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EDITORIAL

The second instalment of the response of our village to the Covid crisis again forms the centre pages of this issue covering the period April 2020 to January 2021 along with details of how Holywell specifically coped under 'lockdown.' Whilst many organisations have managed to keep going using methods such as Zoom meetings to keep in touch, I am pleased that this issue of the Villager can report that clubs and societies are getting back to more normal times and re-starting regular get togethers, in person rather than on-line. As you can see from the reports here, outdoor events have



been up and running over the summer, by the time you read this the planned Music Festival - NFEST Rewind - should have taken place, and indoor meetings are now being planned for the autumn (Covid rules permitting). Please continue to send in any reports, articles, stories and photographs that you think will be of general interest for inclusion in the December issue of the Villager which will be out in time to advertise Christmas or New Year events. I look forward to receiving your contributions.

Jennifer

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AUTUMN HOPES

Watching leaves turning,
their golden colours glowing in the low Fen sunlight;
nearby a mower makes its final cut with raised blade height
as the scent of sap green mingles with burnt leaf sugars.

I recall last Autumn when Covid stats soared
and I'm hoping, this time, common sense won't be ignored.
Despite pressurised political agendas and economic lock-down enders
I trust we can stay well in this extended Covid hell.

Our future changes with every leaf fall.
Can we really hug now? Will the vaccine save us all?
I'll still be giving distance to the virus in between us,
then imagining its presence and killing it with cleanness.

The daylight dips into the Autumn sunset,
an orange ball of fire in the distant west
and frosted night is drawing near,
just as tomorrow will soon appear
and Spring is on the horizon, when Hope is in the air.

Andrea Weeding Scribblers Writing Group

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FRONT COVER: Holywell-cum-Needingworth WI celebrate their 100th birthday with a garden party outside the Village Hall and around the American gum tree planted in commemoration of the occasion (Photos J. Horn)

PARISH COUNCIL

Meet Your Parish Councillors

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council consists of 13 Councillors. Over the next few editions of The Villager we will be introducing you to your Parish Councillors ...



Councillor Andrew Whyte, Chairman

I was born in the village in 1955 and have lived here since then. I have worked in horticulture since leaving school and I have always had an interest in wildlife and the environment. This interest is of great help with my work on the Environment Committee.

I am pleased to have been re-elected for my second term as Councillor on Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council following the May elections.

Committees: Consultation, Disciplinary & Grievance, Environment, HR (Chairman), Leisure Facilities, Planning & Finance (Chairman), Relief in Need Charity



Councillor Colin Pearce, Vice Chairman

I have lived in the village most of my life and I am a self-employed civil engineer.

I have been a Councillor for the Parish Council for over 25 years, having served several years as Chairman. I was heavily involved in the establishment of Millfields and the Village Hall both of which are focal points of the village used by a wide cross section of the community. In my spare time I am a keen golfer.

Committees: Appeals, Consultation, Environment, HR, Leisure Facilities (Chairman), Planning & Finance, Relief in Need Charity



Councillor Roy Fountain

I have lived in Needingworth for 21 years. Prior to retirement I was a graduate chemist and managed businesses throughout my career. I have been a trustee of the Village Hall for 19 years and am involved with the annual Music Festival, the Village Hall's main fundraiser of the year.

I am a member of various village groups including the Beer & Wine Society, tennis club and the gardening club.

I am pleased to have been elected for my third term as a Parish Councillor and look forward to further serving my community.

Committees: Appeals, Consultation, Leisure Facilities, Planning & Finance



Councillor Deke Jackson

I have lived and worked in Needingworth for the majority of the last 30+ years, only having moved to St Ives for 2 years due to being flooded in 2003. I am a Poultry Farm Manager and have managed Bluntisham Road Farm, Whitebridge Farm and am currently manager at Overcote Farm.

I have benefitted from living and being able to raise my family of four in this wonderful community. As a family we have been involved in many different groups within the village. I was previously a member of Needingworth Cricket

Club in my younger years, however, now enjoy many an evening on the Bowls green come rain or shine!

Having enjoyed my time raising my family in this community I would like to help ensure the village remains a great place to raise a family for future generations.

Committees: Appeals, Consultation, Environment

Holywell-cum-Needingworth PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Summary Report

The meeting in May was held virtually via zoom and opened with the election of Councillor Whyte as Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was followed by the appointment of a vice Chairman, committee members and representatives to outside bodies.

Representatives from Cross Keys Homes then provided a presentation on the proposal for the development of 45 homes on land to the rear of 92-108 High St Needingworth.

