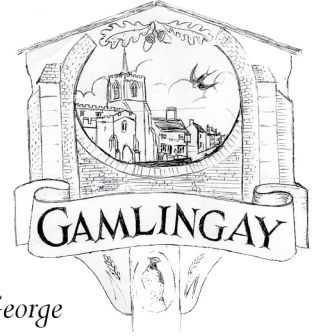


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Gamlingay in Crisis!



We used to talk about Global Warming, then Climate Change. Later, as it became apparent to virtually all climatologists and other genuine experts that a real threat of our own making is looming over our world, we started to recognise it for what it is, The Climate Crisis. If the world is in Crisis then that means we, in Gamlingay, need to believe WE are in crisis.

The pattern of weather extremes is set to get worse: wetter, drier, windier, hotter, colder and so on, posing an existential threat to life on Earth. At what point in the future will our environment reject us? When will we experience sufficient crop failures (and population growth) to make feeding us all an impossibility? When will mass migrations as people flee firstly from equatorial regions, then from other hot spots (wet spots, dry spots) impact us sufficiently to take action? Protecting borders won't solve the root cause as people try to escape unbearable conditions.

These days few of us truly think humankind will get away unpunished, but most of us cope with the problem by pretending it isn't an imminent threat, it'll happen

sometime "in the future". But in climate matters such is the time lag between action and impact that we can only survive if we accept that the future is now ...

Happily we are now hearing less frequently the spurious argument that it is all just a part of the global pattern that has existed ever since the world developed an atmosphere. The answer is that yes, there has always been an underlying current of climate change, but that has taken place over millions of years, and is continuing. What we are currently suffering from is man made and has been growing since the industrial revolution and needs man made action to try to mitigate the worst effects.

Gamlingay has been active in the area of local climate change action for the past sixteen years, the article on page 19 brings you up to date on the story so far.

There are really just two simple questions we must all answer, however, the answers may be complex: how much do you care about the continuity of (your family's) Life on Earth, and what are you going to do about it?

Keith Warburton

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The *Gazette* team would love to be able to bring you a printed colour issue every month, especially when we have lots of colour images to share. Unfortunately, we can't afford to do that. But a colour version of the *Gazette* is available for you to download from www.gamlingaygazette.uk

Announcements and notices

From the editor

I make no apology for letting the uncomfortable reality of the world intrude upon this month's front page, but the Climate Crisis does inescapably impact us all, sometimes in unexpected ways.

Let's look at one "popular" example, potholes. Any driver or cyclist will tell you that potholes are a really big problem these days. Notwithstanding who pays for what, and the priorities set by our elected representatives, a key cause for the rapid growth of potholes is the Climate Crisis. Specifically, the amount of rainfall we've been having.

A car tyre is designed to displace as much as 30 litres of water a second at 50 mph. That's a lot of water being moved at great speed! If the tyre goes over a small water-filled pothole the water is jetted out with great force, eroding the pothole even further, which is why small potholes quickly become larger during the wetter months. The more rain we have the worse the effect on our roads – and our vehicles.

The combined January and February rainfall for Cambridge over the ten years from 1961 averaged 7.6mm per annum. The average in the ten years to February 2024 was 104.8mm, an increase of 44%! It's no wonder farmers can't get onto their fields. We are all seeing climate issues in increased food prices.

One of the challenges we have is that we are aware of our own insignificance "I'm only small and the problem is huge." But we can all do a bit, and all doing a bit adds up to a lot. Find out more about what you can do locally on page 19.

Additional editors

As Catherine mentioned last month we'd love some more people to join the *Gazette* team. Contact us on editor@gamlingaygazette.uk to learn how we put together "one of the best community newsletters in the country"* and how you can help. We're happy to show you what we do and how we do it, and you can work alongside one or other of us ... we won't fling you in the the deep end!

**Note: In the editor's opinion.*

Announcements

The *Gazette* will share announcements of arrivals and departures. Please send your notices, of no more than 50 words, to: editor@gamlingaygazette.uk

Gazette submissions

We welcome your stories and news and look forward to seeing them. We ask that you do not try to lay them out for us – it can get messy!

Simply write what you want to say in either plain text or some form of standard document format, and supply any images as separate files (making sure, of course, that you have permission from the person who took the photo and anyone who appears in it in clearly recognisable form). We will then juggle things about to get the best possible fit.

Thank you, and please keep them coming!

Get your group in the Gazette

We'd love to run more articles on local groups – please do tell us what you've been doing!

We send out a monthly call for content to representatives from groups and organisations.

Can you help provide a home for some Swifts?



Photos courtesy
Mark Fitzpatrick

In just a few weeks' time, the first Swifts will be returning to Gamlingay and Hatley from Africa. They left here at the end of the summer and have been on the wing constantly since then. In fact, the only time they land is when they enter a nest site to breed.

The Gamlingay and Hatley Swift Project has put up a number of nest boxes around the villages, as there is a shortage of their usual sites. The nestboxes are usually installed high on a wall, under the eaves, allowing the Swifts to approach and leave the site safely.

If you have somewhere that looks suitable and would like a nestbox or two, please contact Mark Fitzpatrick. The aim is to get nestboxes up before the end of April. Mark can be contacted via email at mark.x.fitzpatrick@gmail.com or telephone 01234 357259.



No Sex from Gamlingay Players (They're British!)

On Friday 26th and Saturday 27th April at 19:30 Gamlingay Players present an amateur production of *No Sex Please – We're British!* by Anthony Marriott and Alistair Foot, presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

Peter and Frances, a young newly married couple live above the bank

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The matter is made more chaotic

by the presence of Peter's mother, his boss, a bank inspector, and a police inspector. Will the happy couple be able to dispose of the pornography without raising any eyebrows?

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Gamlingay ... a personal perspective

One of a series of features giving villagers of all ages a chance to share their views and experiences of Gamlingay

Name: Brian Culverhouse

Age: 75

Tell us a bit about yourself:

I was born in Islington and lived in a tenement block on Pancras Road, between Kings Cross and St Pancras stations. We were surrounded by bombed ruins, reminding us of the second world war. Later, we moved from the smog of Kings Cross to Highgate Village and then on to Regents Park. We lived very close to John Profumo, whose affair with Christine Keeler rocked the government in the sixties.

At the age of eight, I was unfortunate to be knocked down by a car: I hit the bumper and went over the roof, landing on the road behind. That put me in hospital for three months, with a further three months building the leg.

Moving on quickly, I eventually left home, got married and had twin boys. First we lived in Romford (in Essex), then in Southend. My company then purchased a company in London Road, Biggleswade, which led to our arrival in Gamlingay. This was in the winter of 1981. When I arrived with my partner Alex and the boys, Alistair and Mark, the village was covered in snow. First we lived in Almond Drive on Green Acres, before moving on to Birchmead and then ending up in Fairfield.

Although I'm retired now, when I arrived back in 1981 I worked in London as a group finance director based in the Barbican, City of London. In those days you had to multi-task so, with my interest in buildings, I was asked to take on the role of Project Manager on a redevelopment project in Covent Garden in addition to my accountancy responsibilities. This project achieved a Civic Trust Award, awarded by HRH Prince Charles.

By now our family had grown, with the arrival of another son, Paul, and a daughter, Jenna. Being so busy at this point of my life, the last thing I wanted was to be asked to run the cubs football team. At the time, this



*Brian Culverhouse...
Mr. Gamlingay Football and more.*

was the only avenue open to the boys wanting to play football: Alistair our eldest came home from cubs one evening and told me the team was going to fold as the manager was leaving. Little did I realise that, by agreeing to run the football team, I was also volunteering myself to dig the foundations for the new scout hut and help with the internal fit out as well as many fund raising projects.

36 years on, I'm still involved with football: I've taught hundreds of children over the years – but these days we have 25 coaches, nine teams, two junior groups and two senior teams involving more than two hundred players and coaches. Girls are now able to play alongside boys, which would never have even been considered when I started in colts football. We now have mini-soccer for small-sided games. In addition, coaches have to hold a string of qualifications before they can run a team.

In addition to the football club, I agreed back in 2007 to take on the role of club secretary for the village bowls club – a position I still hold today. I'm also the team captain for two of the three teams. Bowls is a great sport for all ages, male and female. It improves one's health and wellbeing and it's a shame more people don't get involved. The season is very short – only four

months (May through to August) when the weather is good.

On the family front, all my children have moved on and have children of their own: my eldest grandchild is now 18, and the youngest is 18 months. I'm now supported by my partner Susan, who is there for life's ups and downs.

What do you like about Gamlingay?

Its history – for example, the football club: did you know it goes back to 1902? I also like Gamlingay for its characters – the good, the bad, and the indifferent.

Is there anything you would change about the village?

Yes! The village needs a one-way system around Mill Street, Church Street and Stocks Lane.

What is your favourite place in Gamlingay, and why?

I like the bowls green, because bowling is something I do for me.

What is your least favourite place in Gamlingay, and why?

The area between the bowls club and the BMX track. It's a total waste of space, housing rabbits that destroy the land. Rabbits are designated a rural pest and the ones we have there are definitely not the animal one buys from the pet shop.

