trinity 13	9-11.00am	Sparks	G
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist + Prayers for healing	G
		11.00am	Holy Communion	E
Wednesday 18 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
Sunday 22 nd	Trinity 14	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	H
		9-11.00am	Sparks	G
		9.30am	Parish Eucharist + Baptism	G
		11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
		6.00pm	Evensong	G
Wednesday 25 th		9.30am	Midweek said Communion	G
		12.30pm	Soup Lunch	G
Sunday 29 th	Trinity 15	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
St Michael and All Angels		12 noon onwards	Village Walk	G

Dear Friends – and everyone else

As I write my holiday away is yet to come. We are hard at work completing our big Heritage Fund bid for St Mary's. This includes the repair of the roof, other restoration work involving upgrading internal facilities and an ambitious scheme of events and activities; sharing the heritage and making the church more accessible to all.

Our first newsletter is being circulated, with plans for more to come. By the time this is read, that will all be in the past. We won't know the outcome of our bid until November, and we will be into the Autumn season, schools back, and routines old and new being settled into.

So what to say now? Well, here's an image to colour in if you do such things, a colour version will be available when I have time to do that myself!

There is so much that's been really good in July and no doubt will be in August; my thanks are to God for all that has been - happy events, funds raised, music made, worship offered, matches celebrated, good company, and to the many people who have taken part, including those who have taken time to say 'thank you' to me, for things I have been only part of, often in only a very small way.

The abiding theme among the many good things has been the value of encouraging one another and working together with as many as possible. I do hope and pray that the successes and happiness that results, will stay in the mind and encourage everyone, myself included, to make more of the same. Of course not everything works/ goes well, but I am learning, rather late in life, that to focus on what is good, in any circumstance, is life-enhancing, where spending too long on what went wrong and especially when it can't be changed is life-destroying. There is always something to be learned so it is good to take stock, and make note for the future, learn lessons, but let's not be discouraged, nor discourage one another. For those of us who know God in Jesus and pay attention to his teachings, let us remember that he teaches that we are recognised for who we are by the fruit we bear. (*Matthew chapter 7*) and that fruit comes from being Holy Spirit-filled people (*Galatians 5.22*).

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

"We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."

Martin Luther King

Life can sometimes be rough! Life can be SUPER difficult! Life can be absolute RUBBISH at times! Hmm... maybe, that's an understatement...

Life can be... well, use your imagination and fill in the blank for yourself!

Often, we can feel as though we are in the middle of crisis... Life has not just given us lemons, but they are rotten lemons, so we can't even make lemonade... Have you ever felt like that? Disappointment after disappointment... It gets hard to handle... There's only so much one can take!!!

BUT, what if I told you there is always hope? What if I told you, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel? What if I told you there is always joy to be found and joy to had? Would you believe me? Some of you may? Some of you may not? Some of you know where I am going with this, and have already made up your minds...

As a Christian, I believe that there is always hope, because of Jesus. I believe that in times of darkness, difficulty, crisis, trouble, sadness, anger (or any other desperate time) that in Jesus, I find hope. Hope for a better tomorrow, hope for mended relationships, hope for forgiveness, hope for freedom from all that rubbish and brokenness we face. Don't misunderstand me... my hope does not mean that I will not face that rubbish... It means I don't journey through it alone and I am always assured of something more, something greater afoot.

The bible talks about casting all our anxieties onto Jesus, and coming to him even as someone who is heavy laden... I know that may seem strange to some; it may seem impossible... However, is it not worth exploring who this Jesus is? This Jesus who brings hope to the hopeless, and joy to the joyless? Is it not worth stepping into a place to ask those questions? Please know you wouldn't be alone if you did?

I once heard the church described as a hospital for the broken, not a museum for the saints. I believe that is true, because we are on a journey of rediscovering that hope and healing that comes with stepping into relationship with Jesus. So why not join us, and journey for yourself?

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

Many blessings
Rev Adrian Semerene
Lead Pastor
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Sunday Services

10.00am-10.30am Awakening

Praise

10.45am Worship Service (with GBC kids)

Communion will be celebrated on the **1st Sept**

GBC Kids

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

Small Groups

Meeting Tues Morning, Wed evening and Thurs evening

Please contact the office for details

Men's Prayer and Breakfast

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

Sat 7th Sept 9.00am

Craft and Hobbies Group

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

Thurs 5th Sept 10.00am

Ladies Brunch

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

Sat 21st Sept 10.00am-1.00pm

Coffee Morning

In aid of GBC and 2019 Charity

10.00am-11.30am

Thurs 19th Sept 10.00am-11.30am

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During the walk you will have opportunity to answer various questions found in the Treasure Hunt Guide. But don't worry if you can't come up with all the answers during the walk, there will be representatives from various village

groups (who have set the questions) on hand at the Eco-hub when you return, and they won't charge you for giving you the answers! All walkers will be entered into a prize draw at the end.

On your return to the Eco-hub you'll be entitled to a free cuppa and a biscuit – you will also be entitled to make a cash donation, should you wish, which we will present to Foodbank on behalf of Gamlingay.

Also at the end of the walk there'll be a short concert featuring the school choir and the Community Choir.

How much will all this wonderousness cost?

A mere golden coloured coin – just £1 per person, or £2 for a group of up to 4 people. Just to help with the sums, 5 people would be £3, but if you bought two groups of 4 it would be £4. Yes, hardly believable! So make sure you recruit all your friends and relatives and get best possible value on this exploration of our lovely village! But bear in mind, in order to take part in the walk you need to be wearing your badge. By the time you read this, the badges should be available, you'll receive them as your receipt when you part with your golden donation. Don't leave it at home on the day otherwise you'll have to make another donation before you set out!

Where can you obtain these incredible bargain badges? Gamlingay Village Primary, the Eco-hub and both churches will have them together with selected retail premises in the village.

PS: The small children on leads thing? – it's a joke. However be aware that portions of the route(s) are close to roads so there are potentially traffic risks, and there are also potential trip hazards along the way. Also: despite the logo featuring some hefty walking boots, you shouldn't need them, but please use your judgement regarding appropriate clothing.

Make a note of the date now: Sunday 29th September. See you there!

Supported by Gamlingay Parish Council and Gamlingay Turbine Tithe Fund

Diary dates Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival With Santa's Grotto Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December 1pm – 5pm

We do hope that our wonderful community here in Gamlingay as well as friends from further afield will once again join us at St Mary's Church for this popular annual event.

Over the weekend there will be an opportunity to listen to a wide variety of musical entertainment, browse the craft and gift stalls, participate in the children's activities and enjoy the delicious refreshments and mulled wine.

The weekend will end with the draw of our Grand Raffle and community carol-singing.

Watch out for your raffle tickets for the Grand Draw delivered to you in 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

More information in next month's *Gazette*. Best wishes from St Mary's Church, the parish of Gamlingay with Hatley St. George and East Hatley



"Someone will do it;" *Is that someone you?*

After twenty years editing the village magazine (yes, that long; nineteen years, then a three year break and now another year), the current editor would like to step down. I stepped up as a young mum, and now I'm working full time I feel it's time to pass the baton on.

If you are considering a career in publishing, journalism, or graphic design to name but a few, your cv might benefit from a little time working on a small publication like this one. Or perhaps you are at the end of your working life and would enjoy editing as a hobby.

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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The Alders and St Mary the Virgin, Gamlingay

We came to Gamlingay in 1959, when our father was posted here to be the village police officer and immediately our mother and us four girls became members of the church. I seem to remember that the congregation was smaller then than now. I certainly remember a visiting vicar assuming that we were the Sunday School – us four girls sitting in a pew with our mother, and no other children in the church.

St Mary's was always important to our mother, right from the start. Our father attended only on special occasions, but he supported the fact that we went, I never remember there being any issues about that. We four girls were all confirmed in the church.



When our father died in January 1966 there was a big, formal funeral at St Mary's, uniformed police officers acting as

pall bearers and kind Gamlingay residents standing in Church Street as the funeral procession passed by.

Us four girls continued to be connected with the church through our teens (although I was temporarily an atheist at the time). Several of us were part of the bell-ringing team at different times, I taught the infant class of Sunday School in my sixth form, gathering the little ones round the font at the back of the church. The three younger ones were all members of the Bourn Deanery Youth Club for a few years, although I would not say we were taking our faith seriously! I believe that in the belfry there is still some graffiti carved by one of us into the stone, but I don't know which of us was responsible.

Jackie and Bob were married in St Mary's, and, several years later, so were Gill and David. The rector of the church wrote one of the two references for me, which gave me the opportunity to study in the United States for a year, on a World Council of Churches scholarship. Rebekah (Susan) and Billy's daughter Ruby was christened at St Mary's. Although all of us but Jackie and Bob moved away, we were



often back at Christmas or Easter. I can remember giggling as we sang endless verses of 'Hail Thee, Festival Morn', the favourite festival hymn of the rector at that time, a hymn with an almost endless number of verses. More recently and more sadly, our mother's memorial service took place here, and then Jackie's.