Mr G Mould addressed Council on the village sign and his recommendation that a new sign should be commissioned was subsequently unanimously approved.

Accounts for payment totalling £10,052.94 were approved. The CIL receipt of £43,874.47 relating to the David Wilson Homes development on Bluntisham Road was noted. 1 planning application was considered.

Chairman gave a verbal report on the Annual Parish Meeting which was held virtually on 27th April 2021.

That permission be granted for the use of Overcote Playing field for the Music Festival 2021 subject to conditions and any Government Covid 19 restrictions that may be in place at the time.

June saw the return to face-to-face meetings following the expiration of the emergency powers permitting virtual meetings.

Partners in Planning & Architecture Ltd made a presentation to Council reference the proposal under application ref 21/00943/FUL for the erection of 2 dwellings and garaging. Land West of Barley Croft, Back Lane, Holywell. County Councillor K Reynolds was in attendance and spoke advising that there will be significant changes at Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) of a political nature and therefore residents may see a difference in the service delivery. There are 60 Councillors on CCC of these conservative hold 28 seats (previously held a majority). The Liberal Democrats, Labour and Independents have enough members to combine and form a Rainbow Alliance. At the first meeting they have announced a reduction in the number of committees and also reduced the frequency of meetings. These parties have made a lot of pledges and in County Councillor K. Reynolds' opinion there is not enough money to support all of the pledges that have been made.

District Councillor Neish advised Council of HDC initiatives currently being promoted not least the push and support local Town centres to open safely.

Accounts for payment totalling £12,691.34 were approved. 2 planning applications were considered.

End of year accounts approved, and return completed for submission to the external auditor.

Approval given for Ukulele group to meet Overcote Lane playing field.

At the July meeting, County Councillor Reynolds updated Council on the cutting of the highway verges and explained that grass cutting has been done up to 30mph signs within the village as this is on the village

maintenance contract. Overcote Lane past the 30mph sign is on the Highways maintenance where the interval between cuts was extended due to the requests to leave verges and wildlife for longer. He is currently trying to bring forward the planned cut for this area due to safety of road users and pedestrians.

Accounts for payment totalling £13,218.18 were approved. The restrictions imposed by the pandemic had caused Council to change its method of settling invoices to Online transfer from cheques. This has proved beneficial in many ways so the continuation of payment of invoices via Online transfer be approved.

A resolution was passed to approve the refurbishment of Millfields pavillion. The works are to be funded from business interruption grants received during the enforced period of closure because of the Covid 19 restrictions.

That the continuation of streetlight project without Salix funding was approved. The work to upgrade the Parish Council streetlights to LED will be paid from CIL funds at a cost of £14832.00.

2 planning applications were considered.

A verbal update on litter pick was provided and a full report can be seen later in the magazine (page 6).

Information on the CCC Community Engagement Bus was considered and it was agreed to book for a visit to the Parish. Please see the separate article (page 7).

Councillor Williamson gave an update of the initiative to provide a Village Hall extension and the consultation with users of the venue.

The Councillor vacancy as previously advertised resulted in 3 candidates coming forward. Council members commented that they were pleased with the standard, number of candidates and their attendance at the meeting. The Co-option policy was followed for voting and Mr D Jackson was duly co-opted onto Council. Cllr Jackson's profile and details can be found in the "meet your Parish Councillors" article.

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

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The Parish Spring Clean June 2021



On a bright sunny day 11 volunteers, including residents and members of the Parish Council, arrived at the Village Hall ready to clear the village of litter.

The volunteers split up into groups and covered Pound Hill, High Street, Overcote Lane and the RSPB Nature Reserve. Despite

over an hour of searching extraordinarily little litter was collected which is a fantastic testament to residents who have been out collecting rubbish during lockdown and possibly a reflection on the reduced amount of traffic through the village during the pandemic. Either way it was refreshing that our village is so tidy!

At the end of the litter pick 2 volunteer Councillors were on hand to provide welcome refreshments including cakes and doughnuts kindly supplied by Morrisons to all the willing litter pickers.



A HUGE THANK YOU

to all those who took part.

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council



HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee, June 2022

The Parish Council will be marking the Jubilee over the weekend of 3rd- 5th June 2022.

Event details are yet to be formalised, but the beacon will be lit on 3rd June 2022. Please put the date in your diary and monitor the Villager, Parish Council website and Facebook for further information.

If you are a group leader arranging to mark the occasion, know of anything being arranged or by any chance know a bagpiper, please can you contact the Parish Office on 01480 468451, or needingworthpc@btconnect.com so that arrangements can be coordinated. Thank you.

