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EDITORIAL

No doubt like everyone else I regret that there is no point in including a What's On page again in this issue of the Villager. We can only hope that our village's many clubs and organisations will be able to get back to meeting together in person some time next year. In the meantime, as reported in the pages of this newsletter, on-line meetings and even on-line parties are being organised - what would we do without the Internet?! Christmas will be with us shortly, and still unlikely to be anything like the normal family get-togethers and celebrations we usually enjoy, but in spite of that, I would like to wish everyone in the village a Happy Christmas and, especially, good health in the New Year.



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DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Of all the mistakes I've made in the past,
I don't want to make this Christmas our last,
So I'll phone you and write you a card from my heart,
And send you lots of Christmas presents too,
But this year we must really keep apart
It's the only decent thing that we can do.
Your safety is more precious than any Christmas party,
This year my finest Christmas present ever
Will be knowing you are truly safe and well
And keeping it together during this long Covid hell.
If my wishes could be granted, I'd be hugging you this Christmas
And the world be rid of this horrendous virus.
But reality overrides my precious dreams today
Because that killer virus still hasn't gone away.
I want to see us all in happier times again,
When Christmas comes without a dread disease.
I want to breathe a huge sigh of relief
Knowing that all my family are safe.
So I'll blow you lots of kisses across the many miles
And entertain you all with sappy smiles
Via screen through Facebook, Zoom and Tick-Tock;
This Christmas our Internet is really going to rock
With a million Merry Christmas cheers
And many dried-up, I'm-missing-you tears.

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MEET YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council consists of 13 Councillors. Below are introductions of 4 Councillors, others will follow in later editions.

Councillor Stephen Mitcham



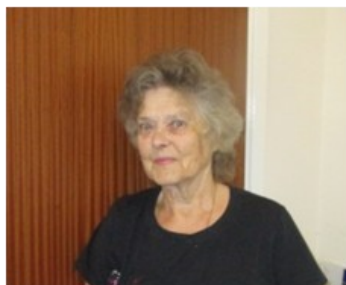
I have lived in the Parish for 30 years and during that time have seen my two sons grow up attending the local schools. During my time in the village I have tried to support the well-being of the local community through my involvement in the youth football and cricket clubs.

In my professional career I worked for 30 years at Cambridge Building Society with the last 12 years as Chief Executive. I have now moved into non-executive roles and currently hold positions as Lay Member, Cambs & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group and Board director of a financial services linked technology business.

Having benefitted from living in the Parish for many years I am keen to see that the local community continue to grow and develop as the number of homes in the village increases. In my opinion, all parts of our community united in an exceptional manner to support each other during the Coronavirus challenges and I am keen to work with the Parish Council to build on this appetite for collaboration, whilst ensuring that all members of the local community believe that thoughts and views are being listened to.

Committees: Appeals, Consultation, HR, Planning & Finance

Councillor Coral Norman



I am Coral Norman I serve on Holywell-cum- Needingworth Parish Council. I have lived in the village of Needingworth for 56 years and in my opinion, it is a very sought-after village to live in. We offer all kinds of sporting activities, cricket, football, bowls and tennis. We have a thriving over 60's club, gardening club, beer & wine club and WI. I worked in school for many years as a mid-day supervisor. I think this village suit people of all ages.

Committees: Discipline & Grievance, HR, Leisure Facilities

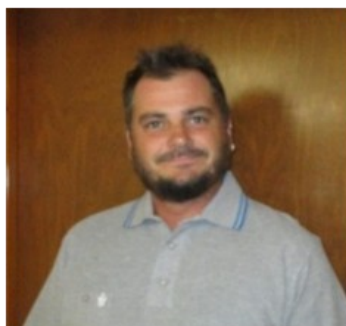
Councillor Geoff Norman



My name is Geoff Norman married to Coral we have one daughter and one granddaughter. We have lived in the village for 56 years. I serve on Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council, was also a founder member of Holywell-cum-Needingworth Bowls Club. I run various quizzes the main one being the Annual Village Quiz and my special quiz for Magpas which is held every fortnight at the Queen's Head Public House.

Committees: Appeals, Consultation, Environment, Emergency Plan Working Party, Planning & Finance

Councillor Colin O'Reilly



I am a self-employed businessman, running a Landscape Gardening Business. I have lived with my family in Needingworth for the past 12 years and my children attend the local Primary School. My children are members of Needingworth Colts Football Club.

I am keen to encourage youth activities within the village.

I am newly elected to the Parish Council and look forward to helping the residents of the Parish.

Committees: Appeals, Environment



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Parish Council Summary Report

Due to the Covid-19 regulations Parish Council meetings continue to be held remotely via Zoom.

8 Councillors attended the September 2020 meetings. Accounts for payment totalling £9977.28 were approved.

The internal audit report for year ending 31st March 2020 was noted. The Chairman congratulated the Clerk and all involved on the very good internal audit report which was reiterated by District Councillor J Neish.

2 planning applications were approved.

The Community Gritting Scheme applications for Winter 2020 – 2021 were discussed, with Cllr C O'Reilly Mr I Armstrong and Mr G Fisher volunteering.

A verbal report on current Covid-19 matters was received. The Clerk advised members that information on the special conditions have been shared with the Colts and the Seniors and agreement has been reached to proceed with Colts matches returning to Millfields on 5th September and the Seniors on 12th September. Installation completed of the Outdoor gym equipment.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the company for a refreshed quote on the CCTV improvements and bring back to the Planning & Finance meeting.

Arrangements for Remembrance Day 2020 were discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Williamson would work with representatives of the Church to arrange a revised event for this year.

October's meeting was held on Tuesday 6th when accounts for payment totalling £34,381.54 as at 29th September 2020 were approved. Figures from Inenco / Dual Energy relating to the electricity renewal at Millfields were discussed but the Clerk was asked to approach companies again to request a re-quote to improve the quoted rate.