With Jackie's death our last formal connection with the church and with the village is broken. Gill, Rebekah (Susan) and I are all finding that hard.

Thank you, the congregation of St Mary's, for all you have done for us and meant to us over the years. And thank you, Gamlingay. We will always think of it as 'our' village.

Maggie Alder

letters



Hello

I am trying to find a photograph of the Rev Cuthbert Cartwright, who was I understand a clergyman at Gamlingay from 1913 to about 1921. I just wondered whether you know of any old photographs in the parish in which he might have featured?

Kind regards, Rosie Novis

We have forwarded Rosie's details to Nick Bruce hoping he has images in his extensive photographic archive - Ed

MANNA works in partnership with the Anglican church in Mozambique which is split into three dioceses, Lebombo, Niassa and Nampula, which were badly affected by the cyclones.

Muassite Jose Miguel from MANNA, Mozambique and Angola Anglican Association along with her translator Rebecca was visiting the UK with Bishop Manuel and we were very lucky to see her for the day in August. Muassite spoke about her work in the Nampula area. In the picture, Muassite and Bishop Manuel are giving out school books in Chimoio, the school that was destroyed by Cyclone Kenneth.

After the service it was St Mary's church summer fête and mini flower festival. Muassite kindly opened the fête for us



Thank you to everyone who supported the fête the offers of help and donations were very generous, we are extremely grateful and blessed. The winning flowers were Gamlingay Brownies; congratulations and well done.

St Mary's church



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 Gamlingay Players
present

Jack and the Beanstalk

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Saturday 30 November 2019	2.30pm
Saturday 30 November 2019	7.30pm
Sunday 1 December 2019	2.30pm

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LET'S TALK ABOUT VOLUNTEERING

Let's face it, most of us have so little time, that any good intentions we have to give something back to our community get lost in the day to day.

I wrote in the last edition about how we all take this extraordinary building for granted, and of course most of us use it when we want to, and don't give it a second thought when we don't. It is well used and thank you Gamlingay for that support. However, you'll know what is coming next – we need volunteers to come along with fresh ideas to help make the Hub even better and strengthen our community involvement.



We don't actually need a lot of your time. We don't need someone to sit on the desk doing nothing, we need people with ideas on how to improve the Hub and a little time to help carry those ideas through. Do you work for a local business and could help us reach out to other local businesses to encourage them to use the Hub more? Do you feel the Hub could be more appealing and could help with its appearance? Do you fancy volunteering for events like the Christmas Craft Fair or the Easter Egg Hunt? How do we make the Hub more friendly to mums and

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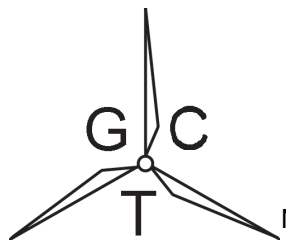
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By post or hand to: - GCT-Tithe, 36 Mill Street, Gamlingay, Sandy, Beds. SG19 3JW

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

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

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

The representatives on the Tithe Panel will comprise: -
A person nominated by GCT
A person representing Gamlingay Parish Council - If GPC do not appoint somebody then GCT may appoint another person.
A person representing Forward Gamlingay - If FG does not appoint somebody then GCT may appoint another person.

The guidelines for the Tithe Panel are: -

The donation should benefit Parishioners of Gamlingay.
The donation should benefit more than just a single person or family. GCT will prefer applications that will result in helping our environment but anything will be considered.
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The Society meets at The Communal Hall Avenells Way Gamlingay SG19 3EQ, 8-10 pm*** Fridays, from the last one in September to the end of April/Mid-May, depending on how Dates fall, during Term-time. Following the move to Avenells Way, we are continuing with the same format of not meeting during Half-Terms, around Bank/Public Holidays, Christmas and Easter Breaks. The start of the 2019-2020 Season is on Friday, 27th September 2019.

Programmes are usually a mixture of Lectures/Tutorials, plus Internal and External Competitions, and the 2019-2020 one will be on our Website towards the end of August/beginning of September. Details of forthcoming Evenings appear in The Gazette's Monthly What's On Pages and the Gamlingay Village Column of The Biggleswade Chronicle. If you do not have Internet access and would like a copy of the Programme, please ring either Nick or myself.

To take part in Competitions (not compulsory) and Vote at The AGM, you must be a Paid-up Member. The 2019-2020 Annual Subscriptions have been kept the same as for the last two Seasons:-

Single Membership £45.00.

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c) Anyone unemployed through illness.

NB: * Anyone aged 16 or under must be accompanied by an Adult so the Family Membership applies.

Special Price for brand new Members: £5.00. Discount off the above Rates if you join on or before 6th December 2019. This is only for your first Season's Membership and is only available if you have never been a Member of the Society before. You are welcome to come along free of charge for a couple of evenings before joining. Refreshments £1.00 per person. Optional Raffle on Lecture Evenings.

Over the Years, the Society has been pleased to support the Annual Potton Show and Gamlingay Village Day's respective Photographic Competitions by providing the Judges and, at the Judge's discretion, giving Free Society Memberships. This applies again this Year for the 2019-2020 Season.

At The Potton Show on Saturday 7th September, (www.pottonshow.org.uk) up to 5 Free Memberships will be awarded. At Gamlingay Village Day on Saturday, 21st September, (www.thegamlingayshow.co.uk) up to 3 Free Memberships will be awarded in the Prints Section and up to 3 Free Memberships will be awarded in the Digital Images Section (which will be

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Judged prior to the Event). Please make sure that you check with the respective Show Committees as to how your Images are to be submitted and the respective Closing Dates. For Gamlingay's Digital Images Section, all Images must be 1400 x 1050 pixels, 300 dpi, jpg format and each Image must contain a Title and the Author's Name.

The Free Memberships are valid for the named Season only. They are full Memberships entitling the Recipient to take part in that Season's Competitions and Vote at it's AGM. If awarded to anyone aged 16 or under, as above, the Membership is a Family one giving the same rights to anyone of their immediate Family ie Parent/Guardian, living at the same Address who accompanies them to the Meetings.

The Society allows Recipients to win a maximum of two Free Memberships and to make things fair, owing to the number of Years these have been given to both Shows, and that some people enter both, First, Second and Third Placings are all taken into account when making the Award.

If you enjoy Photography, whether you wish to take part or just enjoy other people's work with like minded people, why not come along and meet us - we are a friendly bunch!

*** The Hall has Disabled Access and Disabled Toilets. It is at the end of a cul-de-sac and we are asked to park responsibly to allow for Emergency Vehicles. It will be open from 7.30 pm and we have to vacate the Hall by 10.30 pm.

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Fly-tipping education and prevention campaign

South Cambridgeshire District Council has just launched its anti fly tipping SCRAP campaign. It has had a great response last week by the media and on social media. Two thirds of fly-tips come from householders and so it is important resident understand their Duty of Care.

The Campaign aims to:

Educate on what is fly tipping. Why is it a problem and how can it be prevented

Promote the SCRAP action check list (Suspect, Check, Refuse, Ask, Paperwork)

Educate on Legal way of disposing of waste – bulky service, HRCs, legit waste carriers

How to report fly-tipping

The campaign will be targeted to areas where fly-tipping is known to be more of a problem, as but we also look to increase general awareness across the whole district.

Targeted areas have been identified as Over, Fen Ditton, Horningsea, Bourn - A428 St. Neots road, Cottenham, Willingham, Heydon. For the campaign to be a success it will be run with communities and partners to maximise reach and local engagement.

We need your help!

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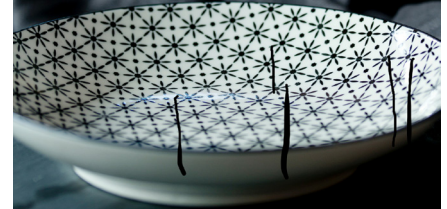
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We have nine meetings per year with speakers, both a fantastic Garden Party and a Christmas Party and at least one outing.

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 16th September:
Ray Bylett from Canine Partners.

Monday 21st October:
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10am -12noon

27th September

Cambridgeshire Hearing Help are looking for volunteers in Gamlingay

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If you live in or around Gamlingay and are you looking for an enjoyable volunteering role through which you can meet others, feel part of a supportive team (many of whom have shared experience of hearing loss) and enjoy the rewards of helping those in need in your local community, please do get in touch! No experience is required as full training and support will be given. All you need is good dexterity and eyesight (with glasses).

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Tips for the Autumn Garden

by Karen Aitkins
of All Green Landscapes Ltd

Again, we have had a mixed bag of weather over the summer with temperatures soaring to their highest on record. But we also had heavy rainfall, where we would get a month's rain fall in a few hours. We lost a few lavenders from root rot due to excessive rain but some survived. The roses didn't enjoy so much rain. So, when the rain finally gave up and the sun shone for a few days they rallied round and threw open their petals to give a wonderful display only to be pelted into oblivion by more rain. But still they didn't give up.

