

# The Gazette



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## Show goes on but needs new volunteers

Organisers of the Gamlingay Show have managed to get together enough people to hold the show in 2020. However, they have warned that unless new volunteers come forward to help, the future of the event is in jeopardy.

Last year the show moved back to its traditional location at the Gamlingay Village Primary School site (formerly the Village College) in Station Road, and this will be the venue once more on September 19 from 1-5pm.

As well as stalls and displays, the ever-popular fruit, vegetable and craft competitions will take place, so competitors can start planning now what crops to grow for display. There will also be a 5km fun run again this year, which is open to all ages and abilities.

Any local musicians or performers who wish to appear either in the music tent or main arena should contact the Show Committee now to book your place.

All profits from the show go to local charities and clubs and committee member Dave Masterson has urged people to step up and help organize the event so that it can carry on raising money for local causes.

If you are interested in volunteering or want any other information about the show, contact the Village Show Committee on 07519 921 126, email: [gamlingayshow@hotmail.com](mailto:gamlingayshow@hotmail.com) via the website at: [thegamlingayshow.co.uk](http://thegamlingayshow.co.uk) or on the Facebook page: @GamlingayShow and Twitter: @GamlingayShow.



### Here's a preliminary list of some of the competition classes...

#### Section 1 – Vegetables

- 1A 6 runner beans
- 1B 3 root vegetables with 3" stalks – any combination
- 1C 5 tomatoes – any type
- 1D 3 potatoes
- 1E Collection of 3 different vegetables – 2 of each
- 1F Heaviest marrow
- 1G Longest runner bean
- 1H Funniest shaped vegetable or fruit
- 1I Bunch of 3 different culinary herbs

#### Section 2 – Fruit

- 2A 5 eating apples
- 2B 5 any other fruit

#### Section 3 – Flowers

- 3A Any 5 garden blooms
- 3B A flower or spray on a single stem

#### Section 4 – Pot Plants

- 4A A flowering or fruiting pot plant
- 4B A foliage pot plant

**...so get growing!**

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# Help us reduce our carbon footprint

Residents are being urged to take on their part in reducing the village's carbon footprint, in a bid to help address the global climate crisis.

Some 73 per cent of people who responded to the Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan initial questionnaire in 2016 said that reducing the carbon footprint was very important or essential to them.

The establishment of various groups over the past decade has shown the community's desire to tackle environmental issues. The Gamlingay Environmental Action Group (GEAG) has raised the profile of green issues with two annual village Green Days, regular seminars and other events.

The village's wind turbine produces electricity and allows the Wind Turbine Trust to award grants for community environmental projects twice a year.

And at the centre of the village, our community hall – the Eco Hub – is innovative in that it benefits from grey water recycling, solar water heaters, solar panels that generate electricity, (and which is sold back to the network) and a ground-source heat pump, which heats the building.

However, there is still much to be done and in order to help motivate residents the Parish Council has investigated its own carbon footprint and that of residents. Following training with Cambridgeshire County Council's Energy Investment unit, the Parish Council clerk has helped to calculate that Gamlingay Parish Council has a draft carbon footprint of 4.43 tonnes Co2e. Meanwhile, each



adult in South Cambridgeshire has a carbon footprint of 8 tonnes Co2e (Source SCDC 2020).

In order to help bring these figures down and aim to be carbon neutral in the future there are many simple things that residents can do. These include:

- Review how you heat and insulate your home to reduce energy usage, and replace old boilers with renewable heating technologies (e.g. phasing out oil and gas heating systems).
- Consider your transport habits and use of private cars – make fewer car journeys and walk or cycle more, consider purchasing an electric car, and support provision of electric vehicle charging points.
- Volunteer for local environment groups and help 'rewild' areas, plant hedgerows and support tree planting schemes within the parish.
- Reduce use of single-use plastics and reduce the volume of waste your

home and/or business produces.

- Think about how to reduce waste when you attend village events, such as the Village Show, Fireworks night, outdoor concerts and football matches.
- Consider what you buy from shops and how it is packaged. Is there a non-plastic, more environmental alternative?

The Parish Council welcomes feedback on these ideas as well as suggestions on how to implement carbon-saving measures in the community.

Contact the Council's clerk via email at: [clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk)

## Art & Craft Sale

The Biggleswade and District Art Society is holding an Art and Craft sale at Langford Village Hall on Saturday, May 2 from 10am-4pm. Admission is free. Around 20 members will be presenting their original art and craft work for sale and there will be tea, coffee and homemade cakes on sale too.

For further information about the Society visit their website at: [www.biggleswade-art-society.co.uk](http://www.biggleswade-art-society.co.uk).



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# News from the Churches

## Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin

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# April Letter

Dear Friends

The Church says “Christ is Risen” and the ritual reply says “He is risen indeed, Alleluia!”

The sheer joy of Easter is the core of the Christian Faith, celebrating life, light and what St Paul calls “the

glorious freedom of the children of God”. Easter is in April this year and so for Christians this year, April ends with a service of confirmation for the parishes of our Benefice, at Everton this time – a wonderful opportunity in Easter season. Here, adults and

children will be able to make a public commitment to God in Jesus Christ, and be admitted to Communion, sharing bread and wine as God’s gift to humanity of God’s own self, in love.

Easter morning was when it became apparent that there is power in places

April Diary		Service/Event		
Wednesday 1 April		9.30 am	Midweek communion	G
HOLY WEEK BEGINS				
Sunday 5 April	Palm Sunday	9.30 am	Liturgy of the Palms	G
		9.30 am	Liturgy of the Palms	E
		9.30 am	Liturgy of the Palms	H
		10.15 am	Benefice Liturgy of the Passion & Eucharist	G
Monday 6 April		10.00 am	Service	Avenells
		7.30 pm	Taize style worship	G
Tuesday 7 April		7.30 pm	Taize style worship	H
Wednesday 8 April		9.30 am	Midweek Communions	G
		7.30 pm	Taize style worship	E
Thursday 9 April	Maundy Thursday	6.00 pm	Sedar Meal	G
		7.30 pm	Benefice Maundy Eucharist	G
Friday 10 April	Good Friday	10.00 am	Good Friday reflection & hot cross buns	E
		noon-3.00 pm	Three-hour vigil/reflection service with hour communion	G
			Self-serve Good Friday reflection in church	H
Saturday 11 April	Holy Saturday	8.00 pm	Benefice Service of Light & renewal of Baptism vows	G
Sunday 12 April	Easter Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion	H
		9.00-11.00 am	Sparks	G
		9.30 am	Parish Eucharist + Easter egg hunt	G
		11.00 am	Parish Eucharist + Easter egg hunt	E
Saturday 18 April		2.00 pm	Wedding and Baptism	E
Sunday 19 April		9.00-11.00 am	Sparks	G
		9.30 am	Parish Eucharist and Prayers for Healing	G
		11.00 am	Parish Eucharist	E
Monday 20 April		7.30 pm	Guild of St Marys	G
Wednesday 22 April		9.30 am	Midweek said Communion	G
		12.30 pm	Soup Lunch	G
Saturday 25 April		3.00 pm	Renewal of Vows	G
Sunday 26 April		8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	H
		9.00-11.00 am	Sparks	G
		9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	G
		TBC	Benefice Confirmation with Bishop Stephen of Ely	E
		TBC	Evensong	G
Wednesday 29 April		9.30 am	Midweek Communion	G

**Diary Key:** G = Gamlingay St Mary the Virgin; H = Hatley St. George; E = Everton St Mary

merely human force cannot reach, that Love overcomes even physical death. Jesus, dealt with according to political and religious power, was dead, and then was not, and still is not. Humanity, reaching for connection with the Divine, has free access to the Kingdom of God through a route that does not require secret knowledge, deep asceticism, or anything else that is only available to a few. Jesus is the embodiment of the Love of God. Through Jesus, God's love is available to anyone willing to make a commitment to accept that love: love which sets human beings free to reach their potential. Free from guilt, through connection with the Creator.