1 planning application was approved.

Members received a written report on the meeting with the conservation officer HDC regarding repairs to the Lock-up.

A request from Needingworth Colts for permission to hold 3 matches on a Saturday was not granted on this occasion, however the Parish Council will consider the request providing the Colts give a plan to ensure no overlap in the car park and for the Colts to be finished prior to the Seniors arriving.

The revised quote for CCTV system of £6995 + VAT & Annual Maintenance Contract of £425 + VAT for the CCTV system for Overcote playing field area was accepted.

A lengthy debate took place over the request from Needingworth Tennis Club regarding a new clubhouse. Concerns were raised over the covenant on the land and the proximity of any clubhouse to the neighbouring properties.

Whilst members commented on the value of the Tennis Club to the Parish permission was not granted and the club were asked to enquire of the village hall trustees to see if any arrangement could be met for them to share facilities.

4 applications for the vacancy for Parish Councillor were considered and after a vote The Chairman declared that following the first ballot Mr S Mitcham was elected as a Councillor. (Please see 'Meet Your Parish Councillor' article)

The official record of all meetings are the minutes which are available on the Parish Council website

www.holywell-cum-needingworthpc.org.uk



We're here to help you stay well this winter



GP

Call your GP practice or visit their website to arrange an appointment. This may take place over the phone or via video. If needed, you will be seen face to face.

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This winter, it's really important that we all remember that the NHS is here to help you stay well, safely.

We have been working hard to make changes to how healthcare is provided to make it safe for you during the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

If you're worried about your health, don't delay. The sooner you get advice, the better.

Depending on your symptoms, you can get advice from your local pharmacy, GP practice or NHS 111. For minor health concerns, your local pharmacist can help. GP practices offer remote consultations online or by phone, or if you need a face-to-face appointment, they will tell you what to do.

If you need medical help fast, think you need to go to an Emergency Department (A&E) or you're not sure what to do, use NHS 111 first – online or by phone to get clinical advice or direction to the most appropriate services for treatment for you.

You can also help us to help you. If you are over 65, have a long-term health condition or are pregnant, it is more important than ever this year to ensure you have your free flu vaccination. Just speak to your GP or pharmacist to book an appointment. You can also find more information at www.nhs.uk/flu vaccine

Be sure to also stock up your medicine cabinet with winter self-care essentials too. Many over-the-counter medicines (including paracetamol and ibuprofen) are available to help relieve symptoms of common winter illnesses and you can find further information at www.nhs.uk

To help prevent further spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) please follow current Government guidelines for the area you live in at all times. If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus it's important you get tested as soon as possible. You can apply for a test online via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus, or by calling 119.



Let's keep crushing food waste

During lockdown we wasted a third less food than we usually would. We saved leftovers, wrote shopping lists and baked a LOT of banana bread. In an emergency, we got organised and we crushed food waste. But we're still in an emergency – a long one, so we need to keep crushing it.

[With 513 tonnes of edible food ending up in green bins, as well as 6,898 tonnes of edible food waste ending up in grey bins every year in Huntingdonshire](#), it's not just our bank accounts that are affected by food waste – it's our planet too.

The process of growing, making, transporting, storing and cooking our food uses lots of energy, water and fuel, which all goes to waste when it's thrown away. Global food waste generates 22 million tonnes of greenhouse gases each year – that's four times more than all aeroplanes put together! So really, it's a no-brainer to keep as much food out of the bin as possible, and to start wasting less and saving more – both money and the planet.

6 easy ways to reduce food waste

Write a shopping list or snap a 'shelfie'

Turn your fridge down to under 5°C

Freeze your loaf and toast straight from the freezer
Plan ahead and defrost meals in the fridge overnight

Use up your lockdown larder staples
Get creative with leftover recipes

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Please also share this message far and wide, to encourage others to reduce their food waste too.

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

needingworthvillager.org.uk



Outdoor Gym Equipment

The outdoor gym is now open and being extensively used.

The Parish Council have been working for many months to supply the facility and are delighted that there is now an added facility for the Parish. Council hope that it will be a great benefit to residents during these challenging times in providing an alternative form of exercise.

The equipment has been part funded by a grant from the Mick George community fund and the balance from the community infrastructure levy funds.

The photograph shows Councillors Whyte, MacPherson, and Martin who took a lead on bringing this project to fruition.



New Road Sign
Overcote Lane

Following concerns from residents the Parish Council have funded the installation of "No Footpath" signs on Overcote Lane. It is hoped that this will highlight to drivers the need for caution along this stretch of road particularly now that the clocks have changed, and it is getting darker earlier in the day. Council also hope it will give confidence to those using the road to access the footpath further along Overcote Lane.



Illumination
Christmas lights light up the dark to brighten our lives



**How you can help
stop fly tipping**

<p>Check the company has a 'waste carriers' licence with the Environment Agency by phone or online.</p>	<p>Get a quote (it costs £120 per ton to get rid of waste legally) so is it too good to be true?</p>
<p>If you choose a company, they should show you their Waste Carrier License on arrival, if not do not use them.</p>	<p>Find out where the waste is going for disposal before they load their van or trailer – Note it down</p>
<p>Take a picture of your waste and the vehicle that is going to take it away – Save it just in case!</p>	<p>Once loaded the Carrier must give you a receipt which describes the waste they have taken and cost charged</p>
<p>If you communicate via Facebook, Messenger or Text, screen shot and save your messages.</p>	<p>If you see a fly tip, report it to us on our website or through our call centre for us to investigate</p>



Fido Facts

Dogs are extraordinary animals - on the one hand their uncompromising loyalty and affection can provide security and comfort to many people, on the other hand, however, they do have the potential to be a source of disease and can cause accidents and injury. Unfortunately, some people fail to understand their responsibilities and therefore, there is a great deal of legislation relating to dog

control, fouling, identification and noise from dogs. These matters are very serious and failure to comply can lead to prosecution, the impounding of the dog, charging of detention fees and sometimes even the destruction of the animal.

