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## EDITORIAL

This summer edition of the Villager includes a centre 4 page special on the 22nd annual Needingworth Music Festival. Has it really been running for 22 years? Do have a look (pages 10 and 14) at another successful summer village event - the annual village show run by the gardening club. They are keen to attract as many entries as possible. This issue also includes a short story for the first time, submitted by Scribblers, the winner of their short story competition (page 25).

I hope everyone has a lovely summer, not forgetting to take photos and compose articles and reports for submitting to the autumn issue of the Villager (in time for the copy date of 1st August). I look forward to seeing what has been going on in the village.

**Jennifer**

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## THE RIVER

River, River, how constantly you flow,  
Through meadows peaceful, lush and green,  
Under bridges old and new,  
Through cities with ancient buildings to be seen.

What tales you could tell as on your winding way you go:  
Lovers on your banks, holding hands and planning their life ahead;  
Further along, a man, a woman, stand alone, heads bent low,  
Unaware of the happiness around them, their sadness remaining unsaid.

Children play and fish as you pass, while parents keep a watchful eye;  
Ducks wander by, feathers gleaming like glass;  
Slowly dusk is falling, birds are roosting in the trees;  
Owls are hooting, bright stars fill the sky;  
Still you are flowing, by dawn you will reach the sea.

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### FRONT COVER:

War memorial and The Queen's Head, High Street, Needingworth, photo by J.Horn

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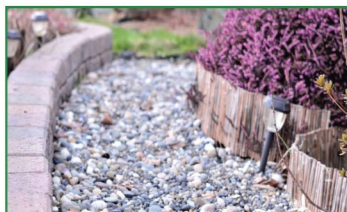
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## Parish Council Summary Report

by George Britton

The PC has had several informative presentations. Hal-lam Land Management presented the Giffords Park scheme for up to 2,000 dwellings with allotment allocations, green spaces, supermarket, neighbourhood centre, a hotel and a site for St Ives Football Club. A lot of survey work has been done. The inability of the local infrastructure to cope with this and several other developments in the area is a huge concern. Morrisons and the Drive-through Food Outlet of Harrison have been approved. RAF Wyton has been withdrawn because of inadequate infrastructure. RAF Alconbury is reported as reducing available land. District cllr, Mike Francis, believes that the plan will be dropped from the HDC 2036 Future Development Plan. However, a separate application could be submitted.

Amended proposals to replace Churchside with a very modern structure have also been presented. The PC cannot express an opinion until formal applications are made. The other ongoing project is for Exceptional Development of land beside Victoria House.

Sadly, there has been an increase in burglaries in the area. At a Police Forum it was stated that Earith would be given special police attention. This will now be extended to cover the parish. A fortnightly e-Cops report on local crimes has been introduced. There has been much discussion about speeding on Church Street with various suggestions for a solution. A scheme to ban parking in the immediate area of the shop is proposed.

Expenditure for the period was £32,346. Public tele-phones have been removed from High Street and Back Lane.

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

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

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

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES:**

A copy can be obtained from the Clerk, Jane Bowd at Needingworth Village Hall, or from the website [www.holywell-cum-needingworthparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.holywell-cum-needingworthparishcouncil.co.uk). There is a charge for hard copies.

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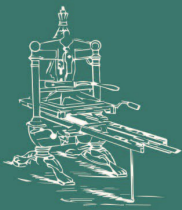
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## Village Hall Report

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Our Annual Trivia Quiz was well supported again this year. Congratulations to all who took part, it was a happy evening. The winners were: First: Simple Minds, Second: No Parking and Third: The Optimists. Well done everybody! We raised £694 towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. Our thanks to Geoff Norman for being a great Quiz-master and to Carol Mutter, our scorer for the evening.

We are always asking for volunteers to join us as Trustees. We now have a meeting every two months – no pressure, we would just like some new ideas and different views. I have been Treasurer for 13 years and enjoy hearing other people's views on any improvements we could make to the Village Hall complex. Call me if you would like to talk about joining us.

You may have noticed that the piano has disappeared from the far corner of the hall. It has gone to a better home. 'Boggle' took it to the Red House in Ramsey as they were looking for a piano. Let's hope it will give the residents many a pleasant tune.

Have a lovely summer – happy days! And don't forget to come to the Festival!

**Margaret Fountain, Treasurer**  
**Village Hall Management Committee**  
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Our websites are: [Needingworthvillagehall.com](http://Needingworthvillagehall.com)  
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Dates for your Diary:  
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**Thank you, Sue Ferreira**

## Great British Spring Clean 2017

On a rather wet Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 13 hardly volunteers including 4 Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk turned out to litter pick around the village as part of the national campaign to spring clean Britain.



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## Police/Community Forum

I would like to extend my thanks to those that attended the Police / Community Forum at the village hall on 30<sup>th</sup> March. It was encouraging to see a large turnout from the village and to have the opportunity to listen to their concerns. The main theme of the meeting was burglaries. The villages of Needingworth and Holywell have suffered several house, shed and garage burglaries over the past few months and this has been part of a problem throughout the district. Consequently dealing with and preventing burglary has been a force priority for some time now. We try to target our resources in order to patrol the right areas and use all the available methods to catch the offenders and bring them to justice but we can't do it on our own. We rely on the community to do what they can to help us and to help themselves.

Burglary can affect anyone and can be a very traumatic experience for victims with a long-lasting impact. If you are unfortunately burgled not only do you have the inconvenience of dealing with insurance and replacing stolen valuables but potentially the upset of losing the irreplaceable sentimental items such as family photos and heirlooms.

There are various simple but effective ways to help reduce your chances of becoming a victim and protecting your home from burglars is often easier and cheaper than you may think.