Through Lent some of us Anglicans have been working with passages from the Gospels – books that are part of the New Testament in the Bible. Some have been preparing to make a new commitment to God in Jesus, others have been looking to deepen relationships, open new possibilities, grow in faith. It is this gift of faith which enables life to flourish in us. It is the best gift, and it is one which those who have it are bound to share. How sad that such a wonderful thing can be labelled as 'Bible bashing'

and a controlling religiosity which closes down rather than opens up the abundant life that Jesus offers. True religion is about freedom, that is not license to be bad, but freedom to do good, to love without limit. Adrian and I are always ready to talk to anyone who wants to explore this further, none of us claims to have 'got it all' but those of us called to ministry have a responsibility to share and help others to do likewise. If you think prayer is a waste of time, have a dull day!

May the Risen Christ be known to you, every blessing.

*Hilary*



**Save the date**  
**Annual**  
**Barn Dance**  
at Castle Farm on  
27th June 2020  
*Dosey don't miss it!*

## **Guild of St Mary meetings**

All ladies are warmly invited to the Guild of St Mary meetings, which are usually held on the third Monday of each month at 19:30 in the Church Hall, Gamlingay.

We have nine meetings per year with speakers, a fantastic Garden Party, 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.

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### Sunday Services

10-10.30am Awakening Praise

10.45am Worship Service

(with GBC kids and youth)

**Communion** will be celebrated on

Sunday, April 5

**Easter Day** on April 12 all age

Easter Praise Service

### GBC Kids & Youth

Fun activities to explore bible stories.

Every Sunday part-way through the morning service

### Backroom Café

Come for a chat, come meet friends, enjoy a coffee, cake and more...

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8.30am to 3pm

### Small Groups

Meeting Tues morning, Wed and Thurs evening, please contact the office for more details.

### Craft & Hobbies Group

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

Thurs, April 2 at 10am

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

A time to share, pray and eat together Saturday, April 4 at 9am

### Ladies' Brunch

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

Saturday, April 18 10am-1pm

### Easter Celebrations April 9 to 12

**Maundy Thursday 6pm** – Passover meal, Communion and fellowship meal.

**Good Friday 10am** – Stations of the cross, prayer and reflection. All ages welcome.

**Saturday 12pm** – 'What does Easter mean to you?' Creative shoebox challenge. Free BBQ, games and more.

**Easter Sunday 10:45am** – all age Easter Praise Service

For more details please contact Jane, our administrator, on 651 519 or email [office@gbchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@gbchurch.org.uk)

## April Message

*"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."*

– Martin Luther King Jr

April, one would hope, brings with it Spring in its entirety. Spring brings with it new life experienced in the flowers around us, the leaves on the trees, and the chirping of birds in the sky. April also brings with it, an incredibly important day and celebration: my birthday. I joke of course (though my birthday can be found in the month of April). This year, April brings with it the celebration of what billions worldwide would consider the most important series of events, over several days, in all of history; the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Even though it is such an amazingly famous and important period in history, there are many worldwide that don't believe the events of those days to be true. Most can accept and believe that Jesus did in fact live and walk the earth as an influential leader and religious teacher. In fact, most can also accept the fact that Jesus died on a cross, it was in fact a common Roman form of torture and death.

The aspect that many struggle with is the resurrection of Jesus. However, the resurrection has all sorts of evidence for it, from eyewitness accounts, historical writings (both Christian and non-Christian), tradition and more. The truth is, there is more evidence for the resurrection of Jesus than there is for many other things we accept to be true historical fact today. I wonder where you stand? Do you believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus? Because if you do, that tends to have a significant impact on your life.

Belief in Jesus and all that Easter celebrates is more than just an academic exercise. Faith is intellectual, but also emotional, spiritual, physical

and more. I wonder if you'd have the courage to explore this truth? If you find it to be false, then there is no real repercussion, other than maybe some wasted time. However, if you explore and find Jesus' life, death and resurrection to be true, then I can guarantee that is life-changing for you. So, why not join us this season, and explore... You have nothing to lose, but potentially have everything to gain.

You could join us this Easter. We are celebrating a Passover meal on the April 9 at 6pm. This meal is one similar to what Jesus would have had on the night when he was betrayed. Or you can join us on Good Friday (April 10), as we explore the stations of the cross from 10am. This is an opportunity, to journey through what that last day was like for Jesus (all ages welcome). Perhaps, you can join us on April 11 at 12pm for a free BBQ, where you can showcase your 'What does Easter mean to you?' shoebox, all ages welcome.

Finally, you could gather with us for a morning of praise and worship as we celebrate what this day means to us as Christians on Easter Sunday on April 12, at 10:45am. All of these activities and services will take place at GBC, in the Backroom Café and the Large Hall. Do feel free to get in touch for more information.

Whatever you do this Easter, I pray it will be one filled with exploration, regardless of where that may take you. May it be an adventure of a lifetime, as I know it has been for me! I'd love to catch up with you some time, so get in touch.

Many blessings  
Rev Adrian Semerene  
Lead Pastor  
Gamlingay Baptist Church



Spring has finally come to Gamlingay, after Storm Ciara and Dennis and one of the wettest winters on record. The crocuses in Charnocks Close were among the first to bloom in the village, adding a welcome burst of colour. Picture ©Chris Shillam.

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# New life for old electrical gadgets

Ever wondered what to do with those electrical gadgets that are gathering dust in the corner?

They seemed a good idea at the time... but honestly, you just don't use them anymore. It seems a shame to take them to the tip though as they'll probably end up in landfill and they still work perfectly well. Surely someone could use them and give them a good home? But who and where to take them? Well, Gamlingay

Recycling Day could be the perfect answer to your dilemma.

From 10am to 1pm on Sunday, April 5 residents can take all their unwanted electrical household items along to the Recycling Day at the Eco Hub car park in Stocks Lane. Members of South Cambs District Council's recycling and waste team will be on-hand to check all the items and there will be a table where people can swap unwanted re-usable goods.



Volunteers such as Gary (pictured) at the Gamlingay Recycling Day will help find a new home for your unloved electrical gadget.

The team, supported by volunteers, will also have skips to collect bulky items and white goods (such as fridges). Anything electrical with a plug is accepted as well as wood, metal, textiles and books.

The event is the second pop-up Community Action Day in the village encouraging people to recycle bulky and electrical goods. Any items that cannot be recycled will be disposed of safely by SCDC and the Waste Team members will also offer practical information on how to reduce waste.

Smaller items that usually go in the household green or blue bins, such as cardboard, paper, cans, tins, aerosols and glass, will not be accepted. Nor will any waste that ordinarily goes in household black bins.



## Christian Aid 2020

May 10 to 16 (Benefice of Gamlingay, Everton and Hatley)

### Last year we presented you all with a challenge...!

As always, we delivered envelopes to every house in Gamlingay, Everton and Hatley but, rather than call back to collect them, we asked you to deliver them to one of the listed collection points. The optimistic challenge was to try and match the wonderful total of just over £3,000 raised the previous year.

### Well, you didn't do badly!

To the house-to-house collections were added the profits from four of Gamlingay's Soup Lunches and Coffee Mornings in Everton and Hatley. The total sum submitted to the charity was certainly down on previous years but not by too much.

### So, the new challenge...!

This year we will be repeating the procedure. Once again, those distinctive red and white envelopes will be delivered to every house in the three villages. Each one will give a nearby address to which your filled envelope can be returned. Alternatively, you can place your envelope in one of the red and white Christian Aid buckets which will be sited at various public venues.

### Any chance of exceeding that £3,000 target this year?

Please don't ignore the envelope or, even worse, assume it is junk mail. Every little bit of cash helps to make a difference to someone in need and if you are able to gift aid your donation so much the better.

### THANK YOU SO MUCH

NB: There will be a service devoted to the work of Christian Aid, locally and globally, in St. Mary's Church, Gamlingay at 10.30am on Wednesday, May 6. All welcome to both the service and the coffee and cake which will follow!



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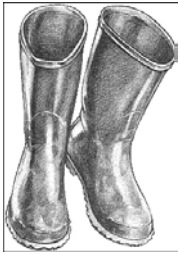
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# Gardening in Gamlingay

## In the garden in April

by Karen Aitkins of All Green Landscapes Ltd

I don't know about everyone else, but the winter seems to have gone on forever this year. I am sure we are all tired of the wind and rain that winter brought. Hopefully with the onset of spring we will start to see more milder weather. This February was the wettest since records began, apparently, and most of our lawns are probably quite boggy so be careful with the first cut. Make sure the blade is high and aerate the lawn with a pitchfork. To do this, plunge the fork in up to six inches and wiggle it to increase the hole size. This will help drain the lawn. Also treat your lawn with a good moss killer as the damp conditions will encourage more moss in the lawn.

