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EDITORIAL

At the time of writing this, in spite of some signs of early flowers peeping through, the weather doesn't feel very Spring like. Hopefully it will soon improve. To ensure variety in the villager magazine, I would be very pleased to receive articles, photographs, comments or letters from any resident of the village as well as from all our regular contributors. The youth of the village are rather poorly represented in this issue; can you remedy that in the next? The copy date for contributions to our June issue is the 1st of May, but entries will be welcomed any time between now and then. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jennifer

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WELCOMING SPRING

Spring is marked in different ways, now birdsong heralds longer days,

Around our village can be seen

All the hedgerows shimmering green.

Hawthorn, cherry blossom veils, confetti petals on the trails,

Trees awakening from their slumber

Adding green to shades of umber.

Then in our gardens all about, bright crocus colours gaily shout.

If further signs of Spring we seek

The tiny violets shyly peek amongst the fresh new blades of grass,

Whilst on the village paths, we pass

White snowdrops which are blooming now,

Their little sparkling heads will bow

With gentleness towards the earth, to greet the Spring in Needingworth.

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FRONT COVER: Reflections of Holywell - from across the river, Photo by J. Horn

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Parish Council Summary Report

by George Britton

A very busy quarter with the accent on developments affecting the roads towards and around St Ives. As well as Tesco and BP Garage, there are proposals at various stages to build flats, a Morrison Super store, drive-through catering facilities and a long-term proposal for 1,900 dwellings. All these suggestions require use of the Compass Point roundabouts. The PC has made its views known because some are outside the parish. As expansion continues west and north, the problem grows. Safety considerations drove the design of the roundabouts. Stationary vehicles do not hurt people!

The crimes reports, taken from e-Cops notifications, show a steady level of burglaries. The police will hold a public meeting in the Pavilion at 7.00 pm on 30th March.

Two development presentations at the February meeting described detailed plans for 14 affordable dwellings on land adjacent to Victoria House. This is under the Rural Exceptions Policy for land that would not normally be allowed. They will be for people with close association with the parish. Four three bedroom and 10 two bedroom dwellings, with spaces for two cars and a large green space, are planned. This project is close to the planning application stage. The other is for a replacement of 'Churchside', Holywell, with a very modern, high quality two storey building.

Negotiations with the Colts over the practice of running a tea bar in Millfields are coming to fruition. A new, sophisticated alarm should reduce the chance of false call outs, but they must be paid for. Insurance has been agreed and when the other agreed routines are in place the bar can run again.

The Village Hall is doing well with more decoration planned. The Quiz and Music Festival will be held again. More Trustees are needed.

Footpath 2 is scheduled for diversion again. The route moves away from the industrial complex and is 1.25 km longer. It will need a new bridge over Parson's Drain to join Footpath 1 near the old crossing point. It was not possible to ascertain whether there were bats in the felled Willow Tree stump on the Front. Work has stopped and it will be left to nature now.

Options to improve the Parish Office are under discussion. A project to make the Bus Stop opposite the Queen's Head more attractive and usable has been agreed. Cost constraints may be an issue.

Expenditure for the quarter was £20,080.

(For the official record of the meeting please check the minutes on the parish council website.)

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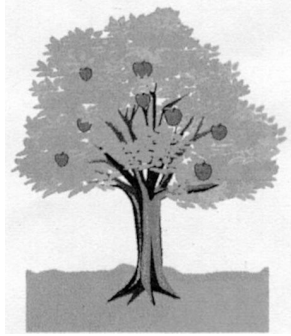
PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

First Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7.30pm in the Millfields pavilion.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES:

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Music Festival - 1st and 2nd July

The marquee has been hired, the bands lined up and it's all go for our 22nd annual major fundraising event. We can't do this without the myriad of volunteers who willingly give their time to help on bar, barbecue and refreshments, together with setting up and clearing afterwards. It's not too soon to give us a ring stating your preference on the rotas so they can be completed in plenty of time. If you are new to the village, it's the ideal opportunity to meet lots of new people.

To help at the Festival, please telephone Margaret Fountain on 496636 or Andy Killoran on 468562.

Village Hall Kitchen

Progress is slowly being made toward the new kitchen extension – this is subject to a grant and we hope to start during the summer holidays.

Committee Meetings

As the Village Hall becomes more vibrant, we need more volunteers to help manage the hall complex. We are toying with the idea of changing our committee night from Thursday to Monday. If you have been unable to join us on a Thursday and a Monday would be OK, please let us know. We only meet 6 times a year, so your lives do not have to be overtaken by Village Hall activities. Please step forward!

Margaret Fountain, Treasurer
Village Hall Management Committee

Tel: 01480 496636

Dates for your Diary:
Saturday 4th March 2017: Annual Trivia Quiz
Weekend of 1st/2nd July 2017: Music Festival

VILLAGE MAGAZINE

'the VILLAGER' Extra copies of this quarterly magazine can be obtained from the editor Jennifer Horn, 16 Willow Green, Needingworth, telephone 468952 or from Roger Beaman, 17 Willow Green, telephone 462379.

WEBSITE: back issues of the Villager Magazine can be found on the Villager website

needingworthvillager.org.uk

Garden Plot Vacancies

Have you been thinking about growing your own vegetables? The Parish Council have several half plots available to rent. The cost of a half plot is £15.00 a year and this includes water. If you are interested please can you contact the Parish Office either by giving us a call on 01480 468451 or email Alison on acneedingworthpc@btconnect.com we would be delighted to hear from you!



The Great British Spring Clean



Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council are looking for volunteers to take part in the 'Great British Spring Clean'

On: **Friday 3rd March 2107, 10am**

Meet at: **Needingworth Village Hall**

Following the massive success of Clean for the Queen where in just over 1 hour 15 volunteers collected 15 bags of rubbish and other discarded items we would like to encourage anyone who is free to come along and help to clear our village of litter. If you require any further information please contact the Parish Council Office on Tel: 01480 468451 or email: needingworthpc@btconnect.com

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The festive season has come and gone and I am glad to report that crime incidents in our village were few this year. During the past 3 months, there have been 3 house burglaries, 3 incidents involving cars and 2 incidents involving anti-social behaviour. Needingworth is part of the Cambridgeshire Police Earith Ward that also includes Bluntisham and Colne. This Ward has seen a rise in crime in recent months, particularly; house burglaries (12), Criminal Damage (9), Violent Crime (9) and Anti-Social Behaviour (11). So we must not become complacent but continue to make this village a "No Go" area to criminals.