The A to Z of Responsible Dog Ownership

FOULING: It is an offence not to remove faeces deposited by a dog for which you are responsible from any public place in towns and villages throughout Huntingdonshire that are within the 40mph speed limit. "On the spot" penalty notices may be issued or prosecutions taken. 'Public place' includes footpaths, open spaces, parks, school playing fields and cemeteries, etc.

DOGS ON LEADS: In addition there is a 'Dogs on Leads'

Order, which applies to all footpaths next to roads, in towns and larger villages, There are still plenty of open spaces out of town for a good run, but please prevent livestock-worrying and remove dog faeces from fields and, for the sake of safety, use a dog lead on country and trunk roads.

FICTION: "He doesn't need a lead he's well trained".

FACT: "Even Obedience Champions can and will respond to other stimuli".

DOG EXCLUSION: There are enclosed ornamental parks and enclosed children's play equipment sites where dogs are not allowed. There are such places in all the towns and some villages - Make sure you read the signs! In our Parish this includes Overcote playing field and Millfields.

DOGS ON LEADS IN PARKS: There are some parks and open spaces where dogs must be on a lead. Again, look for the signs!

REMOVAL OF FAECES: Responsible dog owners carry 'poop-scoops' or polythene bags to pick up "unavoidables". **Not to pick up is an offence.** Most waste bins may be used in the streets and parks, or the deposit may be disposed of at home.

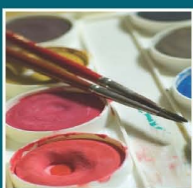
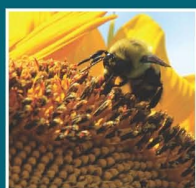
Taken from Fido Facts a copy of the full document can be found www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk

If you are unsure about the rules in Holywell and Needingworth please contact the Parish Clerk on needingworthpc@btconnect.com

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Village Hall - WELCOME BACK

Despite the current difficulties your local village hub is now open to local communities again.

So let us tell you where we are. We have installed many sanitiser stations and ensure the facility is regularly cleaned. In order to comply with current government guidance, numbers are limited to ensure a minimum 2 metre distance is available between people. The hall was opened at the beginning of September and the pavilion opened in November.

We are pleased to advise Eleanor Hardy is now our bookings Secretary and her contact details are: mobile 07730 504220 and email: hardy.derek@sky.com, please contact Eleanor for booking enquiries; I am sure she will be pleased to discuss your options. Helen Perryman is our key administrator and keys will be made available from her home address.

We have several fitness classes, karate, weight watchers, local choirs, art group, baby signing, brownies and rain-bows. In September the NHS used our facility for flu vaccinations, let us hope something will be similar for Covid vaccinations. We look forward to some of our previous regular users joining us again in the near future. Unfortunately events involving large groups like the pop-up restaurant and band nights are on hold at the moment albeit we are hoping to introduce our cinema event next year initially for

limited numbers. We have also now started to plan for our music festival at the weekend of 26/27th June 2021.

There are still many rules and regulations and we thank hirers complying for everyone's safety. The management team will be assiduous in ensuring cleanliness and appropriate sanitisation, but it will be incumbent upon the users to clean and sanitise all equipment used before leaving. Additional time will be allowed between lettings for the latter.

Please also watch our notice board in the hall, the Villager and our website www.needingworthvillagehall.com for updates on matters.

Our project team and the Parish Council representatives have had a meeting with the Architect for the village hall stage extension/adjunct parish council office and hopefully by the time you read this report we will have drawings to take the projects forward.

Last but not least all the above requires a lot of work by volunteers and YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU; if you are in a position to help us please contact me or another member of our team.

Hope to see you all shortly, be careful and safe.

Roy Fountain, Trustee
Tel: 01480 496636
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NFEST Rewind? Fast forward 2021!

2020 has been a very challenging year in many respects, and having to cancel our music festival's 25th anniversary celebrations was a huge disappointment for all.

The organising committee is determined to give the festival every chance of being staged in 2021, however uncertain that might seem right now. We have identified the weekend of June 26-27 and many of the bands we'd booked for this year are holding the date. Cross your fingers!

We will continue to monitor the latest government guidance and will meet again in February to consider all possible options. We aim to take a final decision on whether or not to go ahead, and in what form, in March. We will of course keep you informed here through The Villager and over on our Facebook page, so please keep your eyes peeled for updates.

Whatever 2021 may bring, any festival we can run is likely to look and feel a bit different to what we're used to. We'll need to pull together as a village to make it happen, so if you'd like to play your part in bringing live music back to Needingworth watch this space! After the 'Great Indoors' of 2020, let's hope summer 2021 gives us the chance to get out, come back together and celebrate our village with some wonderful live music!

The NFEST Organising Committee
<https://m.facebook.com/NeedingworthFestival/>



We hope you are all keeping safe and well in these uncertain times still. We miss seeing our lovely customers (and each other) and it seems such a long time since we have had a piece of Peters cake and seen the children afterschool for a snack and a chat!!

We have now decided that we are not going to reopen Chatters this side of Christmas due to the uncertainty in the world. We all feel very sad that we have had to come to such a decision but we just feel, at this stage, this is the best step to take.

We wish you and your families a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year at some point when we will hopefully be able to reopen our doors and share some more lovely memories.

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During these strange and difficult times members of the WI have continued to support each other and the community in any way that they can.