Can you tell us a story about the village or something that happened here?

When we moved into the village all those years ago, Green Acres housed many American servicemen who were stationed at Chicksands. These guys were party animals: every weekend was garden party weekend, with Almond Drive and Birchmead being the centre of activities.

Is there anything else you'd like to share?

We need to use all the facilities within the village, because if we don't, we will lose them.

If you'd like to volunteer to be featured in a future issue, please email editor@gamlingaygazette.uk. You can be interviewed in person, by phone or send your thoughts by email in your own time.



Gamlingay United Football Club

Latest results

U6s



Gamlingay under 6s before their first match.

U7s

- 20/01 vs Newmarket (away)
Lost 9-3
Goals: George, Frankie, Reuben
POM: Elsie
- 27/01 Haverhill Rovers (home)
Lost 2-6
Goals: Reuben, George
POM: Mason
- 10/02 vs Fulbourn Institute (away)
Won 2-5
Goals: Reuben, George 3, Mason
POM: Reuben

U8s



- 27/01 vs Trumpington (away)
Drew 2-2
Goals: Ellis, Bobby
POM: whole team
- 03/02 vs Shelford & Stapleford (home)
Won 3-1
Goals: Bobby, Teddy, OG
POM: Nate

U9s

- 27/01 vs Cambourne Lions (away)
Won 1-5
Goals: Sam 3, Ezra, Oscar
POM: Sam
- 03/02 vs Newmarket (home)
Lost 1-4
Goals: Oscar, Ezra, Zac
POM: Theo W, Henry
- 10/02 vs Whittlesford (away)
Won 2-3
Goals: Sam 2, Zac
POM: Dominic
- 17/02 vs Gransden (home)
Won: 4-2 win
Goals: Sam 2, Zac, Oscar
POM: Theo P

U10s

- 03/02 vs Swavesey (home)
Lost 3-0
POM: Esme
- 10/02 vs Waterbeach (home)
Won 1-0
Goals: OG
POM: Esme
- 10/02 vs Gransden (home)
Won 2-1
Goals: Harry, Thomas
POM: Logan

Great that the team now have some well earned wins following fantastic effort and determination from everyone through the season so far. Looking forward to the remaining matches!

U13s



- 27/01 vs Histon Hornets (away).
Cup quarter final
Lost 5-2
Goals: Zach 2
POM: Billy
- 10/02 vs Priory Parkside (home)
Won 4-2
Goals: Freddie, Jake, Zach
POM: Archie
- 17/02 vs Wilburton (away)
Lost 4-1
Goals: Zach
POM: Larry

Despite a couple of defeats the team is still doing well, sitting second in league, but there's a couple of tough games on the horizon...

U15s



- 27/01 vs Huntingdon Rowdies (Home)
Won 2-1
Goals: Rory, Ollie T
POM: Sawyer
- 03/02 vs Histon (home)
Won 6-0
Goals: G Monk 2, Alfie, Bay, Elliot, Ollie T
POM: Ollie C
- 10/02 vs Coton (Away)
Won 0-2
Goals: Elliot, Alfie
POM: Reham

The Under 15s sit top of the top division at their respective age group after 9 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss from their first 11 matches.

It's been a fantastic first half of the season for this great group of lads, however with tough trips to Huntingdon Rowdies and Exning to come, it's all to play for in the Villa division.

Seniors

- 25/11 vs Tuddenham (away)
Drew 1-1
Goals: Stag
- 03/02 vs Sawston (away)
Drew 0-0
Goals: Stag
- 03/02 vs Ashdon Utd. (away)
Cup quarter final
Won 2-1
Goals: Walford, Thomas
- 10/02 vs Milton (away)
Lost 2-1
Goals: Stag
- 17/02 vs Litlington (away)
Lost 1-0

The seniors currently have two semi finals booked, and sit fifth in the league albeit with games in hand on three of the four teams above, so very much still in the promotion hunt.

The semi-finals are:

Peter Dean Memorial Cup vs Ickwell Old Warden. Wednesday 20th March kick off 7.30pm at Biggleswade United.

Camb Junior Cup vs Sawston. Saturday 6th April 3.00pm at Gamlingay Eco Hub.

Vets

- 21/01 vs Isleham United (home)
Won 6-2
Goals: McGhee 2, Colm 2, Worboys, Desie
- 28/01 vs Soham (away)
Lost 5-1
Goals: Jim

Currently sat mid table, playing well but not always getting the results we deserve!

By the time of print, the vets will also have played a semi final vs Ely, away on 03/03.

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News from the Churches

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Message for April

“If the devil cannot make us bad, he will make us busy.”

Corrie Ten Boom

More and more I notice that part of our daily greeting with one another, includes busyness. “Hey mate, how are you? – Yeah, good, BUSY!” And this doesn’t seem to be any different from person to person, or job to job, or generation to generation. Whether it be my teacher friends, builder friends, retired friends, CEO friends, stay-at-home parents, or anyone in between, busyness seems to be a constant. I am definitely guilty of providing this answer. Repeatedly. And the response we often give back, is, ‘helps me stay out of trouble’. The implication being, if we aren’t busy we are getting ourselves into trouble in some way or another. Really? Are those our only two options?

Don’t get me wrong, there is some truth to that, for sure. And there is a reality, that some times our busyness is a good thing. I for one, struggle with not having *something* to do, and genuinely enjoy *doing* things.

HOWEVER...there is a line. A very thin line perhaps, but a line nonetheless. For all of us it is in a different place, but rest is so important too. Stopping, taking stock, refreshing. Are you good at stopping? Are you good at taking stock of life and all that is happening around you? Some of you may well be thinking, Adrian, you are the pot calling the kettle black... and you’d be right... this is something I find difficult at times. However, I am very blessed to have many around me who remind me and encourage me to stop, take time off, and rest. In fact, as you are reading this, I am officially on Sabbatical for three months (April to June) and will be taking time to rest (as well as to finish my masters

dissertation, but that is a separate issue haha). I know not everyone is fortunate enough to be able to take a sabbatical, so I am definitely not taking it for granted.

That word, sabbatical, has at its root the word sabbath which is very much a biblical principal of rest. As Christians we see and believe, that from the very beginning of creation, rest was part of it. God made everything in six days and on the seventh rested. Sabbath rest was not only intended from the beginning but taught throughout history. Repeatedly in the bible we see encouragement to rest, and reminders that God is with us as we rest. From

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incorporated more rest
into our lives?*

the Psalms where we see we are led to lay down by still waters, Exodus where we are instructed to keep the sabbath, through to accounts of Jesus encouraging that all who are weary would go to him and he would give them rest.

Some of you reading this, may not believe what I do in terms of the bible and God, however, you may agree that rest is important. I wonder what it may look like if we all incorporated more rest into our lives? What might the effects be on our emotional, physical, spiritual and mental health? What difference might it make to how we interact with one another as society and community? Could rest be an overall gamechanger for us? I guess we will never fully know, without at least trying? I wonder if you might be

able to work in some more rest to your routine?

As I mentioned before, I will be going on Sabbatical, and will be trying to do just this, rest. Again, I don’t take for granted that I get this and know it’s not the case for all. Some of you may be thinking, practically, what does this mean for GBC, the Backroom cafe, our involvement in the Gamlingay Food Project. To that I say, do not worry, as there is a phenomenal team that have always been involved, and will be covering some of the bits that I would normally have been doing, so everything should be ‘business as usual’. With that, please don’t ever hesitate to get in touch with the team if you need anything: office@gbchurch.org.uk

For now, as I attempt to rest (and study) I want to encourage you to do the same, and invite you to perhaps come for a coffee and cake at the cafe or come check out a service on a Sunday, or simply pop by and say hi in some way.

The next few months, you’ll be hearing from Mike Roberts, one of our leadership team members, who will be writing for the *Gazette* as well as a few other bits you might hear me on as well. Until I am back in July, stay blessed.

Many blessings,
Rev Adrian Semerene

Lead Pastor

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GBC Diary April

Sunday Services

Hymnal Praise at 9.30am

Worship Service at 10.45am

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Services are live-streamed on www.gbchurch.org.uk/latest-talks

GBC kids and youth groups

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21st April

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The Backroom Café

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The Gamlingay Community Turbine Tithe Fund has very generously agreed to donate a can for every can you donate – so if you donate two cans, it will grow into four! Donations can be left at the Co-op, the Need Hub (9.00am to 12.00noon, Monday to Friday), St Mary's Church or the Baptist Church. Thank you so much.



News from the Churches

Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin

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St. Mary's Letter for April

Dear Friends,

An early Easter this year falls in the change-over from March to April, well into meteorological Spring. The weather having been so up and down temperature-wise who knows what it will be like by the time you read this – but to time of writing it has been very wet!

We are experiencing very much what was being predicted 30 years ago as global warming was becoming recognised as a real phenomenon which would have significance for humanity into the future. Human nature has not shown itself at its best as the science was challenged and rubbished for financial and political reasons, and even where and when accepted, action has been generally ineffectual as nations jostle for advantage rather than agreeing on the common good. But there is hope, for human nature is also at work in finding solutions and seeking to make them stick.