In borders, add an organic fertilizer to the soil, lightly forking in. Rake back old bark mulch if you have it and add fresh bark mulch and mix. This will help keep weeds at bay and will also help retain moisture in the summer.

Gardens should now be awash with colour if you planted bulbs in the autumn. Beautiful blossom trees of pink cherry and white crab apple adorn our gardens and streets as everything is coming to life and what lies dormant in the winter suddenly transforms.

Scented flowers are very popular now, such as Hyacinth and Lily of the Valley. Smells you either hate or adore but cannot ignore. These can be grown

in pots and brought in against the late frost.

Plant plenty of fragrant flowers near windows and doors like lavenders, lemon balm, basil and mint. Apparently flies detest fragrant floral scents, so this is a good natural way to keep flies at bay. We planted lavenders all around the rear of the house and the scent was amazing and it was great watching the bees. I have to say we did have less flies too.

Spray roses against black spot and feed with a good potassium-rich fertilizer, which also helps against mildew and black spot. Try to remove slugs by hand as slug pellets are deadly to birds. Encourage hedgehogs, frogs and thrushes into your garden as they will eat the slugs. Also look out for nesting birds in hedges and trees and refrain from pruning until July when the nesting season is over.

Vegetables such as spring onions, peas and broad beans can be sown outside now. Hold out a little longer for the milder weather for more vulnerable seedlings. And as your spring flowers go over, tie back dead daffodils and allow the nutrients to go back into the bulb.

Listen out for the cuckoo – the definitive sound of spring. They usually can be heard between mid-April and June, when we know winter is finally over.



## Gamlingay and District Gardening Club



Paula Dyason of Strictly Daylilies

Green-fingered enthusiasts can hear Paula Dyason speak about her experiences running the Strictly Daylilies Nursery at this month's meeting of the Gamlingay and District Gardening Club.

Paula will share tales of working at the Histon nursery and her knowledge and passion for a beautiful and diverse range of plants at the club's meeting on Wednesday, April 1 in the Kier Suite, Eco Hub in Stocks Lane.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm, admission £3 including refreshments and visitors are welcome.

Recent speakers at the club have included TV gardener and former editor of Gardener's World Adam Pascoe as well as Simon White, Garden Centre Manager at Peter Beales Roses of Norfolk.

Next month, on May 6, the club will welcome Jim Paine from the Walnut Tree Garden Nursery in Norfolk, who will be talking about gardening in the shade.

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# Survey hopes to track rare bird

The Spotted Flycatcher was once a common sight in our village gardens and churchyards but is becoming increasingly rare. Now, birdwatchers are asking residents to take part in a country-wide survey so that they can track the numbers of these small migrant birds more accurately.

Although the Spotted Flycatcher breeds in the UK, they spend up to nine months of the year travelling as much as 16,000 miles annually between Britain and their wintering grounds in Angola and Namibia in Southern Africa. This is an increasingly dangerous journey for them, and their numbers are in deep decline. Widespread losses amounted to a 50 per cent drop between 1995-2010, while their numbers have fallen 90 per cent overall since 1970.

Cambridgeshire Bird Club estimates that only a few hundred pairs of the Spotted Flycatcher remain breeding in the region. However, they believe that most villages in the county may still have a pair or two as they rarely breed out in the wider countryside. And the group needs help in finding and monitoring nesting pairs that they are not currently aware of.

The Club is appealing to birdwatchers new and old to keep an eye out for the birds either in your gardens or around the village from mid-May to September.



Details of any sightings can be emailed to: [spofl@cambridgebirdclub.org.uk](mailto:spofl@cambridgebirdclub.org.uk)  
More details on the project and Spotted Flycatchers in general can be found at:  
<http://cambridgeshirebirdringing.org/2704-2/>

## Hatley Annual Parish Meeting

Hatley residents will have the chance to hear about the work of the Wildlife Trust in the village at the annual parish meeting later this month.

Siân Williams, Conservation Officer for The Wildlife Trust, will be speaking about the Trust's Living Landscapes work across Cambridgeshire and especially the West Cambridgeshire Hundreds Living Landscape project, which includes Hatley.

Audience members will have a

chance to ask questions, but these must be submitted by letter or email to the Parish Clerk no later than Wednesday, April 22.

The event, on Tuesday, April 28, is free and will also include the annual reports from Hatley's Parish, District and County Councillors as well as community groups.

There will be a chance to enjoy a free glass of wine or alternative refreshment at the end. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in Hatley Village Hall.

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# Bowls club appeals for new members

New members are always welcome at Gamlingay Bowls Club. And as the weather finally warms up, the club is holding free taster sessions every Friday afternoon from mid-April for those who are interested in finding out more about the sport and the club.

Both experienced and novice bowlers are welcome at the sessions, which will run from 2-4pm every Friday until the end of August (weather permitting).

The club also stresses that it is open to all ages, singles and couples, as it advocates that bowling is a 'sport for all'. Woods and help will be provided at the taster afternoons; new members need only bring enthusiasm and a pair of flat-soled shoes.

The bowling green can be found at the back of the Queen Elizabeth II playing fields, which are behind the Eco Hub, next to the tennis courts.

Gamlingay Bowls Club plays in the Cambs and District League, Millicent Childs League and the Meldreth League. It is also affiliated to Bowls Cambridgeshire, and so can enter both county and national competitions. And it tries to enter and include all

members in league games.

As well as the Friday sessions, the club will open on some Sunday afternoons throughout the spring and summer, details of which can be found

on the club's Facebook page @gamlingaybowlsclub.

For more information call: Keith Tokens on 01767 650 483 or Brian Culverhouse on 01767 651 020.



*It's Open House Fridays at the bowls club*



## Gamlingay Community Safety Group

Gamlingay Safety Group hopes to be at various events in the village over the coming year to help promote ways for residents to stay safe. You can catch its members at the police surgeries held at the Eco Hub, craft fairs as well as the Gamlingay Show in September.

At each event they will be on hand to give advice on safety awareness and are always looking for new members to help keep Gamlingay a safe place to live.

For more information on future events or on how to volunteer with the group see their Facebook page @gamlingaycommunitysafetygroup.

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# WI branch celebrates 100 years of activities

Gamlingay WI will be 100 years old next year, however new members are needed to ensure the branch reaches its monumental milestone.

The club is open to women of all ages who have a little time and lots of energy and enthusiasm, and want to meet new people and learn new things.

Current President of the Gamlingay WI, Anne Clarke, explains what the Institute has given her over the years and why she believes more women should get involved.

“My journey in the Women’s Institute began in my 30s when a friend who knew I was involved in amateur dramatics asked if I would take part in her WI branch play. The only catch was I had to be a member of the WI. Reluctantly, I joined and took part in the play and have never regretted my decision.

“I was quite a shy person and was not one who made friends easily. However, after some time, I was asked to be part of the board of the Cambridge Federation WI and gained confidence and made many friends. I served for several years on the Board holding various posts during that time, including Vice Chair and Chair of the Combined Arts Committee. I then moved to Gamlingay to be nearer to family and naturally joined Gamlingay WI.

“I had not been a member very long when the then Secretary sadly passed away and I was asked to take on the role. After a few years, the Treasurer

felt she could no longer continue and so I took on the role of Secretary as well in order to prevent the branch from closing, as without a treasurer we cannot continue to exist as a branch of the WI. I continued to do both roles for several years until I decided I could not carry on as treasurer. Luckily there was another lady who stepped up and took over the treasurer’s job and when the post of secretary was filled by another volunteer, I was free, at last, to just sit back and be an “ordinary” member again.



“But, my retirement did not last long as our President had to step down due to pressure of work from her day job. Guess what? Yes, I am now President. However, I would prefer it if someone else would be brave enough to take over and let me go back into retirement and enjoy my WI life as an ordinary member again.