House burglaries in Needingworth-cum-Holywell follow a predictable pattern. Offenders gain access to the rear of the property, they then force or smash windows or patio doors to gain entry. An untidy search is conducted, mainly looking for iPhones, laptops, car keys, handbags containing credit/debit cards downstairs followed by a search of the master bedroom for jewellery and cash. In total 5 -10 minutes maximum. Tools used to gain entry are often taken from an unlocked shed or garage. So the message is clear, protect your property by ensuring out-buildings and rear gates are locked, lock windows and doors and do not leave your prized possessions on display. Jewellery that is valuable or of sentimental value should not be kept in bedroom drawers but stored somewhere safe that is not easily accessible. If you follow this advice, 2017 may be a good year!

Well enough of the lecture, but please remember to look after yourselves and your property. I am often asked how NHW and the police work together and do we make a difference? Anyone can reach the police quickly and easily in an emergency by dialling 999, or in a non-emergency 101. So why have NHW to liaise with them? The simple answer is that it helps you and your neighbours give your local police a much clearer sense of your current and emergent needs and local issues. NHW coordinators know their communities well and can develop an even deeper knowledge by talking to their neighbours and finding out what matters to them. Police and other organisations can then take action based on this knowledge. Government budget cuts have affected our local community policing support and the police need the support of NHW groups to help prevent crime and bring those responsible to account. Please support your local NHW street coordinator or consider becoming involved with NHW yourself, my contact details are below.

Finally, please remember to lock up your bikes when out and about as Spring arrives, there is a bustling trade in this area selling stolen bikes!!

**Mike Norris
Chairman
465997**

Christmas Tree 2016

This year the Parish Council organised a community Christmas tree which was erected over the holiday season on The Pond site, between Hawkes Lane and Church Street.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Jon Neish officially switched on the lights at a small ceremony held on 6th December which was attended by parents and children from the pre-school.



The project was not without its challenges, not least finding a suitable location! But after a lot of work and a great deal of help everything finally came together. The tree was kindly donated by Oakington Garden Centre, a grant of £100 from Hanson's paid for the LED lights and local tree surgeon Mr B Mutter assisted with the site preparation. The Parish Council would like to thank all of those involved for their help.

A decision will be taken early 2017 as to whether or not this should become a regular event so if you do have any comments please contact the Parish Clerk on needingworthpc@btconnect.com or telephone 01480 468451.

Do you have concerns regarding Policing in the Parish?

Police: Public Open Meeting.

**Thursday 30th March 2016
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Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council.



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Our next meeting will be on February 20th at 17 Willow Green (change of date and venue). Cheryl will be sharing more on the Vestry notes she has been transcribing, of 1826 – 1861, a fascinating glimpse into life in the parish in the 19th century.

Our April meeting will be slightly different - again a change from our usual 2nd Monday. On April 6th we will be visiting Huntingdonshire archives in Huntingdon Library. The staff will introduce us to the use of the archives and give us a behind-the-scenes look at the strong room where archives are stored. They will also put together a display of documents relevant to us. The visit starts at 10.30am and lasts about 2 hours. It costs £10 each and as numbers are limited, please contact us to check availability.

We still plan a village walk on Monday June 12th. Details will be in next Villager but please check website also.

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Gardening Club

Topping the Hundred!!

As the Gardening Club continues to grow in size and range of events, we reached a milestone in December which seemed unthinkable a few years back.

On Tuesday 13th December, we had over 100 members and visitors come to the Village Hall to hear a talk by Andrew Sankey on Funny Garden Features. This was a record attendance for one of our club meetings and was very rewarding given all the efforts that have gone into the year by so many people.

There was a great buzz around the hall with so many people there and as usual everyone seemed to enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere of the evening.

The talk itself was an entertaining and humorous gallop through unusual features of gardens through the ages which combined a history lesson with gardening ideas.

We are fortunate in being able to attract high quality speakers from all over the country who can give such interesting and well presented talks which are much appreciated even by those who only have a passing interest in gardening as well as by seasoned gardeners.

Beer and Wine Society

The success of our relatively small club is that most members turn up for the meetings. Arthur Chappell came to the fore in the Annual Wine Show in November. He won two classes and was 2nd in a third. This put him well in front on the season's League Table which he now won – again! The League Table gives everyone a chance to shine and reflects the core activity of home brewing. Our Christmas Party again took the form of a Safari Supper. The rain did not spoil a joyful evening with good company and food. Thanks go to all who made the party a success. We finished the season with a final mini competition for a wine made from grapes or commercial grape juice. This was judged by Fred Day, who has judged the wine in the Village Show for a number of years. He discussed each wine as he tasted it with tips on improvements. After a delicious buffet supper, Fred gave an amusing talk based on Nic Van Oudtshoorn's book 'The Drinking Man's Survival Guide'.

The A.G.M. is delayed until March. So, we will be holding a 'Wine Whist' evening in February.

A.G.M.s do not take us very long and we use the evening to present the trophies that have been won during the previous year.

We must make plans ahead of the A.G.M. and the committee is discussing next season's competitions – Rosé, Misfits, wine from real and tinned fruit. These can be made throughout the year. We are also investigating a Brewery Visit and a meal out.

George Britton

We have a great series of speakers already lined up for 2017 and are currently almost booked up for 2018. By doing this we are able to grab the best range and quality of speakers to maintain the standards which have been set.

In January we heard from Janette Merilion about the huge range of plants to bring scent into gardens throughout the year.

Janette spoke to us between her many duties on cruise ships around the world and was a very able, witty and informed speaker who went down very well with all the members.

Our next meetings which start at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall are as follows:-

14th March. Fabulous Foliage, Andrew Ward

11th April. Getting the best from your borders, Roger Harvey

The popular and busy **Annual Plant Sale** is to be held at the Village Hall on 6th May starting at 10.00 a.m. prompt.

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- You may visit local groups, chat with people and record what they have to say.
- You might talk to people about Healthwatch Cambridgeshire. This may involve giving a short presentation, or working with us on a display stand.

We will give you training and support, as well as paying agreed out of pocket expenses.

As a Community Listener, you could also train to take part in our 'Enter and View' visits to local health or care services. This is our legal right to visit places that provide publicly funded health or care services, to see and hear how people experience care. In the last year, we have visited Addenbrooke's and Hinchingsbrooke Hospitals.