Garden Bonfires

Advice to Householders



Bonfires

The word 'bonfire' is medieval: 'bone fires - a large open-air fire used for burning bones and/or as part of a celebration', and while modern day garden bonfires may not be so gruesome, they can cause pollution and be a localised nuisance to neighbours. In particular this can be a problem to anyone suffering from asthma or bronchial problems.

Bonfires can be very irritating to neighbours – the smoke, smell and particles emitted are the subject of many complaints to local authorities. These emissions can ruin neighbours' enjoyment of their gardens, prevent them from opening windows or hanging out washing.

There is no doubt that bonfires cause air pollution; burning garden waste will produce smoke, especially if it is damp and smouldering rather than dry and blazing. Burning plastic, rubber or painted materials not only produces smoke and smells but can also produce a range of dangerous chemical emissions.

What can you do about your neighbour's bonfire?

If your neighbour's bonfire disturbs you, the first thing to do is to approach the neighbour, where practical. Politely explain that the smoke is disturbing you and ask them to stop burning or to move the site of their bonfire to a less sensitive location.

If the personal approach does not work you can complain to the Council and an officer will investigate your complaint. The Council will take formal action if a statutory nuisance is found to exist.

Are bonfires necessary?

Although bonfires are a traditional method for disposing of garden rubbish, they are no longer considered to be the most environmentally friendly option.

Composting is the most environmentally friendly way to dispose of garden waste.

Recycling garden waste

Garden waste is collected for recycling as part of the Council's Refuse and Recycling Service. The garden waste collected is composted and used as a soil conditioner.

The Scheme is district wide and collections take place on a fortnightly basis direct from householders, using wheeled bins.

Garden waste is accepted free of charge at all Household Waste Recycling Centres where it is treated and recycled. Details of locations and opening times contact Cambridgeshire County Council on 0345 045 5207 or look, under the heading 'Recycling Centres', on our website.

Before you have a bonfire, please consider alternative ways of disposing of your garden refuse.

Lighting bonfires

If you must have a bonfire please observe the 'good bonfire rules':

- Consider your neighbours.
- Site the bonfire away from other properties.
- Keep the bonfire to a manageable size.
- Burn only dry material.
- Do not burn household rubbish, tyres, plastic or paint, etc.
- Never leave a bonfire unattended.
- Douse fire once material is consumed by the fire to avoid smouldering.
- Avoid bonfires when your neighbours have washing out.
- Avoid burning when the wind will carry smoke over roads or into neighbours' gardens.
- Never use oil, methylated spirit or petrol etc to light a bonfire.
- Avoid unsuitable weather conditions - smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days and in the evenings.
- Avoid burning at weekends or bank holidays when people most want to enjoy their gardens.

REMEMBER - It is an offence to cause a NUISANCE from lighting bonfires

The law

There are no national laws or local by-laws which prohibit or control the times at which bonfires can be lit.

If used sensibly, following the good bonfire rules, an occasional small garden bonfire should not cause a problem and therefore an outright ban would be unreasonable.

However, if a neighbour is continually having bonfires which affect the reasonable enjoyment of your property, the law is on your side.

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 it is an offence to cause a Statutory Nuisance and smoke from a garden bonfire can constitute such an offence if it is interfering substantially with your well-being, comfort or enjoyment of property.

How will your complaint be investigated?

The Council will take reasonable steps to investigate your complaint and your co-operation will be essential.

You may be asked to keep a log of events and it is important that you fill in the form supplied accurately and truthfully. This will be used in evidence if legal proceedings are necessary.

On completion of the investigation you will be advised of the outcome and any further actions which may be possible.

Further information

Should you wish to report a nuisance from a neighbour's bonfire or you require further advice please contact us:

Environmental and Community Health Services
Huntingdonshire District Council
Pathfinder House
St Mary's Street
Huntingdon
PE29 3TN

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Website: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk

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CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have a qualification in Road Closure?

The Parish Council are seeking anyone with qualifications in Road Closure to assist with a community event. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office for further information on tel: 01480 468451 or by email: needingworthpc@btconnect.com

Come and meet your Councillors and the team from Think Communities at Cambridgeshire County Council

The Community Engagement Vehicle is coming to Needingworth on:

**Thursday 16th September 2021,
10am – 1pm,**

and will be parked in the Village Hall car park outside of the Pavilion.

Why not come along and have a chat with your local Parish, District and County Councillors?

The team from Think Communities at Cambridgeshire County Council will be here as well who are keen to hear your thoughts about the Parish and will be asking the following 3 questions:

What do you love about where you live?

What would you change if you could?

