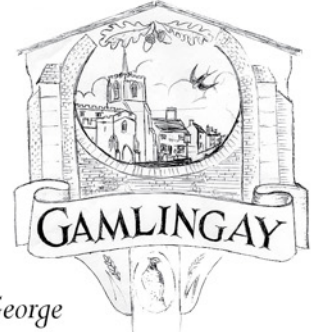


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A 'super-town' at Tempsford? Embrace it or fight it?

*The following was posted on Facebook by Cllr. Dr. Hayley Whitaker from Biggleswade.
This proposed (inevitable?) development will impact Gamlingay as well.*

You may well have seen the stories doing the rounds about a new 'super-town' in Tempsford for up to 350,000 people. The idea of a new town at Tempsford isn't new. Back in July 2019 I attended the Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Local Plan inspection where the inclusion of up to 6,000 homes on the land East of Biggleswade and over 10,000 houses at Tempsford was eventually thrown out as CBC hadn't provided sufficient evidence to support their inclusion.

At the time 10,000 homes at Tempsford seemed ludicrous. I've since heard numbers of 30,000 and 70,000 homes, but sufficient homes for 350,000 people is a totally different league. That would create a 'super-town' that would be twice the size of Peterborough or Cambridge.

Now a lot has changed locally and nationally. Tempsford is being touted as a major rail interchange for East-West Rail that might potentially form part of the East Coast Mainline. Coupled with its proximity to the A1 this has made both the previous and new government particularly keen on this site for a new town.

The new Labour government have announced plans for increasing house building including a pledge for 50% affordable homes, saying 'government will take the tough decisions and step in where needed to drive progress, ensuring local areas get a say on how, but not if, homes are built'. Angela Raynor is quoted as saying she will not hesitate to use her powers of intervention should it be necessary – including taking over an authority's plan making directly.

This makes it very clear that if CBC choose not to engage with government and work with them to bring forward a new town in Tempsford the government will build it anyway! The new government are very likely to bring in a development corporation to oversee what is built, where and how and CBC will have no input into the decision making at all.

CBC would also not benefit from any business rates or funds generated in any new town going forward under a development corporation. So we would have all of the housing and none of the financial benefits for decades to come.

The new government have already indicated their intention to provide new housing targets to councils, and they will be much higher than before.

At least if CBC were engaged in a new Tempsford town any housing built there could take the pressure off our housing targets and new local plan, meaning Biggleswade might not need to have quite as many new homes.

The alternative is that we get Tempsford Town under a development corporation AND we get increased housing targets – we get a double whammy of house building!

So should we embrace the new Tempsford or fight it? If it is going to be foisted on us by government anyway I would rather we reap the benefits. I will remind you of Angela Raynor's words 'how, but not if, homes are built'.

(Edited for brevity.)

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

Scouting achievements for cub scout leaders

Gamlingay & Gransden Cub Pack leader achievements were presented at a Cub Pack session in June.

In the presence of the Cubs Scouts, Leaders, former leaders and partners, Steve Palmer, Cub Scout Leader, aka Akela, was presented with the Silver Acorn Award.

This Scouting achievement is awarded to an individual after at least twenty years' service, for specially distinguished service. The Silver Acorn is worn on an orange ribbon around the neck and the silver medal comprises an acorn with an embossed Scouting Fleur De Lis 'arrowhead'.

Steve has been involved with Gamlingay and Gransden Cub Pack for over 25 years and his dedication and commitment to organising and running the regular Tuesday night meetings, weekends camping, and special day events is commendable. This award was well deserved and we wished Steve many congratulations on his achievement.

We also welcomed another notable award on the same evening to Lewis Davies, Assistant Cub Scout Leader,



Both awards were presented by Chris Elwood, Group Scout Leader for Gamlingay & Gransden.

aka Bagheera, who was presented with the Award for Merit.

This Scouting award is for outstanding service and it implies keen, conscientious, imaginative, and dedicated service over a sustained period, of at least ten exceptional or twelve years duration. The Award for Merit is worn on a green ribbon around the neck and comprises a golden Scouting Fleur De Lis.

Lewis still commits to attending the weekly meetings and weekends camping, even though his children have now moved on to the older sections within Scouting and Girlguiding. Lewis is a key member of the Cub Scout Leader team and his Scouting knowledge and skills are invaluable to nurturing, encouraging and supporting the Cub Scouts through the section. A well-deserved award. Our many congratulations go to him on his achievements.

Christine Sharman, Assistant Cub Scout Leader, Gamlingay & Gransden Cub Pack

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To submit an article, simply email your contribution on editor@gamlingaygazette.uk.

Article text can be submitted within an email or as an attachment. Images should be submitted separately: please do not lay out or design your submission for us.

Please state who took or owns each image, and ensure that you have permission from anyone shown in clearly recognisable form.

Do let us know if you would like to be added to our monthly article submission reminder emails.

Please note that the *Gazette* reserves the right to edit all content for style, length and accuracy.

Editorial

I seldom comment about contributions the *Gazette* receives, but reading through the submissions from Adrian (Baptist church) and Hilary (St Mary's) I was struck, yet again, by the thought how fortunate we are in having these two people so closely involved in our village life. I say this as an Atheist and Humanist.

I'm a great believer in "community" which I take to be a feeling that one belongs to a group of similarly-minded people. Most of us belong to multiple communities: work, locality, pastimes and so on – not forgetting church of course.

Whilst I'm mentioning these two religious leaders and recognising the many activities they undertake both within the church communities and the wider village, not least of which being the Gamlingay Food Project, I recognise the *Gazette* would not exist were it not for the commitment of them and many other community people. I'm not talking about the *Gazette* team (but thank you, committee, anyway), I mean the many people who run and are involved with all our village groups and who take time to organise their activities and to send us their news each month. Take away these groups and you'd be left with what? No *Gazette*, that's for sure, and a very much weakened community. We should also recognise the contribution made by our elected representatives, doing their absolute best to look after our community needs at parish, district and county level for little or no (parish) financial recompense and too often coming in for sometimes quite vicious personal attack.

So ... thank you – one and all!

All of the voluntary groups in the village welcome new members – and visitors – so go on, give them a try. Their contact and meeting details are published within.

If you would like to, please come along to the Gamlingay *Gazette* Annual General Meeting scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday 3 October in the Keir Suite at the Eco Hub. This is a business meeting which will receive reports from the office bearers.

Keith Warburton



H.A.Y. South Cambs!

An edited round-up from How Are You South Cambs – sharing and promoting all that is good for wellbeing in the district, brought to you by Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust. **Go to the website <https://haysouthcambs.co.uk/activities/> for links to all the activities mentioned.**

◆ Wysing Arts Centre

Set in eleven acres of countryside just outside Bourn, Wysing Arts Centre hosts contemporary art studios, ceramics and recording facilities, events, workshops, and public artworks for all to see.

◆ Creative Youth Council – Wysing Arts Centre

A group of young people (aged 14 to 18) who come together once a month to connect and create. Organised and hosted by Wysing Arts Centre in Bourn.

◆ Foraging for Wellbeing – Earth & Mind CIC

A series of six workshops, held every Wednesday at Milton Country Park for adults facing mental health challenges. An opportunity to learn about foraging, explore the natural environment, connect and create hosted by Earth & Mind CIC.

◆ New Support Webpages on How Are You South Cambs:

<https://haysouthcambs.co.uk/support/ymca-family-respect-project-child-to-parent-abuse/>

◆ YMCA Family Respect Project – Child to Parent Abuse

The YMCA Family Respect project provides support to families where young people aged 10 to 16 are displaying abusive behaviours towards their parents, carers or other people in their family. It provides in-depth, tailored support to the young person and other family members.

◆ Pegasus Scheme – Cambridgeshire Constabulary

People who might find it difficult to communicate with the police because of a disability can sign up for the Pegasus Scheme to save time when they need assistance from the police or other participating emergency services.

◆ New Dads – Resources

Becoming a new dad or partner can be challenging. Here are some national and local sources of support to help you on your parenting journey.

