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Daniel - one of the UK's top "future chefs"

- beat 6,000 entrants to be among the final 12

DANIEL Squance, studying Hospitality and Catering GCSE at Comberton Village College, beat six thousand other entrants to a place in the final twelve of the SpringBoard Future Chef competition.

The process took him through winning first the local competitions, then winning the East Anglia regional event and then on to the finals. A tremendous result for the 15 year old.

On a Sunday evening in March Daniel and his mother Lucy together with his teacher Mrs Goodson, who recognised his early talent, attended a celebration dinner hosted by the Berkeley hotel in Mayfair. Daniel spoke to the Executive Chef of the Park Lane Hilton who offered his business card for a job then and there!

The next morning they were up at 6:30am to join the other finalists at Westminster Kingsway College. It was hugely nerve-wracking for all the young finalists, aged from 13 to 16. They had 45 minutes to butcher and prepare a chicken. Woodview farm shop's Jason previously helped Daniel prepare for this. They then had two hours to cook their main course and dessert. The judging panel included top chefs Brian Turner and Jean-Christophe Nouvelli MBE.

In preparation for the final, Daniel was paired up with mentor Rob Pearce who is head chef at Orsett Hall



Daniel busy in the kitchen at the Westminster Kingsway College.



Daniel with Mrs Goodson and judge Jean-Christophe Nouvelli.

in Essex. Over the previous month Daniel worked with Rob to refine and perfect his dish. This meant Daniel working in a huge kitchen with a professional team. It was a four-hour round trip to get him there, so a big commitment for Daniel's

Daniel said: "The Future Chef competition was a great experience. I got to work in a professional kitchen, advance my catering knowledge and refine my skills. The day itself was pretty intense and pressured with twelve high profile chef judges watching our every move. Although I didn't win I'm proud of coming in the top 12 across the UK. Plus I got to meet famous chefs and stay in the St Pancras Renaissance hotel!"

Daniel's Menu

Main

Chicken roulade stuffed with a spinach mousse on a bed of cauliflower purée, tarragon gnocchi, roasted shallot, carrot ribbons garnished with tarragon oil and crispy chicken skin

Dessert

Vanilla panna cotta with a deconstructed rhubarb crumble, puree and crisp

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Letter to the editor

Gamlingay Medical Centre

IN response to John Bennewith's letter and the editor's comment in the March Gazette: GMC, like most if not all GP Practices, is caught between a rock and a hard place. I cannot fault the clinical service provided – where it can be accessed. Covid is not the cause of the issue but has exacerbated and exposed pre-existing issues, those of severe underfunding and organisational dis-integration. And that underfunding is made worse by the syphoning off of NHS budgets to private providers whose primary motivation is to return a dividend to their investors.

- 111 is provided by several different private providers and (I was informed by a GP not part of GMC) charges a surgery £10 per referral.*
- Surgeries, like GMC, in the Bedford, Luton and Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (BLMK CCG) are contractually required to refer orthopaedic cases to Circle MSK in Bedford. Circle are part of Centene Corporation, based in St Louis in the US and Number 24 on the Fortune 500 list of companies in 2021. Surgeries in some other CCGs are not so contracted and may refer directly to their NHS hospital.
- Circle Health referred my wife to Pinehills Hospital, Hitchin – a part of Ramsey Healthcare which is based in Australia.

I do not doubt that private companies can provide excellent care in superb conditions – provided somebody pays for it. That should be a choice for the patient - not a drain on publiclyfunded tax revenues.

• The calculation is simple: if it costs £n to provide a service, the cost to the taxpayer is £n where that service is provided by a publicly owned body. If it is provided by a for-profit investor-owned company, the cost to the taxpayer is £n PLUS £p(rofit).

The solution is simple too, but requires political bravery.

• Define the volume and quality of service to be provided. Cost it. That is the tax burden. How that tax

burden is shared amongst us is another matter. (I have a view on that too!)

- Unless the patient asks for a private referral, refer only to NHS providers. If the NHS provider does not have the resources currently, let them outsource - whilst also understanding and acting on changing levels of demand to plan to meet those demands 'in-house' in future. Example:
 - Remove Circle MSK from the route entirely. They add no value.
 - If Bedford or Lister Hospitals cannot resource clinical provision, let them out-source to (e.g.) Pinehills at their cost but let them also review the resources they need to ensure future out-sourcing is minimal.
- Bring 111 'in-house' and make that the initial contact route for primary care with every call routed to a 111 clinically competent person for triage. The 111 resource could still be regional or local (e.g. a CCG area or a large group of surgeries).
- Where 111 determine that a local primary care intervention is required, let 111 raise a task on the person's registered surgery for them to make contact and arrange an appointment. Allow direct contact between the patient and the surgery

for that case until that case is closed. I'm sorry but people who are not clinically qualified should not be making decisions about whether or which clinical resource is appropriate.

• Integrate testing databases so that the results of tests carried out in (e.g. Hinchingbrooke) can be viewed by the registered GP and vice versa. It's not rocket science.

> David Crosby Gamlingay Resident

*Comment: There are about about 15 different providers of 111 services. Some are run by ambulance services, e.g. London Ambulance Service, South Central Ambulance Service. Another, Care 24, declare themselves to be a social enterprise organisation "focussed on patient care, not on profit". Vocare, operating largely in the North East is part of Totally, a medical services group that is indeed a "for profit" enterprise. In Gamlingay our service is provided by Herts Urgent Care, covering Herts, Beds and South Cambs − *they say*: "We are proud of our status of a social enterprise, which we have been since our inception in 2007... this means that that any profits we make are reinvested into our services to increase our support for our communities and colleagues further, rather than simply benefiting individuals." Ed.

Slimming World with Penny

...at the Gamlingay Eco Hub



Come along on Mondays at 6:00pm – no booking required.

New, existing and returning members all welcome.

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Something you'd like to promote?

Call out for local events to join Greensand Country Festival

THE annual Greensand Country Festival returns this May and June, with local groups and organisations encouraged to sign up activities as part of its programme of events.

The festival, which has been hosted by the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership since 2018, aims to promote a wide range of events taking place across the local area, encouraging people to explore more of Greensand Country and its unique parks, woodlands, heritage sites, attractions and more.

Adding your event to the line-up couldn't be simpler, just visit us on www.greensandcountry.com to find out how.

Events already signed up include Forest Bathing at Rushmere Country Park, an early morning dawn chorus at RSPB The Lodge, historic talks by Bedfordshire Gardens Trust about the Swiss Garden at Shuttleworth and Ickwell Bury, a plant fair, ultra-trail run and celebrations for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Shuttleworth Executive Director Rebecca Dalley explains how adding your event to the Greensand Country Festival can help promote your local group/organisation/business and benefit local people and priorities:

"Supporting the local environment, from nature to commerce and everything in between, has never been more important, in order to ensure we create a sustainable and healthy future for the landscape and the people that live, work and enjoy it.

"Each year, we include our events at Shuttleworth and the Swiss Gardens within the festival programme to help us reach new audiences; share activities hosted by other organisations local to our visitors, and to raise the profile of the unique and much-loved Greensand Country area."

Find out more about the Greensand Country Festival 2022 and add your event or activity to the programme at www.greensandcountry.com.

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Gamlingay Gym Update



Plans to open in May

GAMLINGAY will continue to have a community gym at the village primary school after residents stepped in and set up a new charity to keep it running.

South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cam Academy Trust have been working together to find a way of keeping a community gym running since the Trust took the decision it was not financially viable for them to reopen it following the forced closures due the COVID-19 pandemic.

The gym is one of 11 across South Cambridgeshire which work with the district council to ensure community access can be provided and is not part of larger regional or national chains.

Cam Academy Trust runs community gyms at other schools in the area, but Gamlingay is the only location where a gym is at a primary school site. This means pupils are too young to use the equipment and funding provided to the school for educational purposes cannot be used to subsidise it.

The new charity set up by the local community, Gamlingay Leisure (Community Gym and MUGA), have now signed an agreement with the Trust to run the gym and multi-use games area (MUGA) at the school which will allow community access to continue.

Gamlingay Leisure has said it expects the gym to re-open in May this year and they will announce an exact opening date over the coming weeks.

Local residents who wish to register for membership can now do so by contacting info@gamlingayleisure. org.uk or searching for 'Gamlingay Leisure' on Facebook.

Two Gamlingay-based businesses have assisted the charitable group by contributing a total of £10,000 towards the future of the gym. Gamlingay Leisure would like to offer sincere thanks for their contributions. If any other local businesses wish to make a contribution, please contact info@gamlingayleisure.org.uk

Community Car Scheme

Help us to help your fellow residents

What will happen when you can no longer drive yourself to medical appointments?

Might you use the **Community** Car Scheme, where volunteers drivers give a few hours from time to time to help other people?

Could you please **HELP US NOW**, before you yourself need help, by giving a little bit of your time to help other people?

Your mileage expenses will be covered.

Call the Community Car Scheme on 07519 493 701 for information

The scheme provides an invaluable service to get "Gamgy folk" and people nearby to their medical appointments.

If you need a lift or would like more information please call the Community Car Scheme on 07519 493 701.

But we also really do need more volunteers, so please consider lending a neighbourly hand.

Almshouse vacancy

There is a vacancy at the **Gamlingay Almshouses**

Application forms may be obtained from the Clerk.