There is a great deal of information and advice available on our website in order to help to prevent you from becoming a victim of this type of crime, it can be found at: [http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/GetCloser/interactiveTool/Interactive\\_Crime\\_Prevention.html](http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/GetCloser/interactiveTool/Interactive_Crime_Prevention.html)

You can also help us by reporting suspicious behaviour. It is usually the case that the criminals will do their homework before choosing which premises to break into, they will check out streets and houses to see who is away or when people are at work. If you see anyone who looks like they are checking out properties please give us a call. If you can get a car registration number or even a photograph of the person all the better. It with this kind of support that we can make our communities safer places to live.

PS Andrew Street  
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## A Big **THANK YOU** to

1<sup>st</sup> Needingworth Guides for re vamping the flower troughs at the Village Hall, Overcote Lane.

The work was done by the guides as a community project.



## Garden Plot Vacancies

Have you been thinking about growing your own vegetables? The Parish Council may have a garden plot 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](mailto:acneedingworthpc@btconnect.com) we would be delighted to hear from you!



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## Come and enter the Annual Village Show!

The Village has one of the largest and best Village Shows in the area. We are very fortunate to have such a successful event in our village when so many others are dying out.

It is a long standing traditional show which is attended by many villagers during the afternoon opening.

We are trying to add to this success by encouraging **as many villagers as possible to enter into the show** to fill the tables and make the whole event even more enjoyable.

The classes are **open to all residents of the village** and it

is easy to enter at a price of 20p per entry( 10p for children)

If you have any flowers or vegetables in your garden, if you can bake a cake or take a reasonable photograph, it is easy to make an entry and bring them along to become part of the show.

There are many prizes and it is great to find that your entry has won one!

Entries do not have to be exceptional quality as most of the exhibitors have ordinary gardens or simply make things for their own family rather than being highly competitive specialists.

**The show will be held this year on  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August .**

Entry slips must be in by 6.00 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August and you need to deliver your exhibits by 9.45 am on the day of the show.

Schedules are to be found in the Gardening Club website **hcngardening.weebly.com** where you can read all the rules and information and also print off an entry form.

We look forward to you all entering the show as well as coming along (Free!) from 2.30 pm to view the exhibits on this really enjoyable village day.

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Many of the gardens around the village are looking wonderful at this time of year even allowing for the lack of rainfall in the early few months of the year.

It is a pleasure for us all to see the lovely displays of colourful plants along our streets.

Gardening is very popular and well supported in the village as shown not only by these gardens but by the growth and success of our village Gardening Club.

With a membership of over 190 members and our monthly meeting regularly attracting over 100 attendees the Gardening Club is the most successful in the area.

As well as the monthly talks by well established speakers from all over the UK we have a packed programme of visits and events spread throughout the summer.

At the end of May we have our 5 day

residential visit to the gardens of Yorkshire based in Harrogate.

On 14th June we are off on a day visit to Houghton Hall and Sandringham, Norfolk by coach.

On 28th June we are having a Safari evening around three member's gardens in Bluntisham and Colne with the inevitable cup of tea and piece of cake at the end.

On 4th July we are visiting Island Hall and gardens in Godmanchester for the afternoon

Then on 19th July we are visiting, by coach, the delightful Kathy Brown's garden and Kelmarsh Hall in Bedfordshire.

All this, as well as holding our monthly meetings on 13th June (The Four Seasons of Anglesey Abbey by Richard Todd) 11th July (Grow Places by Paul Herrington) and also organising the Annual Village Show on 6th August (See article)

Might not be time for any real gardening!

**Grant Williamson, Chairman**

## Beer and Wine Society

In February, we finished the season with an evening of 'Wine Whist' with a Valentine's Theme, hosted by Richard and Helena. This is always a very sociable event. The AGM in March was brief with the committee returning. Prizes for the competitions and League Table were also presented. We have had a successful year with the usual wide range of events including competitions, talks, tastings and nights out. Typically, the April meeting was a visit to Burghley Homebrew, north of Peterborough. There was a wine tasting and a sampling

of Baileys – flavoured with Lime. The shop was open and promises of further support for a future club competition.

Looking forward: The May event will be a Rosé competition, hosted by Danny. In June, we hope to try a new idea where some members talk about a commercial wine and the dish that they like to put it with. July will see the Annual BBQ, hosted by the Chairman and in August we will no doubt hold the 'Pubs Walk' – of late, the distance has reduced but a quiz on what can be seen en route adds to the interest. Many of the details have yet to be worked.

**George Britton**

## Local History Group

On February 20th at 17 Willow Green, Cheryl shared 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 was slightly different - a change from our usual 2nd Monday as on Thursday April 6th some of us visited Huntingdonshire archives in Huntingdon Library. Sue Sampson introduced us to the use of the archives and gave us a behind-the-scenes look at the strong room where archives are stored. This was very impressive! Sue had also put together a display of documents relevant to us, eg. maps of the area showing a lane from near Pound Hill Close to the corner where Conger Lane meets Back Lane; intriguing accounts of events and people of the vil-

lage. It was all fascinating and time went by very quickly! Sadly due to cuts, Huntingdon archives are only open 3 days a week as staff have to also cover Cambridge – whose archives are going to be moved to a new site in Ely.

We still plan another village walk on **Monday June 12th**. We'll be meeting at the Queen's head at 7.30pm and hoping for gorgeous weather to walk and hear about the properties and people from the past.

On **Monday August 14th** we'll be meeting at 2, Spinney Way at 7.30pm to hear about the Sandifer family and their lives in the village.

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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our March meeting we were pleased to present a cheque for £1000 to the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge, the money was raised from various fund raising activities in 2016. Our speaker gave us a very interesting talk on 'Heir Hunting' and tips on how to trace your family tree.

For the April meeting our speaker was Mr Clive Quick who told us about his work in Africa, the topic was 'Surgery in Africa: Training the Trainers', the slides and stories of his experiences gave us an insight into this valuable work.