News & Events:

◆ Hope Again Bereavement Support – taking bookings for September/ October

Bereavement is a journey to be travelled, not a problem to be solved or an illness to be cured. Hope Again is a six week programme supported by Histon & Impington Friends focusing on living with loss and sharing experiences with others. You don't have to be a Histon or Impington resident to take part but it gets booked up fast. If you know someone who is living with grief, loss and bereavement do encourage them to sign up.

◆ Pickleball in Cambourne & Royston

Pickleball is a fun game that is appropriate for players of all ages and skill levels – which is why it is growing in popularity. Rules for pickleball are simple, making it a great introductory sport. Sessions in Cambourne, Waterbeach & now Royston.

◆ Exercise4Fun

Re-launching for 2024 Exercise4Fun is a FREE 12-week active lifestyle programme taking place in Cambourne, Impington, Linton & Sawston Sports and Leisure Centres. For people currently inactive or wanting to get to a healthier weight it's a chance to try out different sports, activities and types of exercise in a supportive group.

◆ Community Cooking Programme

Two adult programmes (Waterbeach) and two family programmes (Cambourne & Orchard Park) – more info and sign up forms can be found on the webpage: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/health-and-wellbeing/healthy-eating>

That's it for now – please keep in touch and let me know about anything you come across that's good for health and wellbeing.

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A varied life for The Amici Singers

The group, which includes members from Gamlingay, has been on its travels



Back in May members enjoyed a delightful Sunday Lunch at Stratton House. Guest speaker, flautist Lisa Nelson, shared fascinating insights into the life of a professional musician and delighted everyone by playing her golden flute.

The choir's Annual General Meeting also took place in May, electing the Musical Director and officers. The following day, a party of 43, consisting of singers from the Amicis and The Ensemble of Friends, plus partners and friends, had a wonderful four-day visit to Carlisle, travelling by coach. They paused at Rippon Cathedral to informally sing a few songs, much enjoyed by visitors. The combined choirs sang Evensong on Saturday in the ancient sandstone Carlisle Cathedral, the second smallest in the country. On Sunday they visited historic Lanercost Priory, beside Hadrian's Wall, where they performed an afternoon concert in the Parish Church to a very appreciative audience. Chris Angus, Churchwarden commented: "The acoustic of the Priory really suited both the two choirs and

the clarinet. I really enjoyed the concert, but also really loved meeting with all of them – such lovely, warm and gifted people. I think and hope that they enjoyed their visit – we certainly did."

The final item in the choir's busy schedule before the summer break was a June concert in Dunton Church which was very warmly received by the audience. The choir sang songs from their extensive repertoire and were joined by Da Capo Brass. It was a lovely way to spend a summer evening.

The Amicis always welcome new members. If you love singing, do come and meet us to see if you'd like to join the choir? We rehearse in the Footsteps room at Trinity Methodist Church in Biggleswade on a Thursday from 7.15pm until 9.00pm. For further details contact Carole on 01767 260 815, find us on facebook The Amici Singers or even on Instagram @theamicisingers

Elizabeth Gammell, Chair, The Amici Singers



2024 Gamlingay Village Show update

Saturday 21 September, 1.00pm to 5.00pm

A great day out for all the family! Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon with magnificent raffle prizes, stalls, competitions, dog show and display as well as a showcase of some amazing classic cars. Our main arena will include Jezo's magic show, kid's races, tug of war and with wonderful demonstrations and displays from some of our local clubs.

Our **FOOD AND DRINK COURT** will be packed with a wide variety to suit everyone including teas, coffees, cakes, fish and chip van, a fully licensed bar, speciality coffee cart, BBQ, and an Ice cream van.

All the **COMPETITION** categories have been added to our website. We are looking for lots of entries again this year, so take the opportunity to show off your exhibits including fruit and vegetables, homemade produce, flowers and pot plants, Art, Photography, and crafts. More details can be found at <https://www.gamlingayshow.co.uk/>.

A final message from me: We couldn't put on this show without the provision of the venue from Gamlingay Primary School, dedication of show committee volunteers, our wonderful sponsors, and local businesses for their generous gifts for the raffle prizes.

If you would like to be involved in the show, we are always looking for helpers on the day and ideas. Please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards, Jayne Dawkins, Chairperson and Secretary

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A beginner's guide to hedgerows

In the summer many of us enjoy walks in our local countryside and we may notice that our hedgerows are coming to life. But what, exactly, defines a hedgerow, and why are hedgerows so important?



Put simply, a hedgerow is a closely-grown mass of woody vegetation that grows in a line – and it's this being in one long line that makes it different from simply a bush or tree.

We often assume that most hedgerows are recent additions to the countryside following the Enclosure Acts between 1750 and 1850 but at least half of our hedgerows are older – and many are centuries old. The oldest known surviving hedgerow in England is in Cambridgeshire – Judith's Hedge, near Monks Wood, which is over 900 years old.

So, what exactly do hedgerows do for us?

Hedgerows have many benefits for nature, the landscape, and the climate emergency.

The Climate Change Committee has recommended that the extent of hedgerows be increased by 40% as part of measures against the climate emergency. We hear a lot about planting trees to help store carbon, but hedgerows do this and more; they're easier to slot into the landscape than whole woods, they are important for the management of water, pollutants and soil, and for their potential to reduce flooding. Hedgerows can be very effective at promoting healthy soils, and they prevent loss of soil from fields, either through reducing wind erosion or by acting as a barrier to water-borne run-off. In rural areas hedgerows protect crops and animals from extreme weather.

Hedgerows are vitally important for nature – in many cases they're essential for keeping plants and animals alive. Hedgerows contain a mixture of habitats and support a wealth of different species. Over 2,100 plant, insect, bird and mammal species use UK hedgerows – for food, shelter and to move between areas. 130 species that have been identified as being a priority for conservation are closely associated with hedgerows.

A loss of hedgerows, or a decline in their quality and care, would be likely to have a disastrous effect on all these species' populations. As we've changed the land to be used for more intensive farming, they're more important than ever, often acting as the last safe place many declining species can live.

The networks of hedgerows that cover so much of our countryside pick out changes in topography, soils and underlying geology, and define current, and often past, patterns of agriculture and other land use. They connect us to our landscape's past, giving a sense of continuity and connection to our heritage. They keep our local areas looking distinctive and give us a sense of place.

Threats to Hedgerows

Many countryside hedgerows are protected by law – The Hedgerows Regulations (1997) were the first official rules protecting 'important' hedgerows. The government has recently announced new hedgerow regulations to be

brought into law to protect wildlife.

However, local authorities can only say no to a hedgerow being removed if it falls into this 'important' category, which means that we're still losing too many of them. Roads and development, especially on the edges of towns and villages, has meant that hedges are lost; even protections for 'important' hedgerows can be overruled by permission for new developments.

And although many farmers look after their hedgerows well, moves towards more intensive farming mean they can be removed.



Hedge laying in Millbridge Brook Meadows, before (above) and after (below).



Hedgerows and CPRE

CPRE has campaigned for the protection of hedgerows for many years. We're calling on the government to make changes that will mean many, many more hedgerows are restored or planted. We want to see them commit to working with the landowners who own them to create thousands of miles of new or improved hedgerows – as well as better protecting the ones we have already. CPRE is actively planting and restoring hedgerows across the country, as part of our Hedgerow Heroes project.

To find out more go to:

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/campaigns-countryside/2022/02/21/hedgerows/> and

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/explainer/an-insiders-guide-to-hedgerows/>

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News from the Eco Hub

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Facebook/X: Gamlingay Eco Hub

All the latest What's On on our Facebook page, X feed and website.

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

Our general manager is Kate Laugharne, supported by Tony Hurst and John Berry.

After the quiet of the summer September sees us getting busy again at the Hub with the welcome return of a huge range of groups and classes.

We have fitness classes to suit everyone, from Active Ageing Pilates to Zumba Gold. We have children's dance classes to suit all tastes, ballet and jazz with the Alice Lucas School of Dance, street dance, disco and ballroom with Miss Maisie, and the O'Mahony Academy of Irish Dance will be running weekly classes in Irish Dancing.