Please note that the deed of settlement states that applicants are to be 'poor widows of good character resident in Gamlingay', however, the Charity Commission have given the Trustees discretion to widen these terms.

Clerk to the Sir John Jacob's Almshouses 24 Elizabeth Way Gamlingay, Sandy Bedfordshire SG19 3NH Email:cwsjjapc@outlook.com

Wildlife Ponds in Gamlingay?

Funding Available

PONDS are a cherished part of the parish landscape; familiar historic features found at the heart of most village centres and in the wider countryside. Sadly, due to changes in land use and agricultural practices, the UK has lost around 50% of ponds in the 20th Century. Those remaining are often threatened by pollution. This means the many species of plant and animal that rely on them are also under threat.



A recently created farmland pond. Credit J McNaughton, FWAG East

Excitingly, funding is now available in certain parts of Cambridgeshire for the restoration and creation of clean water wildlife ponds capable of supporting great crested newts.



A great crested newt. Credit Lucy Jenkins, FWAG East

The funding is part of Natural England's District Level Licencing scheme (DLL), a new strategy for compensating the loss of newt habitats, which seeks to provide new ponds and bigger, better, more joined-up habitat for this orangebellied amphibian at a landscape

In Cambridgeshire there is a high demand for such wildlife ponds through the DLL scheme. Most of the 150 or so pond projects we have delivered to date have been fully funded under the scheme. You can view some of these projects at: www.fwageast.org.uk/ponds.



A recently restored parish pond. Credit J McNaughton, FWAG East

We are seeking local farmers, smallholders, large rural garden owners, land-based businesses and parish-owned land to create and restore more such ponds. If you have a location in mind in your parish, please email ponds@fwageast.org.uk to receive further information or arrange an informal chat. Let's do something brilliant for wildlife!





Celebrations all round!

Its our Tenth Anniversary!

NOT everyone will remember what our Community Centre looked like before, so here are the then and now pictures (right).

We're sure you will agree that the building not only looks a whole lot smarter, it's a whole lot more user-friendly too.

The team piled a great deal of energy into this transformation to ensure the building, not only served the community well, but served it sustainably too.

The Eco Hub has proved to have met its objectives and purpose. From the initial money raising to the solar power, ground source heat pumps, rain water harvesting, recycling, etc., that all work seamlessly together to make the Eco Hub one of the most sustainable community buildings in the country.

Since its opening in 2012 a whole lot of passion has gone in to making it the warm, friendly and activity filled building it is today.

Trustees, volunteers and staff all work behind the scenes to ensure the continued success of the Eco Hub so, if you haven't been before, why not drop in and take a look around, attend one of the many classes or clubs, use the library or stop by for a coffee at the very popular Connect Café every Friday between 10.30am and 12.30pm.



Look out for all the amazing things happening in and around the HUB in June we have the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and our Tenth Anniversary to celebrate on Saturday, 4th June with a huge screen, bands, DJ's and food and drinks village.

Best wishes from the Eco Hub Team

Our Fitness Focus this month is...

Zumba Gold with Lisa Hillier

LISA is also celebrating ten years of Zumba classes with us at the hub and what a big part of our community building she is each week, bringing smiles to so many faces.

Ten years ago, local fitness instructor Lisa Hillier launched a Zumba Gold fitness class at the Eco Hub. Lisa has been running the class every Monday morning for the active older adult who likes to dance and keep fit but needed a slower-paced, easy to follow, group exercise class.

Lisa says: "My goal was to create a safe, friendly, welcoming environment where people could exercise but have fun at the same time. I chose Zumba Gold because it has all the fun and flavour of a Zumba class, but it is designed specifically for the active older adult."



Due to word of mouth, Lisa's class started to increase and during the first year Lisa's class grew to double figures. Then over the next few years it became so popular that she added more classes in Biggleswade and Sandy. Lisa then started to run annual charity fitness events at the Eco Hub and performing with her Goldies at local fetes and displays.

When the pandemic hit Lisa looked after her members by transferring her Zumba Gold classes online and helped

to support them through a very challenging time.

Today, Lisa's Zumba Gold class is sold out on a weekly basis with her loyal members shimmying, smiling and singing together on a Monday morning.

Lisa would like to take this opportunity to thank her incredible Zumba Gold members, in which some have been attending since the very first launch class! "My Goldies are so kind, loyal and supportive, and I have so many amazing memories with them that I will cherish forever. Now here's to the next ten years!"

Lisa would also like to thank the Eco Hub for being so supportive throughout the ten years. "It is certainly an incredible milestone which we have achieved together."

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

Email is the best way to get hold of us or you can leave a message on our ansaphone.

Our general manager is Kate Laugharne, supported by Vikki Jackson (marketing and business), Tony Hurst and John Berry.

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News from the Churches

Gamlingay Baptist Church

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Message for May

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'"

Matthew 25:44-45

WHEN thinking, praying and preparing my articles for the *Gazette*, I tend to avoid this space being a promotional space.

Yes we have events shared and promoted, and yes we aim to ensure you are aware of how to join us where possible, however I tend to not just give an 'update'.

Some like this, others don't I am sure. Please know, we are always up for sharing all that is going on with us, just get in touch, or better yet, come visit

With all that being said though, today, as you read this, I really want to focus on one initiative, and invite you to be a part. As we are all aware, things in Ukraine are 'difficult' to say the least, and we believe that we have a part we can play, however small it may seem.

So, this is what we have going on:

International Support – Outstretched Hands of Romania (OSHOR):

As a church, we have a personal link with a Christian Charity in Romania (Outstretched Hands of Romania), that has already been doing on the ground work.

They have been providing supplies to many on the borders of Ukraine/Romania on a regular basis for those who can't or wont leave for whatever reason, and have also begun housing and supporting Ukrainian refugees in Călărași, Romania.

Many, if not all Ukrainians going to this particular part of Romania, don't have anywhere else to go: no finances, no connections, nothing.

We are looking to raise funds locally, on a regular basis, that we will send directly to OSHOR, where we know the funds will make a direct and meaningful impact on the ground.

If you would like to give directly to this appeal, please contact: ukraine@gbchurch.org.uk

We are also partnering with friends from Big Love, a charity in Essex, who send regular shipments to Romania to support on the ground, and we will be joining them to send supplies.

Local Support:

We are aware of a few households who are looking to house families who are coming over to the UK.

Along with St Mary's Church, through the Gamlingay Food Project, we will of course provide weekly food parcels for anyone who needs in the area, for however long is needed and will of course also encourage the community fridge be made use of.

Along with St Mary's and the council, we are aiming to join up and link up any and all households in the area that are supporting Ukrainian refugees, so as to be able to journey the process together and support all involved.

In due course, we'll opening up The Backroom Cafe, at least an evening a week, for Ukrainian fellowship, allowing any and all Ukrainians in the area (be it locally in the village, Potton/Gransden/Hatley, etc.) to come together, connect, and perhaps share a meal or something (if nothing else, some lovely drinks).

Finally, we will of course provide as much Pastoral support as we can through visitations, one-to-ones, church, etc.

Do you know of anyone who is involved locally?

Why not link us all together, to have joined up thinking where possible. Email ukraine@gbchurch.org.uk with any and all information you may have.

As I am sure you know, this is not a short-term situation. However, as GBC we are committed to do all we can for as long as is needed, and would love for you to be a part and journey with us.

Get in touch, get involved, and let's do what we can 'for the least of these' as community, where I know we can make a difference, even if for a few!

As always, I look forward to hearing from you, and perhaps catching up at The Backroom Cafe.

Many blessings,

Rev Adrian Semerene

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GBC Diary May 2022

Sunday Services

Communion is held on the first Sunday of the month.

Hymnal Praise at 9:30am Worship Service at 10:45am Services live-streamed on www.gbchurch.org.uk/latest-talks

GBC Kids & Youth Groups

Meet every Sunday at 10:45am for age-appropriate activities.

Small Groups

In person and online, meet every week. For more details get in touch with office@gbchurch.org.uk

The Backroom Café

Open every Monday, 9.30am to 3.00pm.

Meet with friends, have a chat and enjoy good coffee and cake.

Ladies' Brunch & Study

Every second and fourth Saturday of the month.

14th & 28th May, 9.30 to 11.30am. A time for conversation, study and prayer.

For more details of church activities please contact the office on

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Facebook.com/ GamlingayBaptistChurch Instagram: @gb_church Twitter: @gb_church

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event for Gamlingay on the 4th June 2022

PLANS for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in Gamlingay are going well, with many of the village organisations coming together to take part in some

Neighbourhood Parties

By now, many of you will have started to think about your own private or neighbourhood parties, taking place at some point over the bank holiday weekend.

To assist you in getting the most out of these parties the organising team, supported by a number of groups and individuals, are putting together a free Activity Pack.

The cover will be a winning design by one youngster from our community and will contain lots of fun stuff inside, including a selection of Jubilee themed recipes so you can make real, old fashioned lemonade and Coronation Chicken and delicious scones.

There will be games to play, songs to sing and a Gamlingay themed quiz, plus a bit of fun with Gamgy Speak and a hunt to find 70 pictures of the Queen (one for every year of her reign) cunningly placed in 70 locations around the village.

Contributors to the pack include the Brownies/Rainbows; the History Society; Gamlingay Village Primary; Gamlingay Choir; Gamlingay Library; the Climate Action Group, and individual residents.

