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St. Mary's Church needs your help...

(No, not your money this time – just your help!)

by Brenda Elcome



Gamlingay has so much going for it. As someone who has lived here for 43 years I do feel justified in saying that! OK, perhaps ours is not the most picturesque village around but it does have some wonderful amenities, excellent services, lovely people and, dotted around, some fascinating nooks, crannies and old buildings. Whatever your views on 'The Church' as an institution you must surely agree that Gamlingay's greatest historical and aesthetic asset is the beautiful building that is, to give it its proper title, the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

The church is, of course, used by the congregation for Sunday worship but it is also open every day for anyone to visit - and many do. There are those who just like to pop in and enjoy the peace and quiet for a few moments (I can thoroughly recommend it as a place to cool off on a hot summer's day!); some will come for private prayer and

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reflection; family researchers come from far and wide and often leave lovely comments in our visitors' book; many people just like visiting historical churches and we do sometimes have pre-booked groups who will be given a guided tour. They are often particularly interested in the ancient graffiti to be found etched into the walls and pillars. We frequently have visiting teams of bell-ringers and of course there are baptisms, weddings and funerals, not to mention the occasional concert or exhibition.

When visitors come into the church, at any time other than Lent or Advent, they will find beautiful flower arrangements and always, as far as is possible with such an ancient and crumbling building, they will find it clean and well-tended. We have a rota for cleaning the church but we also have an increasingly ageing and infirm congregation and that is where our plea for help arises!

If you agree that keeping the church open, available and welcoming for visitors is an asset to the community of Gamlingay would you consider coming on to our cleaning rota? Obviously the more people we have the better but anyone joining us now would not be expected to take a turn more than once in every 6/8 weeks. Cleaners work in pairs and are asked to do as much sweeping, vacuuming, dusting and polishing as they can manage in one or two hours, towards the end of the week preferably on a Friday or Saturday. All equipment and materials are provided and, to begin with at least, you would be paired with someone already on the rota who knew what they were doing! If the date you have been given proves to be inconvenient a swap can always be arranged.

Please do give it your serious consideration and if you would like to offer this as a small service to your local community give me a call on 650489 and prove the sceptics wrong!

Remembrance Sunday 2018

11 November 2018 marks 100 years since the end of the First World War.

At St Mary's Church we are planning a day of events to mark the occasion and we would like to invite local groups to take part.

Following the traditional village act of remembrance which takes place in the morning, we are planning a celebration of peace in the afternoon.

We will have displays and exhibitions in the church then an early evening concert before joining with others nationwide in lighting a beacon and ringing the bells.

Watch out for further information nearer the time. If you would like to be involved please contact one of the church wardens.

Poppy Appeal

Our village has grown, but not so the number of volunteer collectors.

If you could spare some time once a year collecting on behalf of the Royal British Legion, please contact Sebastian Kindersley on 01767 651 982

Thank you



The Gazette

would like to thank

Mike Wareham

for his voluntary distribution work in Mill Street

We wish you well, Mike

This round has now been taken over by

Rachel Dartnall

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News from the churches

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KEY

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

01-Jul	Trinity 5	8.00am	Holy Communion	G
01-Jul	Trinity 5	10.00am	First Sunday	G
01-Jul	Trinity 5	4.00pm	Evensong	E
08-Jul	Trinity 6	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
08-Jul	Trinity 6	11.00am	Holy Communion	H
08-Jul	Trinity 6	11.00am	Word and Worship	E
08-Jul	Trinity 6	6.00pm	Choral Evensong	G
15-Jul	Trinity 7	9.30am	Parish Eucharist with prayers for healing	G
15-Jul	Trinity 7	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
22-Jul	Trinity 8	8.00am	Holy Communion	H
22-Jul	Trinity 8	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	G
22-Jul	Trinity 8	11.00am	Parish Eucharist	E
22-Jul	Trinity 8	6.00pm	Evensong	G
29-Jul	Trinity 9	10.00am	Licensing and Installation of Revd Hilary Young	G
05-Aug	Trinity 10	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist	G
12-Aug	Trinity 11	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	E
19-Aug	Trinity 12	9.30am	Benefice Eucharist	G
26-Aug	Trinity 13	11.00am	Benefice Eucharist	E

Dear Friends

This will be the last time (for a while at least) that I shall be responsible for this page for *the Gazette*. From the next edition onwards I shall be handing over to our new Priest-in-Charge, the Revd Hilary Young. In fact, I suggested that she might like to write for this edition and I include her offering below:

Leaving this beautiful area and many wonderful people will be hard. I love the Yorkshire Dales countryside and understand some of its agricultural, economic and social issues. It takes time to make relationships and to learn a place.

And yet – there is always a ‘but’ with God, and the sense of being nudged out of this place and on to something else has grown to the point of understanding. A search for the right place has led to Gamlingay and its nearby villages, where the experience gained in helping parishes to work together as Christian brothers and sisters despite the instinct to preserve status quo and independence at all costs could be very helpful. I look forward with expectant hope to the new friends and work partnerships to be made, and at least we don’t have to start again entirely from scratch. We are moving nearer family and to a place we are partly familiar with, Norman having been ordained in the Peterborough Diocese.

The old Chinese proverb that speaks of two fools, the one who says ‘this is old it must be good’ and the other who says ‘this is new it must be better’ is worth pondering as we make this move. Change is inevitable, and is not necessarily either good or bad, to a great extent it is what we make of it. The future is to be faced into with confidence, not necessarily in our own self-sufficiency, but in the abundant provision of a good God.

First impressions are so important, and judgements, for good or ill, once made can be difficult to change – though sadly it’s easier to lose a good reputation than to gain it. I have learned how important it is to say good things about one another, the bad things get said anyway, we need to concentrate on the good if we are to be salt and light in the world. As Paul says in Philippians 8, let us think on all that is true, lovely, commendable .. and may God’s peace be with us.