Contact Heather or Elizabeth for an informal chat. Call **01480 420628**,

email enuquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

or visit www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

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WOMEN'S INSTITUE

We started the year with our Annual Dinner in January at the Queen's Head – excellent food as usual and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. In February our speaker was Divisional Sgt Major William Tuffs from The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard who came along in his striking official uniform (as you can see from the picture below) and gave us a very interesting insight into the role of the Queen's Body Guard.



Coming up:

- March 6 The Heir Hunter
 Speaker: Ms Kirsty Buchan
- April 3 Surgery in Africa – Training the Trainers
 Mr Clive Quick
- May 9 "What's that smell in the kitchen"
 Mr Gerry Dodds

All very different talks and what a choice. Visitors are always very welcome – come and enjoy the speaker, have a cuppa with cake and a chat. Our meetings are on the 1st Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays, then it's the 2nd Monday). We meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There are also various daytime activities going on during the month, scrabble, lunch club and cinema outings. Members dip in and out of whatever they feel like doing.

If you would like more information, please contact **Eda MacPherson on 01480 468633**

Your village needs you urgently

Recently a letter was sent with the Herald to all households about the problems of the massive development proposed for Gifford's Farm.

This is for around 2000 dwellings and other buildings, meaning an additional 4000 to 5000 people needing local amenities. Schools and GP surgeries are already overwhelmed and simply wouldn't cope with all the extra people, and the enormous increase in vehicles would mean that roads in all directions would become even more congested and at times gridlocked, especially those towards Huntingdon and the A14.

If you haven't already, please consider writing to **Mrs J Lancaster (Managing Director)** at Huntingdon District Council – our MP has said that letters from residents about planning applications really do make a difference.

HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH BOWLS CLUB

We are seeking new members for our friendly yet competitive club.

Our season begins at the end of April and runs through to September and we welcome both new and experienced bowlers to add to our successful club and provide coaching for those who require it.

We also have a thriving Junior membership and have the County under 25 Manager as one of our members. We continue throughout the year providing various social events through the closed season to keep all of our members in touch.

If you are interested in trying us out or joining straight away please contact any of those shown on our entry in this magazine on page 27.

Looking for something new to do in 2017?

Community Champion scheme

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking for volunteers in your area to join our successful Community Champion scheme.

Community Champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans.

We will train you, give you a uniform and provide you with a wide range of activities to choose from, all of which will help to keep our communities safe from the risk of fire.

No previous qualifications or specific skills are needed to become a Community Champion as CFRS is always seeking people from diverse backgrounds. The scheme is run by the charity Groundwork on behalf of CFRS. To find out more about the Community Champions scheme, contact Katie Dean on 01480 587140 / 07736 132870 or email katie.dean@groundwork.org.uk.

ON-call firefighters

ON-call firefighters are a vital part of today's fire and rescue service, providing an efficient, effective service that gives emergency cover to more than 90 per cent of the UK.

In Cambridgeshire they make up 56 per cent of the workforce.

An on-call firefighter is not based at a fire station but carries a pager and responds 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).

On-call firefighters are men and women who may 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) and are generally located in rural communities, small towns and villages.

If you would like to become an on-call firefighter, or find out more, then please go to our website at www.cambsfire.gov.uk and search for on-call firefighter under the careers section.

And don't forget to test your smoke alarm, and that of your elderly relatives, once a month by pressing the 'test' button on the device. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check please visit our website.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.

Protecting older or more vulnerable residents in Needingworth



Do you know Needingworth has two No Cold Calling Zones (NCCZ) located in Bramley Avenue and Chapel Close?

These zones were set up to discourage cold callers and to give residents the confidence to say 'no' to uninvited sales people – helping to prevent people falling victim to distraction burglars and rogue traders.

Whilst the zones were originally introduced by Cambridgeshire Trading Standards, it is recognised that community-led action is much more effective in protecting local people from unscrupulous tradespeople. Indeed, the best prevention and support for residents comes from within their own community.

We can offer a range of materials for your residents including door stickers, advice on how to spot a rogue trader and tips to prevent unwanted mail and phone calls. We invite a local coordinator to disseminate this information and look after a NCCZ on behalf of its residents. This would preferably be someone living within the zone but could also be someone residing close by. Could that be you?

If you feel you can help, even if your time and ability is limited, we would love to hear from you. A NCCZ can really be reinvigorated with a little community action; just a good neighbour keeping an eye out makes all the difference.

For more information please contact Elaine Mountfort, Community Protection Officer at elaine.mountfort@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or on 01954 286006 or 07810 153604.

Are you a keen walker? Dog walker? Or maybe part of a
Ramblers Group?



Have you noticed any issues with footpaths around
our Parish?

If yes ... We need you!

Ouse Valley Way Management Group have requested every Parish to have a nominated Footpath Officer to report back any issues noticed along the Ouse Valley Way. Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council are looking for a volunteer(s) to complete a regular audit of our footpaths and report any problems to Cambridgeshire County Council.

If you think this is for you or would like more information please contact the Parish Council Office on 01480 468451 or email needingworthpc@btconnect.com

Just because it's pretty - early iris flowering in Needingworth first week in February.



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Local Group**

What Nature Does For Britain

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust are pleased to welcome Tony Juniper who will present an illustrated talk entitled What Nature Does For Britain. This will be held on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Tony Juniper is a well known Environmentalist and has been President of the Wildlife Trusts since December 2015. For more than 25 years Tony has worked for change towards a more sustainable environment at local, national and international levels. Tony has written books such as 'What Nature Does for Britain' and 'What is Really Happening to Our Planet'.

Tonight Tony will tell us how Britain's nature enriches our environment, from peat bogs and woodlands that help our water supply to the soils that produce the food we eat. Anyone interested in wildlife is most welcome to attend.

Booking for the talk is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for further information.

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WILDLIFE TALK AT ST IVES FREE CHURCH

The Huntingdonshire RSPB Local Group will be hosting a wildlife talk at:

St Ives Free Church
on Wednesday 30 March
at 7.30pm

featuring popular author Conor Jameson describing his travels in search of the Goshawk. His narrative is based on personal experience, investigation, and the unearthing of information from research, exploration and conversations including why is it so rarely seen in Britain. He explores the politics of bird watching, the sport of falconry and the impact of persecution on the recent history of the bird in Britain.

The Free Church is at Market Hill St Ives PE27 5AL (the market place) It's on the first floor, accessible by lift as well as stairs.

Everyone is welcome, non-members pay £4. Becoming a member of the local group offers excellent value for regular attendees. The talk includes an intermission with free tea and coffee.