If you would like to reserve your

copies of the Activity Pack, please contact: Sarah Groom on email: sarahgroom@rescue.co.uk

Evening Music Festival and Food Village at the Eco Hub

This is the big event, taking place on the Eco Hub playing field from the afternoon and through the evening.

Playing on the Brogan Stage will be: Benefit of the Tape, Freddie Hall Band, Subject to Change and supported throughout the day by DJ David Samuel

The bands will be followed by a live screening of the Platinum Party at the Palace concert on a 45 sqm LED

There will also be a food village with vendors supplying a hog roast with sausage baps, fish and chips and pizzas, and maybe more. Party on Potton will be running a large outdoor bar.

General

There will only be on-site parking for Disabled Badge Holders.

Free entry so bring blankets, chairs/ tables; there is plenty of room for all.

For event details please keep a look out for the banners and posters around the village, or go to the event's dedicated Facebook page @The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Gamlingay 2022.

We also need lots of volunteers on the day, so if you can help please

Larry New on 07725 246 741 or email lnew@mouseman.co.uk









News from the Churches

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St. Mary's Letter for May

Dear Friends,

As I write we are preparing busily for Holy Week (the eight days from Palm Sunday, on 10th April, up to and including Easter Day on 17th April) – those will be past history by the time you read this, but we will have celebrated this core time of our faith with:

- A donkey at an outdoor service at Gamlingay Church of The Liturgy of the Palms, (weather and donkey permitting) followed by the Liturgy of the Passion at Everton by which services we remember the exciting celebratory beginning and the devastatingly painful end of this final week of the life of lesus.
- Evening Worship in each of our parishes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with quiet reflective times using the chanted music of the Taizé community in France.
- A commemoration of Jesus last meal with his friends on what we now call Maundy Thursday the Last Supper, with a special communion service at Everton Church celebrating Jesus' inauguration of

this permanent connection with himself in Holy Communion and his call to serving one another, symbolised in Jesus washing the feet of his disciples.

• Good Friday worship — three hours at Everton from 12.00noon until 3.00pm, remembering Jesus' death on the cross and receiving communion from sacrament reserved at the previous day's service. There will have been displays offering opportunities for reflection outside Gamlingay church and inside at Hatley St George church.

Our Lent Study of 'The Greatest Showman' has helped us to consider what matters in life, and how we pursue that. We have considered who 'the marginalised' are and why they are so, and what it means to be 'family', leading us on to reflection on the the nature of betrayal and redemption.

All this has been by putting scenes from the film alongside accounts from the Gospels concerning the life of Jesus and relating those to our own lives and experiences. It has been a fascinating journey, ending with the course title 'From now on' — what does that mean for us?

'Baggage and Treasures'

This course which some elsewhere have followed through Lent will be taking us through thoughts on what we should hold on to and what we need to put down in our continuing life journey as Church in Gamlingay, taking into consideration the experiences of the last two years. Do get in touch if this seems of interest.

In all this activity, the point has been, and continues to be, that the Church (not any one denomination, but all Christians united) should be the visible and generous people of Jesus Christ.

To this end I am committed to the principle and practice of Christian Unity, and proud to be associated with the Gamlingay Food project as one tangible representation of that, and contributing to a partnership establishing a Memory Cafe in Gamlingay. It is true that our denominations can seriously get in the way, but they are what we have inherited, our task is to make them work as well as we can.

We Anglicans say at many of our Communion services 'We are the Body of Christ', we might say 'We are part of the body of Christ'. It is only when we tap in to the Holy Spirit energy of God that we are able really to be members one of another, making up a healthy, functioning body. Sometimes we lose touch with one another and look a bit more like a cancer-riddled sick body or even a badly stitched-together Frankenstein monster, but we are a 'work in progress' and there is much good to celebrate.

Many looking on the church from the outside, especially those who left one or another branch feeling wounded, will remark that we make a pretty poor job of being what we claim to be called to be. But at Easter we celebrate the fact that life wins out



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over death, that love conquers fear and hate, not in their own terms but through something far more powerful yet intangible. The love God IS. It may not be recognised by those who are trapped in addiction, fear, greed and cynicism, but that doesn't mean it is not there. A fish doesn't have to believe in water to swim, faith is not required for the created order to be itself. But real Holy Spirit faith will make the sentient part of creation better at being its true self in every way. The Holy Spirit challenges us out of our complacency, converts us from our wrong-headedness and inspires us into acts of love and generosity.

Christ's death, resurrection and ascension enable the Church to come into being, and empowers us to deal with the worst that life can bring. Of course there have been attempts to misappropriate this power, but they always fail, because they are earthbound, and fall prey to the ultimate failure of all worldly power-seekers.

Such power may flourish for a season, but God, who is with his people in all things, accompanies creation through the Good Fridays of life, and welcomes us home in Jesus Christ to glorious Easter celebrations.

Adrian and I long to welcome more people on this journey of discovery, do be in touch if you feel inspired to be part of it. Be assured it will not always be comfortable, or easy, or even happy, but it will bring about something amazing that is really worth having.

Whenever you look at a Christian and think 'it's not doing them much good' it may pay to wonder what that person would be like if they did not call themselves a Christian, alongside asking them what their commitment actually is. We can't make that judgement-call helpfully for anyone but ourselves, of course, but as Gandhi once commented, it is not that Christianity has been tried and failed, it is that it has not been truly tried.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

See last times' *Gazette* for the intentions for the Jubilee Project in the churchyard — there is currently no progress to report, but by the time you read this much will have taken place — hopefully including response from people wanting to join in the Church's celebration.

Finalised details will be in the next issue of the *Gazette*.

Gamlingay Church will be hosting a party on the Saturday, with the church open for displays connected to the Jubilee, and the Church Hall providing refreshments and information on the Jubilee project.

On Sunday the morning service will celebrate both the Festival of Pentecost (the Birthday of the Church) and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee as Head of the Church of England and Monarch of the Realm.

Love from Hilary

Services and Events for end of April and May

When Gamlingay church reopens some time after 19th April there will be morning prayers at 8.00am some days (it will be every day somewhere in the Benefice, and on Zoom) and Wednesday morning said communion at 9.30am

April

Sunday 24th

First after (second of) Easter Change to previously published service

10.30am: Benefice Communion at Everton Church

6.00pm: Deanery service of Evensong and Farewell to Venerable Hugh McCurdy, retiring Archdeacon of Huntingdon at Little Paxton Deanery 'mother church'.

May

Sunday 1st

Third Sunday of Easter (First Sunday of the month)

9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Hatley St George (or Gamlingay Church)

11.15am: Parish Communion at

Everton

Sunday 8th

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Second Sunday of the month)

9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay Church (possibly first back in church)

11.15am: Parish Communion at

Everton

Monday 9th

New PCCs of the Benefice meet for

the first time

Sunday 15th

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Third Sunday of the month)

9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay Church (possibly first back in church)

11.15am: Eucharist at Everton

2.30pm: Baptism at Gamlingay Church (or 22^{nd})

Saturday 21st

12.00noon: Celebration of the completion of the work on Gamlingay Church. Refreshments, prayers and displays with opportunity to meet and thank one another.

Sunday 22nd

Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Fourth Sunday of the month)
10.00am: Benefice Communion

Service at Gamlingay)

2.30pm: Baptism at Gamlingay Church

4.00pm: Evensong at Everton

Thursday 26th Ascension Day

tbc: Services at Everton and Gamlingay

Sunday 29th

Sunday after Ascension (Fifth Sunday of the month)

9.30am: Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

Church

11.15am: Parish Communion at

Everton

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New outdoor classroom and shelter at GVP

READERS who have recently been dropping off children at Gamlingay Village Primary might have noticed the addition



of two beautiful new wooden structures in the Key Stage 1 and Early Years playgrounds.

The new outdoor classroom in KS1 and the shelter in EYFS have been purchased for the children by the Friends of Gamlingay Village Primary, with the generous support of donations from the Tithe Fund and the Co-op.

The structures were installed in February by Pentagon Play and are already being put to good

We hope they benefit children across the whole village for many years to come by providing a space to play and learn in the fresh air.

On behalf of all those children we would like to express our sincere thanks to the Tithe Fund and the Co-op for their generous donations, and also to all the villagers who support our fundraising activities. We could not have made these purchases for the children without your help and we are very grateful.

The Friends of Gamlingay Village Primary



News from Gamlingay Village Primary

Partnership

February saw a change in the leadership structure at GVP as Shelley Desborough moved into her role as executive head, in preparation for the West Cambridge Village Primary — a partnership of three CAM trust schools. The schools have already worked together closely over the last few years and the partnership will strengthen these links. Dawn Henry takes over the day to day running of GVP as seconded Head Teacher.

Tall Trees

We are delighted to have been successful in applying for a project 'Tall Trees' which will further develop our nature school provision (see December's *Gazette*). The project, funded by the Cambridgeshire's Outdoor Education Advisory Service, will support us in fully embedding Forest School provision across the school from Reception to Year 6.



We have committed to hosting three whole staff meetings and training two members of staff to Level 3. The Tall Trees project organisers symbolised the beginning of the project by delivering us a silver birch tree to school – the tallest



tree they could find! Members of school council helped plant it on our Early Years and Key Stage One playground.



The school council also helped plant out a cherry tree in our Forest School area. This tree was donated to the school by the Sakura Cherry Tree Project, a project celebrating the ongoing friendship between Japan and the United Kingdom.