What could you do for your community to make that change?

You can follow them on Facebook and Twitter by searching 'Think Communities Huntingdonshire' or email them at Community.Huntingdonshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

You could also take the opportunity to have a go on the outdoor gym equipment which was installed last August.

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council

NEW OUSE VALLEY WAY INFORMATION PANELS FOR HOLYWELL AND NEEDINGWORTH!

The Great Ouse Valley Trust is delighted to report that its work to replace all of the information boards along the Ouse Valley Way long-distance footpath through Cambridgeshire is now completed. And this means the two you live in your parish – one at The Old Ferry Boat Inn and the other at The Pike & Eel Hotel - now display the new design and fresh content shown here. We hope that with renewed awareness of the importance of the outdoors for our health and well-being, these panels will further encourage people to discover the delights of the riverside path, and the surprises it has to offer on our doorstep.

The new look includes updated examples of the flora and fauna to be spotted along your section of the Ouse Valley Way, plus illustrated notes on places of local historic interest. There are also clever diversions shown – circular walks – for those wanting shorter strolls to end up where they started! The safety advice has been updated and a concise Countryside Code added.

This has been the biggest project completed so far for the Trust. Thirteen panels were redesigned, reillustrated and rewritten during lockdown. For the new Holywell and Needingworth boards we acknowledge the assistance received from ecologist Dr Pat Doody.

The Trust is grateful for funding from Highways England's A14 Legacy Fund delivered by Cambridgeshire County Council. For further information on the work of the Trust please visit www.greatousevalleytrust.org.uk

Ian Jackson, Great Ouse Valley Trust

Holywell

Pike & Eel

Welcome to the Ouse Valley Way

The Ouse Valley Way is one of the longest river valley walks in Britain. It follows the route of the River Great Ouse for approximately 150 miles from its source at Stony near Bradden in Huntingdonshire, through Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire, to the sea at King Lynn.

This section through the District of Huntingdonshire in the County of Cambridgeshire was opened in 1990, after the whole route was reimagined and launched in 2004. This panel is one of a series between Emsay and Earthy. It shows the route to Buntingford and Earthy plus a circular walk to Broomfield Heath to St Ives and back, and another to Earthy. You will find a detailed map useful as you go. The new panel is at Ouse Valley Way, Northampton in The Pike & Eel Hotel.

Along the flood bank, the targeted removal of bracken stands offer refuge to nesting and nesting birds and small mammals, plus that is a valuable natural asset. Meadow species are most common here. Insects are most common here. Insects are most common here. Insects are most common here.

What you will see: This area is one of the most beautiful along the Great Ouse Valley and you will be rewarded in many ways. The beauty of the great floodplain meadows is outstanding. Their meadows are reimagined and reimagined for all. Insects are most common here. Insects are most common here. Insects are most common here.

For your safety: When walking, a moving sound on high ground could mean a warning. Be aware of the ground. Be aware of the ground. Be aware of the ground.

Remember the Countryside Code: Please do not feed or disturb wildlife. Please do not feed or disturb wildlife. Please do not feed or disturb wildlife.

Local history: The area has a rich history. The area has a rich history. The area has a rich history.

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Needingworth Village Hall

Welcome back – again! Your Village Hall is now fully open and most of our regulars have already returned, along with several new ones. We are so happy to be able to welcome everyone back – although of course we all need to continue to be cautious and stay safe. By the time you read this, NFest Rewind will have taken place and we hope everyone had a fantastic weekend – at the time of writing we are busy making final preparations and keeping our fingers crossed for good weather!

We are also planning several events for later in the year. Band Night will be on 9th October, with the return of the ever popular Outlaw Eagles tribute band. On 30th October we will be holding a Film Night with a spooky Halloween theme (join us if you dare!!), and our Quiz Night this year will be on 27th November. Further details of all of these will soon be available.

As always, if you would like to get involved with the Village Hall, or can offer help with any of our events, please do contact any Committee member.