September is officially Autumn, and Summer, unless we are very lucky will be on its way out. Day time will be shorter, and evenings will be noticeably chillier. Dew will be seen on the lawn and bedding plants will start to wane. The first frosts will appear toward the end of this month. Growth will slow down but continue to deadhead all annuals and perennials.

Remove summer bedding plants and replace with winter/spring flowering plants like pansies and primulas. Ornamental cabbages do well now and look very effective in borders and troughs. Take down tatty hanging baskets and clean.

Cut and divide large perennials, most will have gone past their best. Push a fork into the centre and work it back and forth. Maybe do a swap with neighbours or friends to get a different assortment of plants. This is a good time to move shrubs as the earth is still warm and it gives the shrub a better chance of survival. Try to retain as much of the earth around the plant as possible and water well.

Lawns will need to be cut less frequently as growth begins to slow. Remove dead grass called thatch. It is a layer formed over the lawn of dead grass, which if left can restrict growth and prevent drainage. Use a good rake and work from one side to the other collecting all the dead grass and moss. The lawn will look a mess for a while, but it does it good. Give it a good feed and sprinkle seed over.

Invest in a compost bin as you will be getting lots of cuttings and debris from your garden, you can put it to good use. This can form the basis of next years compost.

If you have a pond place a net over it to catch all the falling leaves and debris from trees. It will save you the job of having to clear it later.

Plant spring flowering bulbs now, such as daffodils, crocus and hyacinths as these always look spectacular in springtime.



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The garden will need a general tidy up but there is still time to enjoy what is left of the summer. If we get an extended or Indian summer some of these jobs can be put off till later in the month. Let's hope we don't have to pack up the patio furniture and barbeque just yet.

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Save the date!

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

We're aiming for the draft Neighbourhood Plan for Gamlingay to be out for consultation from September and have planned consultation sessions for residents and businesses to come and 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.

Every household and business in the parish will receive a summary of the draft plan and a feedback form during September. The Neighbourhood Plan steering group will also have a stall and display at the Village Show on 21st September. There will then be formal public consultation workshops structured around the themes of the plan at Gamlingay Eco Hub. All events are listed below.

Date	Time	Location	Theme
Tues 3rd September	8am and 5.30pm	Ecohub Kier Suite	Business
Sat 21st September	1-5pm	The Village Show	All themes
Thurs 3rd October	7.30pm	Ecohub Kier Suite	All themes
Weds 9th October	3-5pm	Ecohub Kier Suite	All themes
Thurs 10th October	3-5pm	Ecohub Kier Suite	All themes
Fri 11th October	10am-1pm	Ecohub main reception	All themes
Sat 12th October	10am-12pm	Ecohub main reception	All themes
Tues 15th October	All day and 7.30pm	Ecohub main reception	Environment

The draft plan centres on several policies grouped by themes that focus on: protecting Gamlingay's unique settlement character of core village and hamlets; supporting and sustaining local employment; improving cycle and footpath links; preserving Gamlingay Wood from inappropriate development; respecting important countryside views; and, improving access to community recreational facilities, particularly on the west side of the village. 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 the feedback form (paper and online). Full details will be in the summary booklets sent out in September.

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

For further information, please contact Kirstin Rayner, Neighbourhood Plan secretary, (01767) 650310, clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk.

Neighbourhood Plan Website: <http://www.gamlingay-future.uk/>

Police matters

Details of proposed new police station at Milton for South Cambridgeshire published

POLICE and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite formalised the proposal to build a new southern police station at the request of Chief Constable Nick Dean and included: papers concerning the operational need for the new station and background about how the search for a suitable site was carried out, followed by a Business Case to be approved at meetings.

Members of the public were invited to give their early views on the proposal.

The Commissioner said: "I am grateful to everyone who has taken the time to let me know their views about my proposal to build a new police station in Milton and would like to thank people for raising concerns. Whilst the majority of people taking part in the survey understand the operational need behind my proposal, there have been a number of concerns put forward including increased traffic, noise pollution, greenbelt concerns, and public safety. "Those concerns will help inform future consultation on the project in the weeks to come."

Chief Constable Nick Dean added: "The business case formalises the operational need for a new police station in the south of the county, in order to future proof our ability to police Cambridgeshire, given the level of growth anticipated in the surrounding areas and the changing nature of crime and demand on our services, while maintaining a police station presence in the city centre."

<https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/accessing-information/decision-making/business-coordination-board>.

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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!

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UN World Day Against Trafficking highlighted by Police Commissioner

POLICE and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite called on members of the public to spot the signs of human trafficking and report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

Victims of human trafficking or modern slavery often show signs of physical or psychological abuse, fear of authorities, and carry out irregular activity at homes or addresses. They often have poor living conditions and work long hours for little or no pay.

In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, victims of trafficking and modern day slavery are able to receive support from Victim and Witness Care Co-ordinators. Victim Care Coordinators join police officers and multi-agency colleagues on police operations and checks on houses of multiple occupancy (HMOs). Their input has changed the way these visits are approached; treating people as victims first, not criminals, educating them of their rights and supporting them to seek help.

Support offered includes liaison between agencies and service providers and/or signposting or referral to locally commissioned services. It can also include housing or financial management and support to return to victims home countries.

In 2017/18 252 victims accessed support.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite said: "Throughout the whole support relationship, the Care Coordinators advocate on their victim's behalf in a manner which empowers them to make their own choices. They provide specialist expertise to police officers and staff to make sure migrant victims of trafficking are dealt with sensitively. We all have a part to play in stopping this exploitation from happening. By reporting suspicions you could be saving lives."

DCI Alan Page, the Constabulary's tactical lead for modern slavery and human trafficking, said:

"Tackling modern slavery is a force priority and while we're working hard to address it, we can't do it alone. Increasing information in modern day slavery and human trafficking is key to protecting the vulnerable. We

work closely with partners, including the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA). Slavery still exists in Cambridgeshire and it's important that people are aware of the signs of modern slavery and human trafficking, and report concerns to us."

RAF Benevolent Fund launches new community scheme to help isolated RAF veterans

Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Lincolnshire have been selected as pilot locations for a new project aimed at supporting RAF veterans who face loneliness and isolation.

The RAF Benevolent Fund, the RAF's leading welfare charity, is launching a Community Engagement Worker scheme to help older RAF veterans get involved in their local communities. The scheme comes in response to research carried out by the Fund which highlighted these challenges as issues which most concern the older generation of RAF veterans.

Pete Ashcroft, Welfare Projects Manager at the RAF Benevolent Fund, said: "The Community Engagement Worker project is just one measure we have introduced to tackle the issue of loneliness and social isolation among older veterans. Other new initiatives include telephone friendship groups and group wellbeing breaks.

This year marks the RAF Benevolent Fund's centenary and we are asking the public to help us reach out to the members of the RAF Family who may have fallen off the radar and let them know, we are here to help. We want to ensure every RAF veteran, no matter how long they served, including National Service, receives the support their service to their country deserves. We want to get these people back onto the radar, and we aim to almost double the number of people we help – from 53,000 to at least 100,000 over the next three years".

The Community Engagement Workers will get to know the social activities, groups and associations across the four counties and work

with individuals to understand what the barriers are to them becoming more socially engaged and help them to overcome that, from attending a veterans' breakfast meeting with someone for the first time, to establishing activities where none currently exist.

Matt Rowe will be taking on the Cambridgeshire Community Engagement Worker role. His career in the Royal Air Force means he knows the service well.

He said: "It has always been deeply humbling, the sacrifices that those who fought before us made and as an RAF veteran I have some insight into that. This is an opportunity of a lifetime, and I feel like I'm part of the RAF family again. Success in this job is going to be very different for each person. This is about individuals and what they need to feel part of the RAF Family, and the wider community again."

The pilot scheme will run for two years for veterans, serving personnel and their families.

To refer someone to the RAF Benevolent Fund, go to www.rafbf.org or call 0300 102 1919.

Gamlingay & District Garden Club

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month September through May. Offering a plant sale in May and outings in June. No meetings in July and August. Meeting place: Kier Suite, Gamlingay Eco Hub Stocks Lane, 7:30 start. Visitors are welcome for a £3.00 fee. Tea, coffee and raffle provided.

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 one of our evenings.

Wednesday 4th September. Dr Ian Bedford. Garden Bugs.

Dr Ian Bedford from the John Innes Centre in Norwich will be talking to us about Garden Bugs: Cohabit, Conserve or Control? What are the good and bad bugs we often find in our gardens and what should we do with them.

Gamlingay Netball club

Gamlingay netball club was set up in 1975 and has been going strong ever since! We currently have two netball teams playing in both the Heritage netball league and the Bedford netball league. Gamlingay Jets play in the first division of the Bedford League and Premier Division of the Heritage League. Gamlingay Phoenix play in the fourth division of the Bedford League and second division of the Heritage League.

Wednesday 12th June saw the Jets bring the 2018/19 winter season to a close, with the Bedford League Division 1 Cup final. Which saw them fight to the end in an extremely close match and come 2nd by a very small margin!