We are continuing to develop our school grounds to enhance the provision available to our pupils. If you have any wooden garden furniture or benches that are in need of a new home, please do get in contact with the school office.

Public Speaking

Four pupils from Key Stage 2 recently represented GVP in a public speaking competition against pupils from other primary schools in Cambridgeshire. This year's titles were: Year 3/4 – "If I was a book character, I would be..." Year 5/6 – "Five things I would put in a time capsule are..." Our four finalists represented GVP very well and enjoyed attending the virtual event.

Young'Uns

Year 5 pupils had a day working with the Radio 2 folk band of the year, 'The Young'Uns'. We have welcomed them to GVP previously — they always bring such a rich musical and historical aspect to their workshops. The Year 5 classes spent the day listening and creating their own folk songs and practising our Gamlingay song before joining seven other Cambridgeshire schools for a virtual concert.

Gamlingay Village Show Update

Saturday, 17th September from 1.00pm to 5.00pm

FOLLOWING on from our announce- via post, please submit to: ment that this year's show will go ahead, we have uploaded the application forms for Stalls and Classic and Electric Cars to our website: https://thegamlingayshow.co.uk/ and encourage you to send completed forms via email to: gamlingayshow@hotmail.com.

Should you need to submit your form

Stallholders:

Jayne Dawkins 27 Poppyfields, Gamlingay **SG19 3DG**

Classic and Electric Cars:

Peter Condon Church Cottage, 94 Church Street, Gamlingay SG19 3JJ

Please see our competition classes below left. Having taken on board feedback from last year, we have increased the categories - and added a few twists!



As ever, we are very grateful to all our sponsors, helpers and participants in the show.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any ideas of what you would like to see and any help you would like to offer.

We will be sharing the Main Arena content shortly.

Jayne Dawkins Chair: Steve Palmer Vice Chair: Treasurer: Victoria Critchlow Peter Condon Secretary: Committee Ken Burgin Myra Brunton members: Diane Reynolds





Gamlingay Village Show Competition Classes Adults Category **Sub Category** Category Growing things! Largest marrow/pumpkins b. Best tomato Best individual vegetable d. Best individual fruit e. Funniest fruit or vegetable Holidays Photography NB. No digital entries - all Architecture photographs to be entered as Nature Black and white Pets f. Family Original photographs from 1992 Arts and crafts Thread-based crafts Painting and sketching in any medium Construction models Home produce Jams b. Marmalade Chutney Home brew Victoria sponge Chocolate roulade Scones Children's Category **Sub Category** Category Baking a. Cupcakes b. Biscuits Photography Pets a. Gamlingay village – local shots/unusual views of the Art and Crafts Construction models Painting and sketching in any medium Thread-based craft Junk and recycling model – Jubilee theme Trashion is a term for art, jewellery, fashion and objects for the home created from used, thrown-out, found and repurposed elements. **Family** Challenge Category **Sub Category** Category Family Challenge a. Any household collective entry of any kind on the 1

theme of the Jubilee

Springtime at Potton View

IT IS great to see the results of our efforts last year when we planted about 600 bulbs.

That may sound a lot but the grounds are considerable and together with the pots and troughs easily absorbed those bulbs.

As you turn into the drive there are daffodils to greet you followed by crocus as you move towards the main entrance.







Then you notice the pots many of which have tulips in flower.

The inner courtyard has a lovely trough which is visible from inside the building to those who do not want to venture outside.



This courtyard doubles as the nursery as can be seen from the greenhouse.

Despite storm damage earlier in the year we managed to take three dozen trailing geranium cuttings.

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At the back of the building is the rear patio and garden where again we have pots and troughs in flower.





Last year we doubled the size of the patio which has made a huge difference.

This year we will, hopefully, put some new pathways with sitting areas created alongside so that we can all benefit from the peace and quiet in the fresh air.

All this has been achieved by the residents with a little help from the staff when they are available.

We could achieve so much more with a few volunteers.

If you could spare a little time volunteering to help us then please contact our manager Zara on 01767 654 866.

John Bennewith Resident

Gamlingay Bowls Club

GAMLINGAY Bowls Club welcomes new male and female members that are experienced or novice bowlers, juniors are also welcome.

The teams are represented in the leagues by a mixed team of male and female bowlers.

Friendly games are also played against other teams in the region.

To access the Bowls Club walk through the Eco Hub car park then alongside the playing field to the end of the football pitches, then turn left. The old tennis courts are next to the bowling green.

The club currently plays in three different leagues:

- 1. Cambridge and District League **Division 2:** This evening league plays a slight variation of the traditional bowls game where the jack is played to from where it rolls. It is not centred on rink so the bowl is delivered from different angles from the mat.
- 2. Meldreth League: This evening league plays the traditional form of bowls where the jack is centred on the rink.

3. Millicent Childs over 60s League: This Wednesday afternoon league plays traditional bowls and is restricted to male and female players over 60 years of age.

The club also play a number of internal competitions including Singles, Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Triples and Fours which are open to all members of the

The cost of joining the club for the grass bowling season is £42 for adults and £10 for Juniors up to the age of 16.

The Club have a few sets of bowls that new members can use while they decide whether the game is for them.

If you would like to join Gamlingay Bowls Club to learn to bowl or want to bowl for Gamlingay then please do give either of the following a call:

> **Keith Tokens** Tel: 01767 650483 **Brian Culverhouse** Tel: 01767 651020

Please also see our Facebook page @gamlingaybowlsclub for opening nights for the new season and further information.



Gamlingay and District History Society

How the Victorians did it

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

Our website

www.gamlingayhistory.co.uk

has a wealth of information about the history of our village, and our sister website,

www.gamlingayphotos.co.uk

has many historic pictures of Gamlingay that are well worth a look.

Our next event is at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 10th May in the main hall at the Eco Hub, when Sarah Doig will give a talk on Victorian education.

You can attend as a visitor for £3.00, or join the Society on the night for free access to all our lectures. Either way you will be most welcome!

Later by Boucar Diouf

THE day just dawned and already it is six in the evening.

Monday has barely arrived and yet it is already Friday... and the month has passed... and the year is almost over... and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed... and we realise that we lost our parents, our friends... and we realise it is too late to go back.

So... Let us try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time.

Let's keep looking for activities that we like.

Let's put some colour in our grey clouds.

Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.

And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity the time we have left.

Let us try to eliminate "later". I'll do it later... I'll say it later... I'll think about it later...

We leave everything for later as if "later" is ours. Because what we don't understand is that:

Later the coffee will be cold...
later, priorities change...
later, the love is gone...
later, health has gone...
later, the children grew up...
later, our parents got old...
later, promises were forgotten...
later, the day becomes the night...
later, life ends.

And "later" is often too late.

So... Leave nothing until later.

Because while we are waiting for later, we can lose the best moments, the best experiences, the best friends, the best family.

The day is today.

The moment is now.

We can no longer afford to postpone what needs to be done right away.

This was originally composed by a French speaking Canadian and I have been unable to find an authorised English translation. I have put together this version based on several others, together with my own interpretation and trust it retains the mood, emotion and intent of the author. Ed.



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Fancy a post-Jubilee restorative?

Refreshments at The Cinques Common

ARE you planning a walk on Sunday, 5th June to clear your head from all the Jubilee celebrations?

If you are, consider dropping by The Cinques Common car park.

Not only does our mini nature reserve lead to The Greensands Ridge Way, I'll be there, writes Alison Fitt, between 11.00am and 2.00pm (or until it's all gone!).

- Ginger and elderflower punch (non alcoholic)
- Savoury snacks
- Sweet treats

Hopefully the weather will be glorious.

As always there'll be a bucket if you wish to make a donation to the Alzheimer's Sociey.

Come and sing...and boost your health!

IF YOU enjoy singing, come and join Gamlingay Community Choir! We are a friendly group of people, who have fun singing a variety of popular music.

Before Covid, we regularly sang at a range of local events, such as the Village Show, the Big Picnic, Hatley fete and St Mary's Church fete. We also sang Christmas music in the village pubs and visited Potton View Care Home to give the residents a little concert.

We are very much hoping to resume these activities this year. We meet for rehearsals in the Kingspan Hall at the Eco Hub on the first Wednesday (8.00pm to 9.30pm) and the third Saturday (10.00am to 12.00am) each month.

We enjoy a good sing, then have a break for coffee/tea and a chat, then sing again.

As well as being great fun, it has been proven that singing is excellent for our health. Singing with other people is great for mental wellbeing too!

If you are interested, but think your singing is not "good enough", do not fear! There are no auditions! Just come along and have fun singing with us! We would love to welcome some new members.

For further details, contact Jane Orchiston on 07535 005 908.

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The World of Stan Cross

STAN CROSS and his family lived in Mill Street on the family's small farm which was famous for its Cherry Orchards. The site is now School Close and Fairfield.

As well as Stan working on the farm, he had a busy social life with local history, photography and playing the piano, sometimes in a small band at local events at the School, Church and WI Hall.

I was lucky enough to have known Stan and I was also lucky enough to borrow some glass slides in medium format that he took around the village. The slides were 7x5 inches and all black and white but, being that size and Stan knowing how to use the camera very well, made the images very good quality. However, some were a bit damaged around the edges, which I am repairing digitally.

At the time I was using a wet darkroom for developing prints and negatives so I contact printed the glass slides onto photographic multi-grade paper so as to use the whole area of the slides. The end product was well and truly amazing and I never did make smaller or digital images. The glass slides here were taken during the early part of the 1900s.