Websites : needingworthvillagehall.com
Needingworthmusicfestival.com
Facebook: [Needingworth Village Hall](https://www.facebook.com/NeedingworthVillageHall)

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 9 th October	Band Night
Saturday 30 th October	Film Night
Saturday 27 th November	Quiz Night

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Here at Chatters we are pleased to say that we have been able to get back to a near 'normal' after all this time!! We now have our full menu running which includes our famous breakfast plus some additions such as the 'Ricky Breakfast' (you will need to come with an empty stomach for this one – its biiiiiiig), freshly made omelettes and bagels with salmon and cream cheese. We also still have our 'Lovely Lunches' – sandwiches, baguettes, jacket potatoes and such like. Our Kids Lunch Box has come back which is such good value for money - £3.95 for a sandwich, homemade cake, fruit snack crisps and a drink. Of course we always have a good selection of homemade tray bakes, cakes, scones and sausage rolls as well. We would love to see more of you lovely villagers there to support us as it is what keeps us up and running. We are on the lookout for more volunteers and cake makers so if it is something that you think you may be able to help with I would be so pleased to hear from you!! Love Becci xx

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ON

**Saturday Evening
9TH October 2021
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**Saturday Evening
30TH October 2021
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The WI continued to try and keep members involved and in contact where possible over the past few months. With things gradually opening up we had a lovely trip to the Fen Garden in Somersham. The weather was kind we enjoyed walking around admiring the planting, most of us were meeting up for the first time in ages, so there was a great deal of chat and laughter. We were served tea and delicious cake, a great time was had by all. The Queens Head has been our venue for monthly lunches, many thanks to Eda for organising these; as always the Queens Head served great food and excellent service.

Our Knit and Natter group has met up for the first time in 18 months, thanks to Lyn Stevenson for arranging this, we had a lovely morning sitting in the shade in Lyn's garden and catching up with various projects. Two new projects for using up odds and ends of wool were started. Twiddle Teddies, the pattern was provided by Lynne Martin and Twiddle Muffs, Dorothy Dighton had asked via Facebook for volunteers to make these. We will be passing them to Dorothy who will take them to Hinchingbrooke Hospital for Dementia Patients to use, everyone has been busy and really enjoyed these projects, as you can see from the photographs.



For the Church Flower Festival two members decorated a window in the church,

We are all looking forward to our Garden Party being held on 10th August in the Village Hall. This will be a chance for



us to celebrate our Centenary, and see the benches and tree we donated to the village in situ. Everyone was asked to bring a picnic, to wear a hat and their celebratory rosette. Fingers crossed the weather is kind, then we can open the doors in the Hall and enjoy the sunshine.

The first official meeting in the Village Hall is planned for Monday 6th September 2021 at 7.30pm, it will be so nice to get back to something like normal. Despite the limitations of Lockdown we have welcomed 5 new members, so in its hundredth year, the Holywell-cum-Needingworth WI continues to thrive.

If you are interested in joining us you would be most welcome, we meet on the first Monday of every month. For more information please contact:

Jackie Norris – 01480 465997

It was the season before Christmas'....

It may still be too soon to be thinking about Christmas, but we would like to give you advance notice that Wellworth Players will be presenting 'A Christmas Carol' on December 11th and 12th December in the Village Hall. We will be playing this favourite of Charles Dickens in the traditional way. Plenty of opportunity for audience participation! Watch out for details!

Sadly we are unable to put on our usual October production this year. but we are busy getting ready for the panto in February, oh yes we are...

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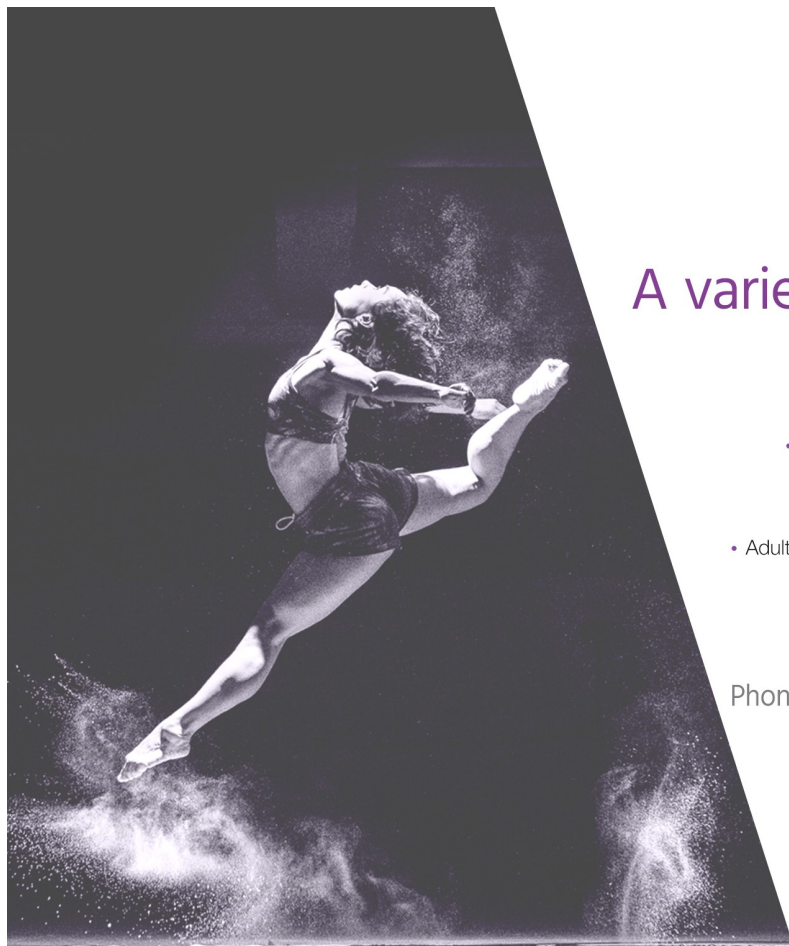
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Beer and Wine Society