During Lent, leading to Easter, some of St Mary's people have been looking at 'Being Human' (title of the book by Jo Frost and Peter Lynas) using the viewpoint of the Biblical understanding of humanity, particularly in the light of who Jesus is and what he shows us, to look at who we are. The book examines and critiques the western culture of today and its assumptions and attitudes, reflecting on how Christians can live authentically to offer answers to the problems of today.

The great Easter feast, central to Christian faith, begins a season of celebration from Easter to Ascension in which Christians are invited to receive and celebrate an historical event which shapes history and has significance for all time and in eternity. Faith, hope and love, these three things, as St Paul says, are what lasts, love being the greatest. If Love came to earth at Christmas, Easter is the moment

in time when love's work, apparently ending at Good Friday's crucifixion, is finally revealed. Love conquers death not by resuscitation (bring back an old life) but by resurrection – arising to new life. The resurrection of Jesus Christ shows that death is not the end of human life even when it is the end of the life of the bodies we are born with.

The wonder and mystery of the resurrection of Jesus cannot be reduced to simple equations and explanations. Like the holocaust, it is a fact which can be denied by those who choose to ignore evidence but for which there is a good deal of real evidence – that something happened around the death of a man called Jesus. Once believed, and then experienced, that fact is life-changing and life-enhancing. Christians who believe intellectually are called to live the truth visibly, not by pretending but by risking.

As a child I struggled to learn to swim, and I can clearly remember pretending I was swimming by finding water just deep enough to keep one toe on the bottom of the pool, hopping along while moving my arms and splashing with the leg I wasn't using to keep me up. I don't know that it fooled anyone, certainly not me, it wasn't much use when I was out of my depth. I eventually had to trust the water to hold me (which it did much less comfortably than a toe on the bottom!) at which point, once I'd accepted that I couldn't stay above the water level with all my face all the time, I was able to really swim, and move into water I could not stand in. I often think the Christian life is like that. While we stay in the supposedly safe water within our depth, where we do not put our trust fully in Jesus as Lord and Saviour, we are seriously missing out on the adventure that is learning to live out fully the humanity we have been born into. We all know human

beings are capable of great good and great evil, sometimes the same person can be both. As I seek to live authentically myself, I pray that more may find the Way the Truth and the Life that Jesus is, and be set free to be their best selves and do the great good we are all capable of.

If you want to talk about this, Adrian or I would love to hear from you.

Thy Kingdom Come 2024: 9th May (Ascension Day) – 19th May (Pentecost)

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions – so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church is encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. What an amazing movement to be part of!

Find resources at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Gamlingay Food Project News

As a partner in this project I am proud to announce a change in the hours in which the Community Fridge is accessible at the Almshouse Chapel. This is in response to suggestions from villagers on social media, as we seek to serve our aims to the best of our abilities.

The Community Fridge element of the project aims to reduce food waste,

seeing food that would otherwise have gone to landfill being used by anyone who can make use of it. This sits beside the Need Project Hub which provides food for those in need. Where those two aims overlap, that is all the better, but the Community Fridge can, and does, take any surplus to be used by anyone. To that end we are opening on Monday afternoon instead of morning, to enable visits from those who can't be there in the mornings.

This new schedule begins on Monday 8th April.

Mondays	2.30pm to 4.30pm
Tuesdays	10am to 12 noon
Wednesdays	10am to 12 noon
Thursdays	10am to 12 noon
Fridays	10am to 12 noon
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Services for April

Sunday and Festival services

Thursday 28th March: Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Maundy Eucharist with foot washing and reserve sacrament
Gamlingay St Mary's

Friday 29th March: Good Friday

9.30am Good Friday reflections available in all three churches

11.15am to 2.00pm Good Friday watch service

3.00pm Eucharist from reserve sacrament at Everton

Saturday 30th March: Holy Saturday

7.30pm TBC: Vigil service and Service of Light at Gamlingay

Sunday 31st March: Easter Day

8.00am Easter Communion at Hatley St. George

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Easter Day services will include an egg hunt afterwards

Sunday 7th April: Easter 2 (First Sunday after Easter)

9.30am All Age Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 14th April: Easter 3 (Second Sunday after Easter)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 29th April: Easter 4 (Third Sunday after Easter)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing

4.00pm Evensong at Everton

Sunday 29th April: Easter 5 (Fourth Sunday after Easter)

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Active Ageing Pilates

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Active Ageing Pilates is for all levels of abilities whether you are new to the exercise, returning after a long break or never exercised before.

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There will also be exercises to help improve total body strength, coordination and balance that we lose with age.

Classes run every Tuesday 12.10pm to 1.05pm.

Kamni also runs classes in mat



Active Ageing Pilates in the Eco Hub Kingspan Hall.

pilates and chair pilates.

For more details email Kamni Brown: kamni@plentytraining.co.uk or phone 07876 500 543.

Easter dance workshops

The Alice Lucas School of Dance will be holding a young person's dance workshop here on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th April, celebrating the film Trolls.

To find out more, or to book please email: alice@thebarre.com

There will also be an adult Ceroc dance workshop on Sunday 14th April – contact the Eco hub management for more information.

Come and make a bird box

Make and decorate a bird box with Becca Badger of the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants.

Becca will be at the Hub on Thursday 4th April from 1.30pm to 3.30pm to show you how to make a bird box.

Booking is essential, please visit: wildlifebcn.org/events.

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Family activities: Easter 2024 West Cambs 100s

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Cambourne

- Most suitable for ages 7-11, younger & older children will also enjoy them
- 25 Wildlife Trust Badger members @ 250 non-members*

Outdoor games Wed 3rd April, 10-12ish
We'll explore Cambourne Nature Reserve and play some silly games inspired by nature along the way. We might create a natural obstacle course, do a special treasure hunt, or pretend to be a hungry predator...

Family wild play Wed 10th April, 10-12ish
A chance to play together with other families in the woods with a selection of ideas and resources to choose from. We might build a shelter, hunt for bugs, or try to create natural art, or climb a tree.

Gamlingay

Birdbox making Thurs 4th April, 1.30-3.30

- Build and decorate a bird box at Gamlingay Eco-Hub
- For ages 7+
- £10 Wildlife Trust BCN members, £15 non-members*

*limited early-bird tickets are available

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What's on at the Eco Hub: Events in April

Mondays

Zumba Gold

10.00am to 10.45am

Kingfisher Disability Group

10.00am to 3.00pm

Fitness Pilates

11.00am to 11.45am

Movement for Memory

1.00pm to 2.30pm

Street Dance & Freestyle Disco

5.00pm to 6.50pm (*term time only*)

Slimming World

5.30pm to 7.00pm

Rainbow Guides

6.00pm to 7.00pm (*term time only*)

Circuits

7.00pm to 8.00pm

Tuesdays

Mat Pilates

10.00am to 10.55am

Chair Pilates

11.05am to 12.00noon

Active Ageing Pilates

12.05pm to 1.00pm

Carpet Bowls

2.00pm to 4.00pm

Yoga

7.15pm to 8.15pm

Wednesdays

Fitness to Prevent Injury

9.30am to 10.30am

Kingfisher Disability Group

10.00am to 3.00pm

Love Art Community Art Group

10.30am to 12.30pm

Puppy Training

6.00pm to 8.30pm

Thursdays

Tai Chi

9.30am to 10.30am

Cha Char Chimps Children's Fun Session

10.00am to 11.00am

Crafty Ladies Craft Group

(*Gentlemen welcome too!*)

10.00am to 12.00noon

Cha Char Baby Chimps Session

(*For newborns and non-walking babies*)

11.30am to 12.15pm

Over 60s Fitness

2.00pm to 3.00pm

New Age Kurling

2.00pm to 3.00pm

Alice Lucas School of Dance

4.30pm to 7.45pm (*term time only*)

Youth Café

5.30pm to 7.00pm (*term time only*)

Fridays

Kingfisher Disability Group

10.00am to 3.00pm

Connect Café Community

Coffee Morning

10.30am to 12.30pm

Sundays

Little Rugger

8.00am to 12.15pm (*term time only*)

Fortnightly/monthly events

For Men to Talk

First Tuesday of the month
6.00pm to 8.00pm

Library Lego Club

first and third Saturdays of the
month, 10.00am to 12.00noon

Memory Lane Group

For people living with dementia and
memory loss and their companions.
Fourth Tuesday of the month
2.00pm to 4.00pm

One-off events in April

Repair Cafe

Sunday 7th April, 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Alice Lucas School of Dance

Spring workshop

Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th
April, 9.30am to 3.30pm

Ceroc Dance Workshop

Sunday 14th April
11.00am to 3.00pm

Blood Donation

Friday 19th April
1.00pm to 7.30pm

Gamlingay Players Spring Production

Friday 26th and Saturday 27th April
at 7.00pm

News from the Gamlingay Community Managed Library

New local history books

Local historian James Brown has very kindly donated to the library copies of his two latest books, which are histories of notable Gamlingay residents.

Brief Life is the tragic tale of Dr. Herbert Kingsley Hunter, who had a practice in Gamlingay in 1893 until his health gave way after his prosecution by a jealous rival.