Pic 1: Green End, the cottages and the Spotted Cow public house – long since demolished but the Chapel still stands.



Pic 2: Cinques Common looks bleak with only a row of cottages and two public houses, the Green Man and the White Horse.



Pic 3: Block Bridge with the bridge being a simple structure for the footpath linking the village to Block Bridge Cottages and Merton Grange.



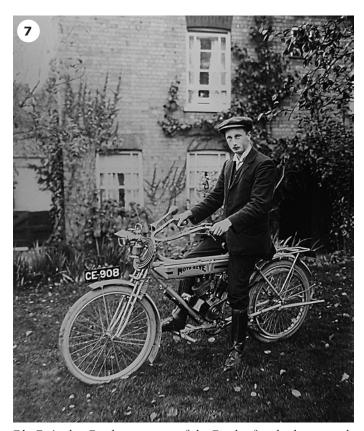
Pic 4: Members of the Baptist Church dressed for Pantomime in the back yard of Stan's house in Mill Street.



Pic 5: Honey Hill and The White Swan then The Swan on the right with the imposing house on the corner of Honey Hill and Mill Street, known by Gamalonians as No Man's Land!



Pic 6: Mrs Susannah Panter who used to make a living lace making or dealing in tea. Many people have probably seen this portrait but how many of you knew that Stan Cross was on the other side of the lens.



Pic 7: Archie Fowler was part of the Fowler family that owned the newspaper and tobacconist shop at the top of Church Street, which became Gostlings who were part of the Fowler family. Stan and Archie were friends and when Archie bought his first motorcycle it was too much of an opportunity for Stan to miss getting his camera out.



Pic 8: Mill Street looking towards Potton with the Three Horseshoes pub on the right. A small shop with a lantern over the door. In the centre of the picture you can see a pair of thatched cottages that stood on the corner of Mill Street, which in those days was Cow Lane.



Pic 9: The old First School in Green End which is another of Stan's pictures that is seen many times without people knowing who took it. To the left of the school you can see Harris' funfair which visited Gamlingay every year.



Pic 10: The Cross Roads and The Cambridgeshire Hunt meeting in the Hardwicke Arms car park. The thing I love with this picture is you are hard pushed to find a single person without a hat on.

I hope you have enjoyed some of Stan's pictures...I borrowed 40 in all! If you wish to know more about the pictures, the Historyman or joining my facebook page Gamalonian Days please call me on 07925 119 346 or email nb777@ btinternet.com





Crime Report

1st February to 10th March

ONE of our previous PCSOs went on to become a Police Officer after the restructure of neighbourhood policing teams so we now have PC James Lynch returning to the team.

We have had five crimes reported between 1st February and 10th March that can be discussed in an open forum.

Crime reporting in Gamlingay is low and hopefully this is a true reflection of what is happening in the village.

04/02/2022 - 07/02/2022 35/9120/22

Green End, business burglary.

08/02/2022 - 09/02/2022

35/9823/22

Blythe Way, criminal damage to a vehicle locked after being broken into. Nothing taken.

16/02/2022 35/11534/22

The Cinques, burglary alarm activated police attended and nothing was taken. Suspected entered via rear patio doors.

02/03/2022 - 03/03/2022 35/15187/22

Heath Rd, criminal damage to a vehicle.

03/03/2022:

35/15175/22

Green End, business burglary.



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Protecting your home from burglars

LONGER days and warmer weather (hopefully) are upon us! We want to take this opportunity as a reminder about securing your homes.

We're heading into the time of year where our windows are being opened to get some of that fresh spring air circulating, but unfortunately, historically we see thieves using this as an opportunity to invite themselves into unoccupied homes.

Leaving ground floor windows, doors and patio doors open in the warmer weather can give burglars the perfect opportunity. If you're upstairs or out of the room, even just for a few minutes, close them and help shut burglars out. Always close windows and doors if you're leaving your home altogether.

Please take a few minutes to look at the advice on our website, it could be a couple of minutes which prevents your home from being burgled.

https://www.cambs.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/keep-burglars-out-property/?utm_source=start_of_spring_CP_advice_21Mar&utm_medium=eCops_email&utm_campaign=Burglary

Don't forget, if you see something suspicious, please report it to us!

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Latest News

Warning: Loan shark dangers in Cambridgeshire

Need money? Try a Credit Union

CAMBRIDGESHIRE County Council is lending its support to a national campaign aimed at tackling loan sharks and raising awareness of where people can seek help.

The campaign is being led by the England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) — a national team that investigates and prosecutes loan sharks.

They also provide specialist support for people affected by this crime.

A loan shark is someone who lends money without authorisation from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

They often tend to initially appear friendly and helpful but can then turn to violent and aggressive behaviour to force victims to repay the loans with huge interest and extortionate penalties.

It's not always easy to spot a loan shark as they come in many different guises and will at first appear friendly, just part of the community.

It's when you can't pay that they will turn on you.

It's when you can't pay that they will turn on you.

They could be a regular from the local pub, a parent in the school playground or a friend of a friend.

Loan sharks prey on people at their most vulnerable.

Borrowing from a loan shark can seem like an easy option but often it will lead to a vicious cycle of threats, intimidation and spiralling debts.

You will usually find these predators lurking in communities, but they also operate on social media, using dating sites and online groups to find, threaten and control people in debt.

Here are some of the warning signs to watch out for that a lender is acting illegally:

Giving you no paperwork or agreement on a loan.



Picture Courtesy of NY Post

- Refusing to give you information about the loan.
- Keeping items such as your passport and bank card until the debt is paid.
- Taking things from you if you don't pay on time.
- Adding more interest or charges so the debt never goes down.
- Using intimidation or violence if you don't pay.
- Starting off by being your friend but quickly turning nasty.

If you have borrowed money from a loan shark, it is important to remember that you have done nothing wrong and there is no shame in seeking help.

It may seem like a difficult step to take, but there is support available from the England Illegal Money Lending Team.

Credit unions are a safe and legal alternative to borrowing from a loan shark, find out more about the services on offer locally by going to:

www.findyourcreditunion.co.uk

Why join a credit union?

- Credit unions are not-for-profit organisations, existing primarily to serve the needs of their members and the communities in which they operate. It's easy to find a credit union that you're eligible to join.

 To become a member of the Eastern Savings and Loans Credit Union, you need to live or work in Norfolk, Suffolk or Cambridgeshire.
- Credit unions help members save and manage their money ethically and responsibly. They offer savings and loans at affordable rates, and just like with banks and building societies, your savings are protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).
- Credit unions may be more willing to offer you a small loan if you have poor or no credit rating. Banks, along with other loan providers, may be reluctant to lend you money for this reason.

It's easy to check that a lender is authorised before considering a loan by visiting the Financial Services Register online at:

https://register.fca.org.uk/s/

Residents who believe they may be involved with a loan shark or suspect that one is operating in their area can report it to the:

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World Environment Day 2022

Fifty years since "environment" appeared in a UN conference title

How will you mark the event?

THE Government of Sweden will host World Environment Day 2022 in partnership with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). It is 50 years since the first United Nations Conference on the Human Environment – the 1972 Stockholm Conference that led to the creation of UNEP and designating 5th June every year as World Environment Day.

World Environment Day 2022 will be held under the theme Only One Earth, highlighting the need to live sustainably in harmony with nature by bringing transformative changes – through policies and our choices – towards cleaner, greener lifestyles.

Only One Earth was the motto for the 1972 Stockholm Conference; 50 years on, the motto holds true – this planet is our only home, whose finite resources humanity must safeguard.

Minister for Environment and Climate and Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden, Per Bolund said: "As a proud host of 2022 World Environment Day, Sweden will highlight the most pressing environmental concerns, showcase our country's initiatives and the global efforts of addressing the climate and nature crises. We invite the global community across the world to join in the important discussions and celebrations."

According to UNEP's Making Peace with Nature report issued earlier this year, transforming social and economic systems means improving our relationship with nature, understanding its value and putting that value at the heart of decision making.

"In 2022, we hope to see a world turning the corner on the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. But we do so with the knowledge that we continue to face the triple planetary crises of climate change, nature loss, and pollution," said Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP.

"Sweden's announcement — and a World Environment Day theme that puts nature and people at the centre of environmental work – reminds us of the roots of the critical work of protecting our environment and injects vital impetus to global efforts to build back better and greener."

World Environment Day takes place every year on 5th June. It is the United Nations' flagship day for promoting worldwide awareness and action for the environment.

Over the years, it has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people across the world.

Comment: Although "only" a local publication the Gazette feels it is important to spread news of events that will have an impact on our readership. The Climate Emergency is increasingly affecting our lives and the lives of those who will inherit the Earth from us. If each of us make relatively small changes to the way we live now, we can lessen the impact on those who come after. Ed

22 in 2022 What can you do?

THE Climate Action Group (a working party established by the Parish Council) has now met three times and is producing some good ideas to help Gamlingay and its residents make a personal difference in this Climate Emergency we find ourselves in.

To that end we aim to produce 22 top "climate" tips which we'll promote in the Gamlingay *Gazette* and elsewhere during the next ten months or so.

Some of us have been doing these things for years, others know they should have been, but didn't yet get round to it, and some of the ideas put forward may well be eye-openers for many of us.

We each have our own thoughts on the matter, but what we'd really like are your ideas, your actions, your tips which you can pass to us and which we'll share in the community.