My prayer for both the places I leave and the ones I arrive in is that we all give one another time to adjust to changes. We will flourish together if we allow ourselves to listen to God in all that takes place, so that we can be Kingdom people wherever and whoever we are. It is my intention to spend a number of weeks getting to know people and understanding the issues faced in our new situation before making any significant plans. I look forward to that listening time and to the planning together that will follow.

Much love and every blessing. Hilary

I do hope that many of you will be able to attend Hilary’s Licensing and Installation which is now confirmed as being on Sunday 29 July at 10.00am at St Mary the Virgin, Gamlingay.

With best wishes to you all, Chris Miller, Reader and Churchwarden

News from the churches

GAMLINGAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Stocks Lane
Lead Pastor: Revd Adrian Semerene
Church Secretary: Mrs Linda Fraser 01767 677 710
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'God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.'

- Vance Havner

I have recently been reflecting on the state of the world. That seems like a big, deep and meaningful statement, however I entered into said reflection through watching two different Netflix programs (please don't think I am always sitting pondering the ways of the world, I'm not). These two shows reminded me of so many difficult and sad things of the world: depression, suicide, rape, racism, privilege that comes with being male, with being rich, with being Caucasian (not necessarily simultaneously). These are all subjects that we don't really talk about. I can understand why... They make us uncomfortable because we know that they exist, but if we're not experiencing them, then why discuss them? Statistically however, these *all* affect the lives of many in Gamlingay, whether we discuss it or not.

These things reflect the brokenness of the world, and our brokenness as people. I know what you're thinking, 'I am not broken! How dare you imply that I am!' I apologise if this statement causes offence, it is not my intention. Maybe I can only speak for myself. I know that this brokenness in the world leads to pain in many ways, some more severe than others. The reality is that we cannot start addressing the brokenness until we accept that there is something broken to begin with. Once we do that, we can discuss the solution. What's that you may ask? Well, as a Christian I believe that God, and all He has to offer through a relationship with Jesus Christ, is the solution.

Please don't turn the page yet, stick with me.

As a Christian, I believe that God speaks into our brokenness and often uses our brokenness to help those around us. I also believe that God can mend our brokenness as well, **but** we need to accept the mere fact that we are broken. John Calvin once said, 'Only those who have learned well to be earnestly dissatisfied with themselves, and to be confounded with shame at their wretchedness truly understand the Christian gospel.' That Christian gospel (or good news as translated from the original language) is simply that God so loved the world (broken and all) that whoever believe in Him (and all that He teaches and asks of us), is forgiven, cleansed, restored, made new, and will have eternal life.

Maybe that's all a bit much to take in all at once, so let's focus on this: God can bring restoration to our brokenness. It's a journey, and may take time, but He *can* do it, so why not head to church and see what it might all be about?

Have some questions or want to further explore this?
Come visit us at GBC, or get in touch, I'd love to meet with you.
If you or someone you know needs help and support around any of the above topics, please be sure to reach out and get help.

Many blessings

Rev Adrian Semerene Lead Pastor adrian@gbchurch.org.uk

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Fancy reading other things I write? Visit my blog at www.adriansemerene.com.

Sunday Services

10.00am-10.30am Awakening Praise

10.45am Worship Service (with J.A.M for children)

Communion will celebrated 1st July & 5th August

For Children – J.A.M

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Small Group

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Wednesday 7.30pm

Men's Prayer & Breakfast

A time to share, pray & eat together
Not meeting in July & August

Craft & Hobbies Group

Spending time together working on different activities

Thursday 5th July 10.00am

Not meeting in August

Messy Church

Fun craft & games for primary children (& parents)

Saturday 14th July 2-4pm

Not meeting in August as...

Holiday Club

Wed 29th – Fri 31st Aug 10am – 12.30pm

Holiday Club Service & BBQ Sun 2nd Sept 10.45am

Coffee Morning

In aid of GBC and 2018 Charity

Thursday 19th July 10.am-11.30am

Thursday 16th August 10am – 11.30am

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Saturday 18th August 10.00am

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News from RSPB
The Lodge, Sandy.
by Mark Brandon

After a generally very warm and pleasant May, we hope the good spell now continues through the summer months. The spring bluebells have been replaced with colourful white and lilac foxgloves, cuckoos are calling the last of their calls before they make their return to Africa, and the hobbies are busy on the new heath preparing to raise their young again.

The Sandy Ridge field is currently covered in rusty red sheep sorrel and the whole reserve is green and vibrant after the ideal combination of sun and rain this spring.

We have now opened up a section of the new heathland loop, a short addition to the existing trails that give close up experiences of the restored heathland. It's already proving very popular, and visitors have enjoyed seeing green-tiger beetles, common lizards, small copper butterflies and cinnabar moths, amongst the many other beetles bees, wasps and bugs that thrive here.

We were very pleased when a spotted flycatcher arrived, although almost two weeks later than usual. One bird has been seen on occasions, but there is no evidence at this time that they are nesting here this year, although they could well be on another area of the reserve, although we haven't located them as yet.

A honey buzzard was the star bird for our volunteers and a local birder who were at the Visitor Centre as it flew low over the new heath, on a gloomy grey day in May. Sadly I missed it by just a few minutes!

Natterjack toads are doing well, with lots of toadlets in evidence and more strings of spawn appearing in the ponds.



On to our events, our outdoor theatre shows will take place over the summer. The first is the Adventures of Dr Dolittle by the Illyria theatre company on Sunday July 8 at 6pm (tickets; illyria.co.uk), followed by the very popular annual Pantaloons shows.

This year the group are performing Shakespeare's 'As You Like it' on Saturday 25 August and Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of being Earnest' on Sunday 26th August. On both of these days we have two shows at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets; www.the-pantaloons.co.uk, or available to buy on the day.

Hope you can come along and enjoy The Lodge this summer, we look forward to welcoming you.

The RSPB Lodge reserve is open every day of the week, from dawn to dusk, (please note; the car-park barrier is now closed at 8pm). Entry is included in the car-parking fee - £6 a car for non-members, free if you are RSPB members or just visiting the shop.

The shop (01767 690333) is open every day (9am-5pm and 10am-5pm weekends and Bank Holidays) and has everything for people who love nature. Our website; www.rspb.org.uk/thelodge is the place to look for all of the events you can enjoy here at RSPB The Lodge.