Up She Goes! tells the story of Winifred Crossley, pioneer air-woman and Gamlingay resident, whose life changed forever after she took a joyride at an air display. She decided to learn to fly, which led to a remarkable twelve-year flying career.

Copies of these, and James Brown's other local history books, are available at the library.



Lego Club

Lego club continues to run every first and third Saturdays of the month 10.00am to 12noon.

Come along for creative building fun – free, all welcome.

Opening Hours

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Wednesdays: 2.00pm to 4.00pm and 6.00pm to 7.00pm

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Millbridge Brook Meadows ...tenth anniversary celebrations

Includes a foray to find Lost Words

Gamlingay's Millbridge Brook Meadows, opened in 2014, will hit double figures in May. This is your invitation to celebrate this big birthday for our community green space with events on the tenth anniversary itself, and throughout May.

A decade to the day after South Cambridgeshire MP Andrew Lansley cut the ribbon, a month of activities organised by Gamlingay Parish Council, with the considerable help of volunteers (especially Gwyn Williams and Emma Leaf-Grimshaw), will begin on **Sunday, 5th May**.

There will be a chance to get a close-up view of birds of prey from



the English School of Falconry near Bedford (with two flying displays during the day), as well as the launch of a photographic, art and map exhibition about the Meadows, past and present, in the Eco Hub. Pupils from Gamlingay Village Primary will bury a time capsule showing future generations what their life was like in the 2020s, and fresh new signage will be in place to provide more information about trees, plants and animals in the Meadows. Bring a picnic, join in the celebrations and find out more.

On **Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May**, there will be a walk for adults and older teenagers through the Meadows run by the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants, with the focus on identifying common features including trees, wildflowers, and birds. The Wildlife Trust will run a half-term outdoor adventure for families with primary age children on **Thursday, 30th May**. They might do a photo treasure hunt, create some natural art, create and race a mini-raft, or hunt for bugs.

In the **last two weeks of May**, students from GVP will be visiting the Meadows to take part in a nature trail that will be open to all. This will take you on a choice of a short or longer


*Barn owl and Falcon flying display.
Photos credit: English School of Falconry*

route to discover the "Lost Words" – descriptive language about nature that is falling into disuse in the 21st century – and the wildlife of the Meadows. Maps for the trail will be available, free from The Eco Hub.

On **Saturday, 18th May**, the focus will switch to one of the Meadows' neighbours, the nearby Community Turbine, with two free guided visits.

Check out the Parish Council and Friends of Millbridge Facebook pages for more information about these events and further updates. Tickets for the Wildlife Trust activities can be booked at www.wildlifebcn.org/events (search for Gamlingay).





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Gamlingay's Neighbourhood Plan ...a year on

It's over a year since Gamlingay residents voted to adopt the new Neighbourhood Plan, and we'd like to share the positive impact this plan is already having in shaping future development within the parish.

The vision set out in the plan is for Gamlingay 'to continue to be a thriving and sustainable community and an attractive, friendly and safe place to live and work'. One of our defining characteristics is that we are a radial village – we have a central village core with satellite hamlets and easy access to the open countryside.

The vision is underpinned by six objectives and ten planning policies which set out what developers and planning officers should consider when determining if a planning application is appropriate for our village. This includes ensuring new housing meets local need, and that development proposals seek to maintain the integrity of our landscape setting as well as reflect the strong character of our built heritage.

Over the past year, the Neighbourhood Plan has been referenced in a number of decisions on applications by South Cambridgeshire District Council, the Statutory Planning Authority, as well as by the Planning Inspectorate when an application has gone to appeal.

Policy GAM3 in the plan is a key policy which aims to protect the open countryside and landscape setting of the village. This policy has been referenced on numerous occasions and has been instrumental in refusing planning permission for three separate applications for self-build houses in different locations in the village, including: Cinques Road 20/01778/FUL; Heath Road 22/03548/OUT; and 'The Lupin Field' 23/05405/FUL.

Policies GAM7&8 aim to improve how we get about within the parish with contributions requested from

developers to support enhanced footway/cycleway networks. Our first contribution for an application on Church Street (22/05174/FUL) has now been transferred to the Parish Council and will be put towards footpath improvements.

There is an employment policy (GAM4) to support existing businesses and ensure retention of local jobs. And for one application at a business premises at HPI Helicopters off Heath Road (23/0252/FUL), we successfully requested a condition to provide an electric charging point for business use.

In addition, our policy to protect and enhance the natural environment and biodiversity of the parish (GAM9) was referenced in the refusal for the Lupin Field application as well as for a newbuild property in the open countryside (22/04352/FUL).

So, in the first year, we are already seeing how our Neighbourhood Plan is being used to shape and inform development in the village. The Parish Council receives regular updates on the plan and formally reviews its progress on an annual basis.

If you'd like to find out more about the plan, you can download it from the South Cambridgeshire District Council website: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/gamlingay-neighbourhood-plan/>

If you'd like to understand how the plan was created, please see: <https://gamlingay-future.uk/>

Interested in planning matters in the village? The Parish Council welcomes any residents who would be interested in joining the council and our planning committee. Please contact the clerks for further information: clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk

*Samantha Martin
Chair, Gamlingay Parish Council
February 2024*



Memorials needing attention

Could the families responsible for the following memorials in Stocks Lane cemetery please get in touch with the Parish Council.

If we are unable to contact the families, we may need to lay the memorials flat on the grave for safety reasons. Many thanks.

John Colson (rest of inscription worn away)

Elizabeth Phillips died 22.11.1925

Charles Meeks died 7.4.1925

Mary Ann Sarll died 30.11.1909 and John Sarll died 10.9.1917

James and Lousia Turrell died 18.10.27

Frederick and Ellen Watson died 26.1.1919

Edgar James Dew died 19.1.1913

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Historyman

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The Women's Institute

When Gamlingay Women's Institute was formed on the 17th March 1921 it had the magnificent total of 122 members. Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis of Merton Grange was the president from 1921-1948 and meetings were held initially in the parish room. The Ellis family kindly donated the land on Waresley Road where the Women's Institute Hall was built.

Over time there were many alterations, internally and externally, and at least two extensions. One to the side was funded by Mrs. Ellis and one to the rear funded by the WI. At the early meetings members even had to bring their own chairs! It was always the Ellis' family wish that their contribution of land and finance should be for the benefit of the village as a whole and should continue always to be so. This requirement was set out in the original deeds and was a responsibility laid on the trustees.



Pic 3: WI members plant an oak tree for Silver Jubilee on 6th May 1965 near the WI Hall.



Pic 1: Women's Institute members worked hard to raise funds to construct the hall. The building was completed in November 1926 and the WI met there until its closure. The Women's Institute would also go out on outings as this early trip out shows. c1920.

L to R: Mr Watson, Mrs Watson, ?, Susan Cade, ?, ?, Hubert Arnold, Anne Jakes, Clara Bird, Miss Haddelsy, Mrs Eben Cade, Mr Eben Cade, Miss Phillips, Mrs Madge Empson, Mrs Piper.



Pic 4: To raise funds for the up-keep of the hall the WI would hire it out for many occasions including this one, the Gamlingay Baby Clinic. Here we see Ann Tassel with her children, Evelyn and David, Win Brown with Mary, Olive Housden with Diane, ?, Rose Careless with Terry, Violet Whitbread with Jackie, Elsie Hutchinson with Pat and Connie Gray serving tea, among others.



Pic 2: A meeting of The Women's Institute. c1920s.
Back L to R: Marie Titmus, Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Souter, Mrs Darlow, Molly Jones, Joyce Hughes, J Rainsford, Miriam Harris.
Middle: Martha Cooper, Addie Cooper, Fanny Cade, Dorothy Orlibar, Win Brown, Evelyn Tassell, Mrs Street, Unknown, Nell Croot, Mrs Ward, Mrs Darts, Mrs Bruntlett.
Front: Connie Saunders, Mrs Minnie, Mrs Worboys, Mrs Saunders, Sue Cade, Tilly Housden, Miss Phillips, Mrs Ives, Mrs Dickerson.



Pic 5: Fancy Dress Fete at Merton Grange in 1926 in Celebration of the opening of The Women's Institute.
L to R: Henry Hill, Mrs G Hill, Agnes Rainsford, Mrs Housden, Mrs Leonard, Mrs Hinch, Mrs Rainsford, Mrs Jakes, Mrs Turrell, Mrs Peacock, Mrs Pledger, Mrs Gore, Mrs Sharp, Mrs Gray, Mr Deighton, Miss Phillips, Mrs Ellis, Mr Humphreys.



Pic 6: The annual Fancy Dress Fete at Merton Grange in 1932. *L to R:* J Bruntlet, C Saunders, M Cooper, B Rainsford.



Pic 7: The WI Garden Party at Merton Grange in 1931. Mrs Cade with Phyllis and Betty Cade.



Pics 8: A WI Meeting from 1962. *Back L to R:* Mrs Cooper, Mrs Peters, Florence Jakins, Mrs Cole, Mrs Lowings, Mrs Ives, Mrs Jakes, Mrs Swannell. *Front:* Connie Saunders, Nora Daisley, Doll Ridgley, Mrs Tydeman, Mrs Norman.