Of course, there is a huge range of community groups available to join, such as the History Society, Love Art, Youth Café or the Community Choir.

However, if there isn't a group to match your interests and you would be keen to start one, please get in touch and we will see what we can do to help.

Little Ruggers

Little Ruggers is also back in September. Little Ruggers is a fun class offering non-contact rugby based sports for girls and boys aged two to eight years.

The aim of the classes is to draw more children into rugby in a fun way whilst promoting a healthy lifestyle. They encourage confidence and social interaction in children in a fun learning environment.

To find out more and to read some of their very positive reviews look them up Little Ruggers on social media.

Connect Café

The Connect Café will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning in September. Check out our Facebook page for dates on when you can come to support this very worthy cause.

Puppy Training

We are very pleased that Lucy of Mill Dog Training will be restarting puppy training classes in September. Lucy says "The puppy and adolescent classes run at Gamlingay Eco Hub are all about setting your dog up for success and making sure you're doing right by them.

In the puppy classes, we focus on setting foundations with your new pup and teaching them the basics such as recall, lead walking, stay and more.

The adolescent classes are for dogs between six to 18 months old which is also known as 'the teenage years'.

Our classes are all about teaching the dogs to learn around distractions which is what dogs in this age bracket really struggle with.

They make a great next step if you have already attended the puppy classes because we follow on from some of the behaviours such as recall and lead walking.

As important as it is to teach our dogs how to do things, it's also important to make sure we can understand them and know when they're not happy. Which is why we also cover body language in our classes.

It's a vital part of owning a dog and we feel it's imperative all owners know some of the signs to look out for if their dog is not happy."

For more information on classes, please email: themilldogtraining@gmail.com or find us on social media under 'The Mill Dog Training'.



What happens at the Eco Hub?

Well, it's a lot of everything, really! The Hub is a modern, light filled building, run on sustainable energy. You can book our flexible space for parties or business meetings, hold a wedding or birthday celebration, attend various classes and exercise sessions, visit our library or just come in and enjoy our weekly café.

- Free wi-fi and parking
- Disability friendly and pets welcome
- Easy transport links to Cambridge, Bedford and London
- Commercial kitchen
- Support staff on site available to help
- Range of rooms for hire
- Village location and country views



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

Mondays

Zumba Gold

10.00am to 10.45am

Kingfisher Disability Group

10.00am to 3.00pm

Fitness Pilates

11.00am to 11.45am

Movement for Memory

1.00pm to 2.30pm

Street Dance & Freestyle Disco

4.00pm to 6.50pm (*term time only*)

Rainbow Guides

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

Circuits

7.00pm to 8.00pm

Tuesdays

Mat Pilates

10.00am to 10.55am

Chair Pilates

11.05am to 12.00noon

Active Ageing Pilates

12.05pm to 1.00pm

Carpet Bowls

2.00pm to 4.00pm

Yoga

7.15pm to 8.15pm

Wednesdays

Fitness to Prevent Injury

9.30am to 10.30am

Kingfisher Disability Group

10.00am to 3.00pm

Love Art Community Art Group

10.30am to 12.30pm

Puppy Training

6.00pm to 8.30pm

Thursdays

Tai Chi

9.30am to 10.30am

Cha Char Chimps Children's

Fun Session

10.00am to 11.00am

Crafty Ladies Craft Group

(*Gentlemen welcome too!*)

10.00am to 12.00noon

Cha Char Baby Chimps Session

(*For newborns and non-walking babies*)

11.30am to 12.15pm

Over 60s Fitness

2.00pm to 3.00pm

New Age Kurling

2.00pm to 3.00pm

Ballroom Dancing

4.30pm to 5.00pm

Alice Lucas School of Dance

– Ballet and Jazz

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

Youth Café

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

Fridays

Kingfisher Disability Group

10.00am to 3.00pm

Connect Café Coffee Morning

10.30am to 12.30pm

Saturdays

O'Mahoney Academy Irish

Dancing

9.00am to 11.00am

Sundays

Little Ruggers

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

Fortnightly/monthly events

For Men to Talk

First Tuesday of the month

6.00pm to 8.00pm

Library Lego Club

first and third Saturdays of the

month, 10.00am to 12.00noon

Memory Lane Group

For people living with dementia and
memory loss and their companions.

Fourth Tuesday of the month

2.00pm to 4.00pm

One-off events in September

Tour of the Cornfields Bike Event

Sunday 1 September – all day

Parish Council Consultation

(TBC)

Tuesday 3 September from 8.00pm

NCT meeting

Saturday 7 September from 9.30am

Summer activities at the Library

We had lots of fun doing loads of craft activities at the library over the summer holidays. Thank you to everyone who came and helped to make it so enjoyable, and especial thanks to library volunteer Jane Brown for all her hard work and imagination in creating the projects.

Congratulations to everyone that completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge. If there is a young person in your household who started but hasn't quite finished yet, please let them know to hurry up, finish their books, and come and see us in the next few days to get their final stickers, certificates and medals.



Gamlingay Village Show

Gamlingay Library will be having a stall at this year's Village Show, so make sure you come along, say hello, and pick up lots of lovely free books. The show will be held at the Village Primary School on Saturday 21 September 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

Library opening hours

Mondays: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Wednesdays: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

and 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Thursdays: 10.00am to 12.00noon

Fridays: 10.30am to 12.30pm

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News from the Churches

Gamlingay Baptist Church

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Message for September

“If we could learn how to balance rest against effort, calmness against strain, quiet against turmoil, we would assure ourselves of joy in living and psychological health for life.”

Josephine Rathbone

I'm baaaaa-aaaaack! HaHa. Well, sort of. While I am back from my Sabbatical, I am currently sat in the middle of a field in Shepton Mallet, having just finished a Christian festival with 14,000 other people, called New Wine. A group of us from GBC have been here and we joined in with amazing times of gathering together to sing, worship, learn more, and spend time together. Our kids and young people joined in with all sorts of age appropriate groups, with songs, games, activities, and much more. As a church family we got to spend meal times together, as well as also partake in the many other fun activities such as a Ferris wheel, climbing walls, bungee trampolines, and lots (and lots) of ice creams and slushies, as it has been soooo hot as well (not that we were complaining, well, maybe a little). Having just finished that, I remain in the same field, now turning my attention to 3000 11 to 18-year-olds arriving in a couple of days for a similar festival, but all aimed at and dedicated to them. Satellites, as it's called, has been going on for a few years, and it has been a privilege to serve on team here, as I help get the main venue sorted, and ensure all are able to have a good and safe time (and I get to do a couple of short talks in some of the other venues too).

Why do I share all this you may ask? Well, because, life is continually, really busy, and while that can sometimes seem like a good thing at other times it seems like a bad thing. BUT, my recent sabbatical gave me lots of time to think, rest, pray, reflect... and I was reminded of many things, of which I want to share one with you now: rest is GOOD! I

know that may sound silly to say, but it REALLY is good, and it's soooooooooo (is that emphatic enough?) [Yes, thanks. Ed] important. As you saw from the articles from GBC in my absence (shout out to Mike Roberts for all of those. Who's up for hearing more from him?), the GBC family is a growing, vibrant, multi-generational one, that is continuously learning, stretching, and expanding what we do and how we do it. That is all, *always tremendously exciting*... AND exhausting... We have such an awesome team, and they all work hard. From the Backroom Cafe, to our partnership with St Mary's for the Gamlingay Food Project, Kids and Youth teams on Sunday mornings, worship bands, hospitality, welcoming, cleaning, and much more... It can be A LOT.

About half way through my Sabbatical, I had this moment when I discovered I wasn't just tired, I was nearing burn out, and it was a surprise to me. I share that with you, not for sympathy, rather to note that it simply snuck up on me, without any expectation of such. It became apparent to me that rest was not just a good thing, but an essential thing. The bible talks a lot about rest. From Genesis where we see that God takes the seventh day to rest, as a model and example for us, through to the ceremonial days of rest of the Israelites, and even the many discourses Jesus has about rest and the Sabbath. Rest is important, and GOOD!