We are so proud of Gamlingay Netball Club's 18/19 season!

It saw the introduction of Gamlingay Phoenix in both the Heritage and Bedford League, where they won the Plate competition in both!

Gamlingay Jets have followed up last season's success in the Heritage league, by winning the Premier Division again and following last



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season's promotion into Bedford division 1, excelled to win the division and gain promotion for the second year running - now the real hard work will start in Bedford Premier league!

On top of this Jets Shooters Kelly Knibbs and Nikki Webb have set what we believe to be an unprecedented record for the Bedford League scoring over 1100 goals in the seasons league games!!

Moving forward to the summer league and next season we would like to welcome Storm into the Gamlingay fold and if the league has space for a another team Gamlingay Tigers will be introduced too!!

We look forward to the new additions becoming an integral part of our growing club and we are excited to see what we can all achieve together!

We train locally throughout the summer so if you are interested in joining please get in touch via our Facebook page Gamlingay Netball Club or email gamlingaynetball@gmail.com

We will be having a stall at the Gamlingay Show in September to promote the club and raise much needed funds so please come along and support us.

Gamlingay Netball Club are looking for sponsorship for the 2019/2020 season so if you are a local business interested in sponsoring us please get in touch at gamlingaynetball@gmail.com

First Annual 'Count the Swifts Day

9th July was the first annual 'Count the Swifts Day' in Gamlingay. A good number of residents came along to outside The Emplins in Church Street, where Mark Boyd and Mark Fitzpatrick were there to tell them more about Swifts. Several estimated there were 25-35 Swifts, but the actual number resident was probably higher. As our Swifts move back south to Africa, the aim now is to re-start discussing options for providing special nesting boxes for them. If you are interested in installing a Swift nestbox, please contact Mark Boyd (mark.boyd@zen.co.uk, 01767 650904) or Mark Fitzpatrick (01234 357259, mark.x.fitzpatrick@gmail.com).

Mark Boyd (left) tells residents about Swifts



Quiz and Puzzle Corner

by Kevin Bentley

Komino

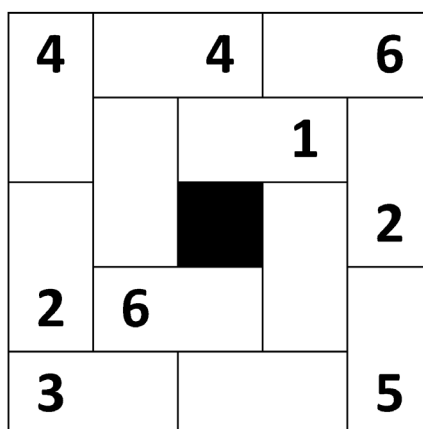
The (revised) rules:-

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.

Hopefully these rules will be clearer for first time puzzlers

Komino



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July August
solution



by Jack Waley Cohen

July August
answers

1. Saudi Arabia, 2. Enrique Iglesias 3. Z 4. Armadillo

Gamlingay and District History Society meet regularly throughout the year, with organised talks, social evenings, and visits to places of historic interest.

Our 2019 - 20 season committee consists of Peter Wright, Chris Robins, Angela Saunderson, David Allen, Pat Hartley and Mick Giles, and our programme starts with a talk by Steve Fuller on the Bedfordshire Regiment, and some of the Gamlingay soldiers who served within it. This takes place in the Kier Suite at the Hub at 07.30pm on Monday September 9th. This talk is free to members, but visitors are welcome at £3.00 on the door. Other topics in this years lecture season include talks on Gransden windmill, Victorian education, the barns of Cambridgeshire, plus a visit from Jim Brown, who will tell us about his latest research into the history of our village.

September marks the beginning of the History Society year, so is an excellent time to join. Annual membership is only £15, and members gain free access to all talks throughout the year. You can join at any of our meetings, or come and see us at the Village Show on September 21st, where we will be mounting a display of old photographs and documents relating to the village.

A programme of our 2019 - 20 talks can be collected from the Hub, or can be seen on our website, www.gamlingayhistory.co.uk. Our sister website,

www.gamlingayphotos.co.uk is a great source of historical pictures of the village, and well worth a visit. Hope to see you soon!

Saxon Re-Interment Ceremony

Moving, emotional, memorable. Just a few of the words used to describe the ceremony to re-inter the remains of eight Saxons on Millbrook Meadows on the warm, sunny evening of 4th July 2019. A greensand boulder donated by Breedon (Potton) Quarry marks the site with a plaque commemorating the Saxon families who lived close by.

Photos (courtesy of Marion Tomsett) show the procession and graveside ceremony. Of particular importance was the involvement of five children from Poppyfields - Nora, Woody, Hayden, Reuben and Imogen and their parents as most of those re-intered were juveniles and lived and played where today's children do.

This project has taken some four years to reach this point and thanks must go to many people and organisations: to the Parish Council for providing the site, the archaeologists for releasing the remains. Rev Hilary and Rev Adrian, the Gamlingay History Society for their support, particularly David Allen and Colin Woolf for photos and video of the ceremony.

An Information Board, similar to those already on Millbrook Meadows, giving details of the Saxon environment and inhabitants from around 1300 years ago will be placed on the site. This may take some time as we are looking for funding for artwork, the physical structure and erection of the board.

Our meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at the Blythe Way Community Centre 7.30 - next one Thursday 5th September.

Go to www.gamarch.co.uk for information on our activities including the story of the Gamlingay Saxons.



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Gamlingay United Update

Recently we celebrated our season with an awards evening at the Eco Hub. The event was well attended by both Saturday senior teams and a good evening was had by all. In summary 2018/2019 season was one full of highs and lows, which started with an enforced relegation. Unfortunately despite a giving it a good go, with it going down to the final game, the firsts finished third which wasn't enough to secure promotion. The first team also managed to get to a cup final, but a heavy defeat against league winners Over summed up a season of near misses and what ifs? The reserves managed a fourth place finish (their highest ever) in Division 2A, and with league restructuring were awarded promotion for the forthcoming season.

If you are interested in joining Gamlingay FC for the upcoming season, please email gamlingayunitedfc@hotmail.co.uk or contact us via our Facebook or Twitter pages.

2018-2019 Award winners

Top Scorer- Leo Churms

Young Player – Thomas Barker

Fans player – Jimmy Walker

Reserves most consistent – Pete Colebrook

Reserves players player – Oliver Thomas

Reserves managers player – Aaron Loney

Most Improved – Matt Walker

Firsts most consistent – Jimmy Walker

Firsts managers player – Ash Dean

Firsts players player – Jimmy Walker

Hooley roll – Tom Bell-Green

Goal of the season – Leo Churms

Most committed - Tom Bell-Green

Clubman – James Worboys

Special long service award – Brian Culverhouse



In his first season at the club, Jimmy Walker was awarded three awards, Fans Player and First Team's Most Consistent and Players' Player. Jimmy has brought a lot to the team, work rate, passion aplenty, we have high hopes for his second season. Matt Steele (Right) the first team manager is presenting him the award.

Despite injuries hampering his season, Leo Churms (Left) still managed a goal a game ratio as well as his free kick against league winners Over giving us a chance to take the title race to the end being awarded goal of the season. Chairman Brian Culverhouse (Right) is presenting the award.

James Worboys (L) was awarded Clubman of the year by Chairman Brian Culverhouse. James' work on securing our place in the Cambs league was instrumental, on top of that his Secretary role and on the pitch playing virtually every position including a couple of games in goal.

Brian (Left) also was awarded a long service award by Alan Walker (right) who delivered a blinding speech. Brian has been directly involved in the football club in many roles for over 30 years, manager, secretary, linesman, coach, and now chairman. The football club with no exaggeration would not exist today if it was not for Brian's hard work and dedication.

Gamlingay Football club, as with most grassroots football teams is run solely by volunteers, and we need your help. Please keep your eyes peeled (Facebook/Twitter/Village posters) for the date of our AGM. But if any of the below interests you either now or for the future please contact us via email (gamlingayunitedfc@hotmail.co.uk) or by Facebook/Twitter.

We are always on the lookout for

Players for our seniors teams both Saturday (firsts and reserves) or Sunday Vets (35+)

Youth Players (mini's up to under 16's)

Committee Members (Senior and Junior)

Club officials (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer)

Coaches (Senior and Junior)

Managers (Senior and Junior)

Assistants (Senior and Junior)

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Deryck **Wheatsheaf** **Lorna**

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Saturday 14 September, 20:00

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us all on her welcome return

Saturday 2 November, 20:00

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Saturday 21 December, 20:00

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St Denis Church

Another opportunity to see inside St Denis' church and Hatley St George church on 13, 14 and 15th September.