Our Facebook page is; Facebook.com/RSPB/hertsandbeds

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NEWS FROM THE ECO HUB

Well, summer is here and we hope you are all having a good one.

We hope you have noticed all the new classes on offer lately – to cater to the elderly and less mobile, to those with injury, and for very young children as well as the more conventional fitness sessions. Something for everyone, we hope.

We have also been spending some time updating our website, and we hope you will have a look. Our website is a crucial tool for us, as for many people it is the only 'shop window' that they will see if they haven't visited the Hub and want to see what is on offer.

We are, of course, your community centre, but our lifeblood is the party, special events, wedding and corporate business, without which we couldn't survive. So we have made clear sections for weddings,

STRAWBERRY 50 BIKE RIDE

Bad news – the Strawberry 50 bike ride that was such a success last September is cancelled this year due to the state of the roads on the route. The organisers at Histon had to reluctantly conclude that the road surface is too dangerous for cyclists and will be lobbying the County Council for some improvement in 2019. Sign of the times.....

parties and business use and made the sections link easily with the spaces on offer, prices and sizes with lots of pictures to illustrate.

Another new initiative is our Home Workers Hub which is an effort to encourage all those who work at home (and there are lots of you!) to come along, one day a



week and work here, in company. Whether you run your own business or are employed by another, working at home can be very isolating and sometimes you won't talk to another person all day. Please join our Facebook page (Gamlingay Home Workers Hub) to find out the latest dates and information.

Our Facebook page and Twitter feed is always being updated and these will give you all the latest news about what is happening at the Hub, including information on all the fitness classes, community events and other activities that happen here.

Please do drop in at any time, or give us a ring if you wish to discuss an event or make a booking. We are Sarah and Kate (joint managers) supported by Jake and Tony.

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**The Ecohub have agreed to hold a donation jar for
Simon Fisher's Charity bikeride on reception.**

Hi readers,

I'm sorry for boring you all to death in the last few months with regards to the imminent Lands' End to John O'Groats ride that Jon Estell and I are undertaking to raise money for three children's causes, which, by the time this is published, will be well underway!

I'm writing this for two reasons;

1. To thank those of you who have donated already to my Just Giving page. Your support is greatly appreciated!
2. To ask those who have not yet contributed, I am asking if you would take 5 minutes to donate a sum to the cause?

The tiniest amount will add up to make a massive difference to young children's lives that are facing physical or mental challenges, loss or trauma in their lives

I'd love to get all the way to our £20,000 target before we set off on 12th June - at the time of writing we were 83% there (£16,600), so not far to go!

You can read about the ride, who we are riding for and the ways you can donate at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/s-fisher-1>

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With warmest regards
Simon Fisher



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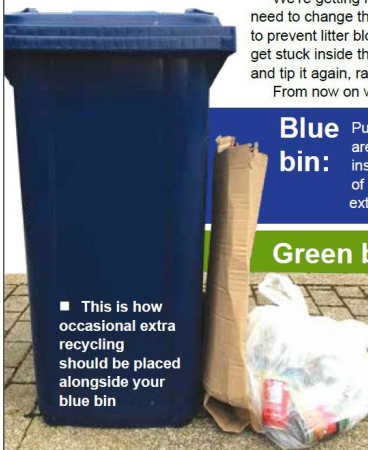
We're getting new collection vehicles which have higher openings than our old trucks, so we need to change the way we collect extra recycling. The higher openings are safer for staff, help to prevent litter blowing out of the lorry, and make it easier to dislodge large items that sometimes get stuck inside the bins. Crews will empty your blue bin and then refill it with your extra recycling and tip it again, rather than throw it in separately, which is no longer safe for them to do.

From now on we're asking residents to follow these guidelines:

Blue bin: Put extra recycling in one transparent sack beside the blue bin. Transparent sacks are available from supermarkets and online. Glass bottles and jars should go inside the bin. We'll collect one bundle of cardboard (please tape or tie together) of a size which would fit inside the bin if there were space. If you always have extra recycling, request a free extra blue bin at www.scams.gov.uk/recycling

Green bin: We don't collect any garden or food waste placed beside the green bin. Extra garden waste can be composted at home (see www.getcomposting.com for compost bin offers) or taken to a Household Recycling Centre. You can request a free extra green bin at www.scams.gov.uk/recycling

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compiled by Sebastian Kindersley,
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by Sebastian Kindersley



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Combined Authority

The political landscape in Cambridgeshire is getting more and more complex. As well as the County Council (responsible for education, health and social care) and the District Councils (responsible for planning, housing and waste management) we have the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) (formally The City Deal) attempting to deliver transport improvements in South Cambs/ Cambridge and now the Combined Authority (CA) and the Mayor doing transport, housing and skills throughout the whole county and Peterborough. It will be no surprise that this is proving somewhat challenging to work with especially as there is overlap in what they are all wanting (and in some cases failing) to do.

The Mayor has recently taken over responsibility for the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) which was responsible for the Economic Development Strategy for a very large area including all Cambridgeshire. This concerns us as we are very aware that South

Cambs and Cambridge City are the power house driving the economy of the whole County and there is no guarantee that the Mayor is as committed as one would hope to ensuring the continued successful business growth of our area.

He has even more recently tried to halt the well developed plans of the GCP to build some new park and rides and to put a Busway along the A428 corridor. This would not be a problem if it were clear that the CA was going to be able to solve the ever-increasing congestion problems facing us all (but especially people commuting in and out of Cambridge) in the short term but that is not the case.

It's clear that the CA is beginning to flex its muscles. The Mayor and the CA would like to subsume the GCP much as they did the LEP. At the most recent meeting it laid out its four year plan which encompasses several ambitious transport schemes (including the CAM metro and, worryingly, an extension of the M11 northwards to Wisbech) and began to consider the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent

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Economic Review (CPIER). With five levels of government locally it's also clear that reform is needed.