Any questions? Call Martyn on 01487 710456



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NEWS FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL

At the time of writing this article we are about to enter the annual budget debate, which ultimately ends up setting the Council Tax precept for the ensuing year. I know in the past when I have tried to explain the process some readers were both perplexed and confused over what should be a reasonable straightforward exercise. I am sorry to say after last year's shambolic process, this year is not shaping up to be much better. Let me explain further. First and foremost the council has a legal responsibility to set a balanced budget regardless of any Council Tax rise or not, this has in the past been relatively uncomplicated with the ruling political group having the majority on the council, putting forward their plans and priorities and after some debate winning the day and their budget being adopted by all the council. Now, as I explained in a previous article we have five political groups with none in overall control, each trying to push their 'pet projects and budgets' through. Therefore if not approached correctly, we end up with an enormous 'bun fight' and the potential for a fudged budget or even worse an unbalanced budget, which is both not acceptable and illegal. Last year's budget meeting went on for approximately 10 hours !! and unfortunately the signs for this year's debate do not appear to be much better with an even longer unproductive session anticipated.

You may recall in a previous article I explained that when I was the Chairman of The Council (2013-2015), I would make a point of getting the different groups together and to talk through their aspirations with each other, emphasise the need to be flexible and to adopt a 'give and take' approach as it was impossible for all five groups to have their own way in full. I did this in a firm and conciliatory manner, as a public debate of ideological views and an intransigent approach would not be helpful to anyone, not least to the long suffering county wide tax payers who needed to understand the financial pressures we seem to be permanently under and to support the council in the widest possible sense.

The rules have slightly changed this year, where central government has allowed councils with a responsibility for Adult and Social Care to levy an addition precept, which must be for that use only (ring fenced). The usual rule of 2% being the upper limit for any Council Tax Rise still applies, therefore it is perfectly possible for a council to levy a 2% rise and an additional 2% for Adult Social Care, making 4% rise in total. I know many members are of the view that there should be no council tax rise and a 2% precept levied for Adult Social Care. My personal view is that if there is a consensus of a 2% Adult Social Care rise, why don't we just put this 2% on Council Tax (ring fenced for the Adult Social Care Budget) and not levy anything under the Adult Social Care heading, either way there will need to be a 2% rise to deal with the Adult

Social care crisis, but by putting it on the Council Tax base, we are in stronger position in the future when the government works out our funding formulae using the Council Tax base as a starting point. Unfortunately, as ever I do not see common sense prevailing (you will know by the time you read this). As I eluded to earlier, there is a lot to be said for one party having a clear majority and being accountable to the public, you can help address that in May when the County Council Elections take place !

Before I close, the May election this year will be different you will no longer be represented by two councillors, Paul Bullen and myself, but just one, as St Ives in being split in two with St Ives South and Needingworth & Holywell, while St Ives North merges in with Wyton on the Hill. It is my view this is a shame as both Paul and I had a productive working relationship, which was of benefit to all as we were both able to agree on most things.

As the next edition of the Villager is due to be published 1st June, close to the County Council elections, I will not ask for further topics for this column until my future as your representative has been established one way or another. Should the worse come to the worse, I will just say it has been a privilege to represent you for the last 12 years as your County Councillor.

With best wishes, **Kevin Reynolds**



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KEVIN REYNOLDS

LOCAL LEADER AND CAMPAIGNER



Hopefully, not too many of you will need introducing to Kevin. He is **LOCAL** born and bred – a rare commodity these days, particularly for those who are involved with Local Government.

Being a local, Kevin has more than a passing interest in the future of our local community where he has always cared passionately about its environment and people, where we have seen many changes, transforming a relatively rural area into one of the most sought after locations to live in the country.

While everything is not perfect and there is still a way to go on various issues, you only have to look at comparable locations to see just how exceptional and fortunate we are. This type of controlled growth did not just happen, it was through strong and reasoned representation, the type Kevin has provided for nearly 30 years in representing all sectors of the local community.

The amount of inward investment in the area both by Local Government and private enterprise in the last few years was no accident. The importance of having a committed experienced local representative cannot be over emphasised, as Local Government continues to face greater demands with fewer resources.

Kevin has a record of service to the community; having retired from the Fire Service in 2001 after 27 years service. He has spent most of his life serving the community in one form or another. Back in 2008, after almost 20

years serving on the Local and District Council's Kevin decided to concentrate all of his time on Cambridgeshire County Council duties, as the demands on public services were increasing, as funding and the councils relationship with central government were changing. During his time as an elected representative he has been Town Mayor of St.Ives twice (1993 & 2003), Chairman of Huntingdonshire District Council (2000 – 2002) and Chairman of Cambridgeshire County Council (2013 -2015). He is married to Deborah who is also an **experienced** councillor. He is a committed family man, therefore understands the pressures upon family households, he is also a very active fund raiser for local charitable organisations.

Kevin is also well known for his pragmatic approach to issues in which there is little or no choice over, for instance development where polices and numbers are imposed from central government. He would rather exercise some control over the situation and try and obtain what is best for the area, rather than take a 'King Canute' approach and see the area destroyed by what is imposed rather than negotiated.

Over many years villagers have sought Kevin's help and advice over a range of issues varying from very personal Social Care and Health Care problems to transportation difficulties and on all occasions Kevin has responded in an honest and open manner. If it can be done, he will ensure it is, but something's in life are not always immediately achievable !

The future is too important to take a chance on, Kevin has a track record of serving you well and asks for your support on Election Day in May 2017.

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Christmas seems a long time ago now. We were pleased to see so many people at our Carol Service – the church was full to bursting – and our Crib Service and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve were also very well attended.

By the time you read this, we will have just held our Ashing Service (Ash Wednesday, 1 March) and so will be in Lent, the five-week period of preparation for the celebration of Easter. Lent is a time when we are meant to spring-clean our lives – even more than 1 January, it's a time for



Church Wild Garden at Easter

some new resolutions – and we are also taking the opportunity to do some spring-cleaning in the churchyard. We invite everyone who cares about our village churchyard to join us on **Saturday 18 March** from 10 a.m. for a **churchyard spring-cleaning morning**. We shall be cleaning and tidying some of the graves and getting rid of debris and weeds around the churchyard and the Garden of Remembrance, and the more volunteers the better. (We should also pay tribute to the Parish Council's groundsmen, who do an excellent job of keeping the grass mowed all year round.)

Even if you can't make it to the spring-cleaning, do join us for our **Lent Lunch** at the end of that same morning, **18 March**, from **12.30 p.m.** in the church; we will be enjoying a simple meal of home-made soup, bread and cheese, with donations invited to go to charity.