Pic 9: Gamlingay WI regularly went on trips and here we see them on a trip to Ickwell Bury for a picnic on 14th August 1934.



Pic 10: There were many meetings, sales, parties and celebrations held at the Women's Institute Hall over the years with this being just one. This is the hall set up for Jubilee Tea on 6th May 1935 with Mrs W Worboys and Elizabeth Ellis on standby. Over the years there were birthday parties, wedding receptions, discos, band practice, jumble sales, Parish Council meetings, pre-schools and many more. Many memories remain even after the hall was demolished, but the Women's Institute carries on, meeting now at the Eco Hub.

Gamlingay WI membership

Founded in 1921 Gamlingay WI welcomes new members, saying: "This is such a friendly village. Many new families are moving in which creates an opportunity for new members to join and keep our institution going. Age is not a problem, but we need women with different ideas to help reinvigorate and move us forward for another 100 years.

We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7:30pm to 9:30pm in The Kier Suite at the Eco Hub.

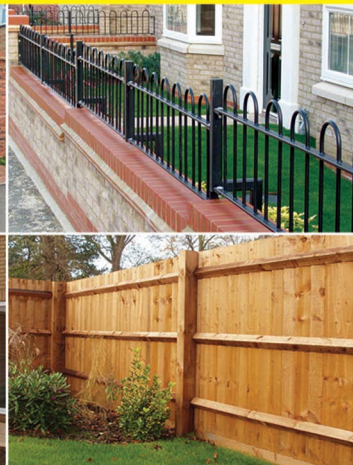
The WI is not just a coffee and tea club. We usually go out, monthly, to a different venue for lunch or a trip. We have had speakers in our meetings on such topics as Music through the Decades, Laughter in the Village, The History of Ballet, History of Bourn Windmill, Unseen Norway, Princess Diana, and many others."

Thank you to everyone who has either emailed or phoned me about the Historyman and saying how much they liked it.

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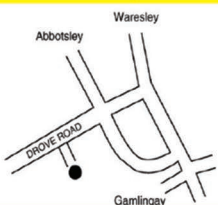
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We are a member of the East Anglian Croquet Federation.

Croquet is a friendly and competitive game, the basics of which are very easy to learn.

It is open to all and can be played at any age or level of ability.

We welcome beginners and casual players as well as enthusiasts who would like to take part in our future planned competitive matches.

Playing on a smooth Croquet lawn is a whole different experience to playing in your garden. It's a great way to make new friends or have fun with family or visitors.



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Climate action in Gamlingay is evolving

Village fighting climate change

Peter Condon brings us up to date

It was August 2008 when a flier came through my door announcing an open meeting to discuss climate change and environmental issues.

That meeting became the inaugural meeting of a group which went on to become the Gamlingay Environmental Action Group (GEAG). The aim of the group was to encourage thinking globally and locally about environmental issues and combatting climate change.

Professor Brycchan Carey and Sarah Sanders organised that first meeting. Their continued efforts included becoming involved in local green politics and leading the GEAG committee in its planned activities and events, attracting many from Gamlingay and the surrounding area.

We had a great knowledge bank of members including Mike Brettle, meteorologist and one of the people behind the Gamlingay wind turbine – and Gamlingay’s own Carbon Tsar, Chris Barker and John Mercer, whose enthusiasm, knowledge and skills ensured continuity and the active involvement of others. Other active committee members, responsible for various events and public meetings included Vicky Brettle, Steve Dickson, Jennifer Docherty, Emma Leaf-Grimshaw, Bridget Mappley and John Mossman. The committee was later joined by Dan Pullan who works for the RSPB, specialising in planning and nature protection, and later still by John Lanchbery, RSPB’s climate change advisor.

The committee scrutinised major local planning applications and submitted constructive comments to SCDC and appropriate authorities. It proactively encouraged better facilities for cyclists and walkers, and pressed bus companies to improve services. GEAG’s knowledge of local flora and fauna raised awareness of the beauty and joy of Gamlingay’s thriving biodiversity.

Some of GEAG’s memorable milestones included:

- public meetings at the Eco Hub, with expert guest speakers on a variety of topics including: wildlife in Cambridgeshire; a curlew recovery programme; EU environmental policy since 1973; shale gas exploration; COP meetings and agreements; sustainable energy in the countryside, focusing on Gamlingay’s notable achievements; environmentally themed film shows; authors talking about their books (Eve Carnall and Miranda Shaw, *Polluting change: the Buzz Tour – change the culture not the climate* and Derek Niemann, *Birds in a cage*).
- visits to places of environmental interest such as Amey’s (now Thalia’s) Waste Management Park in Waterbeach and, in 2011, the wind turbine at the Eco Tech Centre in Swaffham.
- annual bike rides to Wimpole Hall and back as part of National Bike Week;
- identifying where heat was escaping from residents’ properties using a thermal imaging camera borrowed

from SCDC. This sent out the message that energy conservation was a viable and financially worthwhile option.

- promoting a light bulb scrappage scheme. At the first of GEAG’s many appearances at Gamlingay Show, people brought old filament light bulbs to be scrapped – smashed with a hammer – and exchanged for low energy equivalent LED bulbs. Energy consumption meters (smart meters) were loaned out. Smart meters were new in those days and rather primitive compared to those around now.
 - two memorable projects in which GEAG played a pivotal role:
 - o **Annual Green Day events** – the first celebrated the opening of the Eco Hub in October 2012 and GEAG organised the second and third in October 2013 and 2014 respectively. Renewable energy consultants and businesses displayed and advised on energy saving ideas; tours were organised to the new Gamlingay Wind Turbine and the newly opened allotments; display boards showed the development of Millbridge Brook Meadows. Many other stalls, talks, workshops were held, with lots for kids to get involved in, including face painting, a craft corner and a treasure hunt. Emma Leaf-Grimshaw and John Mossman worked tirelessly in organising the Green Days. Without their combined commitment the events would not have been so successful. Scanning this QR code will take you to a YouTube video of the 2013 Green Day.
 - o **The Neighbourhood Plan** – GEAG was heavily involved in the project from its inception in 2015 through to its completion and subsequent adoption by SCDC in 2022. This involved huge commitment, resilience and hard work for all the committee members, and especially for Rachel Lee, who wrote the plan. Working with the Parish Council and other volunteers, Brycchan Carey and later Chris Barker led the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group’s subgroup on Environment, Ecology, Conservation and Heritage; Rachel Lee led the subgroup on Housing, Transport, Schools and Community Facilities; John Mercer and Gerry Burne played their part. This was a major project which remained ‘live’ and gathered momentum over several years with surveys, interviews, consultations and public meetings (including four organised by GEAG) which all helped to discover what local residents thought was important to include in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- In about November 2017, sadly the GEAG committee began to break up. Brycchan and Sarah, John and Anna, Chris and Julia, and Mike Brettle all moved away from Gamlingay to pursue ambitions further afield. Added to

There is still every reason for like-minded people to carry on thinking globally and acting locally.

that John Lanchbery died unexpectedly in 2018. All of this had a huge impact on GEAG's green footprint. The committee carried on for a number of years, with John Mercer, Dan Pullan then Mike Brettle as Acting Co-ordinators. The group became inactive after the 2018 bike ride, the last organised event

However sustainability, biodiversity, the consequences of climate change, and wider issues of environmentalism and social justice are these days ever present. There is still every reason for like-minded people to carry on thinking globally and acting locally. And that is exactly what occurred in Gamlingay. The catalysts for renewed local activism were the Climate Change Act, in June 2019, committing the UK government by law to reducing net greenhouse gas emissions, where we are taking out as much greenhouse gas from the atmosphere as we are producing, down to 1990 levels ("net zero") by 2050. The National Association of Local Councils and SCDC declaring a Climate Emergency, in October and November 2019 respectively.



Gamlingay Parish Council declared a climate emergency on 14th September 2021 and a working group called the 'Climate Action Group' (CAG) formally came into existence to determine an action plan.

The first CAG meeting was held on 9th December 2021 via Zoom. Several GEAG members including myself, Emma Leaf-Grimshaw, and, from Hatley, Nicola Jenkins joined the group along with then parish Councillor Keith Warburton. A number of village organisations are represented, including the Gamlingay Show Committee (myself), both St Mary's and Gamlingay Baptist churches (Hilary Young and Adrian Semerene), the Women's Institute and the Gardening Club (Jean York), the Eco Hub (Kate Laugharne), Grow Gamlingay (Emma Leaf-Grimshaw), and Dancing Barefoot Ltd, a local eco business (Sarah Howe). We are very fortunate to have the backing of Kirstin Rayner, the Clerk to the Parish Council. She organises and minutes CAG meetings and reports back to the Parish Council regularly. Margot Eagle and local farmer Guy Kiddy bring the current membership of the Climate Action Group to eleven. We are fortunate that Keith is the editor of this excellent monthly journal, though sorry he's no longer a member of the group. And so the transformation of GEAG into CAG has taken place.