County Council HQ relocation to Alconbury

The reform referred to above was one (of many) reasons why we do not support the move of the County Council HQ to Alconbury – a decision made at the last Council meeting and which is based on an assessment which is riddled with inaccuracy and unjustified assumptions. CCC will build a shiny new HQ just in time to disappear (potentially) and – given our not very good track record – it's likely to be over budget and over schedule. Alconbury is almost entirely devoid of any kind of public transport – just think for a second – how would YOU get there? If all we need is an office block for 300+ officers then why not in or around Cambridge? It's a terrible waste of your tax which could be far better spent on frontline services.

Fire Authority

The saga of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) attempt to take over the running of the Fire Service rumbles on. The Fire Authority has agreed to pursue a Judicial Review of the Home Secretary's decision to allow the power grab on the basis that she did not meet the statutory criteria and

secondly that she used an internal Home Office (HO) report to inform her opinion which the HO now refuses to share with us.

Why do we care so much? Firstly, Gamlingay has a Fire Station (as do many smaller communities) which must be in the sights of the PCC's drive to save cash. Secondly, it might be argued that the PCC has enough to do already with a Police service which does not have a brilliant record with the public. Lastly the Fire Service is extremely well run with a lean financial regime and on the basis of if it ain't broke...

Drains do not Like Wet Wipes.

The flash flood in Cinques Road Gamlingay at the beginning of the month was the direct result of the sewers being blocked by wet wipes. The heavy rainfall flooded the foul water system as well as overloading the surface drains and the result was that some households ended up having raw sewage lapping at their front doors. Anglia Water attended but blamed 'The Council' for failing to maintain the drains sufficiently well. But the bottom line is that if people continue to put stuff down their loo which should not go down there then the drains will block.

Responsibility for the sewers is Anglian Water's. The County Council is responsible for the surface water drains and South Cambs is

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responsible for ensuring that any contamination from sewage is cleared up by the people responsible for it. Needless to say these things nearly always happen at weekend or out of office hours and it is really hard to get anyone to answer the phone.

A428 Dualling

We were invited to attend a briefing at Tempsford about the proposed A428 dualling from the Black Cat to Caxton where we learnt that a preferred route announcement will 'definitely' be made in 2018 followed by a four month consultation period. It will not be part of the Cambridge – Oxford Expressway as the scheme is too far advanced – but it will be future-proofed so it slots in easily. We'll see.

Robinson Court

We now know that some local people have secured the shared equity housing in Robinson Court which we are absolutely delighted about. The application procedure has been unnecessarily complex and has resulted in quite a lot of stress for some people and for this we can only apologise. We shall be looking into how lessons can be learnt for next time. If you are interested in the rental housing or the market housing do keep a close eye on the site and on Homelink as they are likely to go like hotcakes.

Does Gamlingay have a new quarry?

Activity at the old Cambs Recycling site on Potton Road has led to action being taken by the County Council's enforcement officers. It appears that sand was being extracted and the resulting void being backfilled with inert waste. This is without planning permission and the site owner has now agreed to stop activity, refill the voids and dispose of the waste in an authorised site. This should take two months.

Citizens Advice Centres (CAB)

We mentioned before that Gamlingay residents have been turned away from CAB offices in St Neots and Biggleswade. We now understand that Rural Cambs CAB - who run the St Neots office - are changing their processes and moving towards a system where there will no longer be any face-to-face drop in sessions, and all clients will have to contact them initially via their contact centre (there is a possibility that some emergency drop-in sessions will be retained if necessary). For the approximately 20% who need additional face to face help following the initial contact, an appointment will be made at one of Rural CAB's 'agile' locations, which are in libraries, doctors' surgeries, etc.

This is of grave concern to us as one of the consequences of austerity has been that it is getting more and more difficult to access advice, help and support. One of the main services that CAB offer is on debt management which we know needs to be accessed quickly by people in order for them to avoid even bigger problems than the ones they already have. There is a self-service CAB terminal in the Eco Hub which is free and which the staff can help you to use.

We shall be reviewing the grants which South Cambs DC

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gives to CAB to ensure that all our residents have access to the level of support they need.

Parklife 2018

If you and the family would like an active day out please come to Parklife 2018 at Milton Country Park between 10am and 5pm on July 1st. There will be a whole host of water based activities to have a go at as well as cycling, football, archery, den building and climbing. Full details and advance bookings can be found at www.scambs.uk/parklife

The Council is also offering a number of summer sports camps in athletics, netball and rounders and Kwik Cricket. www.scambs.gov.uk/sportscamps. The cost is £24 per day and camps are open to children aged 7-14.

South Cambs DC News

One of our first actions upon taking over control of SCDC has been to establish two new committees and one new working group. The

Climate and Environment Committee will be looking at all the ways in which the Council can positively influence matters both in its own and its partners' operations to reduce damage to the climate and improve our environment.

The new Grants Committee is reviewing all the grants currently administered by the Council to make sure that they are providing maximum benefit where it is most needed. Money is very short these days and so no council can be as generous as it was ten years ago. We are spending your money and so need to be able to be confident that we are spending it well and to best effect.

The Brexit Working Group is investigating ways in which the Council can help businesses in and around South Cambs to cope with any anticipated or actual consequences of Brexit. We already know that farmers are struggling to get the gangs they used to be able to get easily to harvest their crops and that some of the high skills industries, which are reliant on a

European workforce, are seeing a reduction in applicants from outside Britain. This would not be a problem if we had all the skills they need within British-born people but we don't and so there is a risk that these big employers could consider relocating abroad. On top of this is the reliance of our already over stretched health service - especially hospital-based services on people from other countries. This covers all professions from our top consultants to the physios, emergency responders, nurses and cleaners.

Housing Land Supply

As you may recall South Cambridgeshire District Council could not demonstrate that it had a rolling five year land supply for housebuilding. As a result, any policies that sought to restrict residential development were suspended and in particular our village frameworks. This has meant planning permission for over 5,000 houses has been granted where previously it would have been resisted. Some villages like Waterbeach and Cottenham have

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been very badly damaged by this but many have suffered to a greater or lesser degree. We all accept we need houses and quickly, but the development must be planned and delivered properly making sure provision is made for GPs, schools, road, and all the other obvious things.