On **Sunday 26 March** we celebrate **Mothering Sunday** at 9.30 a.m. as a special service in church, with posies for the mums and traditional Simnel cakes after the service, and we hope to see lots of mothers and children in church.

Palm Sunday is **9 April**, leading us into Holy Week, with the giving out of palm crosses and a procession around the church; in Holy Week, from 21st March, we hold a series of evening services leading up to the solemn **Good Friday** service (**14 April, 2 pm**). We also intend to continue our tradition of a Good Friday walk that morning, taking us from Holywell church to Bluntisham church – watch the *Herald* for more details.

Then on **Easter Day** itself on **16 April** the hardier souls



among us celebrate the Resurrection outdoors as the sun rises, around 6 am, at the beautiful Dawn Communion; later in the morning, at 9.30 am, this is followed by a joyful Family Communion in the church.

In April we look forward to the start of weddings in church and begin preparations for the well-dressing and Patronal festival in June. More details of all these services and activities will appear in the *Herald* and on the Meridian Benefice website in due course.

Meanwhile, our regular pattern of services and activities will continue around these special dates. We maintain a mix of traditional services and informal family-friendly worship.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month (Book of Common Prayer) and at 9.30 a.m. on the second Sunday (Common Worship, with hymns and choir).

Morning Worship is held at 9.30 a.m. on the fourth Sunday.

For families and those who like an informal style of worship, our new **Café Sunday**, first Sunday of the month at 9.30 a.m. at the Village Hall, is proving very popular, and there is also the **All-Age Worship**, at the church on the third Sunday of the month, also 9.30 a.m.

We also have our monthly session to give mothers and carers a chance to meet and chat over a cup of coffee and their pre-school children a chance to dance, play and generally let off steam!

Music Makers is at the Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month, 10 am.

Other regular activities include our weekly **Open The Book** session at the school, when the children watch (and take part in) short plays based on Bible stories;

the **Friends Study Group**, exploring faith and the Bible; **BENCH** for secondary-school age youngsters;

our **Men's Group**, meeting on Tuesday evenings;

and if you're musical, why not join our church orchestra and/or the church choir? Details of all these from the *Herald* and the Benefice website.



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Pastor – Paul Harrison

It was great to see so many visitors from the village at our Carols by Candlelight service and our Christmas Day service. I also had the privilege of taking part in the area Guides and Brownies Christmas Service, this was a wonderful occasion and very enjoyable. The Coffee Club Nativity is always a special time at Christmas and it was lovely to be joined by the Pre School children.

We continue to pray that many will come to know God's goodness in 2017 even in the midst of life which is often messy and perplexing. Why not take a look at what's on at the Church and drop in or give me a call.

A friendly invite to join us -

Sundays 10.30 Morning Service

Sunday School for 3-11 year olds takes place during the service in term time.

6.00 Evening Service

Tuesdays at 7.45 Fellowship, Bible Study & Prayer

Wednesdays 10.00 Coffee Club

Welcome to Life Explored

We are running this course for four weeks beginning Thursday 27th of April.

We all want to find that unique happiness. We will be exploring some of the ways we try to find that happiness and ask the question, "Are we looking in the right place?"

This will be time well spent! Give me a call, and a few of us will be getting together to explore ... Life.

250 years!

That's how long we've been here in the village...well, not me personally! We celebrate our 250th Anniversary this year, and we would love you to come and join us on Saturday 8th of July. It will be a family day, and you can just drop in and enjoy this special time together.

Want to know more about us and what's going on then please visit our website

www.needingworthbaptist.org.uk

Need to get in touch?

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Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

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Our visit will last no longer than 60 minutes and is completely FREE of charge. Our visit will assess five key elements:

1. Fire safety in the home - including cooking, general safety and escape plans.
2. Falls prevention - including simple remedial action such as replacing lightbulbs or taping down loose carpet.
3. Alcohol use - Alcohol related illness in the over 65s is on the increase. We can provide you with helpful information.

4. Stay well and warm - Can you afford to heat your home? Do you have access to a hot meal? Do you have access to all the services available to you?

5. Crime reduction - We can provide advice on making your home more secure in addition to advice to make you less vulnerable to scams or fraud.

You are under no obligation to answer any questions that you do not want to, but the more information you provide us with, the better we will be able to support you. We can also provide advice in relation to promoting the health and safety of individuals with hoarding concerns, as well as providing valuable information to care providers.

During March, we will also be raising awareness of the fire risks associated with smoking, with national No Smoking Day on the 8th.

We often find smoking is one of many factors making someone more at risk of fire, for example, when combined with poor mobility, health problems or being elderly, it increases someone's chance of having a fire.

Here are some tips to take on board or give to friends and family that smoke:

- Never leave a lit cigarette or pipe unattended.

- Always use a proper ashtray and make sure the contents are cold before you tip it in the bin.
- Never smoke in bed and avoid smoking in a chair if you are likely to fall asleep.

Most importantly, fit a working smoke alarm and test it regularly. Don't forget to also test the smoke alarms of those you love. If you have an elderly or vulnerable relative, friend or neighbour, pop by and make sure they have a working smoke alarm. If they don't, that is something we can provide as part of a Safe and Well visit.

Eligibility

To find out if you are eligible for a Safe and Well visit, Enquire online. Alternatively, if you are unable to apply online or have a query about an enquiry form that has already been submitted, please telephone 0800 917 9994.

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WORD SEARCH

How well do you know your Cambridgeshire villages? There are 12 hidden in the Word Search. These clues may (or may not?) help you find them.

1. A necessary spot of merit
2. Water for the church
3. I might need a pencil sharpener here
4. Low lying place to find a flat cart
5. Food, weight, stitch and cheat
6. Merit The Spanish
7. Kipling's boy hero might come from here
8. Across the water
9. Calling loudly
10. Choose the warmest season
11. A new lawn may be laid
12. A dressmaking village?

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Answers on page 30.

Pre-School

If you would like your child to attend the very popular Pre-school, you must register them as soon as possible.

Children can start from 2 years 10 months.

For a registration form, or any other information, either see one of the staff in the pre-school room, or contact **Michelle Dolan 300507**

Coffee Club

Coffee Club is a mother and toddler group run by Needingworth Baptist Church. We meet on Wednesday mornings, during term time, between 10 and 11.30 at the Baptist Church. All are welcome for songs, activities and refreshments.

Entrance 50p.