We'll do so either anonymously or with your name against it – it's your choice.

Please send your contributions, just a few sentences, to:

keith.warburton@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk

If you would like to get more involved in Gamlingay's climate actions, please let us know.

Here are the third two of the 22 in 2022

Bar soap

Switch to bar soaps rather than pump soap and reduce your plastic consumption.

Don't let it run down the drain

When running the tap or shower for hot water, don't let it run straight down the drain — you are paying for it after all. Instead, collect it and use it elsewhere, for flushing the loo perhaps.

Amazing May!

MAY is an amazing time in nature and is the best time to go on an early morning walk to listen to the birds because the summer migrants and resident birds are in full song.

In Gamlingay Wood Nature Reserve, listen for the willow warbler who has arrived from Southern Africa with its musical down-the-scale song. This bird especially likes the bushy re-growth areas of coppiced hazel.

You will find bluebells, early purple orchids, and yellow archangel in flower in the woods.



Picture courtesy of Philip Precey

The wide sunny and sheltered "rides" are looking beautiful. Thank you for sticking to the middle of the official paths.

We are able to offer more funded sessions this year, thanks to Comberton Adult Education Centre covering costs.



Picture courtesy of Rebecca Neal

One programme on offer is a Wildlife for Beginners short course in Gamlingay Wood. This is a series of three guided walks in a small group, where we will focus on identifying common wildlife.

A similar programme is being offered at Waresley and Gransden Woods and the more accessible Cambourne Nature Reserve. These are offered free to participants in return for a commitment to attend the sessions and complete some paperwork.

There are other funded sessions running in Cambourne, for toddlers (Little Bugs), and parents or carers of pre-walking babies (Wild Babies).

Besides these funded sessions, I also have a programme of paid-for stand-alone family sessions during the school holidays, and guided walks for

adults throughout spring, summer and

Supporting our events gives you an opportunity to ask questions about our reserves, and helps us continue to share our love of nature.

Wildlife Trust BCN members get a discount on most events.

www.wildlifebcn.org/events

In May, I'll be delivering a pack of resources to each primary school in the area to help them get ready for our annual campaign: 30 Days Wild.

Free resources are also available online for families, care homes or individuals.

Throughout June, this campaign encourages people to connect with nature by doing something wild every

www.wildlifebcn.org

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The West Cambridgeshire Hundreds are a group of nature reserves owned and/or managed by the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire: Hardwick, Gamlingay, Hayley, and Waresley and Gransden Woods, Buff Wood, and Cambourne Nature Reserve.



Councillors' Column

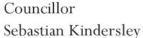
Keeping us up-to-date on South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council matters.

Your councillors are always ready to help.

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



Cambridgeshire County Council





South Cambridgeshire District Council



Councillor Bridget Smith

New affordable homes for Gamlingay

At the time of writing we are not able to give you the full details but SCDC is in negotiation to acquire 34 new affordable homes in Gamlingay which will be exclusively for people with a local connection.

To be able to bid for one of these homes you need to be registered on Home Link – please check www. scambs.gov.uk or contact Bridget.

Blythe Way resurfacing

Thank you to those people who wrote to express their thanks for the resurfacing of Blythe Way. It has been a problem for a long time but now resolved by the County Council.

Footpath 10

We have made huge progress over the reopening of Footpath 10 which links Green End with Green Acres.

Morris Homes has now submitted an application for a permanent route which you will be able to comment on and we are hopeful that by the time you read this a temporary route will either be open or just about to be open.

Elizabeth Way

Residents of Elizabeth Way were concerned when the field behind them was partially cleared and rumours were heard about 55 houses being built there imminently.

There is no current planning application for this site and it is outside of the village framework which tends to constrain development.

That does not mean that a planning application will not be submitted or that the site will be put forward as a late entry into the local plan. If that happens then it will be dealt with

through the normal processes.

900 sites were put forward into the Local Plan and so far only 19 have been taken forward.

None of the sites around Gamlingay which were proposed have been successful in making it into the local plan which has a strong focus on only building homes where there are good transport links.

Sewage problems in Stocks Lane

There is a recurrent issue with sewage blockages in the old drains in Stocks Lane. The result is flooding at the bottom of Honey Hill and back flow affecting some of the houses in Chapel Field.

Bridget has written to Anglian Water and will hopefully have had a response to her questions about what they're going to do about it by the time this is printed.

Land south of West Road

We campaigned hard back in 2017 against a development for up to 30 houses on the land south of West Road. This site was outside of the village framework and not in the local plan.

Even though it was rejected by the

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Council it was approved on appeal by the government planning inspector because at the time the council did not have a five-year housing land supply.

The surprising thing is that over four years on these houses are still to be built.

The latest news is that the detailed permission was finally granted in 2021 and they now have a further three years to complete. 40% of these houses will be affordable.

District Council

Bin Collections

Covid is still making it very challenging to run all the bin collections. As we write over 40 of the workforce of 150 are away.

Despite this it is the council's intention to continue the green bin collection but if your bin is not collected at the normal time please leave it out and we will be picking it up as soon as we

Council Tax Rebate Scheme

The government's Council Tax Rebate Scheme goes live on 1st April. FAQs will be on the SCDC website.

It is aimed at homes in council tax bands A-D. The amount of £150 is not repayable and will not show up on your Council Tax bill.

Zero Carbon Award

SCDC has been recognised for its work to tackle climate change, with a Silver accolade at the 2022 Public Sector Transformation Awards.

The Council's Green to our Core programme is supported by its Zero Carbon Strategy and Doubling Nature Strategy. Highlights of the Council's approach include Greening South Cambridgeshire Hall with a £1.8M energy efficiency retrofit to include a ground source heat pump, solar carport, upgraded lighting and other

We were one of the first Councils to adopt a fully electric refuse collection vehicle with more on the way, and we are developing a solar farm to power

We've upgraded 1,800 street lights with low energy bulbs and awarded £314,415 to 51 different community groups to support carbon reduction projects including setting up E-Bike schemes, installing infra-red heating panels in community buildings, holding sustainable food festivals, tree planting, energy efficient lighting and waste reduction.

Fitness and Wellbeing Grants

SCDC is urging instructors to apply for up to £300 to lead fitness and wellbeing activities in their communities.

Anyone who leads an existing group or who wants to set up a new initiative in the district, such as leading a walking group in their local park or running a weekly yoga class in a village hall, could be eligible for the small

Providers running multiple groups can also apply to fund multiple programmes.

Activities could range from walking football/rugby/netball, to chair-based exercise classes, diabetes walking groups, yoga for the over 60s, baby yoga classes or more.

The grant, which is funded by CCC, is to help deliver physical activity

programmes provided by the SCDC in partnership with Living Sport.

It is designed to cover costs such as venue hire for up to six weeks, with new participants being entitled to four free sessions.

Once the free sessions are complete, participants would be expected to begin paying a small fee to continue participation, meaning that the initiative should become a sustainable source of income for the instructor.

Better connected communities

The Councils are urging residents and community groups to use a new personalised advice service which will identify free tools and funding to tackle local problems and create safer communities in South Cambridgesire.

Residents and community groups can complete a short online form outlining the initiative they want to set up or the problem they want to solve, and Council staff will offer tailored solutions.

More on www.scambs.gov.uk

Zero Carbon Communities Grants

South Cambridgeshire's community groups can now bid for a share of more than £120,000 from the SCDC's popular Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme.

The scheme has so far provided £310,000 to 51 grassroots projects that work to tackle climate change in South Cambridgeshire. The deadline to apply for the latest round of grants is Wednesday 1st June 2022.

Full eligibility criteria and ideas for projects are available at www.scambs. gov.uk/zerocarbongrant

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The money for Zero Carbon Communities grants comes from business rates from renewable energy sites, like solar farms, in South Cambridgeshire that the Council retains and earmarks for use in green initiatives like this.

Cambs County Council

Ukraine

The Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme, which asks people to offer space in their homes for those fleeing the war, has been launched (https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk).

This will allow individuals, charities, community groups and businesses in the UK to bring Ukrainians to safety – including those with no family ties to the country.

Phase One of the scheme will allow sponsors to invite an individual or family to stay with them in their home or in a separate property.

There will be no impact on their benefits as a result of doing so, for example, they would not lose their single person council tax discount.

The Government will also be providing a full support pack for families hosting arrivals and a welcome pack for all new arrivals.

Anyone who is interested in participating is asked to offer accommodation for at least six months and will be eligible for a 'thank you' payment of £350 a month.

FAQs are available on the Homes for Ukraine scheme: www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions.

We know some families in Gamlingay have already applied; and are delighted that the Trustees of

the Almshouses in Church Street have agreed to offer a cottage to the scheme.

County underspend

Amazingly the CCC has a forecast end of year underspend of £15.7m caused by short term implications of the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is intended to use some of this in immediate and visible improvements to county highways including extra work in pothole 'hot spots', an increased programme to reduce surface water in locations highlighted by the community and improving lines and road markings in more rural areas to make driving safer at night and in bad weather.

Family Support

Although Government-backed schemes set up to help struggling families during the pandemic ended on 31st March, CCC's Joint Administration has agreed to earmark £3.6m to extend the Holiday Voucher Scheme for a further year.

We will issue each eligible child or young person a £30 supermarket voucher to cover the Easter holiday period. It will be sent by email and/or text to the nominated parent or carer.