It was also the annual Federation Meeting in April, held at Burgess Hall, 9 members attended a very full day, where we had the opportunity of finding out what is going on in the WI's around the region. The main speaker was The Reverend Richard Coles, radio and TV presenter and ex 'The Communards'. He gave a wonderful and informative talk on his life and laughs.



At the Music Festival in July we will be, as usual, serving refreshments on the Sunday, all proceeds from this event go to our charity project for 2017, Needingworth Good Neighbours, so please come along enjoy the music and our delicious cakes and sandwiches.



We meet the first Monday of the Month, new members and visitors are always welcome. For more information please contact Eda Macpherson – 01480 468633

## HOLYWELL CUM NEEDINGWORTH OVER 60s CLUB



After our celebrations last year for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Over 60s Club, we have settled down to "normal service" with our Christmas meal at the Queens Head in January. In February Mark Hudson showed beautiful slides from his collection of East Anglian photographs. March was the AGM when the year was reviewed and a new President, Vice-President and Treasurer were installed along with a dynamic new committee. A cheque was presented to SERV, the Bloodrunners, who were our charity for last year (see photo). In April we had a line dancing demonstration and several members enjoyed joining the dancers while the rest enjoyed laughing at our efforts.

This Spring we have a trip to Southwold on the 20<sup>th</sup> June and a trip to the alpaca farm with afternoon tea in planning. Our meetings are 2-4pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month, at the Village Hall :-

**6<sup>th</sup> June.** Marie from "Dogs for Good" who will bring along Smithy, an Assistance Dog for people with Mobility Issues.

**4<sup>th</sup> July.** By kind permission of the Station Commander, we welcome Graham Sheldon, the Band Master of the RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band who will give an informal chat.

**1<sup>st</sup> August.** Cream Tea with Brian and Paul singing and playing the ukulele.

For more information contact **Rose Killock on 01480 466487**





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# SAT 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY

1PM TO 10.30PM

Our annual festival hosts all sorts of music and has lots of local talent on show.

With 2 stages in the newly open-fronted marquee, there is music back-to-back from 1pm. Our Saturday Night headliners are Glamtastic, the ultimate party band. They follow the brilliant Hollowstar, one of the few bands playing original material. Treble Damage are a blues & rock cover band with proper rock nicknames so come check out Geezer, Fox, Fingers, Mad Dog and The Octopus! With their relentless gigging schedule, 4lab (as the kids know them) might just be the hardest working operatic space rock outfit in this dimension (bottom pic).



Our NFEST openers are Poncho Pilots a hugely entertaining space-prog outfit from St Ives. In ponchos of course! These are followed by Barefoot Doctors playing sweet soul music, putting smiles on the faces and springs in the heels of men and women everywhere since 2010.

Mid-afternoon sees the Freddie Hall Band playing pop & rock classics with panache, Or Wot, an experienced rock covers band from St Ives, plus of course festival veterans Split Whiskers (right).



As ever a well-stocked bar will be selling wine, beers and ice-cold soft drinks at modest prices. Hot food courtesy of the Scouts includes a BBQ and jacket potato oven plus loads of other homemade refreshments will be available. A great weekend for all the family, with plenty of space to sit in the sun and relax while enjoying the fantastic music.

As the festival is the main fund-raiser for the village hall please **DON'T BRING FOOD & DRINK**. Entry is by donation and all proceeds go back into the event and venue.

Do check out our amazing new website [www.needingworthmusicfestival.com](http://www.needingworthmusicfestival.com) for the detailed programme, full band profiles and lots more. Remember: It's all about the **music**.



# SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY

12NOON TILL 6PM



On Sunday the music tends towards the acoustic and is combined with a fabulous village fete organised by the Needingworth Community Pre-school.



Expect lots of fun-filled activities for kids of all ages such as face painting, bouncy castle, coconut shy, inflatable slide, tin can alley, classic cars, stalls, raffles, and many more fun & games for all the family.



Musical highlights include HUB - Undoubtedly the weekend's "biggest" band (below right at last year's festival) and Holly Jean (left) who is one of our youngest performers but already a NFESt veteran. Classy, vintage, art deco swing-folk insanity from a



kinder, gentler age is provided by Dickie De Vere & the Dorchester Mavericks (right). You won't want to miss this!

Alchemy are another quality act returning from last year, this soulful male/female acoustic rock duo combine emotive vocals with fantastic guitar playing. Classic rock/pop/folk/blues from across the ages is expertly provided Dark Surrender. This dynamic duo play around 30 gigs a year - almost exclusively for local and national charities - so we're delighted to welcome them for their Needingworth debut. Laid back swing & jazz is provided by Tonica - also known as Chris (on keyboards) and Ray (ex Decca session guitarist).



And Sunday wouldn't be complete without the traditional closing jam session from Sunday Jam - led by the village's own Welsh wizard Gethyn (left) and featuring musicians from across the weekend.

We hope there is something to appeal to everyone and look forward to seeing you all for another wonderful weekend of live music and family fun in our beautiful village.

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### Welcome Space project

We still have plans to install a toilet and servery at the church, together with the freeing up of space within the church to accommodate wheelchairs better and provide more room for social events. However, all the necessary consultations and permissions take time and members of the PCC have struggled to find time to dedicate themselves solely to the project. For that reason, we would be very glad to hear from any parishioner who feels that he or she has the time and ability to take on a co-ordinating role in the project, to drive it forward. It would not have to involve membership of the PCC or committees. If you are interested, please contact the PCC Secretary, Mrs Carol Peilow, at [carolyrrell@btinternet.com](mailto:carolyrrell@btinternet.com), or our churchwarden Jill Harvey, tel. 460429, [jillsbharvey@icloud.com](mailto:jillsbharvey@icloud.com).