Although it is early days, CAG has established a presence and is already making its mark in and around Gamlingay. The *Gazette* started by publishing two climate change tips a month in 2022. We have already initiated some projects which include training courses on scything and

the Gamlingay and Hatley Churchyard Rewilding Project. Before moving away from the village Jenny Shelton was instrumental in this and also the project to rake off grass cuttings and plant wild flowers in Millbridge Brook Meadows and along the verges around Gamlingay. She also organized a social evening of talks and presentations as part of the Great Big Green Week in September 2022. Her partner Kevin Middleton, along with Mark Fitzpatrick, runs the Gamlingay and Hatleys Swift Project. Jenny and Kevin are very much missed for their individual commitment and contributions to CAG.

Still in its infancy, the Climate Action Group is looking to increase its membership, so please do get in touch if you're interested in finding, or suggesting, ways to help. We welcome anyone from Gamlingay or Hatley. We particularly need someone to look after a Facebook page and lead on publicity and promotion for the group and events it's involved in. You can contact us by emailing Gamlingay's Parish Clerk – or why not come along to the Repair Café at the Eco Hub on 7th April? That's an ideal opportunity to chat to Climate Action Group members about what we do and if you'd like to leave your email address we'll be more than happy to keep you up to date. We should also be around at local events such as the Millbridge Brook Meadows' tenth anniversary celebrations and the Baptist Sustainable Food Festival, and CAG will have a stall at the Gamlingay Show.



Gamlingay has a well-earned reputation for its positive action to mitigate the effects of global warming in the local area. We know there's a great deal of expertise and knowledge around locally on matters of sustainability, biodiversity and environmental awareness and channelling that expertise into the group would be a great boost. Equally important is interest, support and feedback from anyone who wants to follow the group's work. A willingness to get involved and give some time to the group's project work is welcome. We usually meet monthly via Zoom, or sometimes in person at the Eco Hub.

Please contact the parish clerk Kirstin Rayner, clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk if you would like to join the Climate Action Group. The more the merrier!

Councillors' Column

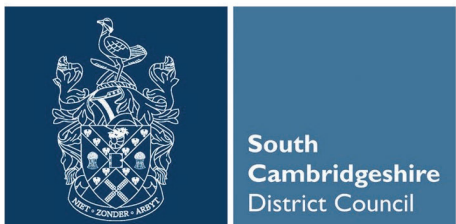
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If you have any questions about the following matters or, indeed, any other council matter that you may need help with, then please do not hesitate in contacting: Bridget Smith, your District Councillor, on 01767 650 510 or at bridget@glockling.com and follow on X (formerly Twitter) @Cllrbridget and on Facebook, and Sebastian Kindersley, your County Councillor, on 01767 651 982, at skindersley@hotmail.com or write to Manor Barn, East Hatley SG19 3JA and follow on X (formerly Twitter) @SebKindersley and on Facebook.



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Council Tax

All the local authorities have now met and agreed their Budgets for the forthcoming financial year. South Cambridgeshire District Council will increase by £5 for the average band D home, equivalent to a below inflation rise of around 3%. In addition, £519,000 has been agreed as part of the council's continued Digital Transformation work – which aims to make services even more accessible

to residents in a way that works for you. The rise sees the average band D home charge £170.31 per year. This is an increase of around 10p per week. This rise continues to maintain the Council's position in the lowest 25% of taxing District Councils in the country.

Unlike many other councils, SCDC is on a sound financial footing. Well targeted commercial investments bring in around £7M per year, which mitigates the huge cut in Government support that all councils have endured in recent years. If it were not for the threat of the Government's Fair Funding Review, which threatens to strip district councils of business tax revenue and give it to bigger, unitary councils, SCDC would have a projected surplus all the way to 2029 (and few councils can say that).

The Council Tax relief threshold has been increased in line with inflation so that people on the lowest incomes can continue to claim. SCDC is one of the few councils offering up to 100% relief for those residents in most need.

To maintain the council's housing stock to a high standard, and to build more council houses, council rents are being raised by 7.7 per cent.

Cambridgeshire County Council's Full Council has also agreed a balanced

budget for 2024/25. Members also prioritised funding to improve the condition of roads and footpaths, as well as anti-poverty services. They acknowledged that this was a difficult budget process as many residents have told them that they continue to feel the squeeze from the cost-of-living pressures, but the council also faces significant cost increases. The county council had to close a gap of £37.4m – with 75% of the Council's net spend now being funded from Council Tax. CCC agreed a Council Tax rise of 4.99% (which includes 2% for Adult Social Services) – raising £17.5m of local income to help maintain and protect critical services for the most vulnerable communities. For the majority of our residents in Band A-D properties that will mean between an extra 99 pence to £1.48 a week.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service plans to increase its share of council tax by 2.99% from April 2024. For a Band D property. This is an annual increase of £2.34, totalling £82.26 per year or £1.58 a week. However, a combination of financial and crewing pressures means the service has had to consult on a proposal that aims to increase the number of fire engines we have available at weekends in daytime hours but

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The Police & Crime Commissioner's suggested 4.8% increase to the policing element of the council tax will go ahead after Police and Crime Panel members backed the plans during a meeting at the end of January. This equates to an extra 17p per week for Band A property and 25p a week for the average Band D household (£13 per year); and the Commissioner warned that without the additional income, it would be impossible to protect policing services at their current levels and maintain the performance improvements delivered by the force over the past 12 months.

Lastly, the Mayoral Combined Authority Mayoral agreed an annual precept of £36 a year for a Band D property which equates to £3 per month per household, which will be invested in improvements to dozens of bus routes, including new routes, more frequent services on some existing routes across the region and three demand responsive transport schemes. We shall see.

Council Motions

The SCDC agreed a number of interesting motions at Full Council last month. One was to treat care leavers as a protected group, meaning that in every decision the council makes moving forward, the council must bear in mind the impact that decision will have on those who have been in care – this follows the County Council who decided this in July 2023. The second motion asked the Council to work towards White Ribbon accreditation. In fact we are already doing this. White

Ribbon is a domestic abuse advocacy organisation which works to provide education about domestic abuse, in particular violence against women. This motion was also agreed unanimously. And finally the council agreed to supply sanitary products as part of its Cost of Living support to people who are struggling to manage.

Home Adaptations

Last year Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency (Cambs HIA) helped more than a hundred families in South Cambs access grants such as Disabled Facilities Grants and Special Purpose Grants to undertake adaptations and repairs in their homes. Adaptations in homes can help prevent accidents, assist people with long term health conditions and help people live comfortably and independently. Please feel free to get in touch with manager Frances Swann at frances.swann@cambshia.org or at 01954 713456 to know more – the Cambs HIA is a partnership between South Camb DC, Cambridge City Council and Hunts District Council dedicated to enhancing the living conditions of residents, particularly focusing on older adults, individuals with disabilities, and those with limited incomes.

Household Support Fund

Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed that it will continue to provide supermarket vouchers for eligible families costing upwards of £3m. Originally funded by Government the Department for Work and Pensions has now stopped funding the scheme but it has proved necessary for so many families and so it will continue. More

than 23,000 supermarket vouchers were distributed during February half term. The recent quality of life survey of over 5,000 residents in Cambridgeshire showed that 86% of residents were concerned about cost of living increases and for those getting vouchers 74%+ said the scheme had reduced the need for them to seek other sources of support in the school holidays such as food banks.

Road Improvements

The footways in Blythe Way will be slurry sealed sometime between 1st April and 1st October. Although the proposal is not yet agreed by Committee as I write officers have submitted a budget request of £325k to resurface Church Street this financial year; as well as some repairs to footways on Station Road, Fairfield and School Close.

4 Day Week Update

SCDC has been shortlisted as a finalist in the Public Sector Transformation Awards 2024 in the Efficiency and Effectiveness category for the four-day week trial. The category is described as looking for an organisation that has "harnessed the real potential in their organisation, delivering elevated performance, creating efficiencies, and delivering outstanding customer service with improved value to their residents. Above all, this organisation has shown its ability to adapt to a fast-paced and ever-changing environment, while achieving fantastic results in doing so." We are in the final along with Kent Police and Swindon Borough Council.

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Week working model comes to an end at the end of March. A paper went to the Employment and Staffing Committee recommending the 4 Day Week continues until all of the data collected over the past 12 months has been independently analysed and there is clarity from central government regarding their threats to levy financial penalties on any council that uses this working model. Once all of that is known the whole council will be able to vote on whether to become a 4 Day Week employer.

From September 2022 to 31st December 2023 the Council spent £434,000 less on agency staff by filling posts that were previously identified as hard to fill; this includes planners, HGV drivers (waste service) and business analysts.

It is possible to operate a four-day week working practice without jeopardising performance and service delivery. Route optimisation of waste collection (necessary anyway because of the increase in growth in the Greater Cambridge area) has been successful with few resident complaints.

There has been a positive impact on colleague health and wellbeing and a reduction in days lost due to sickness. This is especially positive amongst waste crews where musculoskeletal injuries are commonplace due to the physical nature of their work.

School transport

Residents often ask what local authorities actually spend money on. One of Cambridgeshire County Council's responsibilities is to provide school transport. In July we had 82,311 students

in Cambridgeshire – most of whom get themselves to school. However, 14% get assistance (from buses, taxis etc) which costs us (you) £32.4 million split between mainstream pupils at £11.2m and special needs assistance at £21.2m.