The voucher does not need to be used in a single shopping trip and once claimed will last for at least a year.

If your child is eligible for incomerelated free school meals as well as a number of other criteria, they will automatically receive a voucher for the Easter holiday period.

Any children who become eligible up until 19th April 2022 will also receive a voucher.

More at www.cambridgshire.gov.uk.

"No contest" as Parish Councillors elected unopposed

On 6th April the returning officer at SCDC announced the following had been duly elected councillors for Gamlingay without a contest:

Wendy Boyne, Jolin Darcy, Adrian Foster, Harriet Gould, Tracy Gurney, David Hooper, Ann Kirby, Samantha Martin, Larry New, Bob Petch, Keith Warburton.

None of the candidates had declared any political description, except Adrian Foster, Larry New and Keith Warburton, who all declared themselves to be Independent.

The Gazette is apolitical — we do not support or promote any political party (although we do carry news, without favour, from all our councillors, when submitted).

We were, therefore, a little bit concerned when we learned that one of the political parties was distributing a flyer called the *South Cambridgeshire Gazette*. It's nothing to do with your *Gazette*, honest! And if we thought they were trying to imitate us, we'd probably be reminded of the adage that imitation is the most sincere form of flattery.

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The Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan

.where are we now?

THE Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan is a document to help Gamlingay have a positive influence on planning and development in the future. Once finalised, the document is valid until 2035 and forms part of the statutory development plan which means that South Cambridgeshire District Council must use our plan when determining planning applications.

Neighbourhood plans are being created all over the UK by volunteers for their own town or village and it is hoped that these will carry real weight when it comes to local planning applications.

How has this Plan come together?

Our plan for Gamlingay has taken the best part of five years to pull together, with many public consultations working to form a series of policies that set out what we want our village to be. This work has always relied on volunteers working with Gamlingay Parish Council. People have come and gone, but the core of the working party completing this task is Kirstin Rayner (Parish Clerk), Sarah Groom, Samantha Martin and Rachel Lee.

The draft plan was sent to every household in 2020 and the concerns and comments were published in full on the website: www.gamlingay-future.co.uk.

What's Happening Now?

In August 2021 the Parish Council formally sent the draft plan to SCDC.

Independent Inspector Andrew Ashcroft was appointed by SCDC in December 2021 to carry out a rigorous examination of the Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan and he visited Gamlingay on 6th December 2021.

There are quite a few changes identified by the inspector. He has supplied alternative wording for many of the policies to make them more specific and defined and he has also deleted two main policies concerning employment on Mill Hill and the protection of the First School Field as a Local Green Space.

Subject to these changes being made, the Inspector has concluded that the Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan meets all the necessary legal requirements and should proceed to referendum.

What's Next?

There's a lot of work for the voluntary group now, as all the changes stipulated by the Inspector need to be implemented, policies need to be renumbered, maps changed, and cross referencing amended. Then SCDC have to decide whether they are happy for the plan to progress to referendum, after the changes have been made and if so, the referendum date will be set.

This referendum is your chance to vote yes or no to the final plan, hopefully this year. The plan will be made available to everyone to see and so please get involved if you can, as it affects the future of Gamlingay and everyone who lives here.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to thank the other volunteers who have given their time over the past five years to bring the plan this far. If you have any questions, please address them to Kirstin Rayner at clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk or 01767 650310.

To see the full details of the Inspectors Report, please go to www.gamlingay-future.co.uk/NP News.

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Recycling and bins

What are your bins for?

Your coloured bins are used as follows:

» Blue bin

Recyclable materials

» Black bin

Non-recyclable and non-compostable materials

» Green bin

Food and garden waste

What goes in my blue bin? YES:

- » Paper, newspapers, magazines and envelopes
- » Cardboard
- » Cartons (for example, Tetra Pak)
- » Plastic bags, film wrapping
- » Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays (excluding any black plastic which cannot currently be recycled)
- » Food and drinks cans
- » Empty aerosols
- » Greetings cards
- » Wrapping paper (no metallic plastic)
- » Tinfoil and foil trays
- » Biscuit and sweet tins
- » Glass jars and bottles
- » Shredded paper (must be bagged in a paper or clean plastic bag)

Batteries must not be put inside the blue bin but are collected for recycling. Put batteries including AA and AAA cells, button batteries, size C and D and any laptop or mobile battery in a clear plastic bag and tie to your blue bin lid.

NO:

- » Food
- » Liquids
- » Nappies
- » Clothes, textiles or shoes (take to charity shops or clothing banks)
- » Expanded polystyrene or Styrofoam
- » Foam/sponge
- » Non-packaging plastic. For example toys and bowls
- » Flat glass or mirrors
- » Pyrex
- » Kitchen paper and tissues
- » Dirty packaging
- » Paint tins

What goes in my black bin?

- » General household non-recyclable and non-compostable material waste
- » Disposable nappies
- » Polystyrene
- » Used paper tissues and kitchen paper
- » Cooled, bagged ash

NO:

- » Empty or full paint tins
- » Rubble
- » Bricks
- » Soil
- » Very heavy items
- » Electrical items
- » Loose ash

What goes in my green bin? YES:

- » Garden waste, such as grass cuttings and leaves
- » Untreated wood
- » Straw and sawdust
- » Food waste (meat, fish dairy, fruit and vegetable peelings). This must be put in paper liners, or wrapped in newspaper.
- » Cooled wood ash, bagged in a paper sack

NO:

- » Any plastic
- » Plastic type bags/sacks and biodegradable/compostable 'plastic' food waste bags
- » Cat or dog waste
- » Soil, stones or turf
- » Treated wood
- » Rubble
- » Loose ash of any kind, and coal ash A kitchen caddy and paper liners can be used for your kitchen food waste and then emptied into your green bin when full.

Find out more information on https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/recycling/food-waste-and-paper-liners/

Missed bin collection

If your bin is not collected, please report your missed bin collection after 3:30pm on your collection day and by 3:30pm the following day.

Gamlingay bin collection dates

Thursday 5th MayGreen and Blue

Wednesday 11th May Black

Wednesday 18th May Green and Blue

Wednesday 25th May Black

Wednesday 1st June Green and Blue

Thursday 9th June Black

Wednesday 15th June Green and Blue

Wednesday 22nd June Black

Wednesday 29th June Green and Blue

On your bin collection day:

- » Close your bin lids firmly.
- » Put your bins out by 6.00am on the day of your collection.
- » Don't overfill your wheeled bin and ensure the lid is closed.
- » Do not leave out extra rubbish or garden waste. Follow our guidance on leaving out extra recycling.
- » Make sure that your bin isn't too heavy to move, if not it may not be emptied.
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Celeriac Kiev

Vegetarian recipe from Roderick Starksfield



I AM very fond of Celeriac, many people are afraid of this ugly looking vegetable, but it is delicious.

Try it grated raw with a dollop of Mayonnaise (Remoulade), CeleriMac, Baked whole (Zombie Brain).

The latter two were previously published in the *Gazette*, details below.

I am sure many of us will remember the classic 70s "Kiev" with it's crispy coating which, when cut open, dribbles out a pond of garlic butter.

Ingredients:

- » 100g stale bread
- » Handful of walnuts
- » Parsley and garlic butter
- » 3 cloves garlic
- » 150g softened butter
- » Salt and pepper
- » Celeriac

- » 100g flour
- » 2 eggs, beaten
- » Milk

Method:

- » Grate 100g of stale bread to form breadcrumbs.
- » Place walnuts in a food processor and pulse until they are a course crumb.
- » Mix together the breadcrumbs and walnuts.
- » Finely chop the parsley and add to a small bowl.
- » Grate the garlic into the bowl.
- » Stir the butter into the parsley and garlic mixture.
- » Season with salt and pepper.
- » Peel the celeriac and halve.
- » Trim the halves into a into a Kiev shape, like a very large bar of soap.

- » Bring a pan of salted water a boil, and boil the celeriac until soft, about 15-20 minutes.
- » Drain and cool.
- » With a small knife cut a cone shape from the top of the Kiev.
- » Take the top off the Kiev, and using a teaspoon scoop out the middle.
- » Peel the celeriac and halve.
- » Fill with the flavored butter. (If there is be more butter than is needed, simply wrap in clingfilm, form into a sausage and freeze.)
- » Replace the removed cone to seal the Kiev.
- » Dip in flour then the egg and then the breadcrumbs and walnut crust.
- » You can repeat the egg and crumb to give an extra coating.
- » Preheat the oven to 200°F, 180°C, Gas Mark 5.
- » Line a baking tray with parchment paper and carefully place on the Kievs, making sure the hole used to fill it is at the top.
- » Roast for 15 to 20 minutes until crispy and golden.

To serve:

» Serve with griddled tender-stem broccoli with a wedge of lemon and extra melted parsley butter.

Thanks to Matt Tebbutt for the concept of this dish and the picture included.