Yet somehow, rest is something we forget about. In a world when we have squeezed out rest, five-day working weeks became six-day working weeks and for some have become seven-day

working weeks. Days that used to be dedicated to rest (and to church for some, but that's a different conversation perhaps) became days when people had to work... and let's not even get started on Amazon, they never stop! Somewhere down the line, we got convinced (or convinced ourselves) that the only way to really achieve and moved forward was to not stop. Why do you think people are desperate to get to early retirement, yet so many once retired, get back to work or consulting...or...or...or??? Because, once they stop, they don't know how to rest. But let me say to you, that stopping is good, essential even. Now, don't let me confuse you, this is not a concept I find easy, and I know that many of us out there are energised by doing... BUT rest is key to ensuring we can continue to do, and continue to be energised, and continue, full stop! So, with that, I guess I leave you with one question to ponder, how well are you resting?

I am very glad to be back into the swing of things, and I look forward to catching up with you soon, be it in the cafe, church, small groups, at the Village Show, or down the street.

Many blessings,
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GBC Diary September

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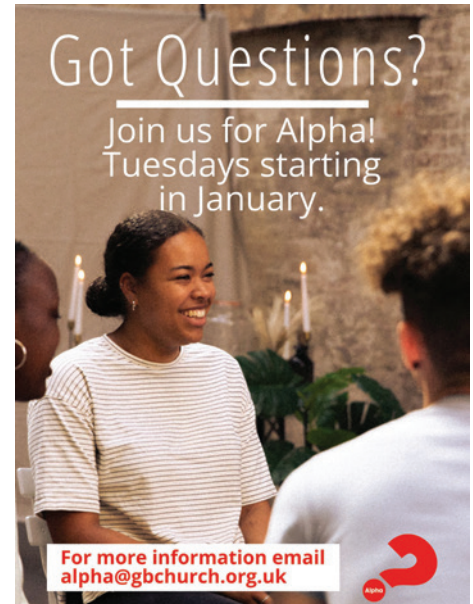
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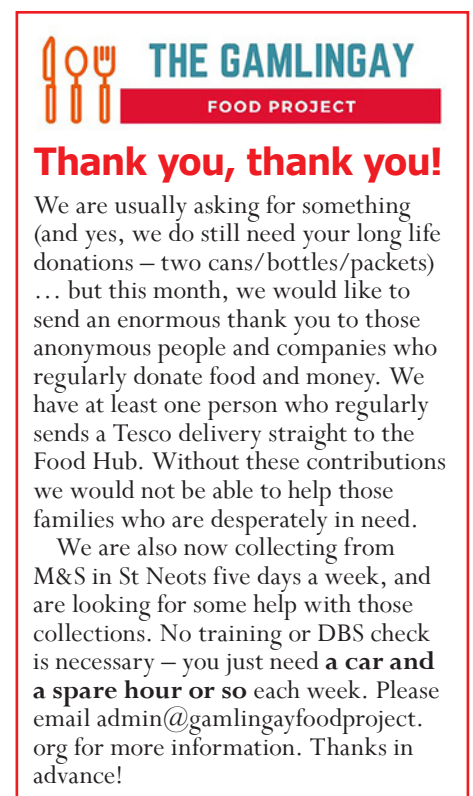
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We are usually asking for something (and yes, we do still need your long life donations – two cans/bottles/packets) ... but this month, we would like to send an enormous thank you to those anonymous people and companies who regularly donate food and money. We have at least one person who regularly sends a Tesco delivery straight to the Food Hub. Without these contributions we would not be able to help those families who are desperately in need.

We are also now collecting from M&S in St Neots five days a week, and are looking for some help with those collections. No training or DBS check is necessary – you just need a car and a spare hour or so each week. Please email admin@gamlingayfoodproject.org for more information. Thanks in advance!



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St. Mary's Letter for September

Dear Friends,

As we head into August I'm writing for September, hoping those who for whom school holiday time will have meant getting away for a break will have achieved that and returned refreshed, and with prayers that we all start new terms well this month.

The results of July and August churchyard work should be apparent, so here goes with another plug for the wildlife work we are doing. Sterling efforts have been made by a very few of us, huge thanks to those who have put in time and dedication.

Three of us have spent many hot hours in churchyards at St Denis in East Hatley, and the two St Mary's in Gamlingay and Everton, mowing by scythe. More volunteers would enable more to be done more quickly, but we've greatly enjoyed our sessions and the work of all those who have taken part in support is highly valued, thank you everyone who helped, you know who you are.

This work is to enable meadow plants which are adapted to undisturbed (not ploughed, fertilised or weedkilled) grassland to flourish. We shall be looking to add to the species diversity in Gamlingay, and preserve what is there in Everton and East Hatley.

It is appropriate at this point to mention and offer public thanks to Micky Astor whose estate team keep the churchyard in Hatley St George, where there is an area managed for wildflower species (there were orchids this year).

Both this and the shortcut areas are looked after for us, for which we are very grateful.

All this work is to reduce the use of weedkillers, fuel for mowers and trimmers, and to remove cuttings so that they are not left to 'feed' the ground. Cuttings are much easier to remove when scythed, and the whole process is quieter, and good exercise. If there is interest we shall be organising another 'learn to scythe' session next year.

It is all about encouraging wildflower species (which are, in effect, hay meadow weeds which don't grow well in well fertilised soil). Together with the grasses these plants in turn provide food for a wide variety of invertebrates and a home for a network of wildlife. It starts with the plants which feed everything else, insects through to small vertebrates and the birds. Those of us working on the mowing and clearing saw mice, voles, toads and numerous insects, including grasshoppers, butterflies and moths.

The mowing does remove the homes of some animals and insects, but parts of the churchyards are left uncut for these creatures, and the cuttings are left to drop seeds for next year before removal, so that a circle can be closed leading to renewal.

Being close up to this cycle of nature is a reminder that what enables one set of creatures to flourish will very possibly be at the expense of another, and that everything is seasonal – death is as natural as birth.

As we work to live in harmony with the natural world and one another, we forget at our peril that we do not know everything, nor understand how everything works. Almost every intended action has unintended consequences, we need to be paying attention all the time to what is around us, and be willing to adapt our actions as we learn more. Listening well (paying true attention not just to sounds but to the whole of a person or situation) involves paying attention to ourselves (our internal life) as well as to one another and to God and is essential to enable us to live well.

For those of us of Christian faith, our attention is in the light of the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, who tells us that not all who say 'Lord, Lord' will belong in the Kingdom of Heaven but rather it is those who know the will of God and who act on it. As the ancient words of the prophet Micah put it 'Do justly, love mercy/kindness and walk humbly with your God'.

In a world where justice and mercy are often in short supply, humility is seen as a sign of weakness, and in a culture where poor mental and physical health are increasingly being attributed to modern lifestyle, including diet, over which we have relatively little easy control, let us work for 'the common good' in all things. The true flourishing of humanity is what Jesus came to bring, may we make the choices that lead that way.

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Sunday 8 September: Trinity 15

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

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

Sunday 15 September: Trinity 16

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

4.00pm: Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 22 September: Trinity 17

9.30am: Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with Stanley Titmus Baptism

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

Sunday 29 September: Trinity 18 (Fifth Sunday) Michael and All Angels

10.00am: Shared Benefice Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Advance Notice

Sunday 6 October –Harvest Festival Sunday

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In many of our local woodlands, coppicing continues by hand through the winter. Please get in touch if you are interested in volunteering, it's a great way to find out about the work of the Wildlife Trust BCN. There are weekend opportunities in Hardwick, Gamlingay, and Waresley and Gransden Woods.

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In Waresley and Gransden Woods for example, we are reprofiling a section of the main ride, as well as coppicing the edges of the ride, removing brash left from last year, and felling trees with ash die-back disease.

Thank you for staying away when our sites are closed, this means we are more likely to get the work completed, and they will be closed for as short a time as possible.

You can keep up with site restrictions on our website: www.wildlifebcn.org/explore/reserve-updates

Coming up we have events on Cambourne Nature Reserve for pre-schoolers and home-educating families. There are also opportunities for teenagers with our monthly Youth Ranger group.