“I know there are pre-conceptions about the members of the WI (my son-in-law jokingly calls us the “Women’s Interference”!). The stereotype is that the members are all older ladies who knit and make jam, and yes we have some more mature ladies in our midst, but for many WI branches the opposite

is true. Most of the WIs in London are comprised of younger professional women and take part in all sorts of varied and challenging activities.

“What many people don’t realise is that the WI offers many opportunities for members to follow up a diverse range of interests and it even has its own college at Denman, which runs many courses for members. The Federations hold day schools, outings and many other events including weekend breaks. There is always something to take part in, it is up to you how much or how little you want to be involved.

“And for those who want to really get involved with public affairs there is always the chance to take part in the WI’s national campaigns. My friend Ruth Bond became National Chairman of the WI and was active in spearheading national campaigns and lobbying government. Recent national WI campaigns include a push for female-sized crash test dummies, which could help reduce injuries and deaths to female drivers.

“So, who knows where the WI could lead you? By getting involved in our local branch you can help create an exciting programme of events over the next year, making us bigger and stronger and ready for our next 100 years.”

Gamlingay WI meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the Eco Hub from 7.30-10pm.

For more information contact Anne Clarke on 01767 651 932.

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# Historyman

by Nick Bruce

## Filling up at Gamlingay's many garages

When I started driving on the roads petrol was 67p a gallon and I had a motorcycle – the first of 28 bikes. When it came to filling up, I had four petrol stations to choose from in the village: Alec Normans in Stocks Lane, Worboys, Empsons and Housdens at the end of Waresley Road.

I usually used Alec Norman's as Dad was manager at the garage so I got a discount but when the Alec Norman's pumps closed it would be Worboys or Empson's.

After a while Housdens closed, then some years later Empson's closed, which left the only petrol pumps in the village being Worboys on Mill Street.

While Empson's and Worboys stayed in the same place, Alec Norman's moved from Church Street to Stocks Lane on the site of an old barn.

When Alec opened the pumps in Church Street he had one of his garages for car repairs and sales and bodywork repairs in the street with part in The Maltings. The other half was nearly opposite, behind a car showroom in a former house.

There was a small entrance to get to the garage, which was in the middle of the block. With all the cars trying to get to the pumps as well it was impossible so Alec bought the old barn in Stocks Lane, demolished it and had pumps on a large forecourt so there was plenty of space.

In the end he had an offer for building on the land and now two three-bedroom houses stand on the site.

Housdens Garage is now Brockwood Close, as there was plenty of land behind the garage, and Empson's was where Bell Foundry Close now stands.

At its height, Empson's had three old thatched cottages demolished to make way for a car sales showroom and an extension to the car park at the garage (picture 5).

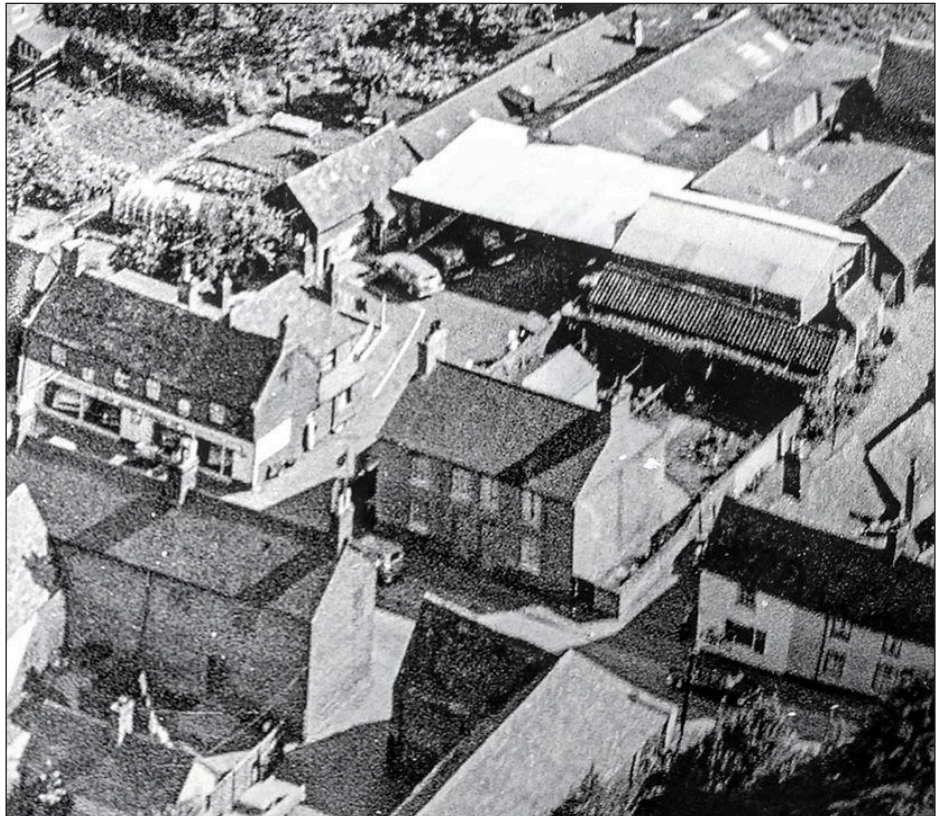
At one time there was also a large flower garden at the front of the garage to improve the view (picture 6).

Now with supermarket petrol price wars and the chance to get your petrol

while you shop the High Street petrol stations have become a far rarer sight.

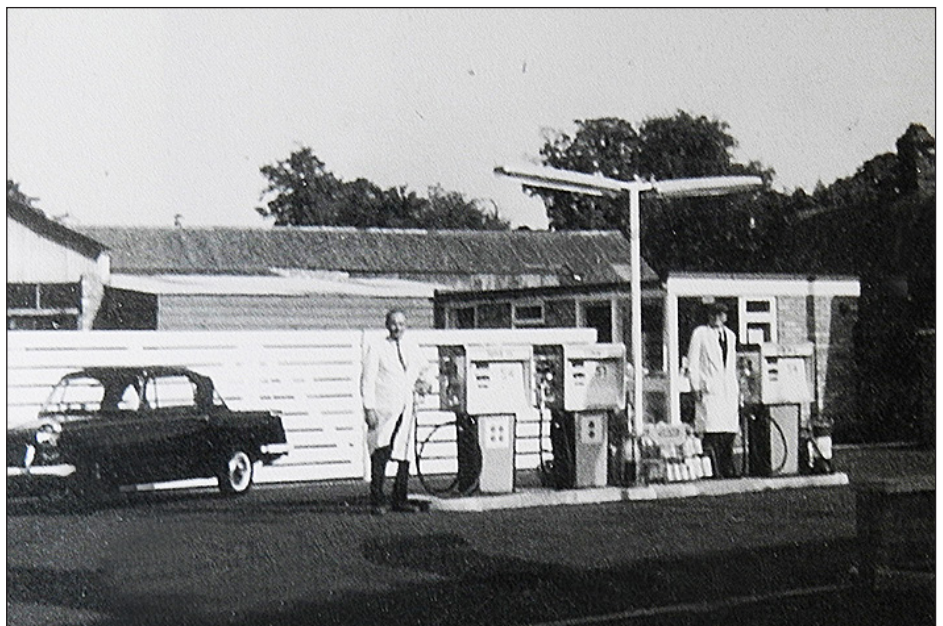
I don't have a picture of Housdens,

but if anyone has one I would love to see it and maybe take a copy.



Picture 1:

*Alec Norman's garage in Church Street and the yard where the petrol station started.*



Picture 2:

*Alec Norman's garage when they moved to Stocks Lane.*

Picture 3:  
Worboys garage in  
Mill Street, where it  
still is today.  
To the left is the  
Zoar Chapel, which  
was demolished in  
the 1960s.



Picture 4:  
Empson's car sales showroom  
and an extension to the car  
park at the garage.

Picture 5:  
Empson's garage stood where  
Bell Foundry Close now is.



Picture 6:  
The large flower garden at  
the front of Empson's garage.

# Councillors' Column

Keeping us up-to-date on South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council matters.

Your councillors are always ready to help.