Thankfully, as of the 21st May SCDC considers that it can now demonstrate a five year housing land supply of five years for the period 2018-2023 using the stricter calculation required by Government (the Sedgfield method) and applying a 20% buffer. This is good news.

Needless to say the Local Plan Inspector still has not released her final report. If she manages to spin it out to September the Local Inquiry will have taken longer than the one for Sellafield. That's quite a demonstration of ineptitude.

A1198 Overnight Closures

A head's up that the A1198 will be closed overnight for major resurfacing works from September 10th to 21st. Diversions will be in place and actual timings are weather dependent. Good news that Highways are taking some action here as currently the road surface is badly damaged and potentially dangerous.

Why resurface the A603?

Residents from everywhere have been questioning why the A603 in Wimpole is scheduled for resurfacing when it's the only road for miles around without an actual pothole. The Highway Inspector noticed some defects in the surfacing in that the road was displaying signs that the binding material (oils) were beginning to separate from the aggregate. This then leads to the road surface failing, so if it's not caught quickly enough potholes will start to appear.

Surface dressing will remedy this, but what it will not do is fix roads that are already showing signs of serious deterioration or are heavily potholed. (i.e. all the other ones).

It is a preventative treatment and significantly more cost effective than allowing the road to deteriorate to such a point where a full resurfacing job is required.

As for the cat's eyes these will not be making a return. A class roads feature road studs down the centreline mainly due to their high speed nature. This doesn't apply in Wimpole as it is street lit and has a lower speed limit.

Flooding in Arrington

Many residents have been in touch about the new river along the A1198 that appears after any heavy rain. A wide range of interested parties met at the start of May to see what the problems were and what solutions could be agreed. Neighbours, the solar farm, Highways, the National Trust and more now have a series of actions to take to see if we can prevent Cambridgeshire's newest river from becoming permanent. We will report next month on the results of a series of camera inspections done under the road.

Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

We reported last month on the parlous state of the CCG. It has now agreed a £42.1m deficit and a financial plan that will end 2018-19 at £35m deficit. A capacity and capability review by Price Waterhouse Coopers further identifies – amongst a long list of deficiencies – a history which demonstrates a lack of grip, action, financial forecasting, financial control and delivery. In particular a failure to deliver reduction in demand required to offset planned growth in the system; instability at leadership level impacting on delivery and causing uncertainty for staff; a lack of experienced leadership and capacity, resulting in insufficient grip, control and energy to drive improvement and the ineffectiveness of the Governing Body to ensure the CCG met its statutory duties. An action plan has been agreed but – amazingly – not a single Governor has thought they should resign for this appalling performance. Well, at least we don't think anyone has because our enquiries have been

met by stony silence.

Wimpole Estate application

You may be interested in the application by the National Trust to build a multi-use trail around the estate – the second application for this is now open for consultation quoting reference S/1694/18/FL at South Cambs.

Got a problem? Issue? Something you'd like to discuss?

Your Councillors are here to help you. Please do feel free to contact us with comments, questions, problems or complaints. We hope we can help but if we can't we are likely to know someone who can!

Tips for the Garden in July and August

*by Karen Aitkins
of All Green Landscapes Ltd*

What is a garden?

The dictionary's definition is 'A piece of ground adjoining a house, in which grass, flowers, and shrubs may be grown' which sounds a bit dull really.

I think a garden has far more emotion attached to it, in hard work, blood, sweat and tears. It's a chance to bring a bit of nature into our world and try to tame it or perhaps a chance to let nature have its way and tame us. Either way most of us enjoy the thought of a garden even if we're not keen gardeners.

Summer is a time when our gardens are looking their fullest, plants are in bloom or have bloomed and probably need a good prune before they take over the garden.

Spring produced a whole mixture of weather, boiling hot sun followed by heavy, torrential rain. Cold wintery days followed by heat waves. I know I couldn't keep up with the unpredictability let alone our poor gardens. This weather has been brilliant news for weeds, they seem to have flourished. Try to keep on top of the weeding, use a good dutch hoe.

This can be the hottest and driest time of the year, so make sure you water all pots and hanging baskets. They need watering even if it rains because the water doesn't stay in the baskets for very long and they can get missed if they sit close

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to a fence or wall. You can buy slow release crystals to mix into your baskets that absorb the water and release it back slowly.

Try to keep disease and aphids down all through the year. If you have to use a pesticide, spray in the evening when there are less bees and ladybirds about. Ladybirds are a natural predator of black and green fly and should be encouraged, they are not a pest. Pick out slugs and snails by hand if you can or leave a trail of salt around vulnerable plants to deter them. Encourage the birds and hedgehogs into your garden to feast on the snails.

Mow the grass except in a drought. Don't worry if the grass starts to yellow, it will soon come back in the autumn. Only if you have a new lawn, then you must water every day, until it is established. A lot of people are having artificial turf now, as it looks so real. idiot

You can choose from all diverse types, colours and lengths. Like choosing a carpet. Its so easy to look after, ideal for families, pets and the elderly, requiring very little maintenance.

Continue to dead head roses, as this will encourage new shoots and flowers and give them a good feed, rich in potash. The potash will deter black spot. Keep watering them with a fungicide should prevent mildew. Remember to burn all diseased cuttings.

Invest in a good sun cream and hat when out in the garden, especially when it's hot. Sun stroke or burnt skin is no joke. Remember to drink plenty of water. Most of us feel exhausted from a day in the garden because we are dehydrated. Enjoy the summer and your space outside, your little bit of England. Nature trapped in all its glory in your back yard.



Scheme to reduce homelessness in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough supported by Police Commissioner

A central government funded project to look at new and creative ways to reduce homelessness in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is being supported by Police and Crime

Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite.

Councils in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough were awarded £736,000 to work together to prevent homelessness in January 2017.

The scheme, now in place for over a year, is working with a range of partners who can all play their part in preventing homelessness.