Funding for Planning

South Cambs is one of 43 councils that has been awarded £100,000 to support the adoption of cutting edge planning practices. The focus is on new digital service improvements which will hopefully speed up planning decisions.

Community Chest Grants

At a time when many other councils are axing all of their community grants South Cambs continues to award up to £2,000 to community groups in the district. Recent awards have been made to a scout group, a pre-school and for a nature recovery plan. Applications are really simple so please do apply using the website if you have a good idea.

Forward Gamlingay

The current trustees of Forward Gamlingay have all been in role for between 15 and 20 years and are very keen to recruit some new blood. The main function of the charity is running the hugely successful youth club on a Thursday evening. If you would like to know more please contact Bridget.

Cambridge 2050

By the time you read this we may have learnt more about Michael Gove's ambitions to turn Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire into the UK's Silicon Valley. Central to this is the

building of 250,000 more houses – many in South Cambs and essentially quadrupling the size of the city (currently approx. 55,000 houses). Currently the crisis in water supply has stopped all large scale development in South Cambs so this is all pie in the sky until that little issue is resolved.

Gamlingay Food Bank

Gamlingay's food bank is currently supporting over 40 households who are struggling to manage with the increased cost of living. Unfortunately, though not surprisingly, the cost of living is also having an impact on donations to the food bank and they are not seeing anything like the donations that they need. They are running a campaign to encourage us all to buy an extra can or two when we do our own shopping. If everyone in Gamlingay did this once a month that would make a real difference – thank you!

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!

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Honey buns

A recipe from Roderick Starksfield



There was a bakery in Dolgellau that made these delicious Honey Buns. They used to make very large batches of these buns every day, and were sold out before 10.00am!

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Makes 16 buns

Ingredients

- » 500 gm / 1 lb 2 oz bread flour
- » 2 oz butter
- » 1½ tsp salt
- » 2 tsp honey
- » ½ pint / 275 ml milk
- » 1 egg
- » 15 gm dried yeast
- » Honey
- » Icing sugar to dust

Method

- » Slightly warm the milk (30 seconds in a microwave), crack in the egg and whisk to break up the egg.
- » Add the honey and yeast.
- » Leave this to stand until the yeast has dissolved and the liquid is starting to froth up.
- » Measure the flour and add the butter (chopped into small pieces) and the salt.
- » Make a well in the flour and pour in the milk mixture.
- » Using your hands, mix firmly to make a soft dough.
- » Turn out onto a floured surface and knead for ten minutes, the dough should be smooth and elastic.

» If you have a bread machine you can use this, set to 'Dough'.

- » Place the dough in a slightly oiled bowl, cover, and leave in a warm place to rise and double in size, this may take up to two hours, probably due to the milk rather than water.
- » When this is done, tip out and 'knock back' (re-knead).
- » This big heap of dough now needs to be cut into smaller pieces, about the size of a small lemon.
- » Roll each piece into a ball, then flatten out to about 12cm/6inches diameter.
- » Place about 1 tsp of honey in the center of the disk and fold over to make a half moon.
- » Fold again to make a quarter circle.
- » Pre heat the oven to 200°C, 180°C fan gas 4.
- » Now comes a tricky bit, when these are cooked the honey will melt and escape.
- » Leave these quarters to rise again.
- » Arrange these quarter circles around the edge of a baking tray, so that the pointed end is lower than the edge (removing baked on honey from a baking tray is not easy!), though some honey is bound to leak out!
- » Leave to rise again.
- » Bake for 15-20 minutes.
- » Remove from the oven, place on a cooling rack and dust lightly with icing sugar.
- » Remember, when straight out of the oven, the honey will be very hot!



Quiz and Puzzle Corner

by Kevin Bentley

Komino rules

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Komino Notes

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

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MEMORY LANE

- A support and social group for people with memory issues and their companions. All welcome.
- Every fourth Tuesday of the month.
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What's On Diary

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Beginners Breeze	Thursday 7 April	Ladies' Cycling. First Thursday of the month at the Eco Hub. Contact gill.kitchener@btinternet.com or 07842 135 732
Bellringers	Thursdays	7.30pm to 9.00pm with John Boocock at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
Bin Collection Days	Thursdays: 4, 18 April 11, 25 April	Blue and Green Black
Booklinks Book Club	Monday 1 April	First Monday of the month, 7.30pm in the Library at the Eco Hub.
Cock Inn	Monday 8 April	Monthly quiz nights starting at 8.00pm. £2.00 per head for various charities. New teams welcome.
Community Choir	Wednesday 3 April Saturday 20 April	First Wednesday of the month 8.00pm to 9:30pm Third Saturday of the month 10.00am to 12.00noon Both in the Kingspan Hall at the Eco Hub
Connect Café	Fridays	10.30am to 12:30pm at the Eco Hub. All welcome to a friendly drop-in cafe for a cuppa and cake – £2.00 with free drinks refills. Lifts available. Please contact the Eco Hub Manager.
Eco Hub	Every Monday	Zumba Gold – 10.00am to 10.45am Kingfisher Disability Group – 10.00am to 3.00pm Fitness Pilates – 11.00am to 11.45am Movement for Memory – 1.00pm to 2.30pm Street Dance & Freestyle Disco age 8+ – 5.00pm to 6.50pm Slimming World – 5.30pm to 7.00pm Rainbow Guides – 6.00pm to 7.00pm (<i>term time only</i>) Circuits – 7.00pm to 8.00pm
	Every Tuesday	Mat Pilates – 10.00am to 10.55am Chair Pilates – 11.05am to 12.00noon Active Ageing Pilates – 12.05pm to 1.00pm Carpet Bowls – 2.00pm to 4.00pm Yoga – 7.15pm to 8.15pm
	Every Wednesday	Fitness to prevent injury – 9.30am to 10.30am Kingfisher Disability Group – 10.00am to 3.00pm Love Art Community Art Group – 10.30am to 12.30pm Puppy Training – 6.00pm to 8.30pm
	Every Thursday	Tai Chi – 9.30am to 10.30am Cha Char Chimps, children's fun session – 10.00am to 11.00am Crafty Ladies Craft Group (<i>Gentlemen welcome too!</i>) – 10.00am to 12.00noon Cha Char Baby Chimps Session (<i>For newborns and non-walking babies</i>) – 11.30am to 12.15pm Over 60s Fitness – 2.00pm to 3.00pm New Age Kurling – 2.00pm to 3.00pm Alice Lucas School of Dance – 4.30pm to 7.45pm (<i>term time only</i>) Youth Café – 5.30pm to 7.00pm (<i>term time only</i>)
	Every Friday	Kingfisher Disability Group – 10.00am to 3.00pm Connect Café Community Coffee Morning – 10.30am to 12.30pm
	Every Sunday	Little Ruggers – 8.00am to 12.15pm (<i>term time only</i>)
	Fortnightly/monthly events	For Men to Talk – first Tuesday of the month, 6.00pm to 8.00pm Library Lego Club – first and third Saturday of the month, 10.00am to 12.00noon Memory Lane Group – For people living with dementia and memory loss, and their companions. 4th Tuesday of the month, 2.00 to 4.00pm
	One-off events in April	Repair Cafe – Sunday 7 April 1.00pm to 4.00pm Alice Lucas School of Dance Spring workshop – Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 April 9.30am to 3.30pm Blood donation – Friday 19 April 1.00pm to 7.30pm Gamlingay Players Spring Production – Friday 26 and Saturday 27 April 7.00pm