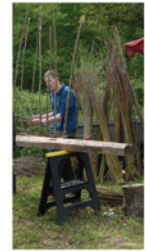
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Historyman

by Nick Bruce

Block Bridge – a favourite place

This month we look at pictures of a favourite place of mine – Block Bridge. My nan and granddad Cook, my mum and her elder sister Mary grew up there during the second world war and until the 1950s.

After they left they would go back to see friends that still lived there and take me as a little boy, it was like travelling back in time to the 1940s. Kettles boiled on the ranges, there were outside toilets and wash houses for laundry with mangles to get as much water out as possible before hanging the items on the line.



Pic 1: There are two ways to get to Block Bridge, one is off Station Road down the old track to Merton Grange but the second was across the meadows from the Church Yard, past the Tithe Barn, over the brook and wooden bridge and finally over the stile to what used to be four cottages known as Block Brick Cottages. In this picture you can get an idea of what a lovely stroll it was.

Pic 2: The wooden bridge on your way to Block Bridge Cottages was always a stopping off place for a paddle and a game of leaf yacht racing. Or we'd race paper yachts; made at home we carried them to the bridge where we would let them go at the same time and chase them to the road bridge which was the finishing point.

Pic 3: The second way to Block Bridge was along what used to be the main driveway to Merton Grange. Just approaching the cottages it was time to stop off at the five trees. The five trees were on a slight slope so it made hard to get to them, then we would look for good quality pine cones that had fallen from the trees and, of course, it was then time for a climb. The ladies show the dress of the period c1925.

Pic 4: On reaching the cottages you were nearly always greeted by one or more of the residents, here we have, left to right, Nan Rainsford, Elsie Cook (my nan) and a real character Agnes Grainger who was always smiling what ever. If you were there to see one of them it was endless cups of tea, sponge cake or scones and home made jam. If you were just passing it was a long matter as though you had known them all your life.

Pic 5: This is my granddad, Harry Cook, who was well-known as a coalman. Harry and his wife Elsie brought up two of their four daughters at Block Bridge. His business was growing tomatoes and other vegetables, delivering them to local shops, pubs and hotels on his motorcycle and sidecar. Here we see him with smart peaked cap and jacket, with his money satchel, going out on delivery in 1948.



Pic 6: This shows Nan Rainsford and my mum's younger sister Julie Brown sitting in a garden chair under a bush to keep the sun off. Nan Rainsford was a lovely lady whose house inside was stepping back in time many years. The table was always laid and if you went for tea it was like a high class tea room. The cutlery was really old and the bread knife was well worn to nearly no blade at all but very sharp. She used to cut the bread by standing it on end and sling halfway through then cutting down to take half a slice and the repeating so you had two halves of a slice looking though they had been cut by a machine. Then butter and jam were added and then cut from corner to corner to make triangles. Truly beautiful.

Pic 7: Some of the residents of Block Bridge sitting on the wooden style near the path back to the village. Left to right, Norma Cook, Mary Cook, three children unknown, at the back are Nan Rainsford, Agnes Grainger, on the right Elsie Cook. The three unknown children were relatives who visited during school holidays.

Pic 8: A picture that I couldn't leave out. The Block Bridge cat sitting under the shade in the same chair that residents used taking the opportunity when it was free to shelter from the sun.

Pic 9: Mary Cook on the left and Norma Cook on the right, holding younger sister Julie. Mary and Norma had been brought up at Block Bridge but Julie was to move with the family to Manor Road.

Pic 10: The Sultan Pub stood at the entrance to the railway station and though not at Block Bridge it was part of those peoples lives. They would go to buy crisps, peanuts and bottled beer and lemonade to take home or in the summer sit on the pub's back lawn for a drink with the family and children.



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Be safe, be seen

Gamlingay Gym lights up assembly at Gamlingay Village Primary

Simon Fisher, Trustee for the Gamlingay Gym (Gamlingay Leisure), attended Gamlingay Village Primary on 20 June to give an assembly to the year five and six students who had recently completed a Bikeability course.

Many of you will have seen the students out and about on Gamlingay roads undergoing training to be safe cyclists, and Simon congratulated them all for completing the Bikeability course. To celebrate, he then gave each student a set of bike lights, as a gift from Gamlingay Leisure, which were received by the Junior Travel Ambassadors on behalf of all the students.

Simon spoke about the importance of being safe on the roads, and being seen, urging everyone to wear a properly fitting helmet, high visibility clothing and lights – even on the shortest of journeys. He then introduced the gym and talked about how important physical activity is to not only our physical health, but to our mental wellbeing.

Simon commented: “The assembly was great fun and very engaging, and we at Gamlingay Leisure are delighted to support our youngsters to be healthy and safe on our roads by giving them the gift of bike lights.”

Gamlingay Gym, situated on the Village Primary site, is now entering its third very successful year, with over 150 members, four fully trained instructors and a volunteer led management team. The replacement and upgrade of much of the old, original equipment is now complete and new signage, a new air conditioning system and the introduction



Simon Fisher presenting lights to the Bikeability students.

of dedicated sessions strives to keep the gym dynamic and attractive to all members. All new members receive a full induction and a personalised training programme from one of the instructors and sessions are unlimited for a monthly fee.

If you would like to find out more, the gym is open from 9.30am to 1.00pm and 5.00pm to 9.00pm every weekday and 9.00am – 1.00pm on weekends so pop in or phone on 01767 651785 or sign up online gamlingayleisure.clubright.co.uk/home.

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SCDC four-day week trial

An independent report by two universities into South Cambridgeshire District Council's performance during its four-day week trial has been published. An independently run health and wellbeing survey has also been published. Of 24 key performance indicators monitored by the Council, analysis by the Universities of Cambridge and Salford found 22 improved or remained the same.

Under a four-day week, officers are expected to carry out 100 per cent of their work, in around 80% of their contracted hours, for 100 per cent of their pay. The Council's opening hours have been maintained so it has been open for business just as it was before the trial – with longer opening hours on Wednesdays.

Researchers evaluated the Council's key areas of performance over several years – including during the full length of the four-day week trial from the beginning of 2023 to the end of March 2024. Eleven measures were performing better during the trial, compared to beforehand. This covers areas such as call answering times, timeliness of planning decisions, how long it takes to process benefits claims and speed of

emergency repairs to Council homes. The areas found to have improved are:

- Percentage of calls to the Council's Contact Centre that were answered.
- The average number of days to process Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support changes.
- The percentage of emergency repairs to Council homes completed within 24 hours.
- The average number of weeks taken to determine householder planning applications.
- Major planning application decisions made in time.
- The percentage of major planning application decisions that get overturned by the Planning Inspectorate.
- Smaller planning application decisions made in time.
- The percentage of smaller planning application decisions that get overturned by the Planning Inspectorate.
- Staff turnover, which has dropped by almost 40 per cent.
- The percentage of complaints responded to within timescales.
- Invoices paid by the Council within 30 days.

A further 11 key performance indicators showed no significant differences during the trial – meaning those services continued to be delivered to the quality they were previously. The frequency of bin collections has also remained the same.

The two areas that were exceptions in terms of performance during the trial period were housing rent collected and average days to re-let housing stock. Housing rent collected either hit or was just below the Council's target in the 15 months of the trial. However, overall collection rates were below the long-term average, indicating that rent collection has not recovered to pre-Covid levels. The assumption is that this is likely due to the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on tenants' household finances.

Meanwhile, the target for the average number of days taken to re-let Council homes is very ambitious at 17 days. The top 25 per cent performing Councils

in the country average 37 days to re-let Council houses. In 2022/23 the average turnaround time for South Cambridgeshire District Council was 28 days; in 2023/24 it was 30 days. Returned Council homes now also often require extensive works which take longer to complete.

Professor Brendan Burchell from the Department of Sociology at Cambridge University, said: "These results are supportive of moves to reduce the length of the working week but are not a surprise. In the past two years other researchers have studied many private sector employers in the UK and elsewhere that also reported the company's performance was maintained after a 20 per cent reduction in hours of work; employees and managers can find better ways of doing things to work more efficiently, given the right guidance and motivation."