Hi everybody. Again I have to advise you that the Club has not yet planned any meetings. The hot days should have helped your soft fruits to ripen ready to make delicious puddings and of course wine. Soon the harder fruits like pears and apples also make good wine.

This time I am including a recipe for FISH IN COCONUT AND BEER BATTER, ingredients as follows:

1 cup plain flour
1 1/4 cups beer
2 tablespoons coconut
1kg white fish fillets chopped
Extra plain flour
Oil for deep-frying.

DIPPING SAUCE

1/3 cup sour cream
1/3 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup of chopped stuffed olives
2 tablespoons tomato sauce.

Sift flour into a medium bowl; gradually stir in the beer until smooth. Stir in the coconut. Toss the fish in the extra flour and shake to remove excess flour. Dip fish in the batter and deep-fry 4 pieces at a time until crisp and golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper and serve with the sauce. To make the sauce combine all ingredients in a bowl. Serves 4. Enjoy.

Pat Britton .. 01480 466239

Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Local History Group

If all goes ahead for the August meeting (before this issue comes out) we hope to have another gathering on October 11th, which will be inside. This still needs to be confirmed.

Cherryl recently had an email from Gresham college with a list of lectures for 2021-2022 season. The link below will take you to the website

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures>

She has also had an email from a man in Over who does moving audio on cassette or reel to the more longer-lasting CD. If anyone has anything like this please have a look at his website www.cassette-to-cd.co.uk

On Monday December 13th we are hoping rules will still enable us to have our Christmas social gathering at Blacker's Hall. If you would like a lift, please use any of the contact details below.

For updates nearer the dates given, please contact Sally Beaman or Cherryl Frost, as below:

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The Village in Lockdown and Tiers

April – June 2020

We found the first Lockdown difficult. It wasn't easy to adapt to what was being termed 'the new norm.' It was extended in the middle of April 2020 and it wasn't until the beginning of June that schools reopened. During that time many families were working at home and were struggling to home school their children. Schools were working overtime to set up online activities and the BBC provided free access to all the Bitesize lessons. **The Great Walking Around The Village** each day began. People were allowed to exercise locally and you could see joggers, runners, and all sorts of people walking briskly or in many cases at the beginning of the lockdown not so briskly. The vulnerable were 'shielding'.

The Village Pantry provided deliveries to as many as 96 houses at the peak while shops and supermarkets struggled to provide online slots for home deliveries.

Everyone said hello even to people they had seen by sight but had never spoken too.

The Coronavirus support group volunteers shopped and collect prescriptions in numbers unheard of before. Neighbours who had been doing the same thing for years found additional people around them to also help out.

The support for the elderly ground to a halt – carers without PPE, GP practices with the same problem. Dentists, hairdressers, barbers – you name it – all were in lockdown. The local village shop continued valiantly and geared up to protect staff and customers as best they could. There was a sense that we were all waiting and hoping. Everyone who cared pulled together and that was the great majority of the people who live here. The Holywell support group have told their story of how they worked and supported each other later in this edition.

The numbers in hospital with Covid started to slow down and the news was that the lockdown was working. People reacted with great relief and hope. There was talk of vaccines and trials but still no end in sight. Online delivery of prescriptions and meds became a live issue and the GP surgeries eventually got this sorted and this service has now changed forever in how it operates. Many many treatments, operations and help disappeared and slowed down in availability.

June – October 2020

There was a phased re-opening of schools which meant some year groups went and some didn't. Parents became expert in timetabling to drop off and collect their children and also to continue working at home and to home-school those who were not yet back. Like yoyo's the grown ups went back and forth, masked up and socially distancing. A complicated mix of effort and management.

The 'R' number went up again and the government tried local lockdowns across the country.