If you have any questions about the following matters or, indeed, any other council matter that you may need help with, then please do not hesitate in contacting: Bridget Smith, your District Councillor, on 01767 650510 or at [bridget@glockling.com](mailto:bridget@glockling.com) and follow on Twitter @Cllrbridget and on Facebook, and Sebastian Kindersley, your County Councillor, on 01767 651982, at [skindersley@hotmail.com](mailto:skindersley@hotmail.com) or write to Manor Barn, East Hatley SG19 3JA and follow on Twitter @SebKindersley and on Facebook.



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Bridget Smith

## VE Day

Over the three-day period the events, the first of which is on Friday, May 8, has been declared a special public holiday and will include the playing of specially written musical tributes to highlight the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2. There will also be a Cry for Peace around the World and all churches and cathedrals are being asked to take part in sessions of Ringing out for Peace.

Street parties and parties in pubs, clubs, hotels, on town and village greens and in halls will be the focus of plans for the Saturday. On the Sunday there will be many services of commemoration and celebration in

churches, including the reading of the Tribute to the Millions and the playing of the Last Post.

## New electric buses

Stagecoach have purchased two electric buses to run in Cambridge using £400,000 of funding from the Greater Cambridge Partnership, which South Cambs and the County Council are partners in. They can travel 160 miles on one charge and will be running the Citi 6 route. We are anticipating that this will be the beginning of a much larger electric fleet serving South Cambridgeshire in the near future.

## Complaints and compliments to South Cambs

We have now launched our Open Process portal, which allows customers to create an account where complaints can be raised and tracked throughout the investigation, until resolution. There is the facility for supporting documents to be uploaded and messages can be sent between investigators and customers, which will help to speed up the process. All complaints need to be made through: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/feedback/complaints-compliments-and->

suggestions/ (selecting the option for the "Online Complaints Form").

## Annual survey of councils

Interesting to see some of the key findings from all UK councils. Nearly all councils (97 per cent) plan to increase council tax in 2020/21, with most (93 per cent) planning to raise it by more than 1.5 per cent and nearly all councils (97 per cent) plan to increase fees and charges. Some 12 per cent say they are in danger of being unable to fulfil statutory duties this year with Children's Services and Education under the most immediate pressure, while Adult Social Care remains the area suffering the most long term pressure. There was near universal disappointment in the Government's progress delivering a sustainable funding system for local government (97 per cent) and a long term social care strategy (98 per cent).

## Going green in South Cambs

Proposals have been put forward to make the Council offices less dependent on fossil fuels, including installing a solar car port, which will generate more than 20% of the electricity for the entire building. There are also plans to install a ground-source heat pump which aims to reduce the amount of gas used on site by at least 80%.

## Zero carbon grants

We are delighted that Gamlingay is to be one of 19 communities to benefit from some of the £120,959 that South Cambs has awarded as part of its Zero Carbon grants scheme. Gamlingay Eco Community Group has received £2,129 to help set up its monthly pop-up shop, which will offer plastic-free alternatives. Very well done to them. The Zero Carbon Communities grant was established in May 2019 to help drive the Council's ambition for the district to become net zero carbon before 2050. Another local group, the

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Orwell Benefice's Living Food Bank, was awarded £4,150 to help establish plots to grow vegetables and introduce opportunities for food production in people's own homes.

### Local Plan consultation

It was brilliant that the Local Plan roadshow came to Gamlingay and that so many of you took the trouble to talk to the planning policy officers about what is important to you living in South Cambs. This is being described as the most important document you have never heard about but it will determine where future jobs and housing will go for decades to come, what infrastructure we will be needing, where new open and green spaces will be located and how we will be managing the challenges of climate change, air pollution inequality and growth. The reality is that Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire are going to be the focus for significant growth in coming years in terms of jobs and housing. The fact that we are actually more successful than just about anywhere else in the country means that we should attract further investment so that our success can be capitalised on. The big decisions are around where that growth is focused – around Cambridge City (which is green belt), around existing communities such as Cambourne, Northstowe and larger villages, or in new communities? It is all up for discussion and your views really matter.

### South Cambridgeshire District Council budget

The District Council has pledged £5 million to tackle the global climate emergency. The money will go towards improvements linked to the District's 'green to the core' priorities. This includes improving the Council's offices to cut carbon emissions and energy bills, providing communities with grants for projects that cut carbon emissions in their areas, making council houses more energy efficient

and helping people cut the amount of food they waste.

In 2018 the Council declared a climate emergency and pledged to reach net zero carbon by 2050. To help move toward that goal in 2020/21 it plans to invest a further £100,000 on Zero Carbon community grants for initiatives that will help cut carbon emissions and tackle climate change. There will be £1.9m spent on the 'greening' of Council offices to cut energy bills and also show others how they could go green. A further £1.3m will go towards improving energy efficiency of council homes. In addition, £1.3m will be used to replace 1,800 District Council-owned streetlights with LEDs to reduce energy consumption by 60%. And £400,000 will be used to buy an electric bin lorry to see whether it is viable to shift from the current diesel fleet to an all-electric one.

In 2020/21 the Council expects to generate more than £3.5m from investments, which will be spent on local services and help offset cuts to their funding by central Government. The Council's budget also proposes investing an extra £200,000 in expanding the mobile warden scheme in the district. Local mobile warden groups support older people to live independently by carrying out practical tasks such as making light meals, shopping, making appointments, filling in forms and collecting prescriptions.

A further £200,000 is also earmarked for increasing support to local businesses so that villages remain vibrant and new jobs are created close to where people live.



Councillor  
Sebastian Kindersley

### Extraordinary times at the Combined Authority

At the end of February the Mayor announced that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority would take control of public transport improvements in the area.

A decision on the final route for the Cambourne to Cambridge Guided Busway Scheme was due to be made at the GCP's Executive Board in February, but the papers were pulled after the Mayor's announcement, in which he said that the plans didn't fit with his plans for the Cambridge Autonomous Metro.


This announcement came despite the fact that the GCP has been working alongside the Mayor's office, which had not raised any concerns about the GCP proposals. The proposals included delivering phase one of the CAM including connections to Cambourne, Waterbeach, Granta Park and towards Newmarket. So the Mayor's announcement is completely at odds with recent Combined Authority decisions.

The Combined Authority plans a meeting on March 6 to consider proposals that would include an interim solution for the Cambourne to Cambridge route, which would not involve "flooding the city with buses".

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## County Council meeting – budget 2020/21 to 2024/25

Cambridgeshire County Council approved a budget including a £4m deficit, while increasing Council Tax by 1.59 per cent instead of by the permitted 1.99 per cent. At the beginning of this financial year the potential gap was £21m, so over the year the Council has had to make savings of £17m to reduce the potential shortfall. Whilst some efficiencies have undoubtedly been justified, they have also made dramatic cuts to Adult Services (-£5.8m), to Highways and to Children's Services (-£6.3m). You will all be aware that our Local Highways Officer has been unable to commission work for lack of funds. Many councillors tell of waiting years for simple maintenance jobs to be completed.

At a liaison meeting on February 20 with the Clinical Care Commissioning Group and Healthwatch, County colleagues heard some stern words of warning about the impact of the new Adult Social Care charges. Council finance remains in a critical state, as seen for example in new controversial and complex charges to vulnerable people receiving Adult Social Care that will save the council £3.4m over the next two years.

This pattern over recent years (2016-2019) of not raising council tax by small permissible increments, including a sustained period of total council tax freeze, has cost the council £34m that should have been deployed to prevent this tide of disappearing public services. The difference between 1.59 per cent and 1.99 per cent for a Band D home is 11p/week/household,

which could have added £1.17m to the Council budget this year and £6.39m over the forward plan period.

## East West Rail

East West Rail Co has now advised on the preferred route via St Neots/ Tempsford to Cambourne and then to a new station at Cambridge South. CamBedRailRoad continues to campaign for its own routing for three main reasons. Firstly the new railway line does not follow the proposed dualling of the A428. This is a missed opportunity to save money and disruption to the community. Secondly, the Cambourne station is proposed south of the town and not on the A428 where it would be most sensibly located as the new developments at Cambourne, Bourn Airfield and north of the A428 (probably) come forward. Lastly, the line then drives through a series of villages to join the mainline somewhere near Gt Shelford.