There is also a financial assessment of the trial, which outlines a known full year cost saving of £371,500. This is mainly due to permanently filling ten posts that were previously identified as 'hard to fill'. The financial saving has been made by not needing more expensive agency alternatives.

Meanwhile, recruitment data shows there has been a 53 per cent increase in the average number of applications for jobs advertised externally and more than 130 new staff have joined the Council. Of new starters, 76 per cent were influenced by the four-day week trial when deciding whether to join.

The findings of the latest independently run health and wellbeing survey by Robertson Cooper show higher employee commitment, with more staff reporting they intend to stay longer working for the Council, a key factor in reducing turnover and high vacancy rates. Mental and physical health and motivation have also risen.

The Council introduced the four-day week trial in a bid to improve services by filling hard-to-fill posts permanently, rather than relying on more expensive agency staff, which can also be disruptive. For example, when bin

lorry drivers leave, it can disrupt collections when new drivers are learning bin routes or agency drivers cover them as replacements are trained. 11 lorry drivers left the Council in 2022, but only five did in 2023 after bin crews joined the trial.

Bridget has written to Jim McMahon MP, the responsible minister to ask him to clarify that the new government will not levy financial penalties against councils who adopt a four-day working week model. Once clarification is received the Council will have all the information required to move forward to make a final decision on whether this is the right model of work for South Cambs. The previous Minister responsible lost his seat in the General Election.

Overgrown vegetation

It's hard to find a path that has not been beset by encroaching plant life! Thank you to all residents who have taken the time to cut back any overhanging hedges or trees from their property. County Highways should be contacted to cut back vegetation on public land – please do use the Cambridgeshire Report a Fault website and keep hold of the reference number to share if necessary.

Batteries might kill you

People are being urged to Take Charge and Be Safe with their electrical items following two fires involving batteries recently with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service highlighting the risks after firefighters were called to incidents involving electric vehicle batteries. With one, an e-bike battery started to smoke as it was plugged in to charge. In another, an e-scooter battery caught fire after being damaged the day before. Lithium-ion batteries can pose a considerable risk if damaged or disposed of incorrectly. Water does not work on the fire; and thermal runaway means the fire is extremely hot. More information is available on the Fire service website.

On-call firefighter – have you considered doing this?

On-call firefighters are not based at a fire station. They carry a pager and respond to emergency incidents as and when they happen. They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights (one evening a week for two hours).

As well as being an on-call firefighter, many also have other jobs and are able to provide evening, daytime or weekend cover. When they are on-call they may be at home, working for themselves or for a nearby company, or out in their local community (staying within a five-minute travel time of the fire station). The role forms a vital part of today's fire and rescue service, providing emergency cover to more than 90 per cent of the UK. In Cambridgeshire, they make up more than half of the workforce and are generally located in rural communities, small towns and villages.

How do I become an on-call firefighter? We are generally looking for people aged 18 and over, with a good level of general fitness, that can respond within five minutes to emergencies. If you would like to discuss anything in further detail, contact our recruitment team or visit the fire station on Stocks Lane.

Holiday Voucher Scheme

The supermarket voucher scheme will operate again this summer holiday for all eligible families in Cambridgeshire. Cambridgeshire County Council will issue the family of each eligible child or young person with two £37.50 vouchers via email and/or text. Details of how to apply for income related Free School Meals – and therefore be eligible for the supermarket vouchers – can be found on CCC's website with a simple application form which only requires a few details for an instant eligibility check. Each successful application will also bring up to £1,500 additional funding for your child's school.

Old Shire Hall

Cambridgeshire County Council's former HQ, Shire Hall is set to become a luxury hotel having originally been put up for sale in 2018 as CCC HQ relocated to the purpose-built New Shire Hall at Alconbury Weald in 2021. The original deal fell through and the site was remarketed earlier this year.

Fifteen bids were received with a range of different uses proposed for the various buildings on the site including hotels and extended stay apartments, retirement living, student, co-living, research, residential apartments, offices and business space. The bid aims to create a luxury hotel with a restaurant and spa complex.

Police survey

The Police have launched a short online survey for residents to give views on crime and disorder prior to a new Policing plan for the county. The survey closes on Friday, 16 August.

To provide your views you can visit <https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk> telephone the commissioner's office on 0300 333 3456 or email cambs-pcc@cambs.police.uk.

Pegasus – scheme to help people communicate with police

The Police have launched a new scheme to help people communicate with them and advise "Pegasus is a free scheme and, once registered, you will get a card with a PIN number that is unique. When you register you will be asked some simple questions about yourself and how best to communicate with you – so that if you need the police you can just call, go in person or use

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For more information on the scheme or to register, visit the dedicated section on the website or email pegasus@cambs.police.uk.

What are our neighbours up to?

Cambridge City Council has launched a survey to ask whether the current structure of local government could be improved, and is encouraging local people to share their views between now and 3 September. The council is asking if you support the current arrangements? How well are they working? Do you think they can be improved? Should a unitary authority be considered (a single council responsible for the services currently provided by the city council and county council)?

The council is not putting forward any specific proposals for local government reorganisation. The intention is to start a conversation and canvass public opinion on current arrangements to

see whether there is local interest in considering possible changes. The feedback received will help to determine whether any changes to the current arrangements should be further explored. If so, the council would need to work with local partner authorities and central government to develop proposals which would go through a separate formal consultation process.

War memorials grant scheme

The War Memorials Trust is providing grants for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials in England intended to help those who are responsible for the upkeep of war memorials.

The grants support the care and preservation of war memorials to a high standard, and to prevent the decay of this important part of our built heritage.

Grants will normally be for between 25% and a maximum of 75% of eligible costs. The maximum grant is £5,000 for non-freestanding war memorials while freestanding, non-beneficiary war memorials may be considered up to a maximum grant of £20,000. Application close on 31 October 2024. <http://www.war memorials.org/grants/>

Civil parking enforcement

Between February and June 555 parking tickets have been issued in South Cambs. Councillors get a detailed report of the streets covered by the two vans on a day to day basis and Gamlingay appears frequently as do other parishes in the Division. So – you could take a chance on them being elsewhere; but we’re not recommending it!

Mobile Library Service

We celebrated the sixtieth birthday of the CCC Mobile Library Service with a cake and speeches at Northstowe in July. This is a very small part of what CCC does – but it punches well above its weight serving our smaller communities such as Tadlow, Hatley, Croydon and Arrington; and often being a lifeline for those who cannot get out much. Long may it prosper!

How are you South Cambs?

This website offers a brilliant set of resources on activities and support available in South Cambs – a combination of community, health and care, work and employment, and more. How Are You South Cambs? | Support (haysouthcambs.co.uk)
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Cost-of-living information

For information on where to turn for advice; benefits, money and debt advice; help with energy and water bills; help for parents and families; help with food and health costs; help with phone bills; help with making your home warmer; Age UK handy person service and support if you are in distress, visit <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/>

Coffee pod recycling comes to Cambridgeshire Household Recycling Centres

CCC has introduced coffee pod recycling at all nine of its Household Recycling Centres.

The new coffee pod bins offer residents an environmentally friendly way to separately dispose of both aluminium and plastic coffee pods.

Over 1 billion coffee pods are sold each year in the UK alone. Waste from these 'single-use' pods will lead to a huge environmental impact if not recycled properly, in the UK and globally. CCC is partnering with Podback to provide coffee pod recycling services. Podback was initially created by Nespresso, Nescafe, Dolce Gusto and Tassimo to help their customers recycle their coffee pods and is now supported by many more coffee brands.

Podback recycles coffee pods in the UK, to reduce waste and saving on new materials. Collected pods are shredded and cleaned of coffee. The shredded pods can be made into new products, while the coffee grounds are used to help create renewable energy and soil improver.

Did you know?

You can recycle a huge variety of items at CCC Household Recycling Centres from aerosols, batteries, and cooking oil, to mobile phones, soil and vapes. There are nine Household Recycling Centres across Cambridgeshire, run by Thalia, with locations in Alconbury, Bluntisham, March, Milton, St Neots, Thriplow, Whittlesey, Wisbech and Witchford.