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Gamlingay Allotments Association		Secretary Robert Carolan, gamlingay.allotment@gmail.com
Gamlingay & District Gardening Club	Tuesday 2 April	Held in the Main Hall at the Eco Hub at 7.30pm on the first the month. Tea, coffee. Contact: Marcia Kaye 07770 796 959
Gamlingay Library	Mondays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays Saturdays	2.00pm to 4.00pm – Preschoolers' Story Time 2.30pm 2.00pm to 4.00pm – Free computer buddies, ask for more info 6.00pm to 7.00pm 10.00am to 12noon 10.30am to 12.30pm 10.00am to 12.00noon
Gamlingay Parish Council	Tuesday 9 April Full Council Meeting Tuesday 30 April F&GP Meeting	Meetings held at 7.30pm in the Kier Suite at the Eco Hub and are open to all. Planning Committee Meetings (open to all) at 7.00pm prior to the Full Council and Finance & General Purposes Meetings. Clerks: Leanne Bacon and Kirstin Rayner. Tel: 650 310 or Email: clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk . Agendas available on our Website: www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk and on noticeboards.
Gamlingay Social Club	Thursdays 4, 18 April Thursdays 11, 25 April Fridays	Fun Quiz Cribbage Cash prize bingo at 8.30pm
Greensands Writers	Tuesday 16 April	Meetings held on the third Tuesday of every month via Zoom. Details on www.greensandwriters.weebly.com
Guild of St. Mary's	Mondays 15 April, 20 May	Monthly meetings, usually third Monday of the month.
Hatley Coffee Morning	Tuesday 2 April	10.00am to 1.00pm at Hatley Village Hall. Everyone welcome. Donations on the day split between the Village Hall and Church.
Hatley Parish Council	Third Tuesday of the months January, March, May, July and October	Meetings start at 7.00pm. Contact the Clerk Kim Wilde on 07591 346 835 or email parishclerk@hatley.info . Details on the website www.hatley.info or noticeboards.
History Society	Tuesday 9 April	Meetings, open to all, are held at the Eco Hub, Stocks Lane at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month. History of Sue Ryder St John's Hospice
Jelly Tots Baby and Toddlers	Mondays	9.30am to 11.00am. A baby and toddler group for 0-5 years. £2.00 per adult and child plus 50p per extra child. St Mary's Church Hall.
Music Club	Thursdays 4, 18 April 2 May	Meetings held every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 01767 650 748.
Photographic Society		Contacts: Nick or Jackie Bruce 01767 651 025/07925 119 346
Potton Ladies Club	Tuesdays 2 April, 7 May	Meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Mill Lane Pavillion, Mill Lane, Potton. Sarah Burgoine: sarahjburgoine@gmail.com or 01767 631 415.
St. Mary's Choir	Thursdays	6.30pm choir practice open to all singers at St. Mary's Church.
St. Mary's Simple Lunches	Tuesday 26 April	Every fourth Tuesday of the month. 12.30pm start at St. Mary's Church Hall
The Gazette	Friday 26 April Friday 31 May	June issue deadline for all copy and adverts. July/August issue deadline for all copy and adverts.
The Wheatsheaf	Mondays Thursdays Thursdays Fridays	Quiz on the last Monday of the month, starts at 7.30pm English and Scottish Folk Music sessions on the first and third Thursdays of the month, starts at 7.30pm Pizza Van from 5.00pm to 9.00pm Kebab Van from 5.00pm to 9.00pm
Women's Institute	Tuesdays 16 April, 21 May	In the Kier Suite, Eco Hub at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Please come along to our friendly meetings. For further info: Lindsay 651 227, Jean 650 367, Jan 652 135
Youth Cafe and Club	Thursdays	5.15pm to 9.00pm. Year 4+ Cafe. Year 8+ Club

Village Information

Emergency Services

Police, Ambulance and Fire	999
Non-Emergency Fire	01223 376 217
Non-Emergency Police and Community Police	101
PC Mark Heslop 01480 456 111 (Ask for St Neots Police Station)	

Healthcare and Council

Medical centre	
Appointments	260 340
Out of hours	111
District nurses	08456 024 064
Age Concern	01354 696 650
Homecare Anne Hutson	07776 021 611
Community car scheme Alison Baker	07519 493 701

Parish Council	650 310
<i>Clerks:</i> Kirstin Rayner, Leanne Bacon at <i>ecohub</i> : clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk <i>web page</i> : www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk <i>Chairman</i> : Samantha Martin <i>Vice-Chairman</i> : Wendy Boyne	

Faulty Street Lights	0800 7873 247
Library Kate Laugharne	651 226
Forward Gamlingay Chair: Sarah Groom	

Hatley Parish Council	07591 346 835
<i>Clerk</i> : Kim Wilde <i>Email</i> : parishclerk@hatley.info www.hatley.info <i>Chairman</i> : Micky Astor	

Politics

Member of Parliament Anthony Browne anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk	0207 219 3000
County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley	651 982
District Councillor Bridget Smith Monday-Saturday 08:00 to 20:00 South Cambridgeshire District Council	650 510 03450 450 500
Hatley District Councillor Heather Williams cldr.williams@scams.gov.uk	07885 774 775

Churches

Baptist Church, Office	Church Office Sally Graves	651 519 650 112
St. Mary The Virgin	<i>Rector</i> : Hilary Young <i>Church Warden</i> : Nick Ingles <i>Reader</i> : Chris Miller	650 587 07828 934 003 650 779

Halls for Hire

Eco Hub	Kate Laugharne manager@gamlingayecohub.org.uk	651 226
Everton Village Hall		682 251
Gamlingay Social Club	Katrina Smith	651 775
Hatley Village Hall	Kim Wilde, www.hatley.info	07591 346 835
Methodist Chapel	Parish Council	650 310
St. Mary's Church	Lindy Gorton	650 581

Hobbies, Leisure and Interests

Bell Ringers	John Boocock gamlingaybellringers@gmail.com www.gamlingay-bell-ringers.webador.co.uk	650 736
Booklinks	Kate Laugharne	651 226
Cafe Connect	Ann Kirby	651 134
Community Choir	Jane Orchiston	0753 500 5908
East Beds Model Railway Society	<i>Secretary</i> : John Wakeman wakemanpj@aol.com	
Friends of St Mary's	Helen Miller	677 390
Gamlingay Allotment Gardeners Association (GAGA)	<i>Secretary</i> : Robert Carolan gamlingayallotments@gmail.com <i>Membership Secretary</i> : John Way johnway803@gmail.com	07771 598 810 650 114
Gamlingay Archaeological Group (Gamarch)	Chris Tomsett <i>Secretary</i> : Julia Manley julialmanley@yahoo.com	650 009
Gamlingay Players	Amy Lovat, lovat1@hotmail.com	07843 527 979
Gamlingay Walkers	Miriam and Phil Titchner	654 891
Gardening Club	<i>Chair</i> : Marcia Kaye	07770 796959
Greensand Writers	www.greensandwriters.wixsite.com	
Guild of St. Mary's	Liz Huckle	650 988
History Society	David Allen gamlingayhistory@gmail.com	651 472
Ladybird Club	Mrs C Watson	650 707
Music Club	Geoff Bruerton	650 748
Photographic Society	<i>Chair/Secretary</i> : Jackie Bruce nickbruce7@btinternet.com	651 025
Royal British Legion	Sebastian Kindersley Jackie Hough	651 982 651 070
Sandy and District Round Table	Lee Packham Brown	

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Sir John Jacob's Almshouses	Clerk: cwsjjpc@outlook.com Chair: Sebastian Kindersley	651 120 651 982
St. Neots Model Railway Club	John Kneeshaw j.kneeshaw@ntlworld.com	
Village Show	Jayne Dawkins gamlingayshow@hotmail.com	07713 247973
Women's Institute	Lindsay Bygraves Jean York	651 227 650 367

Preschool Groups and Education

Carers Group	Bridget Smith	650 510
Everton Preschool	Julie	07814 815 491
Jelly Tots & Marvellous Musicians	Lisa Mistrano	07931 356 931
Montessori	Mrs Pat Jenkins	650 645 07714 821 940

School

Gamlingay Primary		650 208
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Sports

Bowls Club	Brian Culverhouse	651 020
Breeze Ladies Cycling	Gill Kitchener	650 035
Football Club (Youth Teams)	Chair: Brian Culverhouse	651 020
Gamlingay Gym	Jo Treverton info@gamlingayleisure.org.uk	651 785
MUGA Hire		651 785
Gamlingay Netball Club	Gamlingaynetball@gmail.com	
Junior Football School	Brian Culverhouse	651 020
Tennis Club	John Gray	654 165
Waresley Cricket Club	Rod Kerr waresleycc@hotmail.co.uk	07545 453 559

Youth Groups

1st Gamlingay Brownies	Jane Brown	652 997
1st Gamlingay Rainbows	Sarah Galvin gamlingayrainbows@outlook.com	
2nd Gamlingay Guides	Benita Scott	650 547
Beavers	Nicola gamlingay.beavers@gmail.com	
Gamlingay Cubs	Steve Palmer	651 532
Gamlingay Scouts	Charlie Jackson gamlingayscouts@hotmail.com	
Gransden Cubs	Susan Jefferd	261 000
Pathfinder Scouts	Paul O'Shea paul.r.oshea@googlemail.com Paul Bevis Bevis2021@gmail.com	07555 530 996 07779 651 543
Tinuwen Rangers	Irene Gray	651 212
Youth Cafe	Lucy Rands	07929 453 235
Youth Club	Lucy Rands	07929 453 235

Cambridge County Council

Care Services

Adult Health and Social Service General Enquiries	0345 045 5201
Adult Social Care	0345 045 5202
Children's Services	0345 045 5203
Blue Badges Disabled Parking	0345 045 5204
Occupational Health	0345 045 5205
Learning Disability Partnership/Sensory Services	0345 045 5221

General Community Services

Citizenship	0345 045 5155
Education Transport	0345 045 5208
Education Welfare Benefits Service	0345 045 1361
Family Information Service	0345 045 1360
General Enquiries	0345 045 5200
Human Resources (Recruitment Line)	0345 045 5210
Library Services (includes automatic renewals)	0345 045 5225
Online Payments Support	0345 045 5211
Streetscene (Highways, Transport and Streets)	0345 045 5212
Switchboard	0345 045 5222
Trading Standards	0845 404 0506
Waste Management	0345 045 5207

Other Emergency Services

Power cuts	
UK Power Network	105
Water supply	
Cambridge Water	01223 706 050
Surface flooding	
Cambs County Council	0345 045 5200
Sewer flooding	
Anglian Water	03457 145 145
Domestic gas emergency	0800 111 999



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