Police Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite met with members of the Trailblazer service, housing officers and representatives from criminal justice services at an event in Huntingdon earlier this month (May 9th) to discuss developing clearer pathways for people with experience of the criminal justice system.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite said:

"The Trailblazer project gives us a great opportunity to look at what prevents vulnerable people from finding suitable housing. People can find themselves homeless for a whole variety of reasons: they may be in debt, struggling with complex needs, coming out of prison or having issues with landlords.

"Working together we can ensure all agencies play their part in preventing homelessness to allow people to live fulfilling lives. There is still a long way to go but I am optimistic that together we can make homelessness an unacceptable outcome."

The Trailblazer team is building good relationships with other sectors on behalf of local authority housing teams, for example with criminal justice services, hospital discharge teams, children and adult social services.

Helen Brown, Trailblazer Project Homeless Prevention Manager said:

"Many offenders face difficulties securing and maintaining a home which can contribute to a chaotic lifestyle. It was good to have representatives from so many different housing and criminal justice services working in partnership to help address these difficulties. The agencies have agreed to build on the ideas that came out of the event.

The Trailblazer project can only be successful with the commitment and support of our partner agencies. We are extremely grateful that The Police and Crime Commissioner has pledged his support in helping to make homelessness the unacceptable outcome."

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SLOW BRAISED FENNEL

I was recently at our local Farm Shop, and was selecting some fennel. A lady behind me commented that she wouldn't know what to do with fennel ...

Fennel is a lovely vegetable, tasting of anise, slightly sweet and a good crunch. There are many ways to serve it:

Raw thinly sliced in a salad or Coleslaw

In a Gratin (with lots of cream and a few Olives)

Baked, Braised, etc.

It go well with many dishes as a side dish or makes a meal in itself.

Baked it can, unless well cooked on a low heat for a long time, be a bit tough.

In the recipe below I use a method of cooking fennel given in Richard Buckley's book 'Acorn Vegetarian Kitchen'.

The amounts given below are for one person as a main meal, two as a starter. Just multiply up for more.

Ingredients

Slow cooked fennel:

1 fennel bulb

1oz/25gm sugar

2½oz/60gm vinegar

1oz/25gm salt

2 star anise

3 black pepper corns

Small sprig of tarragon

Water

Plum Sauce

2 or 3 plums

Desert spoon of sugar

Tablespoon of vinegar

Splash of balsamic Vinegar (optional)

Good pinch of salt

Water

Cheese 'Egg'

1½oz/40gm Mascarpone

1½oz/40gm mature blue cheese

Method

Trim the fennel, remove any brown or damaged 'leaves' and cut in half length-wise. Leave the root core in as it keeps the whole thing together.

Place the fennel and the other ingredients, except the tarragon, in a saucepan, add enough water to just cover the fennel. Bring to a light boil and simmer for about 10-15 minutes. Keep checking that the fennel is meltingly soft, it may take up to 20 minutes.

Remove the fennel, and discard the liquid and flavourings. Place on kitchen paper to drain off This can be done up to a day in advance. When ready to serve, heat a knob of butter and a splash of oil in a frying pan and place the fennel, cut side up in the pan. After about four minutes, the fennel should have started to turn golden, turn it over and continue until the cut side is nicely browned.

Prepare the plum sauce. Remove the stones from the plums and chop into small dice. Add with the other ingredients to a saucepan, cover with water and bring to a slow boil. You will need to keep topping up the water to give soft pouring consistency. While this is cooking, use the back of spoon to squash the plum pieces to break them up, a bit of texture is fine. Check the seasoning It can take quite a bit of pepper and salt.

To make the Cheese 'Egg'. Mash together the Mascarpone and the blue cheese to make a smooth paste.

To serve:

Place a line of the sauce down the centre of your serving plate. Add the fennel, cut side up, across this line. Shape the cheese into a quenelle using two desert spoons and place between the fennel. Sprinkle with chopped tarragon.



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Chiefs Praise Volunteers as National Week Begins



THE Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner have given their thanks to volunteers who support policing in Cambridgeshire.

Hundreds of events will be taking place across the country to mark the annual campaign, which was established in 1984 and recognises the contribution volunteers make to communities every day.

Chief Constable Alec Wood and PCC Jason Ablewhite sent their gratitude to the many volunteers, from Specials to police support volunteers and cadet leaders, for their valuable work.

In 2017/18, Specials completed about 7900 duties, which equates to more than 52,000 hours worked. The force currently has just over 200 Specials.

Chief Constable Alec Wood said: "With demand on policing at an all-time high, the contribution by volunteers has never been so crucial.

"I would like to thank each and every one of them for the hours they give, for no remuneration, but a certain knowledge they have supported our efforts to fight crime and keep people in Cambridgeshire safe.

"Volunteering with the force is a unique opportunity to give something back to the community and get involved in some very valuable and rewarding work. For example, Specials get involved

in the exciting world of frontline policing, including specialist areas, and gain professional training, skills and experience.

"I would encourage anyone else who wants to do something worthwhile in their spare time to visit the recruitment pages of our website."

Charlotte Baughan, 20, from St Neots, fits shifts in at weekends and during her holidays. She is studying psychology and business at Aston University in Birmingham.

She said: "The variety in the role as a Special is amazing and I am never sure what to expect at the start of each shift. This variety, plus the sense of contributing to society, is what makes being in the police so special.

"My advice is to research the role properly before you join. Being a Special can be demanding and requires a commitment, but the rewards and the sense of satisfaction in a job well done make it worthwhile."

Police and Crime Commissioner Jason Ablewhite said: "Volunteers play a hugely important role in keeping our communities safe. The Chief Constable and I both recognise the enormous contribution our volunteers make and are constantly impressed by their level of commitment, professionalism and determination.

"Whilst we recognise that people are able to make different levels of commitment, whatever they give makes a difference and is hugely valued."

Guild of St Mary ladies meetings

All ladies welcome to St Mary's Guild. Visitor costs £4, or why not join us for £6+£2 monthly meeting charge, which includes refreshments.