Find out more about recycling in Cambridgeshire: Household Recycling Centres

Have you considered being a Special Constable?

Cambs Police have just launched a recruitment drive for Special constables – Specials have all the powers of a police officer and work alongside their

regular colleagues. It only requires a minimum commitment of four hours a week and is a great opportunity to give something back to your community, while receiving professional training, skills and experience that can be used in everyday life and career progression.

Over the past 12 months, Specials have racked up more than 23,000 hours on the job, launched an impressive 400 investigations and stopped 1300 vehicles. If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about becoming a Special, and maybe even apply, please visit the Police website pages. Police support volunteers | Cambridgeshire Constabulary (cambs.police.uk)

South Cambs Business Support: Youth Engagement Programme

An SCDC Youth Enterprise Support Programme will support young people who want to start their own business, to get started.

The programme will work with young individuals aged 16-25 to develop essential skills and knowledge and will include opportunities to gain real market experience. Candidates will also be able to apply for £1,000 grants to transform their business ideas into local market ventures.

Young people who are interested in the Youth Enterprise Support Programme can register to start their journey from conception to commerce at <https://hxgconnect.co.uk/youth-enterprise-programme/>

If you have any queries please contact Business Support Key Projects Team Leader: Katherine.Southwood@scambs.gov.uk

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League results

Cambridge & District Bowls League: Division 1

As of the 13 August we stand one place off the bottom so with three games to play we need to make up four points to avoid the drop back to Division 2.

Monday 10 June – **lost 6-1** away to **Isleham**

Tuesday 11 June – **lost 1-6** home to **Chesterton 'A'**

Tuesday 18 June – **won 4.5-2.5** home to **Cambs & County**

Monday 24 June – **lost 0.5-6.5** away to **Girton**

Monday 1 July – **lost 1-6** home to **Isleham**

Tuesday 9 July – **lost 6-1** away to **Cambs & County**

Tuesday 16 July – **lost 0-7** away to **Girton**

Thursday 18 July – **won 5-2** home to **Milton**

Monday 22 July – **drew 3.5-3.5** away to **Balsham**

Tuesday 23 July – **lost 1-6** home to **Haddenham**

Monday 29 July – **won 5-2** home to **Sawston**

Thursday 8 August – **lost 6.5-0.5** away to **Abbey**

Meldreth & District League: Section 1

As of 11 August we sit at the top of the league, ten points clear of second placed Meldreth with four games to play.

Tuesday 25 June – **won 7-0** home to **Histon**

Thursday 4 July – **won 6-1** home to **Great Chesterford**

Monday 8 July – **won 2-5** away to **Sawston 'Lions'**

Thursday 11 July – **won 0-7** away to **Newnham**

Thursday 25 July – **won 6-1** home to **Duxford**

Tuesday 30 July – **won 6-1** home to **Sawston 'Lions'**

Thursday 1 August – **Conceded** (6 points awarded) home to **Newnham**

Thursday 8 August – **won 6-1** home to **Steeple Moden**

Millicent Childs Over 60s League: Division 3

As of 31 July we sit in third place, two points behind the leaders with two games in hand and five games to play.

Wednesday 12 June – **lost 3-4** at home to **Houghton 'A'**

Wednesday 19 June – **lost 4.5-2.5** away to **Sharnbrook 'B'**

Friday 21 June – **won 3-4** away to **Huntingdon**

Wednesday 26 June – **won 7-0** away to **Fenstanton 'Red'**

Wednesday 3 July – **won 7-0** home to **Brampton 'B'**

Wednesday 10 July – **won 0-7** away to **Potton**

Wednesday 31 July – **won 2-5** away to **Chatteris 'Blue'**

Gilbert Cup

We reached the semi final, losing out to a strong Girton team.

Wednesday 26 June – **won by 7 shots** against **Fenstanton**

Wednesday 17 July (quarter final) – **won by 6 shots** against **Haddenham**

Wednesday 7 August (semi final) – **lost by 28 shots** against **Girton**

Gamlingay & District History Society

Find out about where you live, and the people who were here before you

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

It runs two websites:

www.gamlingayhistory.co.uk, and www.gamlingayphotos.co.uk.

The Gamlingay history website has many articles about the history of our village, and the Gamlingay photos website features period photographs of the village, dating from the 1880s to the present day. Both are well worth a visit.

The History Society has been active in the village for over 30 years, and the Committee consists entirely of local people. The society has a membership of around 30, and meets in the main hall of the Eco Hub at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month (except January, July and August). They are a friendly bunch, and always give a warm welcome to new faces, whether you join as a member or pay £4 on the door as a visitor.

The History Society year begins in September, so now is an excellent time to join. Annual membership is only £20, which gets you free access to all nine of their pre-planned social events and talks throughout the 2024/25 season.

The full programme of talks can be seen on the website, or you can pick up a paper copy of the programme from the Eco Hub. The programme for the new season includes:

10-9-24: Warden Hill; Viking, Roman or WW2? *Mike Collins.*

8-10-24: A History of Gamlingay. *Jim Brown.*

12-11-24: Gamlingay during WW1. *Peter Wright.*

10-12-24: Christmas Social and History Quiz.

11-2-25: Folk Tales of Cambs, Beds and Herts. *Malcom Busby.*

11-3-25: Codes, Code breakers and History. *Bev Stevens.*

8-4-25: The 1602 Maps of Gamlingay. *Jim Brown.*

13-5-25: Fine Healthy Leeches – Victorian Medicine in St. Neots. *Liz Davies.*

10-6-25: Summer Social and AGM.

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Gamlingay United Football Club



The Saturday senior team's end of season awards evening at the Coach House in Potton.

The winners on the evening were:

- Young Player: Connor Sharp
- Most Improved: Dave Naylor
- Hooley Roll: Harry Kennedy
- Top Goalscorer: Leo Churms
- Goal of the Season: Aaron Kersey
- Most Committed: Jordon Butcher
- Managers Player: Jordon Butcher
- Players Player: Carl Bilcock
- Clubman: Peter Colebrook

The senior team are about to commence pre season training and will happily accept new players. Please email or contact the club on social media for more details.

Also on the 2 June, a collection of 'Gamgy Legends' took on the Vets in a friendly game raising money for Sue Ryder at Moggerhanger. It was a great day all round, the sun was shining and afterwards we were welcomed at the

Cock for food and refreshments.

As for the match, the Legends (blue) took the game 7-2. An early flurry saw them take a 4-0 lead, in the end this proved the difference. A fight back looked on the cards when the Vets got it back to 4-2, however, the Legends got on top again and finished with a further three goals.

Scorers:

Legends 7 (Blue):

Snelling, Steele, Churms, Snelling, Churms, Walker (B), Barham

Vets 2 (Red):

Desborough, Worboys

We are absolutely delighted to share that our charity fundraiser raised an incredible £1045.36 for Sue Ryder St John's Hospice. Many thanks to everyone who supported, donated, contributed and played, and special thanks to Vanessa Roberts and The Cock Inn who donated £200 from their charity fund. Thank you everyone for your amazing support.

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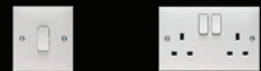
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Waldorf Salad

A hospital food, if you're lucky!

A recipe from Roderick Starksfield



I have had the misfortune to have stayed in three of our local Hospitals. In two of them, Addenbrookes and Bedford, the food is awful; insipid, overcooked, tasteless and sloppy.

If you are unfortunate to have a hospital stay get your friends and relatives to bring you in some food! All these Hospitals rely on sandwiches for lunch and supper, but the quality varies.

Hinchingbrooke is very different!

In this month's recipe I give you an Apple, Celery and Walnut Salad (Waldorf), I had this at Hinchingbrooke, and can assure you that all the ingredients mentioned were all present, I have added nothing.

Ingredients

- 1 desert apple

- 1 stick of celery
- Handful of walnuts, coarsely chopped
- 6-8 purple grapes, halved
- Handful of pumpkin seeds
- Splash of oil and lemon juice

Method

- Chop the celery into small lengths, about 8mm, if needed de-string with a vegetable peeler.
- Add all the other ingredients except for the apple and oil and lemon.
- Just before serving slice the apple into bite-size slices (don't add earlier, as cut apples can turn brown).
- Mix all together, sprinkle over the oil and lemon juice.