Those parishes need to be aware that the trainline proposed is not in any way similar to the old Varsity line. It will run high speed trains carrying both passengers and freight and will be segregated from the surrounding area by significant security fencing. It will sever nearly all bridleways and footpaths it crosses, as well as local roads.

Network Rail has a policy that the UK will never again build a level crossing so roads will be crossed with either bridges or tunnels, with the consequent cost, visual intrusion and disturbance. As a high speed line it will also not be able to weave in and out to avoid important buildings, woods or places of interest. The East West Rail website has a number of useful maps and documents on it.

## Gamlingay First School site

Gamlingay Parish Council (PC) hosted a Think Communities meeting at which a number of agencies met and agreed various points in relation to the former First School site.

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) has agreed to grant Gamlingay Parish Council a nine-month lease of the playing fields. The lease will be at a peppercorn rent and the Parish Council will take on full responsibility for the maintenance, management and insurance of the playing fields. The lease will allow the Parish Council to share use of the playing fields, by way

of an agreed licence, for a maximum of the term granted by the Lease, less one day.

CCC will allow the PC to plant replacement cherry trees to the south of the playing field site. Six trees will be planted in agreed locations, three will be donated by the South Cambs tree planting scheme and three by local groups. This fulfills the commitment made by CCC when the original trees were removed due to disease.

CCC will work with the CAM Academy Trust regarding the former First School buildings. It is understood that our Education Team have requested a decision by the end of March, as to whether the site is 'suitable and useful' for their needs. If the CAM Academy Trust do not require the First School site, CCC will submit an application to the Department of Education to declare the whole site surplus. If the DoFE declares the site surplus, CCC will be free to look at options for disposal or redevelopment of the whole site.

The County Council have agreed to safeguard the playing fields for community use in the future and so there will be the potential for a longer term lease/disposal of the playing fields to the Parish Council in the future. All options for the whole site to be considered will seek to safeguard the playing fields.

CCC are committed to work with the Parish Council on the wording of the policies relating to the playing fields within the Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan.

The future of the site is very complicated and is bound up by hideous amounts of red tape and legislation. We are very grateful to all those who attended the meeting and we feel more confident that we now have a roadmap for the future of the site that will be in keeping with the wishes of the Gamlingay community.

## Land south of West Road

The planning application for the land south of West Road has been held up as some issues of ecology are resolved. We will keep you posted.

## Green End planning application

We are expecting the final decision on the 90 new homes at Green End to be decided, probably at planning committee in April. We have made

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representation about the amount of renewable energy in the scheme and about the height of some of the buildings, which we now believe have been lowered to 2.5 floors from 3 floors. This is a public meeting and you are welcome to come and see how the decision is made and even submit a question (or more)!

### Grays Road parking bays

Finally, a planning application has been submitted for new parking bays in Grays Road. This has taken an unacceptably long time to get moving. 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.



Member of  
Parliament  
Anthony Browne

As I write, it has been just over nine weeks since the General Election, although it feels like a lifetime ago. So much has happened in the early days of this Parliament, both nationally and locally.

The UK has officially left the European Union and must now focus on negotiating a new trading relationship with our European partners. For South Cambridgeshire, a crucial aspect of this new arrangement will be the provisions on agriculture. I was therefore delighted to make farming issues the focus of my maiden speech to Parliament during the debate on the government's new Agriculture Bill. In the coming weeks and months I want to engage closely with local farmers to better understand their needs, so that I can best represent their views in Parliament as it shapes the country's future agriculture policy. If you would like to be involved in these discussions, please get in touch.

Last week I enjoyed a fascinating

visit to the new Royal Papworth Hospital. It is the first UK hospital to be rated 'outstanding' across every CQC category, which is a testament to the talent and commitment of its staff and management team. I saw the site where the Cambridge Heart and Lung Research Institute (HLRI) will be built, a brilliant example of the how the Biomedical Campus brings together the world's best clinicians and researchers to develop new treatments for the most challenging conditions.

We are so fortunate that this local expertise will improve healthcare not only here in South Cambs, but across the world. I know there are concerns about the UK's ability to collaborate with EU research partners post-Brexit and I therefore raised this matter in Parliament with the Science Minister in January. He offered assurances that the UK would remain committed to the Horizon 2020 programme and would seek as full an association as possible with its successor scheme, but I will continue to meet with local stakeholders and push the government on this issue.

One of my key pledges as your MP was to help to fix our creaking transport system. We had some extremely welcome news this month when the Transport Secretary announced that East West Rail will take a northern route through Cambourne, where local commuter demand is highest. This is not only great news for Cambourne, but also for residents in Bassingbourn, who were overwhelmingly opposed to EWR taking a southern route.

The new Cambridge South Station will form a critical new transport

hub for the Biomedical Campus. I have already met with Network Rail to find out more about this project and to discuss parking problems at local stations and the notoriously problematic level crossing at Foxton.

I have had a number of approaches from constituents who are worried about the rate of development in South Cambridgeshire. I share many of their concerns and will be lobbying national government to ensure that we do not become victims of our own success. Whilst growth is welcome, it must be carefully managed and local people's voices must be heard. Infrastructure should always be put in place before expansion. You can make your views known by taking part in the initial consultation on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan, which contemplates a significant increase in housebuilding. View the plans at [www.cambridge.oc2.uk](http://www.cambridge.oc2.uk).

*I am actively raising local issues in Parliament.*

*For updates on my questions and speeches, the best place to look is my Facebook page (@anthonybrownemp) or website [anthonybrowne.org](http://anthonybrowne.org).*

*I am now holding regular surgeries in the constituency, so if you have a problem I can help with please get in touch.*

*I have now added a helpful guide on my website setting out what issues I can assist with.*

You can reach me at [anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk).

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# Gamlingay Football Update

The First Team ended with a defeat vs Milton, only their second home defeat all season, but remain top of the league with the title in their hands but a return fixture away at Milton looks crucial. However, the Reserves continue to struggle and are second bottom but continue to score a lot of goals. Meanwhile, the Vets are having a solid season and are sitting second in the table.

## First team Results

### 1 February

#### GUFC 2 – 2 Barley Mow

GUFC dropped points in a scrappy game vs Barley Mow. The score was opened with an own goal scored by Barley Mow. This seemed to rattle the visitors who scored the next two goals in the game, and arguably should have put it to bed. Gamlingay rallied and Captain Leo Churms slotted home from the penalty spot. However, neither side created the opening to win the game.

### 8 February

#### March Town 2 – 1 GUFC

A depleted squad made the journey to March Town, where they had already won this season (in the cup). The first half was fairly even, with Flappy making one great save and a couple of routine ones, with GUFC also having a few half chances of their own. However, Gamlingay came alive in the second half, where they took the lead from Jimmy Walker turning in Josh Palmer's pinpoint cross. The Rearlights pressed on creating numerous openings, forcing many saves from March's number 1. Halfway through the second half, the home team were awarded a penalty but this did not disrupt Gamlingay, who continued to be the attacking side. But with ten minutes left, March town broke down

## GUFC First Team – Kershaw Senior A League Table

Pos.		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Gamlingay United First	18	11	4	3	33	37
2	Witchford 96 First	18	11	3	4	15	36
3	Milton First	17	10	3	4	13	33
4	Orwell First	16	10	1	5	27	31
5	Somersham Town First	18	10	1	7	18	31
6	AFC Barley Mow First	18	9	3	6	17	31
7	Cottenham United First	19	8	5	6	6	29
8	Huntingdon United First	17	9	1	7	23	28
9	March Town United Reserves	17	7	2	8	-6	23
10	Soham Town Rangers Reserves	17	6	2	9	-14	20
11	Bluntisham Rangers First	18	5	1	12	-31	16
12	Hundon FC First (Sat)	14	4	3	7	-3	15
13	Whittlesford United First	17	3	5	9	-21	14
14	Fulbourn Institute Reserves	18	1	0	17	-77	0*

the left and cut the ball back to the edge of the box where their midfielder drove one into the top corner, off the post. Unfortunately, despite creating a few more chances and enjoying more of the ball, GUFC were undone by a wonder strike.