We meet once a month, usually the third Monday. As well as a diverse range of speakers we have a Garden Party, Christmas Party and at least one outing. Please contact Liz on 650988 if you would like more details, or come down and visit us on the evening.

Monday 16th July

Guild GARDEN PARTY! 7pm at The Emplins. Join us for an evening of Pimms, strawberries and cream and fun outdoor games.

This will be indoors if wet.

Monday 20th August

Our guest speaker this month will be from Cambridge Street Pastors. They volunteer to patrol in Cambridge on Friday and Saturday evenings and help anyone in any kind of need without judgement - anyone who is sick, upset, lost, lonely, worse for wear or just have a need to talk. They also offer follow on help and information. This will be at the Church Hall at 7:30pm.

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Sun 22		
Sat 28	Wisbech Town (A)	Blunham
Sun 29		
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Sat 4	Eaton Socon (H)	
Sun 5		
Sat 11	Sawston & Babraham (A)	Biggleswade
Sun 12		
Sat 18	Godmanchester Town (H)	Godmanchester Town 2 nd XI
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Sat 25	Kimbolton (A)	Barnack
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Summer BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

As the weather brightens up and the sunshine starts brightening our weeks, we welcome the longer, brighter nights and the opportunity to enjoy summer days and nights in the garden.

When powering up your BBQ's and putting out the garden furniture for the summer season, be sure to take note of our top tips below to ensure you have a fun and safe summer in the garden.

- If cooking outdoors, always check barbeques over after winter storage, keep them on level ground and ensure they are sited away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and property
- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area and never leave the barbecue unattended
- If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.
- Don't forget to stay safe around our county's waterways and if you see someone in trouble in water, call 999 immediately with clear details of your location
- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent



To contact the Gamlingay Show Committee:
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Tel: 07519 921126
Facebook: Gamlingay Show
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Website: thegamlingayshow.co.uk



Organised by The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) and the UK public library network since 1999, the Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to read six books during the long summer holiday. Children can read whatever they like - fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library. The theme for the 2018 Summer Reading Challenge is Mischief Makers – celebrating the 80th birthday of the Beano comic. How the Challenge works:

- Children sign up at their local library and receive the Mischief Makers collector folder
- Children borrow and read at least

six library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their folder and rewards along the way

- Library volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities

- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal

There will be activities every Saturday morning at Gamlingay Library this summer:

- 21st July - Elmer the Elephant crafts
 - 28th July – Beano comic wordsearch and quiz
 - 4th August – Library scavenger hunt
 - 11th August – Mischief Makers treasure hunt
 - 18th August – Junk modelling
 - 25th August – Bananaman crafts
- It's FUN! It's FREE!

Visit your local volunteer-run community library,
 01767 651226
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This year's village show, will be held on Saturday 15th September 1 - 5pm at Gamlingay First School. In the morning there will be a 5km fun run. This is a great event for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities and is certainly not to be missed. It is all about relaxed exercise - for fitness, for fun and if you want to collect sponsorship for your chosen charity! Remember all the profits from the Gamlingay Village Show go to local charities – so the entry fee for the run will help local causes too!

There's plenty to look forward to at this year's Show. As mentioned last month, we have been promised a flypast by a historic RAF Dakota. Cyndi of Top Dogs will be running her always-popular dog show, there will be classic cars, Qpods, a funfair, a wide range of stalls and a selection of wonderful arena events and musical performances. As ever, you will be able to show off your amazing creations – details of all competition classes were printed in the June edition of The Gazette.



For the first time, with the help of Gamlingay Photographic Society, we will be running a digital photography section. The digital photos must be in jpg format, and ideally 300dpi, 1400x1050 pixels. They will need to be emailed to us by midnight on the 24th August to allow the judging to take place prior to the day. Images will be shown on the day of the show. Maximum entries per person for the digital category is four.

Email your photos to gamlingayshowphotos@hotmail.com and make it clear whether they are for the children's under 16 (16A) or the adults' class (9A) (Kids, please get an adult to email them for you). Metadata must contain the Author's name and the image title. Gamlingay Photographic Society will award three free 2018/2019 memberships in the prints section and three in the digital images section.

Gamlingay Show is organised by a small committee. If you would like to get involved, either to join the committee or to help on the day, please get in touch. Also, please contact us if you would like a stall, or you would be interested in performing in the music tent or the main arena.

A most successful Brownsea Island Group Camp 2018



Saturday morning and the longer than expected journey south

It wasn't a dawn start but from some of the sleepy looks, it could have been. Packed to the gunwales, the Saffords coach driver admitted to being heavily laden and volunteered that the newer coaches might have struggled with the volume of gear we were lugging down to Dorset.

We were off on an adventure, taking a full coach of young people to a five day group camp on Brownsea Island, to celebrate the experimental camp run there by Baden Powell with 20 boys way back in 1907.

Despite a very slow and hot journey I was really surprised that the quips for needing ear plugs were entirely unfounded. The loudest voice to be heard was Will Colebrook (Chill) calling out the role call ensuring Akela (Steve Palmer) didn't leave anyone behind at Fleet services where we stopped for a packed lunch break on the three lane carpark (M25).



There were a number of leaders supporting this camp; Phil Wood (who ran Gamlingay Scouts and Explorers for 18 years), George Miles and Paul Bevis as well as Barry Jefferd, best known by the Gransden cubs as their Akela, who took on the role of camp cook, Philip Hough (Shere Khan), Charlie Jackson (scout hut co-ordinator), Mark Harris (Friday Scouts 'Pathfinders'), Kieran (Pathfinders) and Peter Walker, Ben Barker and Toby.

This article is just a snippet, as there isn't space here to do justice to the adventures the Scouts had at Brownsea. Suffice it to say, that despite the forecasts of heavy rain

and thunderstorms, we all needed sunscreen for much of the Bank holiday weekend, and all the scouts were so busy throughout their stay that I didn't hear one say 'I'm bored'.

Special mention should be made of Jake Safford, who as a very early riser, spent the first part of his morning ensuring the water carriers were topped up, without complaint. He was also most supportive of one of our youngest cubs, encouraging him and helping him feel included, particularly during our water activities at Poole.