As part of the Heritage Open Days (HOD) festival, St Denis' church in East Hatley will be open for the second year running on Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September from 10 am to 12 noon and 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

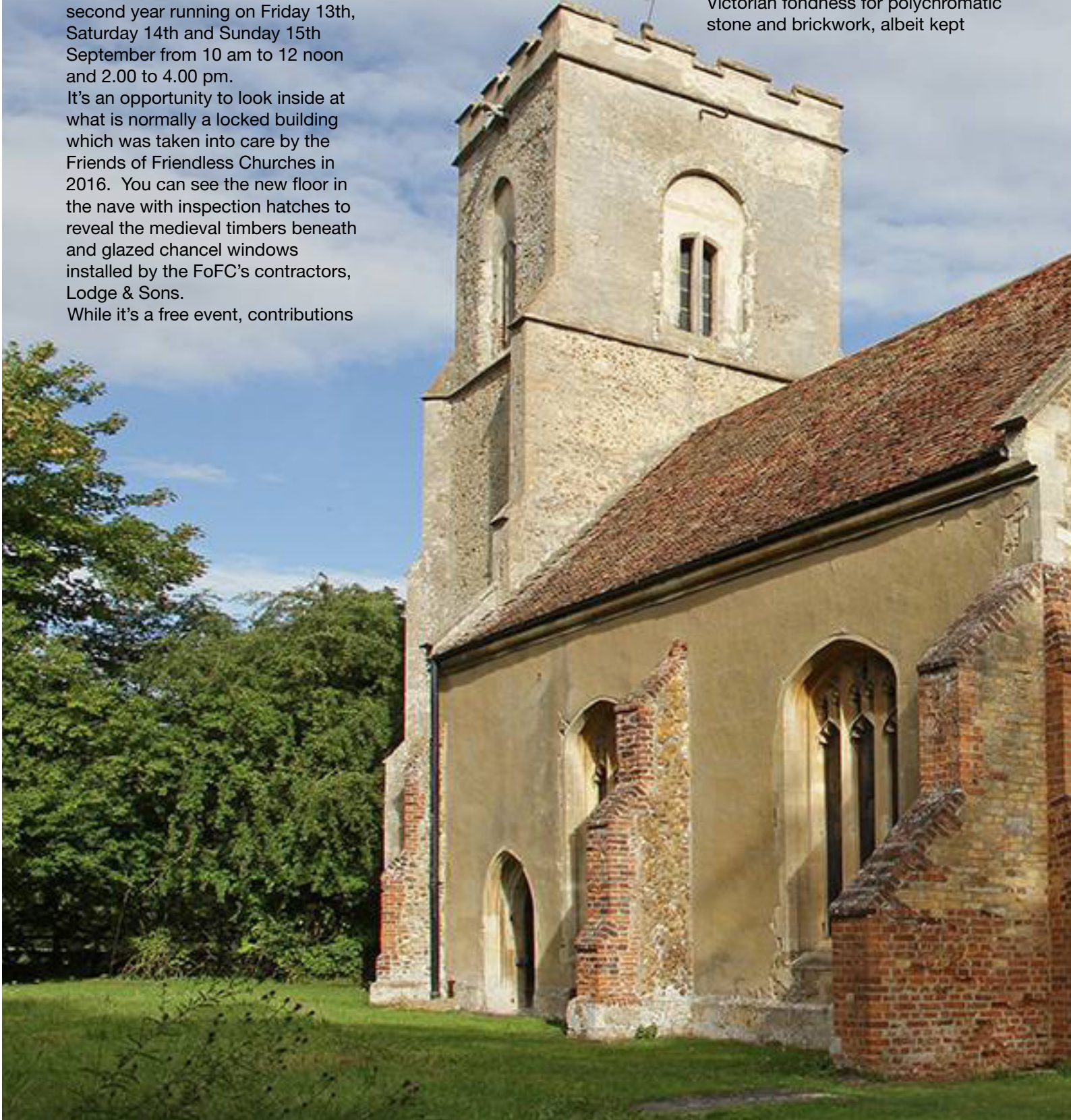
It's an opportunity to look inside at what is normally a locked building which was taken into care by the Friends of Friendless Churches in 2016. You can see the new floor in the nave with inspection hatches to reveal the medieval timbers beneath and glazed chancel windows installed by the FoFC's contractors, Lodge & Sons.

While it's a free event, contributions

towards the huge cost of fixing the walls, restoring the chancel, installing a stained glass window at the east end and stabilising the crumbly wall so the church can be open every day. Last year over £70 was raised for the FoFC.

Could we make it over £100 this year?

St Denis' is a Grade II* listed, redundant church in a churchyard which remains consecrated ground, open for burials and is also a nature reserve. The church dates from 1217, but many of the surviving medieval elements are from the 14th century. Most of the visible work is by the 19th century architect William Butterfield, showing his High Victorian fondness for polychromatic stone and brickwork, albeit kept



low-key for a country church. The church fell in to disrepair and was abandoned in 1961. St Denis' retains the 19th-century font, ghosts of the pulpit and reredos – and a Portway stove. These stoves burned fuel so slowly that they became known as 'Tortoise' stoves and each bears the motto 'Slow but Sure'!

Hatley St George church will also be open on Friday, 13th, Saturday, 14th and Sunday, 15th September. On the Saturday, it will be open as part of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust's Ride and Stride day (see www.camhct.uk/ride – then follow the link to 'Information for Riders and Striders'; Gamlingay is listed under St Neots Deanery).



What's On in September

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Over 50's walkers club Wed-Sep-04, Wed-Oct-02, Wed-Nov-06, Wed-Dec-04,	Meet 9:30am at Ecohub car park. New members welcome. Phone Miriam 654 891 for further information. email miriamjones80@hotmail.com
Gardening Club Wed-Sep-04 Wed-Oct-02	Monthly meetings held in the Kier Suite, 7:30pm; tea coffee and raffle Dr Ian Bedford from the John Innes Centre Garden Bugs. Luci Skinner from Woottens of Wenhaston. Irises.
Womens Institute Tue-Sep-17,	3rd Tuesday of the month.
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 Mon-Sep-09,	Monthly quiz nights 8pm £1 per head for various charities. New teams welcome quizmaster - Ian Parker
The Wheatsheaf Mon-Sep-02, Mon-Sep-16,	1st and 3rd Monday of the month Charity quiz nights Charity quiz nights
Social Club	16 Waresley Road. Quiz nights, pool nights and live bands Friday Nights 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 Thu-Sep-05,	Cycling. First Thursday of the month at the hub. Contact gill.kitchener@btinternet.com 07842 135 732
Echo Hub Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday	9:15am -10:30 toddler story time and craft session at the hub 4:00pm-8:00pm library open 9:15am-12:15 board games from 10:00am 12:30-3:15pm library open 1:00pm - 3:00pm drop in computer training 10:00 - 12:00 library open (and connect cafe 10:30-12:30 - leave a message with the manager if you need a lift)
Housing, Police and councillor surgery	9:30am - 10:00am ecohub First Monday of the month
Youth Café and Club	Thursdays 5:15pm - 9:00pm Yr 4+cafe Yr8+ club
Gamlingay Allotments Association	Membership secretary Bob Gordon Bob.gordon22@talktalk.net 651 913
Parish Council Tue-Sep-10, Tue-Sep-24,	For information contact the Clerk on 650 310 7:00pm planning committee meeting Ecohub 7:30pm parish council meeting Ecohub 7:00pm planning committee meeting Ecohub

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Hatley Parish Council Tue-Sep-17,	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-Sep-03,	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-Sept-02, Mon-Sept-30	October edition copy deadline, November copy deadline
Potton and district Writers Tue-Sep-17,	Please contact pottonwriters@gmail.com for full details 3rd Tuesday every month
Guitar Club	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 practice Thursday	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-Sep-16	Ray Bylett from Canine Partners.
Gamlingay Archaeological Group Thu-Sep-05,	Chris Tomsett - Chairman 01767 650 009 Julia Manley - Julialmanley@yahoo.com 7.30pm Blythe Way community room 1st Thursday of the month
Bellringers	Thursdays 7.30 - 9.00pm with John Boocock at St.Mary's Gamlingay
Photographic Society	Fridays 8:00 pm -10:00pm Meetings are term time at the Avenells Way Communal Room New members most welcome. Phone: 651 025 nickbruce7@btinternet.com
History Society	Monthly meetings usually Mondays, 7:30pm Kier Suite. Non members welcc
Mon-Sep-09	Steve Fuller. The Bedfordshire Regiment and it's Gamlingay soldiers.
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.
Potton Ladies Club Tue-Sep-03, Tue-Oct-01,	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-Sep-04, Wed-Sep-18, Wed-Oct-02,	Blue & Green
Wed-Sep-11, Wed-Sep-25, Wed-Oct-09,	Black

Hatley Village Fête

The weather was kind and lots of people came along on Sunday, 21st July to enjoy the Hatley Village Fête. This year it featured the ever popular tea tent, bouncy castle, children's games and stalls selling plants, produce, cakes, jam, books, craft jewellery and beautifully made notebooks.

There was also an interesting display of classic tractors and cars (including a very rare Ferrari 275 GTB), an ice cream van to keep us cool, a police car festooned with go-faster goodies, a Pimms stall and a BBQ,

£666.90 was raised for distribution to Hatley community projects by Hatley Parish Council.