### 15 February

#### GUFC 0 – 1 Milton

The first team suffered a damaging defeat at home against Milton. The conditions on the day were poor, with very strong winds and it was Milton who dealt with it better on the day. Despite creating a good number of chances GUFC could not find a breakthrough. Gamlingay's next fixture is away at Milton where they will try to avenge this defeat.

## Reserve team Results

### 1 February

#### Brampton 5 – 1 GUFC(R)

Gamlingay started the game against league toppers Brampton in full confidence. Matt Walker scored the opening goal on his return to the starting line-up after injury. The remainder of the first half was even but Brampton scored twice, a poorly defended cross and a penalty. The second half was dominated by Brampton who scored three more without reply.

### 8 February

#### Alconbury 3 - 2 GUFC(R)

After a heavy defeat last weekend, and with players missing it was always going to be a tough game. GUFC defended uphill and against the wind

in the first half, where chances were at a premium. Gamlingay rode their luck at times and found themselves 1-0 at the break. With ends changing, so did the flow of the game. Gamlingay were awarded a penalty, which Reece duly dispatched. GUFC were then firmly on the front foot, and took the lead when Colm steadied himself before firing home with his left foot. Unfortunately, within two minutes Alconbury equalised. With five minutes left an Alconbury striker fired home the winning goal.

### 22 February

#### GUFC(R) 3 – 4 Houghton & W.

Games against 2nd in the league are never going to be easy, less so when you find yourselves two nil down within the first five minutes. In a game heavily influenced by the wind, H&W found themselves four up at the break with some good play, and poor defending equally responsible. GUFC turned things around, with some positional and personnel changes and managed to get back into the game, Sam Bonham, Reece Keating and Matt Wyllie all got on the scoresheet, but the Rearlights couldn't create the opening to take victory.

## Veterans Results

### 23 February

#### GUFC Vets 0 – 0 Isleham Vets

GUFC could not get the win they needed to open up a gap between Linton, who are in joint third with a game in hand. Despite creating multiple chances and with a quiet keeper, a win eluded Dickey's side.

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# Gamlingay Netball Club

Gamlingay Netball Club took a trip down memory lane at their recent fundraising event. One of the highlights of the night at their 45th anniversary quiz was when the club photo album was passed round and members were able to see team photos going back over 20 years.

Quiz Master Kev Knowles helped make the evening a success and the event raised £1,200 for the club.

On the pitch, the club's Storm squad have made it into the Bedford League First Division cup semi-finals. Their bid for a place in the final is on Monday, March 30 at 7.45pm at Bedford Academy.

Meanwhile, the Jets team have made it to the Plate final in the Bedford League Premier Division and they will play for the plate on Tuesday, March 31 at 7.45pm, again at Bedford Academy. Both teams would welcome support at their games.



Gamlingay Netball Club in their new kit, worn for the first time for their February matches. (Back row L-R) Gemma Lingard, Sarah Bircham, Nikki Webb, Emma Duxbury, Sarah Young, Jasmine Wilson, Frankee Granville-Drew, Millie Campbell and Laura Henshaw.

(Front row L-R) Jo Rickard, Jenni Stout, Kelly Knibbs, Emily Hickson and Kathy Turner.

## Gamlingay Walkers Diary Dates

Gamlingay Walkers have started their monthly outings again in March after resting their boots during January and February.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9.30am in the Eco Hub car park. New members are always welcome.

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### Little city offers big adventures

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For full details call: 07817 690506, email: kris@littlecityuk.com or visit the website at: www.littlecityuk.com

### Sewing classes return

Kim Keefe is starting her next group of sewing classes on Wednesday April 7 from 6.45-9.15pm. The classes are for anyone who loves to make clothes and work with textiles. Her last series of classes at the Hub were really popular. For more information contact Kim at b.keefe@tiscali.co.uk

### What's On

We have so much on that it is impossible to list here, but it ranges from exercise classes for the less mobile to circuits to the very fit, pilates and yoga, and Zumba, community art, ballet, meditation, indoor bowls, indoor kurling, Music and Movement for the under 4s, and of course, the library. See our website <http://www.gamlingayecohub.org.uk/whats-on/> for a full list of the huge number of activities going on here or pop in and pick up a leaflet.

And as ever, we are a great venue for parties, wedding celebrations, wakes and fund raisers, as well as offering great meeting space for local businesses.

## Easter egg hunt fun



*Chocolate eggs are up for grabs at this year's Easter Egg hunt.*

Spring is finally here, and the Easter Bunny will be at the Hub for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5 at 11am-1pm.

Once again, the hunt will take place in the playground next to the Hub with clues hidden amongst the play equipment. There will be a short hunt for younger ones and a slightly harder version for older children.

Once the clues have been completed, children can claim their prize of a full size chocolate egg, a drink and a snack from the café. There will also be plenty of Easter activities on offer at the craft tables in the Hub where children can make their own bunny ears and chicks. Last year these proved really popular.

The event promises to be great fun for all the family, with refreshments available from the café. In some previous years the day of the Easter Egg hunt has been so hot and sunny that there was a danger of sunburn, while other years participant have been wrapped up against the freezing wind! Whatever the weather brings, we can promise you a good time. Admission for each child to join the hunt is just £2.50

Our Facebook page, Twitter feed and website have all the latest on our rates, spaces and What's On.

You can drop in between 9am to 4pm on weekdays or give us a ring to discuss a booking, ask questions or book a space.

We are Sarah and Kate (joint managers) supported by Jake and Tony.

The Chair of Trustees is Jackie McGeedy and the Vice Chair is Neil Muirhead

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# Quiz and Puzzle Corner

by Kevin Bentley

## Komino rules

Using the whole list of reversible digit pairs, complete the grid so that each box contains one pair. A digit cannot be beside the same digit in an adjacent box. Boxes containing a pair of identical digits cannot be side by side.

**Komino**  
Rated as Medium

	7	2
	2	
9	8	8

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

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## March solution

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

I hope that you have enjoyed the challenge of solving these Komino puzzles.

These are similar to the ones that I have published in my first book of 200 Komino Puzzles which is currently is available with 25% off retail price from my publishers (Troubador) at [www.kominopuzzle.com](http://www.kominopuzzle.com) for £7.50

# Carrot and beetroot terrine

By Roderick Starksfield



Much of this recipe is taken from Mat Follas' book *Vegetable Perfection*. I have made several changes (I cannot say for the better, as Mat is very accomplished chef). However, the changes I have made make the recipe a bit easier.

This makes a lovely starter. The recipe uses Agar Agar, which is a vegetarian/vegan setting agent made from seaweed to be used instead of gelatin.

As a general rule, use 1gm of Agar Agar to 100ml of liquid, though increase this to 1.5mg/100ml if the liquid and its components are very acidic. You can also increase the firmness in this recipe by using more Agar Agar, as I have done below. Also be aware that it starts to set while still hot.

## Ingredients

### For the Carrot layer:

- 6-8 large carrots (approx.)
- 1 star anise
- 5-6 cloves
- 400ml cider
- 6gm Agar Agar

### For the Beetroot Layer:

- 2-3 large beetroot, pre-cooked and peeled
  - 200ml Ribena
  - 200ml vinegar
  - 200ml cider
  - 6g Agar Agar
- You will also need a loaf tin lined with cling film

## To serve:

A mixture of pea shoots, watercress and rocket.

## Method

Peel the carrots and slice into thin ribbons (about the thickness of a pound coin) then cut into pieces about 6cm long.

Put the cider and spices, the star anise and cloves, into a pan and bring to a gentle boil for 15 minutes until the carrots are soft. Strain off the carrots and spices and carefully discard the

spices, leaving the carrot intact.

Put the liquid back in the pan, making up to 400ml with more cider and add the Agar Agar. Bring to the boil for about 5 minutes to dissolve the Agar Agar. While this is boiling arrange the carrot slices in the bottom of the loaf tin.

Pour the jellied cider over the carrots, stir around to ensure the carrots are all covered with the jelly and refrigerate for about 1.5 hours to set firmly.

Slice the beetroot into slices about the thickness of a pound coin, you may need to half or quarter some slices as the beets can be quite large.

Bring the Ribena, vinegar and cider to a gentle boil in a pan. Add the Agar Agar, and simmer for about 5 minutes to dissolve the Agar Agar.