This was a BIG trip, and Akela spent some eighteen months agonising and planning the details. So, thank you to Steve Palmer for making it work.

...and a small quiet mention of Evan who was a Gamlingay Cub. Whenever the cubs go camping, a plaque engraved with his name is placed by the flagpole, the central point of any camp.

A thank you, of course to our sponsors, who helped finance this endeavour.

Co-op (dividend scheme)

Tescos (for bag packing)



- pudding event (villagers)
- Bags 2 School (two collections)
- KMG
- Waresley Wood Farm (a huge box of eggs for mass breakfasts)
- Parish Council

We're collating all the photos, so if you have any to add please let Shere Khan have them.

If this small taster piques your interest in scouting, please contact any of our leaders or Brandon Booth, Group Scout Leader, for further details 01767 650 624.

WHAT'S ON IN JULY and AUGUST

Walkers

Wed 18th July, Thurs 16th Aug,
Wed 12th Sept, Thurs 11th Oct

Meet 9:30am at Ecohub car park. New members welcome. Phone 654 891 for further information. Miriam 654 891 email miriamjones80@hotmail.com

Gardening Club

5th September

Monthly meetings held at the WI Hall, 7:30pm (not June, July or August)

Ben Potterton, scented plants

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17th July

7:00pm Garden party Liz Taylor

21st August

7:30pm Art - A hands on evening with Mary Booth

Community Choir

First Wednesday of the month

Kingspan Hall Jan Cooper 650 178

Third Saturday of the month

8:00 -9:30pm

10:00am - 12 noon

Soup lunches

Every fourth Wednesday of the month 12:30pm start, Church Hall

Cock Inn, monthly quiz nights

Second Monday of the month

8pm £1 per head for various charities. New teams welcome

The Wheatsheaf

First and third Monday of the month

Charity quiz nights

Tuesdays

Jam sessions 651 743

Social Club

Fridays

16 Waresely Road. Quiz nights, pool nights and live bands

Bingo

Total Wellness workout

Fridays

Church Hall 9:30am-10:30am. Bring some water and an exercise mat or towel for floor work. £5 per class.

Beginners Breeze

First Thursday of the month

10:15am at the hub. Contact gill.kitchener@btinternet.com 07842 135 732

Library

Mondays

9:15am -10:30 toddler story time
4:00pm-8:00pm library open

Tuesdays

9:15am.-.12:15 board games

Wednesdays

12:30.-.3:15pm library open
1:00pm - 3:00pm drop in computer training

Thursdays

4:00pm.-.7:00pm library open

Fridays

10:30 - 12:30 library open and connect café

Saturdays

9:30am - 12:30 library open

Housing, Police and councillor surgery

First Monday of the month

9:30am - 10:00am ecohub

Youth Cafe and Club

5:15pm - 9:00pm Yr 4⁺cafe Yr8⁺ club

WHAT'S ON IN JULY and AUGUST

Allotments (GAGA)

Membership secretary Mick Slimm, email a.slimm@btinternet.com

There are a few allotment vacancies, so please ask for details

Parish Council

For information contact the Clerk on 650 310

2nd and 4th Tuesday every month

7:00pm planning committee meeting Ecohub

2nd Tuesday every month

7:30pm parish council meeting Ecohub

Hatley Parish Council

Contact the Clerk Kim Wilde 650 596 or email hatley-parish-clerk@hatley.info. Details on the website www.hatley.info or noticeboards

Tuesday, 17th July

7:30pm Hatley village hall

The Gazette

30th July

September edition copy deadline

3rd September

October edition copy deadline

Gamlingay Writers

3rd Tuesday every month

Please contact emryssparks@gmail.com for full details

Guitar Club

Meets on every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 650748

Gamlingay Players

Mondays and Thursdays

Hayley Parker 652 992

8:00-10:00pm Society producing plays and pantomime meet at the ecohub

St Mary's choir practice

Thursdays

6.30pm choir practice open to all intereted singers - St Mary's Church

Guild of St Mary's

Monday 16th July

Monthly meetings, usually third Monday

Monday, 20th August

7:00pm garden party at The Emplins - inside if wet

Gamlingay Archaeological Group (GAMARCH)

Thursday, 5th July

7:30pm Church Hall Cambridge Street Pastors

Chris Tomsett - Chairman 01767 650 009

Julia Manley - Julia.manley@anglia.ac.uk

7:30pm Kier suite -Saxon Heritage: Research Findings

Bellringers

Thursdays

7.30 - 9.00pm with John Boocock at St.Mary's, Gamlingay

Photographic Society

Fridays 8:00 pm -10:00pm

Meetings are term time at the Avenells Way Communal Room

New members most welcome. Phone: 651 025 nickbruce7@btinternet.com

History Society

July and August

Autumn programme awaited

Summer break

Bin Collection Days

Wednesday, 4th July

Blue and green bins

Wednesday, 11th July

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Wednesday, 18th July

Blue and green bins

Wednesday, 25th July

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Wednesday, 1st August

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Wednesday, 8th August

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Wednesday, 15th August

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Wednesday, 22nd August

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Thursday, 30th August

Blue and green bins



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Fitness Workshop		651 785
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YOUTH GROUPS

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Tinuwen Rangers	Irene Gray	651 212
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Gamlingay Gransden Cubs	Susan Jefferd	261 000
Gamlingay Scouts Thursday	Will Colebrook	07527 717 463
Pathfinder Scouts Friday	Mark Harrision	
Explorers	Phil Wood	01480 830 866
(all meet at Scout Hut)		
Youth Club		07929
Youth Cafe	Lucy Rands	453235
Gamlingay Young Lacemakers	Kay Palmer	651 532

HOBBIES LEISURE AND INTERESTS

Gamlingay Players	Hayley Parker	652 992
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Community Choir	Jan Cooper	650 178

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District Councillor South	Bridget Smith	650 510
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Cambridge County Council

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Streetscene (highways, transport and streets)	0345 045 5212
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Citizenship	0345 045 5155
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