The lunch club so far have enjoyed two lunches (tables of 6) at the Queens Head and plan a November one. Depending on Government guidelines at the time, everybody wants to have a Christmas lunch too. We feel very safe at the Queens Head, the staff look after us very well and the food delicious. A very enjoyable time was had by all and so nice to meet up.

The Health Club continues and, apart from reporting losses/gains each week, it is such a good way to keep in touch. Like the proverbial seesaw, weights go up and down but on the whole we are all really pleased with our success.

Members from the 'Knit & Natter', Margaret Weeding, Thelma Reid and new to the Village Lyn Martin are busy making 'Winter Warmers', blankets hats and baby clothes which will be distributed via the St Ives Library. (See the photograph of the lovely blankets made by Thelma Reid)

Pam Longland continues to make Face Masks, and has made another £1000 for the Hinchingsbrook Children's ED. We have now got lots of very festive

materials for anyone who is interested. Funds raised to date £2500, (that is a lot of masks).

We are all being optimistic, and hoping to resume our monthly meetings sometime in the new year, Margaret Barfoot has worked hard to try and build a flexible programme for 2021, but we will just have to watch and wait, it is our 100th Anniversary so fingers crossed we will be able to mark this special year with a Celebration.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry and Safe Christmas, and a warm welcome to the village to two new members and their partners Gill & Bill and Lyn & Ken.

Jackie Norris,
President 01480 465997



Cambridge Re-Use

One of the city's hidden gems is now open to the public.

With recycling now mainstream, Cambridge Re-Use

is selling good quality second hand furniture to all.

Founded 30 years ago as Cambridge Sofa, the charity has been providing a full range of furniture and furnishings to those on low incomes. This will continue, with discounted prices for those in this situation but at the same time, anyone can now visit the warehouse off Cherry Hinton Road to find bargains.

Cara Moorey, Cambridge Re-Use manager, said, "We are lucky as we have some beautiful furniture donated from the Cambridge area. There is a real mix of modern and antique pieces, often items that would cost a lot more elsewhere."

Cambridge Re-Use is largely staffed by volunteers and is always interested to hear from people looking to volunteer for half a day or a full day per week on the van or in the warehouse helping customers.

Open 10-4pm Monday- Saturday

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www.cambridgereuse.org.uk

(A selection of stock can be also be found on Gumtree.)

RECIPE

GINGERBREAD LOAF

Ingredients

8 oz plain flour
3½ oz sugar
4 oz sultanas
1 tablespoon golden syrup
2 tablespoons black treacle
2 oz margarine
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon mixed spice
½ teaspoon ground ginger
1 egg
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda mixed with 1 tablespoon boiling water

Method

Pre-heat oven to 175°C (160°C fan).

Line and grease a one lb loaf tin.

Mix flour, sugar, spices and sultanas in a large bowl. Melt syrup, treacle, margarine and milk in a pan over a gentle heat, stirring to combine. Combine melted mixture with dry ingredients a little at a time. Drop in beaten egg and lastly bicarb. and water. Bake for an hour to an hour and a quarter.

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Visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk/oncall for more information.

Beer and Wine Society

Hi everyone, Like most other clubs we are still not meeting but we are staying together through video meetings . We will not be holding a get together until we get the go ahead from the Government. In the meantime now the colder weather is coming in I thought you might like an easy recipe for mulled wine so here goes:

1 bottle 750ml of wine
1 orange cut into rounds plus more for garnish
6 whole cloves
3 cinnamon sticks plus more for garnish
3star anise
90grams honey
120ml brandy



In a medium saucepan over a medium heat combine all ingredients and bring to a simmer not a boil. then reduce to a medium to low heat for 10 minutes.

Serve warm and garnish with remaining orange slices and cinnamon.

Enjoy and I wish all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. **Pat Britton**

Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Local History Group

Our local history group continues to not meet up though we are in touch with one another from time to time.

At the moment there are still no meetings planned for December, and into the new year. We will keep you informed via the website as to any forthcoming happenings. Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information. Or if you have information!

One project we had hoped to do in the summer was looking at '1939: not-a-census'. One of our members was inspired by a book about Hilton in 1939 at the outbreak of the war, where individual houses were recorded in detail of occupants and employment as well as other categories. It would be intriguing to see if houses in Holywell and Needlingworth could be identified in a similar way

In normal times everyone is welcome to our very informal meetings usually held the 2nd Monday of every other month, beginning at 7.30pm (sometimes 7pm in summer if we are out for a walk)

If you would like more information,

Contact:

Sally Beaman - rsde.beaman@btinternet.com; Tel: 462379

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All Quiet on the Garden Front

It is always the case that at this time of the year, gardens and gardeners are apparently taking a bit of a rest but in fact there is still a lot going on to close down the plants etc for the winter period and make them ready for next year.

The same cannot be said of the Gardening Club where there is unfortunately not a lot going on at all!

We have been through the somewhat bizarre procedure of having a virtual AGM which entailed sending out proxy voting forms to all our members which were then correlated and discussed by the committee during a meeting held by the inevitable zoom technology. Some were very good at this technology but others found it a bit more

challenging but we got there in the end!

This is a reflection of our most unusual year as a club. It has been a sad time in many respects as we have really missed the friendship and interest our members enjoy through our extensive club activities. The club is far from being just a serious gardening forum as it provides a great social meeting place for like minded people with some entertaining events and talks to enjoy.

At the time of writing, many of our gardens are still looking full of colour and are a pleasure to see around the village but we await the first frosts which will put an end to many of the flowers but will have the advantage of stopping the grass growing! The colours of the Autumn trees, as they turn, add a wonderful background to our village.

Our members have benefitted from the regular circulation of two articles. David Gedye of Bluntisham has a large garden which is full of plants including vegetables as well as excellent flowers, trees and shrubs. He writes a "blog from his garden" relating all the matters that he has been dealing with and this is not only very interesting but is highly informative to our members as he is an excellent and informative gardener.