### Coffee morning

Please come along to our coffee morning, on Saturday 10 June at the Village Hall Pavilion, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Enjoy a coffee or tea and cake while you browse the bring-and-buy stall or try your hand at the mystery prize stall and/or the raffle. All proceeds will go to the upkeep of our beautiful 13th-century parish church.

### 2017 Well-dressing and Flower Festival

Holywell parish church celebrates the festival of the birth of St John the Baptist, its patron saint, on the weekend of 23rd–25th June. This year's **well dressing and flower festival** will be a celebration of Nature, and especially of the Great Ouse Fen project on the outskirts of our village. More details to come in *The Herald* in June. The Well-blessing service is on Friday 23rd June at 6.30 pm. The service begins in the church and finishes outside, when the well-dressing is formally unveiled and the holy well is blessed. Afterwards we invite all present to enjoy some refreshments and, we hope, some musical accompaniment. The church will be open as usual during daylight hours on the Saturday and Sunday, and you can have a cup of tea and some delicious home-made cake while admiring the floral decorations contributed by village organisations. As always, there will be bargains for the gardeners among you on our plant stall outside and on Sunday

### Come flaunching or petalling

If you like playing with mud, you might want to come along to the church on **Saturday 2nd June from 10 am** to help us 'flaunch' – i.e., get the clay ready for the well-dressing; it's a great social occasion for young and old and refreshments are laid on – just wear old clothes or overalls! And Jill Harvey would like as many volunteers as possible from Tuesday **20th June** onwards, to help with the creation of the well-dressing; it's not difficult, but if you've never done it before, Jill will be happy to explain it to you (tel: 460429).



**Services** at your local parish church continue every Sunday – details are always posted on the church notice board and around the village, as well as in *The Herald* monthly and on our website. We cover a wide variety of styles of worship, from Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion to All-Age worship. 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 a.m.

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, or contact the churchwarden, Jill Harvey (460429).



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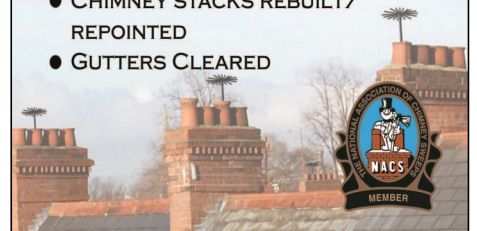
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Sunday School for 3-11 year olds takes place during the service in term time.

**First wedding at Needingworth Baptist Church for many years.**



Village girl Louise Burton married Jonathan Kent from Essex on March 18th. Pastor Paul Harrison conducted the ceremony, and his daughter Alice was one of the bridesmaids.

The beautiful ceremony at the Church was followed by a reception at the Marriott Hotel in Huntingdon, where the guests had an enjoyable time dancing to a Ceilidh band. The happy couple went on honeymoon to the Cotswolds, before returning to Essex where they live.



**Sundays** 6.00 Evening Service

**Tuesdays** at 7.45 Fellowship, Bible Study & Prayer

**Wednesdays** 10.00 Coffee Club.

We were pleased to welcome the Beavers to the church as part of their Faith badge. They were able to learn about the Baptist church and even had a look at the baptistry under the church floor.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 10.30** Thanksgiving Family Service to celebrate our 250 year Anniversary.

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

[www.needingworthbaptist.org.uk](http://www.needingworthbaptist.org.uk)

### Need to get in touch?

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Answers on page 28.

### FARMLAND MUSEUM, DENNY

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Farmland Museum opening to the public at Denny and taking over the day to day management of Denny Abbey on behalf of English Heritage.

To mark the occasion the staff and volunteers at the Farmland Museum have refurbished one of the display rooms that was previously part of the Pig Shed complex.

The new display tells the remarkable story of the founders of the museum, the Delanoy family, and how the museum originated in the village of Haddenham, Cambridgeshire in 1969.

The family led by son Craig collected craft tools and agricultural machinery at a time when such items were being thrown away or broken up for scrap.

The museum eventually became a registered charity and is now run by a board of trustees. The Delanoys retired in 1992 and eventually this significant museum found a new home at Denny.

The Farmland Museum is now a lively place to visit, ideal for families and groups of friends but equally great for people visiting alone.

The museum opens for the 2017 on Saturday 1 April and will be open daily until Sunday 29 October.

For more information about the museum and its exciting programme of events this year visit [www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk)

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### Hemingford Abbots Flower Festival 2017

This year's Flower Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday 24th/25th June. With meandering streets and picture-postcard thatched cottages, all set against the tranquil back-drop of the River Great Ouse, Hemingford Abbots is one of the most picturesque villages in Cambridgeshire.

The village is looking forward to welcoming visitors, from far and wide, to this year's Flower Festival, where there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Over twenty glorious gardens of all shapes and sizes will be open – from imaginative vegetable gardens to spectacular grand gardens with river frontage to smaller bijou gardens. The centrepiece of the Festival will be a stunning flower display by the Flower Guild at St Margaret's church. Visitors can also enjoy Morris Dancing, a fine display of historic cars, motorcycles and bicycles, plant stalls, river boat rides, wind and brass bands and much more.

Flower Festival Chair, Pam Bartlett, said "Our Festival is a truly special event with so much for visitors to see and do. Whether you're a keen gardener looking for inspiration or just want to relax with a traditional afternoon tea in beautiful surroundings watching the world go by then Hemingford Abbots Flower Festival is a must visit."

For more information about the Hemingford Abbots Flower Festival visit <http://flowerfestival.hemingford-abbots.org.uk/> or like and follow Hemingford Abbots Flower Festival on Facebook.

Gardens are open from 12noon - 6.00pm. Costs: £8.00 per day programme and £13.00 for weekend programme. Under 18's free. Car parking free.