When the carrot layer has set, arrange the beetroot slices on top of the carrots, adding a little of the liquid with each layer to ensure that they are all covered. This layer will partly melt the carrot jelly making an attractive meld of the two jellies. Chill until all is set.

To serve slice into sections about 1cm thick using a wet sharp knife dipped in boiling water, as this will give a clean cut. Garnish with the leaves.

# April What's On Diary

Send your entries to [whatson@gamlingaygazette.uk](mailto:whatson@gamlingaygazette.uk)

<b>Beginners Breeze</b>	Thursday 2 April	Cycling. First Thursday of the month at the hub. Contact <a href="mailto:gill.kitchener@btinternet.com">gill.kitchener@btinternet.com</a> or 07842 135 732
<b>Bellringers</b>	Thursdays	7.30 to 9pm with John Boocock at St.Mary's, Gamlingay
<b>Bin Collection Days</b>	Wednesday 1 April Wednesday 8 April Friday 17 April Thursday 23 April Wednesday 29 April	Black Blue and Green Black Blue and Green Black
<b>Cock Inn</b>	Monday 13 April	Monthly quiz nights starting at 8pm. £1.00 per head for various charities. New teams welcome.
<b>Community Choir</b>	Wednesday 1 April Saturday 18 April	First Wednesday of the month 8 to 9.30pm Third Saturday of the month 10am to 12 noon at Kingspan Hall. Call Jan Cooper 650 178 for details
<b>Connect Cafe</b>	Fridays	10.30am to 12:30pm at the Eco Hub. All welcome to a friendly drop-in cafe for a cuppa and cake – £2 with free refills. Lifts available – please contact the Eco Hub Manager.
<b>Eco Hub</b>	Daily Tuesdays  Wednesdays  Thursdays  Fridays  Sunday 5 April Sunday 19 April Saturday 25 April	Opening hours are Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. Strength and Balance Classes, supported by the charity Forever Active, starts at 11.30am. Carpet Bowls from 1pm. Community Art Group, 10am to 12noon. New Age Kurling, 2pm to 3pm. Forward Gamlingay Mixed Media/Printing Course, 2pm-3.30pm. Youth Café, 5.30pm to 7pm. Youth Club (year 7 upwards), 7pm to 8.30pm Baby & Toddlers' Music & Movement Class, 10.30 to 11.30am. Connect Café Community Coffee Morning, 10.30am to 12.30pm. Easter Egg Hunt 11am to 1 pm. Shannon Express Barbarshop Experience, 2pm to 6pm. Linton Jazz Band Concert, in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust, from 7pm.
<b>Gamlingay Allotment Association</b>		Membership Secretary Bob Gordon can be contacted on <a href="mailto:Bob.gordon22@talktalk.net">Bob.gordon22@talktalk.net</a> or on 651 913.
<b>Gamlingay Archaeological Group</b>	Thursday 2 April	7.30pm at Blythe Way Community Room on the 1st Thursday of the month Contact Chris Tomsett, Chairman, on 650 009 or Julia Manley at <a href="mailto:Julialmanley@yahoo.com">Julialmanley@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Gamlingay Library</b>	Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays Saturdays  Tuesday 7 April Saturday 11 April Tuesday 14 April	9 to 10.30am and 2 to 8pm 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Board games 10 am to 12.00 noon 12.30 to 3.15pm – Free drop-in computer help 1 to 3 pm 4 to 7pm 10am to 12 noon 9.30am to 12.30pm <b>Easter holiday children's activities, 10am to 12 noon</b> Spring flower craft activities Children's board games The Tiger Who Came To Tea craft activities
<b>Gamlingay Parish Council</b>	Tuesday 14 April  Tuesday 14 April  Tuesday 28 April	Planning Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Keir Suite at the Eco Hub. Full Council Meeting held at 7.30pm in the Keir Suite at the Eco Hub and are open to all. Planning Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Keir Suite at the Eco Hub. Clerks: Leanne Bacon and Kirstin Rayner Tel: 650 310 or Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk">clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk</a> Agendas available on our website: <a href="http://www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk">www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk</a> and on noticeboards.
<b>Gamlingay Players</b>	Tuesdays Thursdays	8 to 10pm at the Eco Hub 8 to 10pm at the Eco Hub Society producing plays and pantomimes



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<b>Gamlingay Walkers</b>	Wednesday 1 April Wednesday 6 May	Meet 9.30am at the Eco Hub car park. New members welcome. For further information phone Miriam on 654 891 or email <a href="mailto:miriamjones80@hotmail.com">miriamjones80@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Gardening Club</b>	Wednesday 1 April	7.30pm in the Keir Suite at the Eco Hub. Paula Dyason speaks about her experiences running the Strictly Daylilies Nursery. Visitors are welcome, £3 including refreshments.
<b>Guild of St. Mary's</b>	Monday 20 April	Monthly meetings, usually third Monday of the month.
<b>Guitar Club</b>	Thursday 2 April Thursday 16 April Thursday 30 April	Meetings held every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 650 748.
<b>Hatley Coffee Morning</b>	Tuesday 7 April	10am to 1pm at Hatley Village Hall. Everyone welcome. Donations split between the Village Hall and Church.
<b>Hatley Parish Council</b>	Tuesday 28 April Tuesday 19 May	Hatley Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm in Hatley Village Hall. Hatley Parish Council Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm in Hatley Village Hall. Contact the Clerk Kim Wilde on 650 596 or email <a href="mailto:parishclerk@hatley.info">parishclerk@hatley.info</a> .
<b>History Society</b>	Monday 6 April Monday 11 May	Liz Carter – The Parish Pauper Martin Davies – Gransden Windmill and other local windmills, their history, restoration and future Monthly meetings, usually Mondays, at 7pm at the Kier Suite in the Eco Hub. – Non-members welcome
<b>Housing, Police and Councillor Surgery</b>	Monday 6 April	9.30 to 10am on the first Monday of the month at the Eco Hub.
<b>Photographic Society</b>	Friday 24 April Friday 1 May	The 2019/2020 Trophy presentation and AGM starts at 7.30pm at the Avenells Way Communal Hall. This is the last evening of the current season with a Lecture evening with Hemant Jariwala, details yet to be confirmed. For details of forthcoming events please see our website <a href="http://www.gamlingay-ps.org.uk">www.gamlingay-ps.org.uk</a> or email Jackie on <a href="mailto:nickbruce7@btinternet.com">nickbruce7@btinternet.com</a> or phone Nick or Jackie on 01767-651 025.
<b>Potton and District Writers</b>	Tuesday 21 April	Meetings held on the third Tuesday of every month. Please contact <a href="mailto:pottonwriters@gmail.com">pottonwriters@gmail.com</a> for full details.
<b>Potton Ladies Club</b>	Tuesday 7 April Tuesday 12 May	Meeting held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Mill Lane Pavillion, Mill Lane Potton. Email Sarah Burgoine at <a href="mailto:sarahjburgoine@gmail.com">sarahjburgoine@gmail.com</a> or call 631 415.
<b>Social Club</b>		Quiz and pool nights, live bands and Friday night bingo. 16 Waresley Road, Gamlingay
<b>Soup Lunches</b>	Wednesday 22 April	12.30pm start every fourth Wednesday of the month at St. Mary's Church Hall
<b>St. Mary's Choir</b>	Thursdays	6.30pm for choir practice at St. Mary's, Gamlingay. Open to all interested singers
<b>The Gazette</b>	Monday 30 April	Deadline for all May issue copy and adverts.
<b>The Wheatsheaf</b>	Thursday 2 April	Charity Quiz Nights at 8pm every other Monday..
<b>Total Wellness Workout</b>	Fridays	09.30 to 10.30am at the Church Hall. £6.00 per class. Bring some water and an exercise mat or towel for floor work.
<b>Womens Institute</b>	Tuesday 21 April	Meetings held between 7.30 to 10pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Keir Suite at the Gamlingay Eco Hub. Speaker Kay Rooney on Acupuncture.
<b>Youth Café and Club</b>	Thursdays	5.15 to 9pm. Year 4+ Cafe. Year 8+ Club

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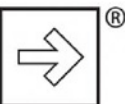


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