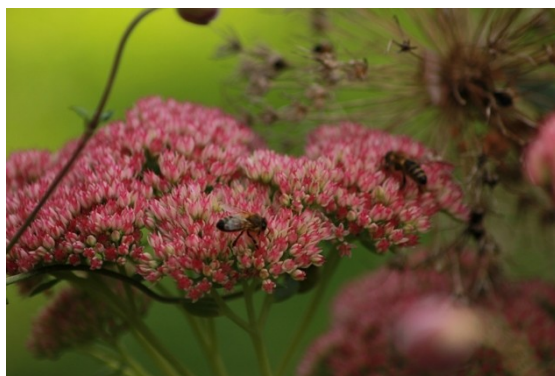
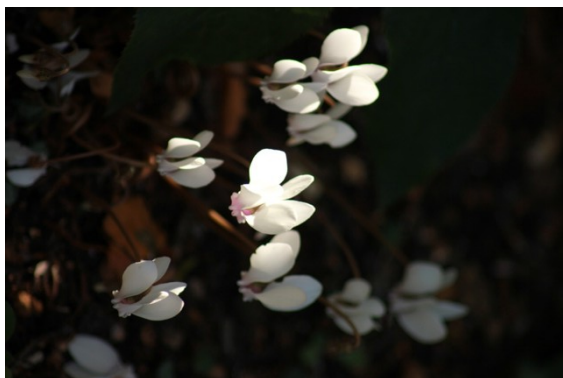
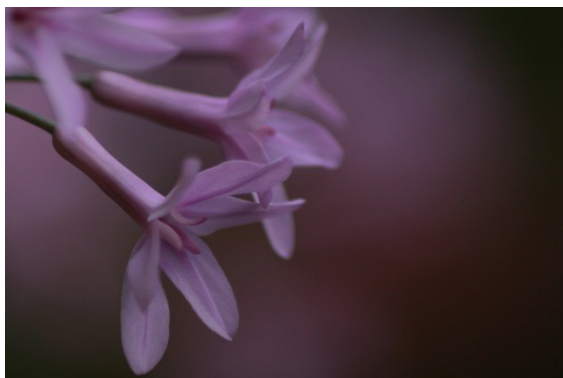
I, on the other hand, send round a more general and whimsical document that contains pictures of our own and member's gardens that have been sent to me as well as the occasional humorous story to brighten a difficult time.

These missives have proved a good way to keep in touch with our members to make them feel part of the club and I believe

have been well received.

We look forward to opening up the club during 2021 and to having a good gardening year.

Grant Williamson, Chairman



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CHURCH SERVICES

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Just one monthly service at our church: Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer, at 3 pm on the third Sunday of each month. We can accommodate a maximum of 18 worshippers to comply with distancing regulations; seats will be marked and face masks must be worn throughout the service.

Holy Communion (Common Worship) to be held at St Mary's Church, Bluntisham-cum-Earith, on the first Sunday of the month at 3 pm, and on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11 am. All-Age services, also at St Mary's Church, to take place at 11 am on the first and third Sundays. On 31 January, being a fifth Sunday, there will be a Family Communion at 11 am at St Mary's Church. Face masks and distancing also apply to all these services.

It is sad that we can't hold more services at St John the Baptist Church at the moment, but the church at Bluntisham-cum-Earith is larger than our own parish church, and now has chairs instead of pews, which means seating is more flexible and can accommodate larger congregations. Our overriding consideration is not to put any of our congregations at risk of Covid-19.

If and when the general lockdown regulations change, we will probably put the above pattern of services into effect. Look out for announcements on the Meridian Benefice website, in The Herald and via village Facebook pages.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Regulations permitting, our intention is to hold two services at St John the Baptist Church: a Holy Communion at 9 pm on Christmas Eve and another at 9.30 am on Christmas morning. Numbers will obviously be limited and we may

have to introduce a booking system. We are also planning to hold our popular Crib Service for families at the Village Hall on Christmas Eve at 3 pm, and hope to make it also available online by Zoom. Finally, we are looking into the possibility of hosting a Christmas Carol Service with a difference in the week before Christmas – more details to come. *For updates on Christmas arrangements, please see the Herald, the Benefice website and village Facebook pages.*

FUND-RAISING

Tickets for the **Church Christmas Draw** are now on sale. For only £1 per ticket, you could win a luxury Christmas hamper or one of our many prizes. Tickets from Ben and Carol Peilow, Wren Cottage, Holywell, 01480 496958 and Felicity Leonard, Chapel House, 15 Church Street, Needingworth. The draw will be made on 20 December and winners contacted afterwards. All proceeds go towards church maintenance and improvements. Felicity also has a range of beautiful hand-made gifts for sale.

The 2020 **church Christmas cards** are now on sale, available from the above addresses. Featuring a colourful Nativity scene in a stained-glass window of our sister church at Bluntisham-cum-Earith, they cost just £4 for a pack of five cards with envelopes. Joyce Brinkhurst in Needingworth is once again selling her beautiful hand-made cards on behalf of the church. Joyce can be contacted on 01480 301130 if you wish to view the cards or place an order. Pat and Les Staddon have pots of bulbs to sell; they will make lovely Christmas presents. Please call 01480 463562 for details and orders.

Looking ahead to next year, we intend to repeat our successful **Snowdrop Morning**, to be held in the church sometime in February when all the snowdrops are out in the churchyard.