The proceeds from this event will be put towards the conservation and repair of St Margaret's Church, Hemingford Abbots.

## News from Holywell School Association (HSA)

Our focus this school year has been to raise £6,000 for an additional 15 pads to complete a class set. They will be used by pupils across the school and we are delighted to say that the fundraising has been very successful so far and these will arrive in school over the next few weeks.

So far this year, we have already had the ever popular disco and cinema nights and we started 2017 with a sponsored pancake toss on Pancake Day. The children had a lot of fun on the day even if their counting might have been a little exaggerated at times! We ended the spring term with an Easter egg raffle - thank you to the local business in and around Holywell and Needingworth for your donations.

Please put the 24th June in the diary as we are currently organising a summer sports day, which will include a 1 mile fun run around Millfields in the morning and family sports fun on the school field in the afternoon with school stalls, BBQ and a raffle.

Everyone is welcome to run, you can apply through the school and application forms will be emailed through the school soon.

If any local business or individual would like to donate a raffle prize we would be very grateful for your support.

## Young Girls of Needingworth

This cutting dates from about 1979-1980. I don't have any names of the Brownies taking part in the pantomime, but perhaps some of you will recognise a few of the participants?



## BROWNIE'S PANTOMIME

Brownies from the first Needingworth pack performed the pantomime, Sleeping Beauty, for parents and friends in the Music Room in Mill Way, Needingworth on Saturday. The performance was staged after a lot of hard work from the brownies over the past two or three months. They had regular rehearsals and made costumes and props. The script was written by Brown Owl Mrs Irene Hunt for a cast of 24. Some of the brownies were awarded their 'jester's' badge. To qualify they had to dance, play a piece of music and recite a poem. Refreshments served to the 92 members of the audience raised a profit of £23.34.

## 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):  
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For more details contact: **Michelle Medicott, 301351** or **Anna Vickery, 469276**  
Join us on our 'Little Tigers' Facebook page.





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## Well Written, Scribblers!

This is the third year Scribblers Writing Group has run its Short Story Competition for The Snowdrop Cup.

There were some very imaginative entries and this endearing tale by 'Sunny Sue' is the outright winner.



### SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE EATEN THE CHEESE

Dear Reader, this is a ghost story and cautionary tale about the danger of holes.

The ghost, who is the focus of this tale, is a young girl whose name was Tilly. She had been a ghost for nearly a century now and spent most of her time haunting an old house in the country. Tilly had lived there as a young girl and was rather attached to it. There had been attempts to exorcise her by various occupants of the property but she strongly resisted these endeavours and as she rarely caused any trouble there had been no recent efforts of that nature.

Now to the other subject of our story: holes. Holes are strange things; however, Tilly was very conversant with them. She had died when she fell in the old well at the bottom of the garden. Quite a dark hole that one and full of cold water and newts. It had caused quite a lot of distress to her family once the search, which had gone on all day, came to an end with her body being found deep in the well.

Then there was the six feet hole in the churchyard that they buried her in. Confined in a wooden casket and under all that weight of earth it had taken Tilly some time to emerge as she hadn't quite got the hang of the spirit business so early after her demise.

When Tilly thought back to her short life on this earth there had been many other memorable if slightly smaller holes. There was the time she got her toe stuck in the plughole of the bath. It had taken a plumber and a handyman and lots of soap and some hefty heaves to release her. What an embarrassing episode! There she was with nothing on and so cold she was shivering like a jelly on a plate.

There was also the time she went down to the beach and she got her whole foot stuck in a lobster pot. How she managed to get her foot in through the hole where the lobster should have entered no one really knew but of course her foot was about the size of a lobster. Everyone just shrugged and said, "There's that Tilly again, always in some kind of trouble". They remembered the hole in the bottom of the row boat that Tilly and her friend had borrowed, without permission, and under Tilly's poor navigation they hit a rock and had to be rescued from the sea as the boat slowly filled with water.

Tilly had not been anyone's first choice when errands needed to be run as there was the mystery of how holes could appear in the bottom of shopping bags she was carrying home. Eggs ended up smashed on the ground or round things like oranges, apples or tomatoes escaped and would roll at amazing speed down the street with Tilly chasing after them as fast as her legs would go. Even if she did rescue anything it was usually battered and bruised and hardly edible.

Of course, this does not take into account the conversational holes she dug for herself when she was talking, like that Oops! moment when she introduced her Grandmother to a neighbour as 'her oldest living Nightmare'.

Tilly thought she had left behind this catalogue of catastrophe when she entered the world of spirit. She studied the course on haunting that had been provided for her. The curriculum had included vanishing through walls, headless appearances and wailing. She had read the text book and passed the basic course, but being Tilly she had not bothered with the small print, the footnotes or even the introduction on the first page. Unfortunately, this is where she would have been made aware of the danger of holes to members of the ghostly community.

Tilly fondly imagined that now she was just an ethereal entity falling into a hole which, even if disconcerting, could have been a quieter and more gentle process. If she had read her ghost handbook more closely she would have known how extremely dangerous holes could be. It was possible she could fall down into a hole never to emerge again. Tilly had heard of such things happening and although she did try to avoid any likely situation since becoming a spirit, she had not taken the matter too seriously and that sets the scene for the end of our sad tale.

Although they are able to do so, ghosts do not normally eat food. They have no need to and they can see little point to it. Tilly was at a bit of a loose end that day and was looking forward to haunting the latest house owners who had not taken ghosts too seriously. She was wafting through the old kitchen when she caught sight and scent of a piece of Emmental cheese on the kitchen table. Cheese had been her favourite food in her corporeal life and Emmental had such a lovely flavour, nutty and slightly sweet, and looking so pretty with holes scattered in it. The temptation was too much. 'Just a little nibble', she thought but that was her undoing. Once she began eating she couldn't stop and soon all that was left was the hole.