Sarah Wordingham 462396

Little Tigers

This is a friendly under-5s play group that meets on



most Monday mornings in term-time, in the village hall. Come along for a cuppa and chat and let your 'little tiger' play with the toys and other children.

Entrance (including refreshments): £2 per family.

For more details contact: **Michelle Medicott, 301351** or **Anna Vickery, 469276**

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The supermarket has teamed up with the charity Groundwork on its Bags of Help initiative, which sees the money raised from the 5p bag levy being used to pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities.

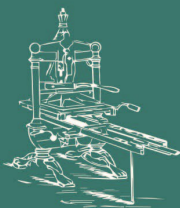
Tesco customers will decide on a monthly basis which groups get grants of up to £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 in regions up and down the country.

It's expected the new monthly format will see more than 100 projects receive vital funding across Cambridgeshire every year. Funding will be awarded to projects that use and develop outdoor spaces in ways that will benefit their local community. We've already seen local groups, schools and charities benefit and look forward to seeing many more exciting projects come out of this initiative.

Find out more about how to bag your share or nominate a good cause at www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco



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It is a Show for all the Village!!

Every year, in August, there is a free entry show held in the Village Hall which features all sorts of local produce and crafts in the form of the **Village Show**.

The tables are packed with exhibits such as:-

Photographs

Cooking

Crafts of sewing,
painting etc

Fruit and Vegetables

Flowers

Flower arrangements

Wine

Children's entries

This is a popular event with lots of villagers coming along to see the splendid show.

What we are trying to promote is the fact that the show is **open to ALL VILLAGERS in every section.**

The show is organised on behalf of the village by the Gardening Club as someone has to fund and organise the many aspects.

However it is not by any means limited to Gardening Club members and we are hoping to get more and more villagers entering to see if they win a prize.

As I walk round the show chatting to people the most common phrase I hear is "Well I could do better than that!"

So many people grow flowers and vegetables in the village but are not members of the Gardening Club. We have a large number of allotments which always look great as well as many excellent gardens around the village.

I know people "grow to eat and not to show" but if you look at many of the exhibits they are often very modest and I am sure can be bettered by other growers from the village.

Entries by members of the gardening club are just ordinary exhibits grown in our own gardens, there are no longer any dominant specialist gardeners who scoop the prizes, it is open to all who grow anything in their garden

I personally have even won various sections with a very poor exhibit just because I was the only entry!

There are so many good cooks in the village and such a wide range of sections to enter that I am sure there are many who could win prizes hands down.

Anyone can enter a Victoria sandwich cake, a loaf of bread or some scones.

We see lots of beautiful flowers in gardens around the village and it does not take a lot of effort to put a selection in a vase and pop them in the show.

We all take lots of photographs, be it on mobile phones or on highly professional cameras, and it is easy to print a few off to fill the photograph boards and see if they are judged as being the winner.

Children get such pleasure from creating an exhibit that can be entered and they have the thrill of checking out how they fared against the competition. There are sections for all ages to enter.

"Not the winning but the taking part"

It is such a thrill to see that one of your entries has been judged as a winner of a prize. The prize money is very modest but the pleasure is immense!

In addition, and possibly more importantly, we are so lucky to be able to hold such an excellent show in Holywell-cum-Needingworth when so many similar Village shows are folding. It is a lovely event in the life of our community which gives a great deal of pleasure to lots of our residents.

By entering an exhibit, you will fill the tables and be "taking part" It also helps us maintain this enjoyable village tradition which is dying out in so many other parts of the country.

It is a most enjoyable and simple way to take part in a village event and has the potential to provide a real pleasure when you win a prize.

The show this year will be held on Saturday August 5th.

The Show Schedule with all the sections and entry forms is already on the Gardening Club website **hcngardening.weebly.com**

so have a look and see if there is a section you can enter.

Schedules are available at various points around the village including the shop from about the middle of June or you can get one through the club by using the contact listed in this magazine.

Go on! Have a go and see what you can do!



Bletchley Park is to open two new exhibitions next year, adding a further layer to our understanding of life at the World War Two codebreaking site. The experiences of staff when they clocked off from work will be revealed in a major new exhibition **Off Duty: High Spirits in Low Times, opening 30 March** - Long and unpredictable shifts often impacted on the health and well-being of staff, leading senior management to provide facilities for them to use when they weren't working. From sporting events and plays to trips to the cinema and US dances, find out about the recreational activities that Codebreakers and their colleagues enjoyed on and off site.

Meanwhile, the key contribution of cryptanalyst Bill Tutte – the mathe-

matician who broke the Lorenz code – is to be marked with a celebration of his career. **Bill Tutte Centenary Exhibition, opening 14 May** – A look at the life and work of the late cryptanalyst and celebrated mathematician, who broke the German Lorenz code and went on to make an invaluable contribution to the formation of graph theory. Marking the centenary of his birth, the exhibition will be held in the Bletchley Park Mansion.

For full details of exhibitions, plus pricing and booking details for events, visit www.bletchleypark.org.uk.

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Needingworth Tennis Club

Tennis has continued to be played throughout the winter, with matches and club sessions making the best of the weather. We are always looking for new members of any level or experience, so please feel free to come along to one or two of our sessions and see what you think. We are particularly keen to get some more ladies along as there is a definite weight of membership towards the gentlemen end at the moment! Our all-weather courts are open for club sessions on Sundays 9.30am-12, Wednesdays 9am-12 and Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm – all welcome!



We have a variety of membership options whether you wish to join as a single player or as a family and there are also easy options of paying your subscription monthly. The 'tennis year' runs until April, but you are very welcome to join now for the time remaining. Please visit the website and contact Mark on 300985.

Coaching

We are very pleased to continue with our coaching provision provided by Over & In! They are running classes at the courts for us for various ages and abilities. Please see their website for more information and to book.

www.overandin.com/clubs/needingsworth/

Matches

Matches are played in both the Cambs and Hunts & Peterborough leagues. If interested contact Tim/John/Jane or Mark (includes mens, ladies, mixed and vets of all standards)

**** QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 6th MAY ****

Please note May 6th in your diaries for our annual Quiz Night held at the Village Hall. More details will be appearing on the website, but a fun night is sure to be had with a broad range of questions to suit all ages – it's definitely not all about tennis!!

We are an extremely friendly club, open to all. Please feel free to contact any of the committee below if you would like more information and we look forward to welcoming you.