We wish all villagers a joyful Christmas and a New Year that will be a better one than 2020. Keep praying for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic but also give thanks for the amazing community spirit that it has brought out in our village.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)



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Coronavirus and Services in the Chapel – our current situation

We met in the chapel for Sunday evening services in September and October and had planned to change to a morning service in November – with a Remembrance Day service on 8 November. But sadly we have had to cancel all in-person services for November because of the new lockdown. When rules are relaxed, perhaps in December, we hope to start 10.30am Sunday services. We will post details on our website and noticeboard. You will be very welcome to join us, but there are two things we need to ask. Firstly that you contact us in advance to “book.” We are really sorry about this, but, due to the need for “social distancing,” numbers are limited. Please email or phone us. Secondly please wear a mask as per the guidelines.

On-line services

We continue to put a weekly service on YouTube and you will be very welcome to listen to these. Go to www.needingworthbaptist.org.uk/online-services and look for the date. Click on “download Order of Service” for a pdf of the order of service and then click on “play service” and it will play the YouTube service.

Sunday school

Currently this is being held for our children each Sunday morning on Skype. Please email or phone us to have details.

Christmas

We are really sorry that we shall not be able to hold “Carols by Candlelight” this year. However, we are hoping to prepare something equivalent to a “Nine Lessons and Carols”

service and put it on YouTube for Sunday December 20th. Please go to the on-line services page on our website (see link above) to access that.

If we can be of help to anyone, or pray for you, please feel free to contact us.

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What will be missing at Christmas?

As I write this in late October, it seems certain that Christmas this year will be different from usual. Many of the things we take as a normal part of Christmas will be missing. Probably no parties. No family get-togethers. Grandparents may only get to see their grandchildren on a screen. The normal Christmas dinner might not be possible. In some households the breadwinner may be unemployed, and with tight finances, the children may be getting fewer presents this year. Christmas may seem more like a season of misery than of joy, because the essential elements of Christmas are missing.

But, wait a minute! What is the essential element of Christmas? What's it really all about? Is it possible that these things we are going to miss are only the wrapping, whereas the essence of Christmas, the real gift of Christmas is something much deeper and more important?

In one of the Christmas carols we sing “He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all!” That is the essence of Christmas – that God, who seems remote from us and unapproachable, actually came down to earth to seek us out. In fact, to rescue us. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He left heaven and was born as a human baby in Bethlehem. He came to us – so that we might come to Him. Because one day He would die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins, to bring us forgiveness and to open the way for us to come to God. And though we may have to be distant from loved ones this Christmas, we do not need to be distant from God. Because Jesus Christ came to bring us near, indeed into God's family. This is the reason for Christmas!

May I encourage you to read the real Christmas story – in Matthew chapters 1 & 2 and Luke chapters 1 & 2 in the Bible.

And we wish you all a really Happy Christmas!

Contact us –

David Mann – Tel. 300382

Email: david.mann@cantab.net

Website: www.needingworthbaptist.org.uk

Coffee Club

This short piece for December is still looking hopefully to restarting – but when is the unknown!

I'm sure many of you will be using social media to keep in touch and we have been thinking about this. The space we have for the usual Coffee Club environment - lots of talking and laughing amongst the ‘responsible adults’ and children playing and moving freely – doesn't lend itself to a Covid-safe venue. And definitely won't be happening in this second lockdown.

So would anyone be interested in a Zoom chat on a Wednesday morning at the usual time of 10am? We can discuss ideas for future ways to keep in touch.

It will be good to hear from you!

God Bless and Love

Sally - Email: rsde.beaman@btinternet.com

Mob : 07749 170984

Sarah – Tel: 462396

Sunday School by Skype

Since the first lockdown started in March this year, we have been holding Sunday School for six 8 – 12 year olds every week, except two! One of our members, Matt, set up the Skype group and each Sunday parents and children sign in at 10am. We have covered Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt; 5 of the 10 commandments; Jesus helping children and the people he met, as well as concerns and worries we may have at this time. We have also managed to hold 'parties'! These became very creative, involving postmen delivering things on time, parents hiding clues, and quiz sheets being hand-delivered. Use of computers for search engines and Powerpoint made life easier for the leaders. At this time, we are continuing with Skype as we cannot yet meet in person.

And though we look to the future of being able to meet like this again, we praise and thank God for all the technical inventions of our modern world which, along with the willing support of parents, has enabled us to teach Sunday School!

If anyone is interested in learning more about our Sunday School, please get in touch. We'd love to have more children join us – of all ages!

Please see the church website – address in David's article opposite - for more details, including You Tube services.

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Needingworth Community Preschool Chair

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Coronavirus support group.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/575337676661203/>

If you need help or assistance during this time please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Needingworth Tennis Club

The new on-line booking system has been popular during the current restrictions as it has allowed members to book a court at a set time, with the comfort of knowing they will have the court to themselves. Non-members can also book a court for just £5 an hour, by contacting Tim.

The annual tournament finals were slightly different this year with no BBQ and while observing social distancing, but we still had 52 entries. Congratulations to the winners:

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CONTACTS

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(496918 – timperry100@hotmail.com)

Membership - Chris Moore
(chrismoore1983@hotmail.co.uk)

Secretary – Jim Hunter
(j.hunter2011@btinternet.com)

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1st Needingworth Brownies

A great deal has changed for the Brownies since our last entry in the summer. In September, the Brownies returned to having unit meetings. As the group were too large to meet together, we have had to split into two groups with one group meeting using Zoom and the other group meeting outdoors in a safe way taking all necessary precautions. The leaders have been so impressed at how the Brownies got to grips with this new way of meeting, whether at home with new technology or outside learning to put up tents in the rain!



This term has been full of achievements at Brownies. Kingfisher (Harriet) has been hard at work and completed both her Young Leader and Commonwealth Award – an incredible achievement that has shown her dedication and commitment to Girlguiding. We also presented three Brownies with their Brownie Bronze Awards – the third highest award that a Brownie can earn and the first time these awards have been presented in Needingworth. We have also been joined by eleven new Brownies this term, many of whom

have joined us from Rainbows but it's been very encouraging to see girls join us who are brand new to Girlguiding.