To see all the photos of the day (twenty-four in all), go to www.hatley.info/news-and-events and follow the links.
Peter Mann





Family day out... and have you bought a raffle ticket yet dear?



A 1966 Ferrari 275 GTB Series II 'Longnose'. It is worth many noughts.



Visitors had much to look at



Sofie Schoolmeesters admiring Jenny Ollerenshaw's display of beautifully made personal note books

Old Farts? Oh Dear!

The committee of *The Gazette* would like to point out that when we used the term "Old Farts" in the last issue we were referring to ourselves in good humour. We did not in any way intend it to be seen as a pejorative term. However we would like to thank the one reader who came forward to protect us, and other elder-folk, from the use of such terms. The person concerned felt that a publication such as *The Gazette* shouldn't have inferred that in order to operate effectively we needed to have on board some younger people, born in the age of the personal computer, rather than the slide rule.

We can unequivocally state that being able to use a slide rule, indeed recognising one if it smacked you in the face, is neither a qualification for, nor a disqualification from helping out with your community publication. Frankly, the only qualification you truly need is a functioning pulse, although a sense of humour is a useful adjunct.

We would also like to acknowledge that the production and distribution of intestinal gas is not the sole province of seniors, such as ourselves. The truth is anyone can do it! And anyone can help with *The Gamlingay Gazette*. So please do contact our really quite youthful chairperson Lis Riley to find out a bit more, at: elisabethjriley@gmail.com

PS – We really do need some extra help.

PPS – We did offer the complainant the opportunity of helping. They declined.

PPPS – Lis Riley didn't write any of this ... just sayin'.

PPPPS – Neither did the editor.

Potton Ladies Club

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Mill Lane Pavilion, Mill Lane, Potton.

Contact: Sarah Burgoine at: sarahjburgoine@gmail.com or 01767 631415

Help Us Be There

Arthur Rank Hospice's Hospice at Home team provides, on average, 126 nights of hands on specialist end of life care each month.

Sadly, due to current funding levels, every day the team is faced with difficult choices about who should be prioritised for its services. Limited funding means that they are unable to provide care to one in three patients who need their support, each night.

The Hospice have launched an appeal to fund an additional 200 nights of care across Cambridgeshire. Each additional night of Hospice at Home Care costs £472. The only way this ambitious target can be achieved is through the invaluable help of the Hospice's supporters and the generosity of the local community.

Anyone can make a difference and help change this situation. Please take a moment to:

visit our website arhc.org.uk/helpusbethere

explore the various ways you can Help Us Be There

consider holding a Host at Home event for family and friends

Host at Home is a great way to get together with friends, neighbours, family and colleagues, whilst making a difference to other people's lives.

You could:

Host Friends Round Friday: invite your friends over, order in pizza and ask everyone to contribute towards the cost (adding a little extra to fundraise for Hospice at Home!)

Cook up your favourite signature dish and ask guests to pledge what they would have spent on the meal in a restaurant

Ask for a donation when you have your friends and family round for a BBQ

This year's Bridge the Gap Walk will take place on Sunday 15 September!

The walk sponsored by Cambridge Building Society starts at 9.30am, starting and finishing at Parker's Piece. Over the morning you are invited into Christ's, Queen's, Corpus Christi, Pembroke and Downing Colleges as well as the University College Library.

The family-friendly walk welcomes around 2000 participants annually, spanning all generations. Throughout the walk, the Society of Cambridge Tourist Guides will offer interesting historical tales and provide an array of information about The University of Cambridge's stunning grounds and the College's features. Activities will be taking place on Parker's Piece and there will be musical entertainment along the route, including performances from Sing! Choirs and Jazz Wave. The City of Cambridge Brass Band will play for walkers as they pass over the finish line and make their way towards the 'Time for Cake' tent or one of the food and drinks stalls.

You can sign up for £18 per person by visiting <http://www.arhc.org.uk/BTG>. Three children go free which each paying adult, with donations appreciated.

Alternatively call 01223 675888, or pick up a registration form, from: Romsey Mill (Hemingford Road, Cambridge); the Arthur Rank Hospice (adjacent to the Babraham Road Park & Ride); any of the Charities' shops; or your local Cambridge Building Society or Co-op.

Online registration will be available until 1pm Friday 13 September or you can sign up on the day for £20 per person. Groups are welcome with groups of 10 or more offered rates of £16 per person until Friday 13 September

(call 01223 675888).

(Photo: Bridge the Gap 'courtesy of Sir Cam')



Potton & District Writers' Group

The group, which was founded by Tracey Valentine in 2008, has recently held its 125th monthly meeting. Over the years, there have been in excess of fifty members but the group is always looking for fresh blood. At present, there are fifteen or so active members, around two-thirds of whom are regulars. The current arrangement is that we meet on the third Tuesday of every month, starting at 7:00 pm and continuing until 9:00pm. Meetings are held at Potton Community Centre, Brook End.

The premise of the group is quite simple: it is to provide a forum for aspiring writers, of any age or ability, to discuss their work with people who have similar aims. Writing should be a fun activity but it can be lonely, the writer often uncertain as to where their story is heading, and trying to decide if it is worth developing or whether it should be put away in a drawer for some future revisiting. Meeting with and talking to other writers can add perspective and reassure you that you are not alone!

The format of the meeting is also simple with a monthly theme, which members are at liberty to use. Around half of us do this while those submissions that do not follow the theme are usually extracts from on-going, longer writings. All contributions, up to about 2,000 words long, are circulated electronically during the week preceding the meeting. This gives everyone the chance both to read others' work and to prepare comments and criticisms (the aim is always to be constructive, even if you don't like something). At the meeting, depending on numbers, each story is discussed for fifteen minutes or so. This gives the writer a chance to further explain their story, where necessary, and to get feedback and ideas about on possible improvements.

This latter is particularly useful where a member is in process of writing a longer story, such as a novel. They get suggestions as to where their story might go and, perhaps more importantly, a feel for how interested potential readers

might be. It is all too easy for a writer to get too close to their work and to make assumptions that are implicit rather than explained. A third party can provide that necessary distance and remind the writer that their audience are not mind-readers and that sometimes, things need to be spelled out in greater detail.

Future themes will include 'Deep Water', 'Debt', and 'Wrong Turn'. The variety of approaches to past themes has been fascinating, with offerings that have ranged from fantasy, both hard and light, via humour (not always successful!) to a more straightforward reading of the theme. This variety reflects the ages of the group which range from mid-20s to mid-70s, one consequence of which is a splendid mix of responses, from bewilderment to enlightenment. Finally, and above all, the group hopes to provide an enjoyable setting for its members to discuss their work. If you would like to learn more about joining us, please contact Tracey Valentine at pottonwriters@gmail.com.

Roderick Starksfield's vegetarian recipes

AJO BIANCO

Everyone has heard about the traditional red gazpacho soup, and many have tasted it. However, this recipe for cold white garlic soup is just as tasty and refreshing.

Garlic lovers would probably vote for this soup hands down. It is easy, quick and healthy.

Ingredients

5 ounces almonds (blanched and peeled, or use slivered almonds)

3 to 4 slices stale baguette (or white bread)

4 large cloves garlic

1 teaspoon salt

5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

3 to 4 tablespoons Spanish sherry vinegar

4 cups water

Optional: 16 to 20 seedless green grapes and a few blanched almonds

Method

Place the almonds in a bowl and cover with boiling water. Leave to stand for about 10 minutes, drain off the almonds, and peel off the outer skin.

Dry thoroughly with a paper towel and set aside.

Peel the garlic.

Trim crust from bread slices if using French-style or rustic bread.

Place bread in 1 to 2 cups cold water to soak for about 10-15 minutes.

While bread is soaking, place garlic and almonds, leave few for sprinkling over the soup when serving, into a food processor or blender. Pulse until smooth.

Remove bread from water with a slotted spatula and squeeze out excess water. Tear bread into quarters and add bread and 1 teaspoon salt to processor or blender. Blend on the pulse setting.

While blending, slowly drizzle olive oil, then vinegar, and then finally add the water into blender or processor. Taste. Adjust salt, vinegar, and oil to taste.

Strain through a sieve into a container or bowl.

Cover and chill at least 2 to 3 hours or overnight.

Serve in chilled bowls or glass mugs, with halved grapes and whole almonds, and a drizzle of olive oil



Historyman Traffic

by Nick Bruce

This month's Historyman looks at the traffic in Gamlingay more with these pictures the lack of traffic which would be nice to see sometimes these days.

What do all these photos have in common apart from being roads in Gamlingay.

Traffic.

Or lack of traffic, something you don't see now in any start or road, lane or close in the village any more.

These photos are from 1960 or before and in the really early ones people are actually posing in the road.

I once met the grandson of a photographer who took pictures for magazines and publications and he told me he had been with his grandad on some occasions and people would stand in the middle of the road so they were in the photograph and they would be there for ten minutes or more without any traffic coming along at all.

I have a photo of me on my birthday in 1968 looking down church street at 6 pm and there wasn't a car in sight.