Published recipes:

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Quiz and Puzzle Corner

by Kevin Bentley

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



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

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

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What's On Diary

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Beginners Breeze	Thursday 12 May	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	Thursday 5 May Wednesday 11 May Wednesday 18 May Wednesday 25 May	Blue and Green Black Blue and Green Black
Cock Inn	Monday 9 May	Monthly quiz nights starting at 8.00pm. £1.00 per head for various charities. New teams welcome.
Community Choir	Wednesday 4 May Saturday 21 May	First Wednesday of the month 8.00pm to 9:30pm in the Main Hall, Eco Hub Third Saturday of the month 10.00am to 12.00noon in the Kingspan Hall, Eco Hub
Connect Cafe	Fridays	10.30am to 12:30pm at the Eco Hub. All welcome to a friendly drop-in cafe for a cuppa and cake – £2 with free drinks refills. Lifts available. Please contact the Eco Hub Manager.
Eco Hub	Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays Sundays	Kingfisher Disability Group — 10.00am to 3.00pm Zumba Gold — 10.00am to 10.45am Preschoolers' Story Time — 2:30pm to 3.00pm Slimming World Friendly Weight Loss Group — 6pm to 7.30pm Circuits with Joolz — 7.00pm to 8.00pm Mat Pilates — 9.30am to 10.30am Chair Pilates — 11.00am to 12.00noon Carpet Bowls. All welcome — 1.00pm to 4.15pm Yoga with Caroline — 7.15pm to 8.15pm Fitness for Injury. Improve mobility, stop injury — 9.30am to 10.30am Kingfisher Disability Group — 10.00am to 3.00pm Crafty Ladies Craft Group — 10:00am to 12:00noon Cha Char Chimps — Preschool Fun — 10.00am and 11.00am Home Education Group (every 2 weeks) — 11.30am to 2.00pm Alice Lucas School of Dance — 4.30pm to 19.45pm Youth Club — 5.30pm to 9.00pm Kingfisher Disability Group — 10.00am to 3.00pm Connect Café Community Coffee Morning 10.30am to 12.30pm Little Ruggers Rugby Practice — 9.00am to 12.00noon
Gamlingay Allotment Association	Thursday 12 May	Committee Meetings bi-monthly. Secretary Robert Carolan can be contacted on gamlingay.allotments@gmail.com
Gamlingay Archaeological Group	Thursday 5 May	7.30pm Blythe Way Community Room first Thursday of month Chris Tomsett: Chairman 01767 650 009 Julia Manley; Julialmanley@yahoo.com
Gamlingay Gardening Club	Tuesday 3 May Saturday 28 May	Held in the Main Hall at the Hub on first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm; tea coffee. Contact Jean 01767 650 367. June outing to be announced. Jim Paine, Walnut Tree Garden Nursery: Gardening in the shade Annual Plant sale in St Mary's Church Hall, free entry
Gamlingay Library	Mondays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays Saturdays	2.00pm to 4.00pm — Preschoolers Story Time 2.30pm 2.00pm to 4.00pm — Free computer buddying — ask at the library for more information. 10.00am to 12.00noon 10.30am to 12.30pm 10.00am to 12.00noon

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Gamlingay Parish Council	Tuesday 10 May Full Council Meeting Tuesday 19 May Finance & General Purposes Meeting	Meetings held at 7.30pm in the Kier Suite at the Eco Hub and are open to all. Planning Committee Meetings 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 Players		Contact Amy Lovat at lovat1@hotmail.com
Gamlingay Walkers	Wednesday 4 May Wednesday 1 June	New members welcome. Further information contact Miriam on 01767 654 891 or email miriamjones80@hotmail.com
Greensand Writers	Tuesday 17 May	Meetings held on the third Tuesday of every month by Zoom. Details on www.greensandwriters.wixsite.com
Guild of St. Mary's	Monday 16 May	Monthly meetings, usually third Monday of the month.
Hatley Coffee Morning	Tuesday 3 May	10.00am to 1.00pm at Hatley Village Hall. Everyone welcome. Donations split between the Village Hall and Church.
Hatley Parish Council	Tuesday 17 May	Contact the Clerk: Nicola Pearce 650 640 or 07902 494 745. Email: parishclerk@hatley.info. Next meeting is 7.30pm in Hatley Village Hall
History Society	Tuesday 10 May Tuesday 14 June	Meetings are held at The Eco Hub, Stocks Lane at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to all. Education, Education, Education by Sarah Doig. Annual General Meeting.
Housing, Police and Councillor Surgery	Monday 2 May	9.30am to 10.00am on the first Monday of the month at the Eco Hub.
Music Club	Thursday 5 May Thursday 19 May	Meetings held every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 01767 650 748.
Photographic Society		Contact: Nick or Jackie Bruce 01767 651 025/07925 119 346, email only at: nickbruce7@btinternet.com
Potton Ladies Club	Tuesday 3 May Tuesday 7 June	Meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Mill Lane Pavillion, Mill Lane, Potton. Sarah Burgoine at sarahjburgoine@gmail.com or 631 415.
Social Club		Quiz and pool nights, live bands and Friday evening bingo. 16 Waresley Road, Gamlingay
Soup Lunches	Wednesday 25 May	Every fourth Wed of the month 12:30pm start, Church Hall
St. Mary's Choir	Thursdays	Thursdays at 6.30pm. Choir practice open to all interested singers at St. Mary's Church.
The Gazette	Friday 29 April Friday 27 May	June issue deadline for all copy and adverts. July/August issue deadline for all copy and adverts.
The Wheatsheaf	Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursday and Saturday Fridays	Food for all the family Pie Night eat-in and takeaway Pizzas Fish & Chips eat-in and takeaway
Total Wellness Workout	Fridays	Fridays at the Church Hall 9:30am to 10:30am. Bring some water and exercise mat or towel for floor work. £6.00 per class
Women's Institute	Tuesday 17 May	Meetings held in the Eco Hub Main Hall at 7.30pm third Tuesday of the month. We woule really like to see you there. For further info: Lindsay 651 227, Jean 650 367, Jan 652 135
Youth Café 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 John Coppard john.coppard@cambs.pnn.police.uk		

Healthcare and	Council	
Medical centre Appointments Out of hours	260 340 111	
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 Clerks: Kirstin Rayner, Leanne Bacon at ecohub: clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk web page: www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk Chairman: Harriet Gould Vice-Chairman: Wendy Boyne		
Faulty Street Lights	0800 7873 247	
Library Kate Laugharne	651 226	

Forward Gamlingay Chair: Sarah Groom	
Hatley Parish Council Clerk: Nicola Pearce	650 640 07902 494 745
hatleyparishclerk@hatle	ey.info
www.hatley.info Chairman: Margot Eagle	

Politics		
Member of Parliament Anthony Browne	0207 219 3000	
anthony.browne.mp@p	arliament.uk	
County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley	651 982	
District Councillor Bridget Smith	650 510 03450 450 500	
Monday-Saturday 08:00 to 20:00 South Cambridgeshire District Council		
Hatley District Councillor Heather Williams		
cllr.williams@scambs.g	ov.uk	

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

Halls for Hire		
Ecohub	Sarah Groom, Kate Laughame manager@gamlingayecohub.org.uk	651 226
Everton Village Hall		682 251
Hatley St. George Village Hall	Kim Wilde, www.hatley.info	650 596
Methodist Chapel	Parish Council	650 310
St. Mary's Church	Lindy Gorton	650 581
Social Club	Martin Hull	650 418

Hobbies, Leisure and 1	Interests	
Bell Ringers	John Boocock gamlingaybellringers@gmail.com www.gamlingay-bell-ringers.webac	650 736 lor.co.uk
Booklinks	Kate Laugharne	651 226
Cafe Connect Fridays 10.30am-12.30pm	Ann Kirby	651 134
Community Choir	Jane Orchiston	0753 500 5908
East Beds Model Railway Society	Secretary: John Wakeman wakemanpj@aol.com	
Friends of St Mary's	Helen Miller	677 390
Gamlingay Allotment Gardeners Association (GAGA)	Secretary: Robert Carolan gamlingayallotments@gmail.com Membership Secretary: John Way	07771 598 810
	johnway803@gmail.com	650 114
Gamlingay Archaeological Group (Gamarch)	Chris Tomsett Secretary: 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	Lindy Gorton	650 581
Greensand Writers	www.greensandwriters.wixsite.co	m
Guild of St. Mary's	Liz Huckle	650 988
History Society	Peter Wright gamlingayhistory@gmail.com	
Lacecaps	Pat Brunsdon	01480 385 351
Ladybird Club	Mrs C Watson	650 707
Music Club	Geoff Bruerton	650 748
Photographic Society	Chair/Secretary. Jackie Bruce nickbruce7@btinternet.com	651 025
Royal British Legion		(F1 002
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Village Show	Jayne Dawkins 07713 247973 gamlingayshow@hotmail.com	
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	Emma Radley Natalie	07156 027 150 691 477
Montessori	Mrs Pat Jenkins	650 645 07714 821 940
Rainbow Preschool	Lisa Burton	651 996

School	
Gamlingay Primary	650 208

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		651 785
Gamlingay Netball Club	Gamlingaynetball@gmail.com	
Girls Football — MUGA	Nancy Kyle nantmarg@hotmail.co.uk	651 785
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 / Jacqueline Boocock gamlingayrainbows@outlook.com	
2nd Gamlingay Guides	Benita Scott	650 547
Beavers	Mark Harrison	07979 102 568
Explorers	Vacancy	
Gamlingay Cubs	Steve Palmer	651 532
Gamlingay Scouts	Will Colebrook	07527 717 463
Gransden Cubs	Susan Jefferd	261 000
Pathfinder Scouts	Mark Harrison	07979 102 568
Tinuwen Rangers	Irene Gray	651 212
Youth Cafe	Lucy Rands	07929 453 235
Youth Club	Lucy Rands	07929 453 235

Cambridge Coun	ty 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
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