Our lovely unit is currently full, but we do have a waiting list in place for girls who are interested in joining us.

For more information please contact Julie at Needingworth.Brownies@yahoo.com or 07597 569582.

Check out our website at: <https://1stneedingworth.wixsite.com/brownies>



1st Needingworth Rainbows

Since the Autumn term, Rainbows have been able to return to face-to-face meetings in the great outdoors. The Rainbows have thoroughly enjoyed meeting each week, even though it seemed to rain on every night we met! The Rain-

bows never complained and were always excited about meeting together in their socially distanced tents.

Similar to the Brownies, Rainbows have had a large number of girls joining already this term; with many already booked in to come for a visit during the second half term. It was brilliant to see four of our new Rainbows make their promise at the end of the half term and try so hard to learn their words off by heart. We were also delighted to see Butterfly (Immi) make her Young Leader promise in front of the Rainbows, and show them how they can still be part of Girlguiding when they are older.



Although most of the Rainbows said that using the tents this half term was their most enjoyable activity, another popular activity was taking an imaginary teddy bear to different countries around the world. We made a passport for our teddy bears and took them to lots of countries including Australia where we tried bouncing like a kangaroo on space hoppers and tasted some yummy fairy bread.

If your daughter is interested in joining us, either now or in the future, please get in touch. For girls who are aged 5, we currently have just a few spaces available, contact us at Needingworth.Rainbows@yahoo.com or Helen on 01480 460838.

Check out our website at: <https://1stneedingworth.wixsite.com/rainbows>

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Rachael Beeton

01480 464201 or 07584047390

Coffee Club

Coffee Club is a group run by Needingworth Baptist Church for Mums, Dads, Childminders and children under 5. We normally meet on Wednesday mornings during term time from 10.00 to 11.30am at the Baptist Church on High Street but whilst Covid 19 is affecting everyone, see note on page 18.

All are welcome for, songs, stories, activities and refreshments, as well as playing.

Cost £1/adult – children go free!

Sarah Wordingham - 462396



Little Tigers

This is a friendly under-5s play group that normally 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.

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News from the County Council

Dear Resident

While not wishing our time away, I think we will all be pleased when this year draws to a close even though the fallout from recent events will be with us and our children / grandchildren for many years to come. When writing this column it is always difficult to judge what will still be relevant when the magazine is printed and circulated. Therefore, even though I have masses of current statistics regarding Covid in Cambridgeshire and how we are dealing with the problem along with data from our Health providers along with countless other Public Health statistics and due to the fast moving and ever changing scene the publication of these would be extremely dated by the time you read them. If anyone has a particular question or query, please email me and I will then be able to give you a 'real time' update on the area relevant to your question.

As always this time of the year is budget preparation time for the following year (2021-2022) and this exercise is proving particularly difficult for a number of reasons,

1) the final outcome on expenditure for all Covid related issues is not immediately clear,

2) further expenditure for Covid for the remainder of the year (end of March 2021) requires a Chrystal Ball as we have no idea what will be coming our way with regards to this awful pandemic

and finally the Central Government grant for our key services is not only unclear but early signs suggest will be particularly painful with regard to local services. Not a scenario, any of us savour or can see any immediate way to be optimistic at this stage (sorry).

That said, Cambridgeshire has a history of providing quality services on a shoe string compared to other areas and while we are determined to make that happen in the future, it will be a bumpy ride.

I try to walk all the streets of the village on a regular basis in order to ensure footpaths and roads etc are being maintained to a reasonable standard. That said, I do rely on residents letting me know of any areas that are of concern to them as I cannot cover everywhere including St Ives South. Traffic and Silvaco / Aldi roundabout are still a cause for concern and while queuing has reduced significantly in recent months, I fear this is only temporary respite as commuter traffic has decreased since March, which may only be short lived. Therefore, the St Ives County Councillor Ryan Fuller and I have been persuading highways to carry out various studies along the main roads including HGV movements in order to have some hard facts when decisions are being made. However, we are mindful any traffic counts / surveys carried out are not truly representative of what things can be like, as those of you who commute with affirm from your pre March 2020 journeys.

Apologises for a shorter than normal update but I need to save myself from disappearing under an avalanche of statistics as we prepare to budget set.

As always if anyone would like me to publish a more in-depth report about any item within the County Councils remit, I am more than happy to do so. As you may know

the County Council is responsible for many areas from Adult Social Care to Highways, so if there is something you would like explaining in greater detail and you feel it would interest other readers, please get in touch and I will do my best to publish a concise but interesting overview of the subject requested.

Please remember your representatives at all levels County, District and of course your excellent Parish Council work very hard behind the scenes to ensure Needingworth and Holywell remains 'a special place'.

Please enjoy your Christmas as much as you can and keep your eye open for others who may need your support even if it is only a short chat and/or welfare call.

Best Wishes and a Happy Christmas.

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Word Search


Can you solve this word search with a seasonal theme? There are 14 hidden words with some connection to the winter/Christmas season, 2 with 3 letters, 1 with 4 letters, 5 with 5, 2 with 6, 3 with 8 and 1 with 9 letters. Words can run horizontal, vertical or diagonal, backwards or forwards. When you have found all 14 words, the remaining letters spell out a message.

(Answer on page 27)

B	D	Y	T	I	V	I	T	A	N
E	E	A	U	S	C	L	O	T	N
T	S	C	R	G	O	E	R	N	L
H	E	A	K	E	M	G	T	A	L
L	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	S	I
E	I	D	Y	L	T	A	T	N	W
H	G	S	O	Y	S	H	F	O	D
E	O	R	R	C	G	E	N	V	O
M	A	E	A	I	Y	S	O	N	O
C	E	Y	L	I	M	A	F	O	G

QUIZ TIME

At the moment, planning a holiday is something we can only think about. Here is a sort of geographical quiz to get you thinking about travel.