The hospital didn't include a glass of wine, but a light white would go well.

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by Kevin Bentley

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

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Beginners Breeze	Thursdays 5 September	Ladies' Cycling. First Thursday of the month at the Eco Hub. Contact gill.kitchener@btinternet.com or 07842 135 732
Bellringers	Thursdays	7.30pm to 9.00pm with John Boocock at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
Bin Collection Days	Thursdays: 5, 19 September 12, 26 September	Blue and Green Black
Booklinks Book Club	Monday 2 September	First Monday of the month, 7.30pm in the Library at the Eco Hub.
Cock Inn	Mondays 9 September	Monthly quiz nights starting at 8.00pm. £2.00 per head for various charities. New teams welcome.
Community Choir	Wednesday 4 September Saturday 21 September	First Wednesday of the month 8.00pm to 9:30pm Third Saturday of the month 10.00am to 12.00noon Both in the Kingspan Hall at the Eco Hub
Connect Café	Fridays	10.30am to 12:30pm at the Eco Hub. All welcome to a friendly drop-in cafe for a cuppa and cake – £2.00 with free drinks refills. Lifts available. Please contact the Eco Hub Manager.
Eco Hub	Every Monday	Zumba Gold – 10.00am to 10.45am Kingfisher Disability Group – 10.00am to 3.00pm Fitness Pilates – 11.00am to 11.45am Movement for Memory – 1.00pm to 2.30pm Street Dance & Freestyle Disco – 4.00pm to 6.50pm (<i>term time only</i>) Rainbow Guides – 6.00pm to 7.00pm (<i>term time only</i>) Circuits – 7.00pm to 8.00pm
	Every Tuesday	Mat Pilates – 10.00am to 10.55am Chair Pilates – 11.05am to 12.00noon Active Ageing Pilates – 12.05pm to 1.00pm Carpet Bowls – 2.00pm to 4.00pm Yoga – 7.15pm to 8.15pm
	Every Wednesday	Fitness to prevent injury – 9.30am to 10.30am Kingfisher Disability Group – 10.00am to 3.00pm Love Art Community Art Group – 10.30am to 12.30pm Stories and Crafts at the Library – 2.00pm to 4.00pm
	Every Thursday	Tai Chi – 9.30am to 10.30am Cha Char Chimps, children's fun session – 10.00am to 11.00am Crafty Ladies Craft Group (<i>Gentlemen welcome too!</i>) – 10.00am to 12.00noon Cha Char Baby Chimps Session (<i>For newborns and non-walking babies</i>) – 11.30am to 12.15pm Over 60s Fitness – 2.00pm to 3.00pm New Age Kurling – 2.00pm to 3.00pm Ballroom and Latin Dance Class – 4.00pm to 5.00pm (<i>term time only</i>) Alice Lucas School of Dance – 5.00pm to 7.45pm (<i>term time only</i>) Kingfisher Disability Group – 10.00am to 3.00pm Connect Café Community Coffee Morning – 10.30am to 12.30pm O'Mahoney Academy Irish Dancing – 9.00am to 11.00am Little Ruggers – 8.00am to 12.15pm (<i>term time only</i>)
	Tues 3 September Tues 24 September	For Men to Talk – first Tuesday of the month, 6.00pm to 8.00pm Memory Lane Group – For people living with dementia and memory loss, and their companions. Fourth Tuesday of the month, 2.00 to 4.00pm
	Wed 4, 18 September	Grief Chat Café – every other Wednesday 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Gamlingay Allotments Association		Secretary Robert Carolan, gamlingay.allotment@gmail.com
Gamlingay Library	Mondays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays Saturdays Saturdays 7 September	2.00pm to 4.00pm – Preschoolers' Story Time 2.30pm 2.00pm to 4.00pm – Free computer buddying, ask at the library for info 10.00am to 12noon 10.30am to 12.30pm 10.00am to 12.00noon Library Lego Club – 10.00am to 12noon

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Gamlingay Parish Council	Full Council Meeting Tuesdays 10 September F&GP Meeting Tuesdays 24 September	Meetings held at 7.30pm in the Kier Suite at the Eco Hub and are open to all. Planning Committee Meetings (open to all) at 7.00pm prior to the Full Council and Finance & General Purposes Meetings. Clerks: Leanne Bacon and Kirstin Rayner. Tel: 650 310 or Email: clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk . Agendas available on our Website: www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk and on noticeboards.
Gamlingay Social Club	Thursdays 5, 19 September Thursdays 12, 26 September Fridays	Cribbage Fun Quiz Cash prize bingo at 8.30pm
Gamlingay Walkers	Wednesdays 4 September 2 October	First Wednesday morning of the month, followed by optional pub lunch, March to December. Contact Miriam on 01767 654 891 or email miriamjones80@hotmail.com
Greensands Writers	Tuesdays 17 September	Meetings held on the third Tuesday of every month via Zoom. Details on www.greensandwriters.weebly.com
Guild of St. Mary's	Mondays 16 September 21 October	Monthly meetings, usually third Monday of the month.
Hatley Coffee Morning	Tuesdays 3 September	10.00am to 1.00pm at Hatley Village Hall. Everyone welcome. Donations on the day split between the Village Hall and Church.
Hatley Parish Council	Third Tuesday of the months January, March, May, July and October	Meetings start at 7.00pm. Contact the Clerk Kim Wilde on 07591 346 835 or email parishclerk@hatley.info . Details on the website www.hatley.info or noticeboards.
History Society	Tuesdays 10 September	Meetings, open to all, are held at the Eco Hub, Stocks Lane at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month, except January, July and August.
Jelly Tots Baby and Toddlers	Mondays	9.30am to 11.00am. A baby and toddler group for 0-5 years. £2.00 per adult and child plus 50p per extra child. St Mary's Church Hall.
Music Club	Thursdays 5, 19 September 3, 17 October	Meetings held every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 01767 650 748.
Photographic Society		Contacts: Nick or Jackie Bruce 01767 651 025/07925 119 346
Potton Ladies Club	Tuesdays 3 September 1 October	Meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Mill Lane Pavillion, Mill Lane, Potton. Sarah Burgoine: sarahjburgoine@gmail.com or 01767 631 415.
St. Mary's Choir	Thursdays	6.30pm choir practice open to all singers at St. Mary's Church.
St. Mary's Simple Lunches	Tuesdays 3, 17 September	First and third Tuesday of the month. 12.30pm start at St. Mary's Church Hall
The Gazette	Friday 27 September	October issue deadline for all copy and adverts. November issue deadline for all copy and adverts.
The Wheatsheaf	Mondays Thursdays Fridays	Quiz on the last Monday of the month, starts at 7.30pm Pizza Van from 5.00pm to 9.00pm Kebab Van from 5.00pm to 9.00pm
Women's Institute	Tuesdays 17 September	In the Kier Suite, Eco Hub at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Please come along to our friendly meetings. For further info: Lindsay 651 227, Jean 650 367, Jan 652 135
Youth Cafe and Club	Every Thursday	5.15pm to 9.00pm – Year 4+ Café, Year 8+ Club

Village Information

Emergency Services

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

Healthcare and Council

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

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

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

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

Politics

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

Churches

Baptist Church, Office	Church Office	651 519
	Sally Graves	650 112
St. Mary The Virgin	<i>Rector: Hilary Young</i>	650 587
	<i>Church Warden: to Ann Davis</i>	07970 076 972
	<i>Reader: Chris Miller</i>	650 779

Halls for Hire

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

Hobbies, Leisure and Interests

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

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

Preschool Groups and Education

Carers Group	Bridget Smith	650 510
Everton Heath Primary Pre-school	Katie May kmay@evertonheath.org.uk	01767 680 534
Jelly Tots & Marvellous Musicians	Lisa Mistrano	07931 356 931
Montessori	Mrs Pat Jenkins	650 645 07714 821 940

School

Gamlingay Primary	650 208
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Sports

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

Youth Groups

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

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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

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