On the table where the cheese had been, there was only the hole remaining with the scent of Emmental surrounding it. Tilly tried to move on but a force she was powerless to resist was pulling her closer to the hole. It was like a whirlpool and she was circling around until suddenly, with a mighty whoosh!, she disappeared in an energy vortex, never to haunt again!

So now, Dear Reader, you know why 'She shouldn't have eaten the cheese'.

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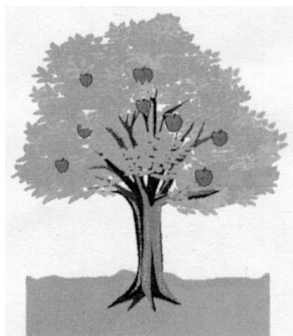
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## Needingworth Tennis Club

Spring is upon us with lighter evenings and the chance of even more tennis! 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 from May so this is the perfect time to join or rejoin. 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/](http://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)

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

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## 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**.

## HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH BOWLS CLUB



The club is now open and much practice is being gained either by bowlers who have not bowled since last year or by people who have been playing indoors, which is considerably different from the real game played outdoors.

Those returning from last season will see that there have been many improvements over the winter and allied with the spectacular condition of the green means that the club has never looked better for this time of the year. We have already picked up several new members from last year and with the participation in a new league for us this year, this being the Cambs and District league, there is much to look forward to.

Clubs across the country, and indeed in most sports, are suffering from the problem of finding new members as young people are faced with so much to take up their time and are therefore less inclined to join one particular activity or club. This places enormous pressure on all clubs to come up with attractive options to gain new members. We are fortunate to have a committee and members who work hard for the club putting on bowls and social events which attract people along, as well as funding our various improvements to the club which we hope will be beneficial over the years.

We are obviously delighted that we are one of the main centres in the county for getting youngsters along and Alan Blackley continues to attract new young people along to find out just how good the game of bowls is and to demonstrate that the game is for everyone at any age.

The county of Hunts is particularly fortunate to have so many really great bowlers at the moment and only last week won the award at the EBF indoor national championships for the most successful county, which builds on the success of last years outdoor awards.

My invitation for anyone to come along to watch or take part remains and if there is a better sport to engage in when the weather is good then I would argue with anyone to come up with a better one. So if you need to be convinced come and give it a go.

I wish all the summer clubs in the village that you all have a really good year and thank each and every one of them for providing the village with such a great choice to take part in and enjoy life just that bit more for being there.

### **Peter Hutchinson, President**

*Contacts for the club are:-*

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### ART EXHIBITION

Friday and Saturday  
28th and 29th July  
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Entry is free  
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**Huntingdonshire  
Local Group**

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to join us on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 2.30 pm** when we will be visiting Houghton Meadows, which lies in the Great Ouse flood plain.

Houghton Meadows is made up of five fields, some of which are ancient hay meadows and some are pasture. Three of the meadows are SSSI's and the fourth, Brown's Meadow, is an old flood meadow that provides winter grazing. There are 140 recorded plant species in this reserve including green winged orchid, yellow rattle, pepper saxifrage, lady's bedstraw and downy oat grass. The river also attracts many insects and, of particular note, is the hairy dragonfly.

Please meet at the reserve entrance. Parking is in Houghton (PE28 2BQ) or at Burgess Hall (PE27 6WU), GR TL 293 717.

**On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 am** we will visit Woodwalton Fen, which provides refuge for thousands of species of fen animals and plants in its reedbeds, meres, woodlands and meadows. Species of particular note are the Tansy Beetle, Elephant Hawk Moth and the very rare Marsh Carpet Moth. Please meet at the reserve entrance by Jacksons Bridge at the end of Heights Drove Road, Ramsey Heights where there is limited parking. Otherwise more parking is available at the Countryside Centre (PE26 2RS, GR TL235849).

**On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10.00 pm** we are offering a very different experience at Brampton Wood. Brampton Wood is Cambridgeshire's second largest woodland and is at least 900 years old. The wood is managed to encourage species diversity, but tonight we are going to concentrate on night time creatures such as bats, moths and glow worms. Meet at 10.00pm at Brampton Wood Car Park, Grafham Road, Brampton, GR TL 184698. Please bring a torch.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795.



**Cambridge Open Studios announces  
2017 summer dates**

Artists of many different kinds will open their doors to the public over the first four weekends in July. Among the huge range of specialisms will be: fine art, photography, pottery, glass making, sculpture, illustration, textiles, jewellery and furniture making, and more besides.

The weekends are: July 1/2, 8/9, 15/16 and 22/23. However, as not all artists will exhibit every weekend it is important to check the website, or refer to the famous yellow guide. These guides will be widely available in local outlets including libraries, tourist information sites, galleries and selected shops.

New for 2017 is an app that will make visit planning even easier. The app will be available to download at the end of June for Apple and Android.

As always, visitors are guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome - and no pressure whatsoever to buy anything. All Cambridge Open Studios are completely free to visitors of all ages.

More than 350 members are taking part, exhibiting in 221 different studios. The participating studios are spread throughout the whole region, not just in the city centre, and there will be a wonderful variety of talent on show, with some artists collaborating to share their exhibition space on their chosen dates. As usual, the distinctive yellow COS flags will be out to identify participating studios.

In the months leading up to the open studio event, many artists will be running workshops, courses and exhibitions. Members of the public can keep up to date on their activities via the COS website ([www.camopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk)) or by following them on Facebook, Twitter (@CamOpenStudios) and Instagram, where they can also follow specific artists.