1. A chilly winter destination, in which country was the original Ice Hotel?
2. Fancy somewhere exotic? What is the capital of the Maldives?
3. Popular for its scenery and geology, in which country would you find the active volcano Eyjafjallajökull ?
4. A popular British tourist destination. Which country has this flag? 
5. If you were visiting Nagpur, which country would you be in? And which state?
6. Holiday closer to home? Name the county town of Devon.
7. On which Spanish Costa is Alicante?
8. Another 'staycation' favourite, what is the southern-most point of mainland England?
9. Prague is a popular destination for a city break. What country is it the capital of, and which river flows through Prague?
10. Fancy a Safari? Which African country contains the very famous Serengeti National Park?

(Answers on page 27)



Just for fun ...

In the last issue I asked where was this photo taken -

Answer

Baptist Graveyard, Meeting Lane

Here is a wider view



This time it's an easier one—where in the village was this picture taken?

(Answer in the March issue)





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(Due to Covid 19 some bus timetables are changing at short notice. It is recommended that you check the bus operator's web site before travelling: www.dews-coaches.com)

Service No. 21 (Ramsey—Somersham—St Ives)

Monday to Friday

Ramsey, opp. New Road	09:15	15:55
Somersham, nr. Loftsteads	09:38 12:38	16:18
Earith (opp. School Rd.)	09:51 12:51	16:31
NEEDINGWORTH, nr. Church St.	10:05 13:05	16:45
St Ives Morrisons (grounds)	10:09 13:09	16:49
St Ives Bus Station	10:15 13:15	16:55

Service No. 21 (St Ives—Somersham—Ramsey)

Monday to Friday

St Ives Bus Station (Bay 2)	12:00 14:00	17:00
St Ives Morrisons (grounds)	12:05 14:05	17:05
NEEDINGWORTH, opp. Church St.	12:13 14:13	17:13
Earith (nr. School Rd.)	12:25 14:25	17:25
Somersham, nr. Loftsteads	12:38 14:38	17:38
Ramsey, opp. New Road	15:02	18:02

Keith and May Cox



It is with great sadness that the Good Neighbours must announce that two of our best loved volunteers, Keith and May Cox, have passed away.

May was the Chairperson of our group for many years and both she and Keith did so much for so many people in our village. We will remember them fondly as a kind, thoughtful and modest couple who always went the extra mile to help those people in need in our community. They will be greatly missed by all who knew them.

Parish Christmas Tree 2020

Friday 4th December 2020.

Lights switch on approx. 6.45pm

Monitor the Parish Council website and Facebook page for the latest updates.



ANSWERS to WORD SEARCH

BETHLEHEM	G	O	F	A	M	T	K	Y	E	X
PRESENTS	O	N	O	S	Y	I	A	E	A	M
NATIVITY	O	N	V	E	G	R	O	R	O	E
GOODWILL	D	O	F	S	H	Y	O	S	G	H
LIGHTS	W	N	T	A	T	K	Y	I	D	E
FAMILY	I	S	E	N	T	S	E	P	R	L
SANTA	L	A	L	M	G	T	A	K	E	H
COMET	L	N	E	R	G	O	R	G	S	T
CAROL	N	O	T	S	Q	L	O	T	E	E
CARDS	A	N	I	V	I	T	Y	D	B	B
ANGEL										
SNOW										
ICY										
FOG										

ANSWERS to QUIZ

1. Sweden
2. Malé
3. Iceland
4. Portugal
5. India, Madhya Pradesh
6. Exeter
7. Costa Blanca
8. The Lizard
9. Czech Republic, Vitava River
10. Tanzania
I make it 15 robins

How many robins can you find lurking in this magazine (including this one)



BUS TIMETABLES

Details of the Dews Coaches service no 21, Monday to Friday are given on page 26

For up-to-date information for Stagecoach (service A), telephone **01223 433 250** or go to web page

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/regional-service-updates/east/cambridgeshire>

or <http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk>

POST OFFICE (within One-Stop Shop)

Please note change in Post Office opening hours now open **8.30am to 5.30pm every day.**

POST COLLECTION TIMES from the post Office:

Monday to Friday, 4.15 pm;
Saturday 9.45 am
(Sundays & Bank Holidays no collections)

MOBILE LIBRARY

1st Wednesday of every month

Holywell - Ferry Boat car park
3.55pm to 4.10pm

Needingworth - Playing field (Overcote Lane)
4.20pm to 4.50pm

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)

Dec. Thurs. 3rd and 17th
Jan. **Saturday 2nd**, Thurs. 14th and 28th
Feb. Thurs. 11th and 25th

GREEN BINS (garden waste)

Dec. Wed. 9th and **Tues. 22nd**
Jan. **Thurs. 7th** and Wed. 28th
Feb. Wed. 3rd and 17th

BLUE BINS (recycling)

Dec. Thurs. 10th and **Wed. 23rd**
Jan. **Fri. 8th** and Thurs. 21st
Feb. Thurs. 4th and 18th



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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

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Sewerage Services (Anglian Water)	03457 145 145
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Police (non-emergency no.)	101
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Age UK	0300 666 9860
To stop unwanted mail	0845 703 4599
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WHO'S WHO

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Bowls	Alan Blackley	464804 <i>leetheflee@sky.com</i>
Brownies	Julie Swindells	07597 569582 <i>needingworth.brownies@yahoo.com</i> <i>https://1stneedingworth.wixsite.com/brownies</i>
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Good Neighbours Coordinator	Kate Carpenter	07794 680475
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	History Website:	<i>www.hcnhistory.org.uk</i>
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