Locally The "Eat Out to Help Out" scheme

came in and the local pubs put together take-away menus and people came and supported them. The summer holidays were restricted to the small numbers of people in your bubble. The Virus support group produced a summer activities booklet and a photo competition and the Parish Council paid for the printing of the booklet so each household could have one. 30 activities – one for every day of August. All free activities and some online and some involving being in and around the two villages.

October 2020 – January 2021

Sadly the second lockdown came in in October and this time it was different. The nights were getting shorter and the weather cooler. One of the admin team on the support group organised a set of activities to keep us interested on our daily walkabouts around the village.

One of our villagers, Lindsey Page made some remarkable windows and drew people from all over the village to come and see. Here is Lindsey's story

Pictures in windows....and then some!

Well here we are over a year on from that first lockdown and that first small rainbow I coloured in on a sheet of A4 and popped in the window and like many things from that small beginning it grew! I got carried away with the whole idea!

Like the majority of people I was furloughed from my job as a florist and although I was sewing scrubs from duvets and making masks/face coverings I had quite a lot of spare time on my hands. I have always been a creative person and the excuse to sit and draw or colour in was perfect for me...no small children to do this with so I became the big kid and got out my colouring bits and bobs.

I don't really feel I did anything extraordinary, I just got a bit carried away with it all! Especially when the theme was flowers... my excuse was "I am a florist after all" The fun I had making those flowers and the time I spent cutting them out, the dinner was often a last minute affair as I was too busy and caught up with playing at window art.

The Star Wars window gave me the most difficulty but fortunately one of my sons is an expert on Star Wars and helped make sure I had the right colour rays from the right space ships! Again I got a bit carried away with VE Day bunting and the street party element.

In the end I used coloured paper to make my window displays, it was easier than colouring in! Lots of paper glue and imagi-



nation, I have kept all of the scenes, I have quite a collection! Would be hard pressed to choose a favourite, but if I had too... the dragons...or the flowers...or the music...or the fish! I'm sure others have their favourites too.

There are too many lovely windows to mention them all but I felt very humbled by the requests for some of them to go into children's bedrooms within the village, I loved the conversations I got the opportunity to have with people and the chatter I could hear from children looking at them. It was lovely to be able to help celebrate birthdays with a coloured in message, usu-



ally in my car window and the nicest thing was to be told by a lady that I had done this for both her children, I didn't know them, still don't really know them, but that they would never forget it.

I can't say I did this 'for the greater good' but it did me good, it made me happy and if it bought a smile to someone's face or brightened their day then I suppose it was 'for the greater good'. The greater good has been that the amazing people of Needingworth all got together and supported each other and I sincerely hope that this remains the village ethos going forward.

I no longer live in my treasured Needingworth, we moved in September, not far away but sometimes it feels too far. It's been strange and at times a challenge, but hopefully as things slowly change to a new

The Village in Lockdown and Tiers

normal I'll get to make new friends and meet a few more people. Sadly I don't have a window that many people walk past, and it's a long way from a footpath so window art isn't the same. I did make a wreath of poppies for Remembrance Day and hearts for Valentines Day, I re used the "Back to School" art and just because I wanted too made a rainbow of hearts.

So keep smiling lovely people and maybe one day I'll have an excuse to make more window art.

We had many acts of kindness as we drew near Christmas. The Parish Council put up a lovely Christmas Tree in the playing fields in Overcote Lane. Clever talented people made Christmas wreaths to decorate out doors and we flocked to buy them to brighten our front doors. Thank you Debbs Wain and Kathryn Clare. The Domestic Goddesses baked and made Christmas dinners for those alone or unable to see anyone because of shielding conditions.

The support and acts of kindness became even more important especially as the virus took lives of people we knew or made them extremely ill.

And Zoe Edwards and Tom tell their Shoe boxes 2020 Story.....

Every year, I have always tried to fill a few shoe boxes for the various charities that ask you to fill a shoebox with items for a child, especially at Christmas time. I know that some are destined for orphanages and remote villages overseas, where the children possess very little and will be very pleased with the items our children are lucky enough to consider mere 'stocking fillers'. However, in 2020 with the Coronavirus, we realised that children living all around us also needed support.

In 2020 my son Tom, then aged 7, be-



came very aware of the impact of the Coronavirus, and how some children were going to have a 'sad Christmas' because they or their family members were unwell, or unable to work. I explained that Father Christmas always did his best, but families had to buy the other Christmas things such as food and decorations and some families couldn't afford these. The most important thing about Christmas is spending it with your family and loved ones, and some children couldn't do that this year, meaning

that there were some children that were going to feel a bit upset.