Contacts

Tim Perry – Chairman
(496918 tim.perry@bt.com)
John Fabisz – Coaching
(495408 john.fabisz@sky.com)
Mark Balaam – Membership
(300985 mark@simpology.uk.com)
Helen Haynes – Secretary
(463780 helenhaynes67@gmail.com)
Jane Carter – Juniors
(495567 jane.carter@marshalladg.com)

www.needingsworthtennis.co.uk

HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH BOWLS CLUB



The Social side of our Bowls club continues through the winter with so many successful and entertaining events to look back on since the end of the 2016 Bowling season. The last one is the Race night in the Village hall which is on Saturday April 1st and we look forward to welcoming all our old friends and supporters from other years as well as our own members. This is our biggest event of the year and anyone who would like to join us for a really great nights entertainment please contact one of those shown below.

The Bowls Green is looking particularly good at the moment and we cannot wait to get back on it to start what we know will be another good season. This year we have entered a team in the Cambridge and District league and now offer Bowls for everyone in the form of Juniors, Seniors, friendlies, the Hunts and Cambs leagues, as well as County competitions. We also be the hosts for the EBA finals and EBF semi-finals. This year will be the biggest ever for the club following the election of Jim Daniel as the Hunts EBA President and myself as Deputy President of the EBF which results in many extra events to be held at our club. With so many County, International and the odd World players playing there will be many great opportunities to come a watch, so even if you are not a member you will be more than welcome to enjoy our hospitality.

We look forward to welcoming new and former members which we hope will swell our numbers so please come along and give Bowls a try and make new friends and get the exercise which is both healthy and enjoyable.

Peter Hutchinson, President

Contacts for the club are:-

<i>Peter Hutchinson (President)</i>	<i>01480 463408</i>
<i>John Stevenson (Secretary)</i>	<i>01480 465743</i>
<i>Terry Parietti (Treasurer)</i>	<i>01480 464011</i>
<i>Frank Johnson (Chairman)</i>	<i>01480 468412</i>

Karate Club

Our thriving club meets every Thursday at the Village Hall for a 6:30 start. No special clothing needed, all ages welcome from around 6 years young. Family, friends, girls and boys can all enjoy the not so mysterious benefits of a healthy, leisure activity.

Interested or even curious? For more information please call Sensei Andrew Brown (2nd Dan) on **01480 436099**.

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RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band Spring Concert

*In aid of Needingworth Community Pre-school
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& Needingworth Over 60's to support the activities
they organise for their members*

Saturday 22nd April, at Needingworth Village Hall.
Doors Open 7pm for a 7.30pm prompt start.
Tickets £8.00, available from Tina Clarke Tel: 468677,
or Alison Jackson Tel: 466612

WHAT'S ON in the Village

MARCH 2017

- Sat. 4th Village Hall Annual Trivia Quiz (see ad on this page)
- Mon. 6th WI "The Heir Hunter", speaker Kirsty Buchan
- Tue. 7th Over 60s AGM
- Tue. 14th Gardening Club "Fabulous Foliage" (see page 11)
- Sat. 18th Church yard spring cleaning and Lent Lunch (see page 19)
- Sat. 18th Dance Club Dinner (p10)
- Sat. 25th Pre-school Bingo Night
- Thur. 30th Police Open Meeting, Village Hall 7pm (see p 8)

APRIL 2017

- Sat. 1st Bowls Club Race Night (p27)
- Mon. 3rd WI "Surgery in Africa – Training the Trainers" (p13)
- Tue. 11th Gardening Club "Getting the best from your borders" (p11)
- Sat. 15th Dance Club 7.30pm (p10)
- Sat. 22nd Spring Band Concert (see ad. on this page)

MAY 2017

- Sat. 6th Annual Plant Sale, Village Hall 10 am (p11)
- Mon. 9th WI Resolution Meeting "What's that smell in the kitchen?" speaker Mr Jerry Dodds (p13)
- Fri. 19th Pre-school Pamper Evening
- Sat. 20th Dance Club 7.30pm (p10)

Advance Notice:

JUNE

Monday 5th. WI "Wild in the Pantry"

JULY

Weekend of 1 & 2 July 2017
Music Festival

AUGUST

Saturday 5th. Gardening Club Annual Show

If your organisation would like any future planned events listed here in the next issue of the Villager, to help avoid clashes, please send me details by the next copy date (1st November).

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service number	C	C	21	21	21
Ramsey, Great Whyte	---	---	0915	---	1555
Bury High Street	---	---	0919	---	1559
Warboys High Street	---	---	0926	---	1606
Pidley Village Hall	---	---	0930	---	1610
Pidley, opposite Mad Cat	---	---	0931	---	1611
Somersham High Street, King Street	---	---	0935	---	1615
Somersham, The Trundle, Loftsteads	0722	0935	0938	1238	1618
Somersham, High Street, The Cross	0726	0938	↓	1235	↓
Colne High street	↓	↓	0945	1245	1625
Earith, Greenfields	↓	↓	0951	1251	1631
Earith, New Lode	↓	↓	0954	1254	1634
Bluntisham, White Swan	↓	↓	1000	1300	1640
Needingworth, High Street, Queens Head	↓	↓	1005	1305	1645
Holywell, near Back Lane	↓	↓	1008	↓	↓
Needingworth, Harris Crescent	↓	↓	1010	↓	↓
Needingworth, High Street, Queens Head	↓	↓	1012	↓	↓
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service number	21	21	C	21	C
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Needingworth, High Street, Church Street	1213	1413	↓	1713	↓
Needingworth, Harris Crescent	1214	↓	↓	↓	↓
Holywell, near Back Lane	1216	↓	↓	↓	↓
Bluntisham, White Swan	1218	1418	↓	1718	↓
Earith, New Lode	1223	1423	↓	1723	↓
Earith, Greenfields	1225	1425	↓	1725	↓
Colne High street	1230	1430	↓	1730	↓
Somersham, High Street, The Cross	1235	1435	1448	1735	1805
Somersham, The Trundle, Loftsteads	1238	1438	1451	1738	1808
Somersham, High Street, The Cross	---	1441	1454	1741	1811
Pidley, opposite Mad Cat	---	1445	---	1745	---
Pidley Village Hall	---	1446	---	1746	---
Warboys High Street	---	1450	---	1750	---
Bury High Street	---	1457	---	1757	---
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Woodhurst - St Ives

Service 22

SATURDAY ONLY

Notes :