The only time now I have been able to stand in the middle of the road and take a photo is when Potton Road brook bridge was being rebuilt in the 1990's and I was able to walk down Mill Street and take all the photos I wanted to but there were still cars parked there.

The pictures on show here are Mill Street, The Pit and Waresley Road, Church End, Church Lane, Church End again Stocks Lane, Mill Street and Honey Hill junction and Church Street.

Have you got any photos of the village with no cars but showing the roads? If so please post them on here





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

Local Issues

Avenells Way Lunch Club

It was disappointing to learn that after accidentally switching off the freezer in the day room, the company responsible for the PAT testing were being difficult about reimbursing the residents for the lost food. However, with a bit of help from Bridget, the residents have now been told to expect a cheque for £75 to cover the total cost.

Green End Issues

Most people will be aware that a group of travellers moved onto the Green End site recently. This is private land and so it was up to the owners to take the legal action required to move them on. The District Council provided a lot of information and support and the police were very helpful when it came to actually moving them off

the site 3 days after they arrived. This is a bit of a wake-up call to land owners to put in proper security to avoid the cost and inconvenience of this happening to you.

As far as the planning application for the redevelopment of the site is concerned, Bridget has seen the latest plans which are a big improvement on earlier schemes and are still for 90 houses with 40% being affordable. The permission should be granted in November/December after which we believe it will take about 12 months to complete the demolition before building can get underway.

Gamlingay Village Primary

It was great to be asked to the brilliant official opening of GVP. Lord Lansley and Heidi Allen MP did the honours. The school looked great and the children who cut the ribbons, planted a tree and sang for the guests were amazing. Congratulations to everyone

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involved – a wonderful start to the next stage of education in Gamlingay for today and the future.

Grants

Congratulations to the indefatigable Anne Hutson and Community Care Matters who has had their application to the county council for funding to help this social enterprise initiative to grow accepted. They will be investing to support a greater number of dedicated and diligent carers to become self-employed so they feel properly rewarded and appreciated by those of us they serve so well.

Saxon Gamlingay

Many thanks to GAMArch for organising (over 4 years!) the return of some of the Saxons who were originally buried on land at Station Rd. 7 child skeletons and one adult were re-interred on Millbridge Meadows in a lovely ceremony which was - in the end - very moving. Buried with herbs and flowers they would have known and used a Greenstone Boulder has now been placed on the grave and a memorial plaque will follow in due course. Chris Tomsett deserves special thanks for guiding the project to such a successful conclusion as does the County Archaeologist Quinton Carroll and Dr Sarah Inskip (Osteologist University of Cambridge).

South Cambs Issues

South Cambridgeshire District Council: Cllr Bridget Smith

Money Matters

The national tables showing Council Tax & Business Rates collection have just been published and South Cambs has retained its place as 3rd best in the country at collecting Council Tax. From total Council Tax due of £114.2m, we had just £716k outstanding at the end of the financial year. For Business Rates, we've improved on our position of 26th in the previous year, to achieve a placement at 16th nationally. Business Rates collection rate was 99.5%, compared to 99.4% for Council Tax, with just £404k

outstanding at the end of the financial year from a total charge of nearly £88.4m.

Fly-tipping education and prevention campaign

South Cambridgeshire District Council will be running a campaign between July 2019 and March 2020 based on the successful S.C.R.A.P Campaign which is also being run by some other authorities. Two thirds of fly-tips come from householders and so it is important that YOU understand your Duty of Care.

The Campaign aims to educate on what is fly tipping, why it is a problem and how it can be prevented using the SCRAP action check list (Suspect, Check, Refuse, Ask, Paperwork) as well as how to inform people about disposing of waste – bulky service, HRCs, legit waste carriers and so on.

Cambridge Ice Rink - nearly open

Greenwich Leisure will be taking over the management of the brand-new Ice Rink and there is to be a grand opening on the evening of 28 September. The rink will be opening to the public probably towards the end of August. The Scott Polar Institute will be displaying a permanent exhibition on the importance of the ice sheets and climate change.

South Cambs Housing Company

Since last November when the Council's new administration reviewed the purpose of Ermine Street and refocused its efforts to provide good quality private rented housing for those living and working in South Cambridgeshire (that is within a 35 mile radius of Cambridge) it has acquired 49 properties with a further 25 awaiting completion in this travel to work area. It is on track to reach its target of 500 properties next year.

Housing News

South Cambs is top nationally for SAP ratings in the Housemark tables (energy efficiency in council houses) and second for rent collection. The new administration pledged to

double the number of new council houses it builds from the inherited target of 35 per year to 70 per year and this work is well on track and likely to be exceeded this year.

New CEO at South Cambs

South Cambs District Council has announced the new CEO is Liz Watts who has more than 20 years' experience of achieving results in the public and not-for-profit sectors, most recently as East Herts District Council Chief Executive. The salary that she will be paid is £129,930. Over 60 people were interested in the position.

Another New Town and a new village for South Cambs

Good news that Cambourne have decided that they should be a town. This decision was taken by the parish council which will now become a town council which residents feel better reflects what is now a very successful, established community. Adjacent to Cambourne there will be a further new village on Bourn Airfield and residents have been commenting on the draft guidance that will outline how the new village will come forward as an exemplar in green, healthy living.

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Local Plan allocates land south of the A428 at Bourn Airfield for the new community of approximately 3,500 homes along with facilities and transport links. The new development will be well connected with traffic-free, active travel routes and high-quality public transport both locally to Cambridge and ultimately St Neots. We envisage a vibrant, prosperous and inclusive village with housing for all, schools, sports and leisure, community uses, shops and jobs. It will be healthy, active and resilient with an emphasis on walking and cycling and lots of green spaces offering opportunities for recreation and meeting places as well as locally distinctive, respecting its context whilst creating a modern new village. And of course it needs to be sustainable, planned to enhance the environment and to cope with climate change.

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Additionally the aim will be to prioritise walking, cycling and public transport. It sets out the need for the creation of a mixed community with a wide range of housing types and tenures, including homes that are affordable for people to live in, self-build, key-worker, extra care and older people's accommodation.

The proposals for services and shops say that the village centre will be the community's heart, with a flexibly-designed community centre that can accommodate indoor sports, healthcare, library and other information and advice services. There will also be schools, shops plus places to eat and drink. The idea would be for the village centre to come forward as part of the first phase of the development, but not compete with other facilities already open nearby.

Green spaces would be prioritised, with sports pitches coupled with an extensive network of green areas and routes for walking, cycling and horse-riding and a large country park. Biodiversity will be key, with an emphasis on leaving a positive green mark on the environment and electric vehicle charging points provided throughout the village.

The draft guidance also gives further detail about access to the new village. Access from the west will include bus and cycle links to Cambourne and ensure no direct vehicular access for traffic to turn south towards the village of Bourn. Access from the east would include segregated routes for high quality public transport and cyclists towards Cambridge.

Medical Issues

Bridget as Leader of the Council has asked for a meeting with the East of England Ambulance Service to discuss two issues. Rumour has it that the withdrawal of the Emergency Response Vehicles in November (to be replaced by ambulances) will leave Gamlingay and St Neots in a black hole. More on this next time. There is also some confusion about the defibrillators in the village and what

should happen to them if they are removed from their housings.

Flies

The Environmental Health dept at South Cambs has issued an update regarding the flies in Gamlingay last month. An officer visited some of the residents who reported in concerns and the chicken farm on Station Rd has also been visited to verify their monitoring and preventative measures around fly control. The farm is well managed and has a combination of physical, biological and chemical methods in place to monitor and control insects and officers are satisfied that all of these measures are being deployed correctly. The visit lasted nearly two hours on site and included a long discussion with the Managers, who do take the reports from local residents very seriously. As was the case when this issue arose before the Chicken Farm appears not to be responsible. We were advised back then that changing climate and changing agricultural methods which allow 'boom and bust' life cycles of these particular fly species were likely to be the explanation, and this seems again to be the case.

Gamlingay Business News

S&G Hutchinson have been granted planning permission (via an appeal to the planning inspectorate) to move their office from Potton Market Place to Church End Gamlingay. This will not be a builders' yard but the operational administration base for this successful local developer. Gamlingay Business Hub will hold meetings in September for local business owners and operators to discuss the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

Bridget's Blog

This is now available at www.scambs.gov.uk which will hopefully keep you up to speed on some of the many things she is doing these days. The success of South Cambs over the past year has meant that its local members are being asked to help out with many projects across a wider area. One key task is Bridget's new role as the political lead for the environment for the OXCAM Arc.

This is our version of the Northern Powerhouse - an economically vibrant area with huge potential (in government's eyes) to grow the national economy. The danger is that more jobs and more houses will damage the environment and the quality of life for people already living in the Arc. Bridget's role will be to ensure that every opportunity to improve the environment and consequently our quality of life is taken and exploited to the full. Bridget has also been elected as the Lib Dem spokesperson on Safer Communities for the Local Government Association. This will hopefully be helpful to the Gamlingay Community Safety Group who have been doing such sterling work at a local level.