**WHAT'S ON  
in the Village**

**June 2017**

- Mon. 5th WI "Wild in the Pantry"
- Tue. 6th Over 60s "Dogs for Good" (p13)
- Mon. 12th Local History Group village walk (page 11)
- Tue. 13th Gardening Club "The four seasons of Anglesey Abbey" (p11)
- Wed 14th Gardening Club day visit to Houghton Hall and Sandringham (p11)
- Sat. 17th Dance Club (page 11)
- Sun. 18th Gardening Club safari evening (p11)
- 23rd to 25th Well dressing and flower festival
- Fri. 23rd Well blessing service (p 19)
- Sat. 24th HSA Summer Sports Day (p23)

**July 2017**

- 1st & 2nd Music Festival (p 15 to 18)
- Mon. 3rd WI Flower Arranging Demonstration
- Tue. 4th Over 60s Band Master of the RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band (13)
- Tue. 4th Gardening Club visit to Island Hall and gardens in Godmanchester (p11)
- Sun. 9th Baptist Church Thanksgiving Family Service to celebrate 250 year anniversary (p 21)
- Tue. 11th Gardening Club "Grow Places" (p11)
- Wed. 19th Gardening Club visit to Kathy Brown's garden and Kelmarsh Hall (p11)
- Sat. 15th Dance Club (page 11)

**August 2017**

- Tue. 1st Over 60s Cream Tea with Brian and Paul singing and playing the ukulele (p13)
- Sat. 5th Gardening Club Annual Show
- Mon. 7th WI Garden Meeting
- Mon. 14th Local History Group "The Sandifer Family" (p11)

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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07:10 between Ramsey and St Ives will operate up to 4 minutes later (Monday to Friday)

17:26 between St Ives and Somersham will operate 2 minutes later as service D (Monday to Friday)

### Busway A, B and D, Huntingdon - St Ives - Cambridge

Some A journeys now operate as D and call at Cambridge North Railway Station (Monday to Friday morning and evening peaks)

A journey at 07:12 between St Ives and Cambridge when schools are closed will no longer operate (Monday to Friday) - partially replaced by new N journey

A journey at 08:25 between Longstanton and Cambridge will no longer operate (Monday to Friday) - partially replaced by new N journey

## COUNTY COUNCIL

Due to printing deadlines and IT issues it has not been able to submit a full report in this issue. However, I would like to use the limited space I have to 'Thank you' you all for your continuing confidence in me as your representative on Cambridgeshire County Council. I would also like to thank all of you who took the time and trouble to contact me with your concerns, unsurprisingly Gifford's Farm development was top of your anxieties, which I know is also shared by your Parish Council. Finally, your kind comments as I trudged the streets of the village were indeed humbling, after my recent health concerns, which are now hopefully behind me.

A fuller update on what is happening at Shire hall in the next edition.

With best wishes  
**Kevin Reynolds**



## LOCAL BUS TIMETABLES, WHIPPET AND DEWS COACHES

### WHIPPET COACHES - Service 21, Monday to Friday (no Saturday service)

#### 21 (including C) Ramsey - Somersham - St Ives

Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays

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	↓	↓
St Ives Bus Station	0747	0957	1015*	1315	1655

1235 Only serves Holywell and Harris Crescent on Mondays

1015\* Arrives at St Ives seven minutes later on Mondays

#### 21 (including C) St Ives - Somersham - Ramsey

Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays

service number	21	21	C	21	C
St Ives Bus Station	1205	1405	1432	1705	1749
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	---
Ramsey, Great Whyte	---	1502	---	1802	---

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### DEWS COACHES - Service 22, Saturdays

#### 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

## Holywell Church Bells – an update!

Around two years ago an inspection of the bells and frame reported that all was well but the frame could probably do with repainting. A small grant was given from the Ely Diocesan Bell Restoration fund to add to the funds accumulated from weddings, visiting ringers and quarter and full peal ringing bands.

Tower Captain Roger Beaman soon realised that there was not enough time for the local ringers to work and paint a bell frame in their spare time. So we are extremely grateful to Dave McDonald for leading the work, with ringers taking it in turns to assist!

The frame has had to be cleaned thoroughly of decades of accumulated dirt before applying several coats of paint recommended by Taylors of Loughborough, the manufacturers of the original frame over 100 years ago. It is possibly the first time it has been done since then, though repainting may have happened when the current Treble bell was added in 1945.

Pictured are Dave McDonald and David Buist hard at work!



## Local Walks

We are lucky to have the RSPB Ouse Fen Reserve on our doorstep. And you never know what family outing you might come across when walking there!



## It's never too early to talk about Christmas! Parish Christmas Tree

Following the positive feedback from the Christmas Tree last year, the Parish Council will be once again be organising a Parish Christmas Tree to be erected on the Pond site, between Hawkes Lane and Church Street. The date of the official switch on of the lights will be advised

in the next edition of The Villager.  
If you have any queries or comments please contact Alison on [acneedingworthpc@btconnect.com](mailto:acneedingworthpc@btconnect.com) or telephone 01480 468451.

## Bike Run or Walk for Your Local Air Ambulance

Every ten minutes an air ambulance takes off to attend the injured and save lives. UK coverage is provided by local air ambulances, many of which do not receive government or lottery funding and rely on donations from the public to remain in service. The group BRoW4 (Bike Run or Walk 4) is providing an opportunity for people to raise money for their local air ambulance.

The third annual Bike, Run or Walk event will take place on **Sunday 25th June 2017 at Ferry Meadows, Peterborough**. There are three routes to choose from: 5km track for walking with or without a dog; 8km track for bike, run or walk with or without a dog; 12km track for bike or run. There will be marshals along each route. This is not a race, allowing participants to finish the route in their own time. Participants are expected to raise money for their chosen air ambulance through sponsorship. Everyone who finishes will receive a certificate.

Registration is open now.