Woodhurst, Church Street, opp The Chapel	10:00	13:00
Old Hurst, St Ives Road, Lancaster Close	10:04	13:04
Warboys, High Street, opp Church Road	10:09	13:09
Pidley, Warboys Road, Fen Road	10:13	13:13
Pidley, High Street, Warboys Road	10:14	13:14
Somersham, High Street, King Street	10:19	13:19
Somersham, The Trundle, Ibbott Crescent	10:22	13:22
Colne, High Street, East Street	10:29	13:29
Earith, Greenfields, opp School Road	10:35	13:35
Earith, High Street, opp Chapel Lane	10:37	13:37
Bluntisham, High Street, o/s 23 High Street	10:42	13:42
Needingworth, High Street, Church Street	10:47	13:47
St Ives, Market Road, Bus Station (Bay 2)	10:57	13:57

St Ives - Woodhurst

Service 22






SATURDAY ONLY

Notes :

St Ives, Market Road, Bus Station (Bay 2)	11:45	14:45	
Needingworth, High Street, opp Church Street	11:55	14:55	
Bluntisham, High Street, o/s 26a High Street	12:00	15:00	
Earith, High Street, Chapel Lane	12:05	15:05	
Earith, Greenfields, School Road	12:07	15:07	
Colne, High Street, opp East Street	12:13	15:13	
Somersham, The Trundle, opp Ibbott Crescent	12:20	15:20	
Somersham, High Street, opp King Street	12:23	15:23	
Pidley, High Street, opp Warboys Road	09:37	12:28	15:28
Pidley, Warboys Road, opp Fen Road	09:38	12:29	15:29
Warboys, High Street, Church Road	09:42	12:33	15:33
Old Hurst, St Ives Road, opp Lancaster Close	09:47	12:38	15:38
Woodhurst, Church Street, opp The Chapel	09:53	12:42	15:42

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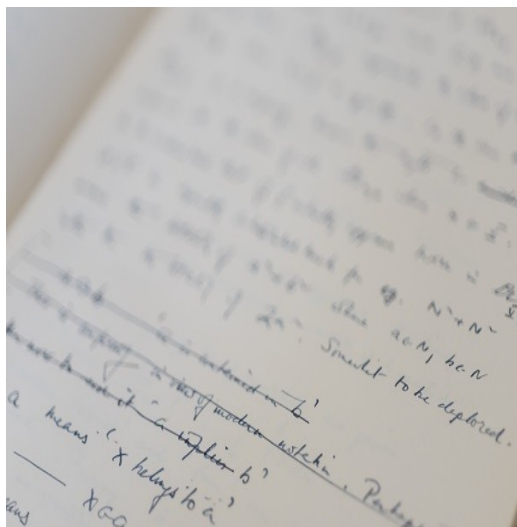
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1. Needingworth
2. Holywell
3. Bluntisham
4. Fen Drayton
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6. Elsworth
7. Kimbolton
8. Over
9. Yelling
10. Somersham
11. Turves
12. Soham

BLETCHLEY PARK

Rare Alan Turing notebook goes on display

Mathematician's hand-written commentary on notation can be viewed at Bletchley Park



A hand-written notebook featuring Alan Turing's thoughts on mathematical notation has gone on public display for the first time, at Bletchley Park. The manuscript, which was sold at auction in 2016, has been loaned to the

museum for one year and is on display alongside other personal effects belonging to Turing.

Dermot Turing, Bletchley Park Trustee and nephew of Alan Turing, said: "When Alan was at Bletchley Park everyone knows he was breaking the Enigma code. But less well known is that he was also spending a lot of time working on problems in mathematics. He wrote this notebook probably quite early on in World War Two when he was thinking about the way in which we write mathematical formulae. It's a commentary on what's wrong with notation."

The notebook is on display alongside 16 of Turing's 18 published papers, which have been described as 'an unparalleled collection of the writings of the founder of modern computing science'. The collection, originally compiled by another Bletchley Park codebreaking giant, Max Newman, contains several specimens of Turing's signature.

Peronel Craddock, Head of Collections and Exhibitions at Bletchley Park, said: "It is wonderful to have the opportunity to display this notebook for the first time and we are very grateful to the lender. It really adds to our understanding of Turing, as his personality comes through in his critique of others' theories."

Bletchley Park is open daily and tickets cost just £16 when booked in advance online at www.bletchleypark.org.uk and give unlimited access for one year.

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May Thurs. 11th and 25th

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April Thurs. 6th and 20th
May Thurs. 4th and 18th

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March Wed. 8th and 22nd
April Wed. 5th and 19th
May Wed. 3rd, 17th and 31st

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Electricity Power Cuts & Emergencies 0800 316 3105 or 0333 323 2105
Drinking Water - Supplies Failure/routine enquiries
(Cambridge Water Co) 01223 706050
Sewerage, Services Failure (Anglian Water) 0800 145 145
Rivers - Pollution and Flooding (Environment Agency) 0800 807 060
or Floodline 0345 988 1188

PUBLIC & IMPORTANT SERVICES - ROUTINE ENQUIRIES

Cambridgeshire Country Council 0345 045 5200
Electricity (UK Power Networks) 0845 601 4516
Sewerage Services (Anglian Water) 0845 145 145
Telephone Services (British Telecom) 0800 150 111
Police (non-emergency no.) 101
Trading Standards 0845 3030666
Age Concern 01354 696677
To stop unwanted mail 0845 703 4599
To stop unwanted phone calls 0845 070 0707

WHO'S WHO

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Bowls	John Stevenson <i>johnstevenson461@btinternet.com</i>	465743
Brownies	Alicia Holloway <i>HOLLOWAYB@aol.com</i>	466245
Chatters Community Cafe	Alison Thompson	464336
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Gardening Club	Grant Williamson <i>parkingcare@globalnet.co.uk</i> <i>www.hcngardening.weebly.com</i>	493360
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Guides	Helen Whitehead	460838
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Karate	Andrew Brown	436099
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Over 60's	Joan Ashwell	497892
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Rainbow Guides	Rosie Greatrex	460475
Scouts	Mark Culley <i>Mark.culley2775@gmail.com</i>	466595
Scribblers	Joan Tucker	463966
Tennis Club	Helen Haynes	463780
Hall Trustees	Margaret Fountain	496636
Hall Bookings	Rose Killock	466487
Wellworth Players	Karen Bays <i>Website:www.wellworthplayers.co.uk</i> <i>mailto:admin@wellworthplayers.co.uk</i>	463505
Women's Institute	Eda MacPherson	468633
Youth Cricket	Stephen Mitcham	301679
Chairman Parish Council	Jon Neish	466110
Parish Clerk	Jane Bowd <i>needingworthpc@btconnect.com</i> <i>www.holywell-cum-needingworthparish.council.co.uk</i>	468451
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