Blue Plaque Scheme

South Cambs has just launched this scheme which has been running in Cambridge since 2001. The first plaque was unveiled at Girton College to honour its two principal founders, Barbara Bodichon and Emily Davies, who were pioneers in providing education at degree level for women in this country. South Cambridgeshire residents are now being encouraged to nominate a person or event for commemoration. See www.scambs.gov.uk/blueplaques for further details and the nomination criteria.

Planning

The planning service at SCDC is merging with Cambridge City Council and is nearing the end of its transformation programme. The new shared planning is the first service area to receive the ICT hardware and telephony for the Council Anywhere Programme which will enable its staff to work between two offices but also out in the community. There is a national shortage of planners and areas of the planning department are running high vacancies: much is being done to recruit more planning officers but it has meant that some applications are failing to meet target deadlines and also that planning officers have not been as available to residents as they would like to be.

As we've reported previously please do check out the mysouthcambs Portal on the website homepage - once you are registered, which only takes a few minutes, you can contact the Council online for a wide range of reasons, ranging from reporting fly-tipping, booking a planning officer appointment, making a complaint or maybe even paying a compliment!

Electric powered bin lorries?

Some of you might have seen reports in the local media of the Waste Service (SCDC and City) investigating switching to electric powered bin lorries. The current fleet meets the highest environmental standards for diesel engines but the trucks only manage 4-6 miles to the gallon and the fleet of 50 bin lorries and 18 street sweeping vehicles costs around £46,000 every four weeks to fuel. The cost of their replacement by electric powered vehicles is high and the two councils are exploring how this might be best achieved.

County Matters

Cambridgeshire County
Council:

Cllr Sebastian Kindersley

NHS Cuts

In addition to its own responsibility for commissioning Public Health services, the County Council has a statutory duty to scrutinize the consultation process that accompanies any significant NHS service change. Unprecedented NHS savings targets are forcing 'difficult decisions' that look set to see the end of financial support to the voluntary sector and services for older people, as well as some NHS services.

Local NHS services are commissioned by the Cambs/Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The population area includes 950,000 people and is one of the largest CCGs in the country. Our CCG operates on a budget of just over £1

billion; it is the third lowest nationally in terms of funding. Its unique pressures include a rapidly growing population that is not calculated into its funding formula. In preparation for the next financial year, decommissioning of services mainly for older people and provided by the voluntary sector were proposed by the CCG Governing Body on July 2; a decision was deferred until July 16. The following are just some of the wide cuts proposed:

RSS Ophthalmology, GP practice-based dermatology service Cambridge, Dial-a-Ride, Admission avoidance scheme, Stroke Association, Alzheimer's Society (21 dementia clinics to close), Carer's Trust, Health and Wellbeing Network – the list continues.

The CCG will also be reviewing its 2017 decision to pause Specialist Fertility Services or IVF, and the recommendation will be that it does not reinstate service provision (as opposed to continuing suspension and reconsidering when financial position improves). Meanwhile Government which has not corrected the funding formula is strongly condemning those local authorities forced to cease IVF services. Austerity is not – despite what Government says – over.

We love Social Workers

The County Council has launched a campaign to encourage more children's social workers to consider working for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It forms part of the wider We Love Social Workers recruitment drive launched earlier this year which has been successful in recruiting more than 30 social workers. The campaign is based on in-depth discussions with our social workers who shared their experiences of working for Cambridgeshire County Council and what attracted them to work as a children's social worker. For more information please see www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/welovesocialworkers.

Road Repairs

Thank you for your patience with the closure of Croydon Hill for patching

works. I hope you'll agree the road is in a better condition now and is safer – particularly for cyclists coming up the hill.

Parking and Pavement Parking

At the recent Parish Liaison meeting many parish councils expressed frustration about the lamentable figure of 22 parking enforcement notices issued in the whole of South Cambs this year. It fails to address the problem that many of our villages are facing. We have been under pressure from the Police and Crime Commissioner to agree a civil enforcement scheme for the district but this is not possible legally as Councils cannot use council tax to fund such a scheme – only from money earned from parking ie car parks, fines, residents' parking schemes – of which there are none in South Cambs. The Police have advised that if regular offenders are reported to them 3 times they will take action. With pavement parking it is at the discretion of the police whether they issue a penalty notice or not. The advice we have had is that they will do so if the gap is not large enough for a wheelchair to pass through.

Police Stations.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has been inviting local people to come and hear his plans for a new police station to serve the south of Cambridgeshire located on the outskirts of Milton which provides the best location to meet operational demand. This site has better road access and will enable officers to respond to calls for service more efficiently. It also provides increased custody provision to meet Home Office requirements for new builds.

Knife Crime

The Police and Crime Commissioner has announced that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are set to get nearly £400,000 to support young people from getting involved in knife crime. Following a successful partnership bid for Home Office funding with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Offending Service, the money worth £384,431

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will fund a team of specialist workers who will support young people with complex needs who are at significant risk of criminal exploitation and youth violence.

Pre School Education in Gamlingay

It is very disappointing that the County Council has suggested the First School site for development. The decision rests with South Cambs so we hope that sense will prevail. Our ambition is that the site will continue to be used for education because although there is sufficient capacity now, the new housing due at Green End and West Rd will increase need.

The latest data indicate that there were 195 children aged 1-4 and living in Gamlingay on 31/08/18. From this, we estimate that there should be around 90 children aged 2-4 claiming funded places. However, in Spring 2019 there were 51 children living in Cambridgeshire and claiming funded places and attending Cambridgeshire settings. This suggests that either children are not taking up their free provision or that children are attending settings outside the county. We are aware that some children are attending pre-schools in Everton and Potton. For full day care provision, our experience is that parents often prefer this to be near their place of work so this may be through choice and not an issue.

Anecdotally however we believe there is a shortfall. However, County officers have not received any correspondence from parents about not being able to find childcare or early years places in the village. Following an appeal on Facebook Sebastian has been able to show County officers that there is a problem but we do need more evidence – so please get in touch if you have had difficulties.

The Latest from the Mayor and the Combined Authority

The CA are consulting on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport Strategy. It is disappointingly road focused when there is the opportunity to push for better sustainable transport links

and better public transport. We know that building bigger roads just encourages more cars on to them especially when there is no alternative. Please do take part in the consultation to share your views.

Part of the Devolution Deal was £100m for affordable housing to be targeted at areas where housing was least affordable. South Cambs should have had a large chunk of the money in the form of grants. However, the Mayor has ring fenced £40m for a rolling fund of loans, about 90% of which has so far gone to East Cambs – coincidentally where the Mayor lives. Bridget voted against a loan of over £4m going to a developer to turn 'a notorious building' into flats. Only 4 of the 25 flats will be in any way 'affordable' while four are described as penthouses. The reason we have planning laws is to ensure that people get homes of high quality, in good locations with access to health and education facilities. This sort of ad hoc profit motivated project will invariably fail to produce the type of homes we would wish for ourselves, our family or our friends.

The Mayor has put forward the A10 for government funding and refused Bridget's plea to also put forward the A505 which already exceeds its limited capacity. Bridget had previously successfully persuaded the CA and the Mayor to develop a project just to upgrade the junctions on the A10 at a cost of £40m rather than the extraordinarily expensive (£1/2 billion) dualling which the Mayor favours. Both these projects have been submitted.

Fire Authority

Frustrations regarding the Police and Crime Commissioner's refusal to give the final go ahead to a previously agreed collaboration were voiced at the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority meeting in June. The PCC had previously agreed that the Fire Authority could have a piece of land on the police training site at Monks Wood for a new, urgently needed, modern operational training facility for firefighters. The agreement was set out in the PCC's business case to take over governance of the fire

and rescue service, however, the PCC is now refusing to give a final decision, as the outcome of the Fire Authority's judicial review is not yet known – something that could take weeks if not months.

The Fire Authority has been seeking a new training facility for a number of years and its initial plans to build a new training centre, fire station and headquarters in Huntingdon were challenged by the PCC in 2016, claiming collaboration with the police would be more cost effective, and he offered Monks Wood for a shared training site. Despite a duty to collaborate, and despite the operational need clearly demonstrated by the Service things have stopped. Needless to say the Fire Authority has now authorised another Letter before Action to persuade the PCC to do the right thing.

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!

Stronger for Longer

A campaign providing resources that will help you to stay stronger as you get older. Age related changes affect the muscles and bones in our bodies, but exercises can help increase your muscle strength and general fitness level. This will lead to a more active and fulfilling life.

The stronger for longer website has lots of material including videos for home exercises, how to test your own strength and balance and much more. The best way to find this is to go to Cambridgeshire County Council website;

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Jane Jones
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Explorers	vacancy	
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Village Information

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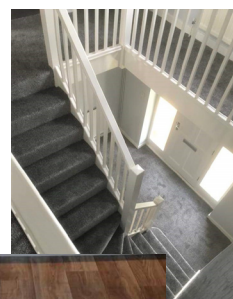
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