In addition there will be refreshments, including an ice cream van and a burger van, stalls including a tombola, plus face painting, a bouncy castle and other amusements to make the event a fun family day out. Parking is available for a small fee.

A registration form can be downloaded from the BRoW4 website [www.bikerunorwalk4.com](http://www.bikerunorwalk4.com).

People who would like to support the event but not bike, run or walk are welcome to volunteer as marshals.

More information can be found on the BRoW4 website [www.bikerunorwalk4.com](http://www.bikerunorwalk4.com) or email [anna4brow@gmail.com](mailto:anna4brow@gmail.com)



## BUS TIMETABLES

For detailed timetables see page 30.

NOTE, from 12th November 2016, the number 21 bus no longer runs on a Saturday, however the number 22 is available Saturdays.

Tel. Nos:-

WHIPPET – 01954 230011

STAGECOACH – 01223 433250

- all times subject to change, check with the bus company before travelling!

**POST OFFICE** within One-Stop Shop, opening hours 6am to 9.30pm every day. (NOTE: the PO now closes half an hour earlier than the shop.)

### POST COLLECTION TIMES

from the post Office:

Monday to Friday, 4.45 pm;

Saturday 9.45 am

(Sundays & Bank Holidays no collections)

### MOBILE LIBRARY

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month

**Holywell** - Ferry Boat car park  
4.05pm to 4.20pm

**Needingworth** – Village Hall  
car park (Overcote Lane)  
4.30pm to 5.00pm

**For renewals or enquiries**  
ring 0345 045 5225

## REFUSE COLLECTIONS

To print a calendar of collection dates go to the following web site, enter your post code and click on your address.

<http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins>

Most addresses in Holywell-cum-Needingworth have collections on the following days:

### GREY BINS (normal waste)

June Thurs. 8th and 22nd  
July Thurs. 6th and 20th  
August Thurs. 3rd, 17th and 31st

### GREEN BINS (garden waste)

June Wed. 14th and 28nd  
July Wed. 12th and 26th  
August Wed. 9th, and 23rd

### BLUE BINS (recycling)

June Thurs. 1st, 15th and 29th  
July Thurs. 13th and 27th  
August Thurs. 10th and 24th

NOTE:  
collection days are NOT  
affected by Bank Holidays



## EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### 24 HOUR EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Hospital - Huntingdon (Hinchingsbrooke) 01480 416416  
Hospital - Cambridge (Addenbrookes) 01223 245151  
Gas Leaks (Any Supplier) Transco 0800 111 999  
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

<b>Baptist Church</b>	Sally Beaman	462379
<b>Beavers</b>	Del Shepherd <i>delshep@btinternet.com</i>	467842
<b>Beer &amp; Wine</b>	George Britton	466239
<b>Book Club</b>	http://sczirana452.wix.com/beer-and-wine Sue Forrest	464082
	<i>sueforrest65@hotmail.com</i>	
<b>Bowls</b>	John Stevenson	465743
	<i>johnstevenson461@btinternet.com</i>	
<b>Brownies</b>	Alicia Holloway	466245
	<i>HOLLOWAYB@aol.com</i>	
<b>Chatters Community Cafe</b>	Alison Thompson	464336
<b>Church</b>		
	Rector: Revd Sheila Anthony	01487 740456
	<i>sheila@saintintraining.co.uk</i>	
	Jill Harvey	460429
	<i>jillsbharvey@icloud.com</i>	
<b>Cricket</b>	Dave Roberts	07800 834780
	<i>davez76@hotmail.com</i>	
<b>Cub Scouts</b>	Chris Huddleston	
	<i>Akelafirstneedingworth@hotmail.com</i>	
<b>Dance Club</b>	Rose Killock	466487
<b>Film Club</b>	Fiona Ford	466943
	<i>fcford@btopenworld.com</i>	
<b>Football</b>	Mark Butler	495480
	<i>m.butler665@btinternet.com</i>	
<b>Gardening Club</b>	Grant Williamson	493360
	<i>parkingcare@globalnet.co.uk</i> <i>www.hcngardening.weebly.com</i>	
<b>Good Neighbours Coordinator</b>	Kate Carpenter	07794 680475
<b>Guides</b>	Helen Whitehead	460838
<b>Holywell School Association</b>	Sally Batsford	493700
	Andrew Brown	436099
<b>Karate</b>		
<b>Local History Group</b>	Sally Beaman	462379
	<i>rsde.beaman@btinternet.com</i>	
	History Website: <i>www.hcnhistory.org.uk</i>	
<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>	Mike Norris	465997
	<i>michaelnorris852@btinternet.com</i>	
<b>Over 60's</b>	Rose Killock	466487
<b>Pre-School</b>	Michelle Dolan	300507
	<i>Website: needingworthcommunitypreschool.org.uk</i>	
<b>Rainbow Guides</b>	Rosie Greatrex	460475
<b>Scouts</b>	Mark Culley	466595
	<i>Mark.culley2775@gmail.com</i>	
<b>Scribblers</b>	Joan Tucker	463966
<b>Tennis Club</b>	Helen Haynes	463780
<b>Hall Trustees</b>	Margaret Fountain	496636
<b>Hall Bookings</b>	Rose Killock	466487
<b>Wellworth Players</b>	Karen Bays	463505
	<i>Website: www.wellworthplayers.co.uk</i> <i>mailto:admin@wellworthplayers.co.uk</i>	
<b>Women's Institute</b>	Eda MacPherson	468633
<b>Youth Cricket</b>	Stephen Mitcham	301679
<b>Chairman Parish Council</b>		
	Jon Neish	466110
<b>Parish Clerk</b>	Jane Bowd	468451
	<i>needingworthpc@btconnect.com</i> <i>www.holywell-cum-needingworthparish.council.co.uk</i>	
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Outgoing calls emergency line only		
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