Tom, is autistic with many other health issues owing to a rare genetic condition, and I also have some health challenges too, and so, unfortunately, we have spent Christmas times in hospital. Tom understood how things can suddenly change for people and really make them feel like they're missing out on happy times and loved ones, compared to everyone else. Also, of course, we were missing our family and friends who we had to isolate from. We wanted to use our time to do something to help others.

Tom became very worried about the children who would have an 'unhappy Christmas' and wanted to help the children who needed it and 'make them smile' and hopefully make their pain a little more bearable. He asked if we could buy them sweets and give them the toys and things he no longer needed.

When we started out collecting items we were only planning to fill possibly 8 or so boxes with Tom's items and those we bought. In each box we wanted to put a bit of everything a child could want. So something to stimulate them mentally like a puzzle or musical instrument, something for physical activity like a ball or skipping rope, a cuddly toy to love, dolls and cars to play with. Books to read. School supplies such as exercise books, rulers, pens, pencils, paints, crayons, to assist with their learning and creativity. Toiletries such as soap, shampoo, flannels, sponges and toothbrushes and toothpaste. Arts and crafts items, playdough. Stickers and colouring books. Party bag type toys, balloons, bubbles, squishy and noisy things. Small items of clothing such as a hat, gloves, socks or t-shirt. Chocolate and sweets to enjoy. Specific age appropriate toys for babies and toddlers. Also not forgetting the teenagers who would like things like perfumes, make up, deodorant and aftershave.

Tom used his pocket money and we used other savings and asked family for donations to buy the things we couldn't provide, and it soon became apparent that we needed help for some of these items. It was then we put a message out to the village Coronavirus support group and our village school for help. We placed a plastic box out the front of the house for 'contactless donations' and we were really over-



whelmed by the love and support we received. We had lots of lovely toys, clothing, sweets, shoe boxes and wrapping paper coming each day. We were so pleased that we could help more children! Just to be on the safe side, we were very thorough in sanitising all the items donated and washing all the toys (although I'm certain people also did this before donating them too). I also had to ask for help with wrapping all the extra shoe boxes we needed. We are so thankful to the many people who donated items and helped to wrap the boxes (which is quite a challenging when you have mobility issues) unfortunately the pre decorated type shoe boxes were simply too expensive.

We all pulled together, and in the end we managed to fill 50 boxes and donated them to the 'Diamonds and Pearls charity' who support local families who are reliant on foodbanks. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make those children smile! We are so very lucky to live in our beautiful village with wonderful caring people around us!

For anyone who would like to help this year, we have started already. There are some lovely ladies knitting blankets and clothing items for the children as you read this. So far we have managed to raise some funds already with the village 'Garage Sale' in aid of the Preschool. We shall have our donation bucket out with our



Halloween decorations in October (which some of you may be familiar with!) Later in the year we will be asking for help with donations of shoe boxes and items. So if you plan on having a toy clear out please do bear us in mind. Thank you.

Jan 2021

Hope. Even though we were in the third national lockdown, feedback from the vaccine trials showed that they worked in controlling the spread and also reducing the severity of the virus. The national Covid vaccination programme was put into place. The mental and physical and economic health of the country was under terrific strain.

Next time: 2021 – Learning to live with the Virus

'Hats off to Holywell'

Holywell is a close knit village of 80 houses which has only a couple of hundred residents with a mix of families, working adults and retirees. Although small, the village has always had a great sense of community. Unfortunately many events including regular church services at St John the Baptist Church, as well as the annual Well Dressing and Snowdrop festival have had to be cancelled these past 18 months. But what has not been lost through these difficult times is the strong sense of community spirit which has been good to see.

We are truly blessed to live in a village which has demonstrated what it means to 'pull together' and 'love thy neighbour'. Since lockdown, we've had rainbows in windows, weekly claps and cheers for the NHS which brought neighbours together, with the banging of pans and ringing of bells getting louder each week. As soon as was allowed our bell captain Roger rang out the church bells, sometimes in musical tunes which on our evening walks was a magical experience.

We've also seen strong support networks build up with neighbours helping each other on a regular basis. A Holywell Virus Support Group was set up by 30 volunteers to coordinate and provide help on a regular basis or whenever help was needed. Volunteers picked up and delivered shopping, newspapers and urgent supplies, chatted and generally helped each other out.

New friendships were made and old ones strengthened. Most residents enjoyed friendly phone calls as well as chats on their daily walk.

A Covid newsletter was sent out with helpful local updates and links to relevant national information and advice on Covid. Clive, a local retired doctor, provided supportive information about the pandemic and gave answers in the newsletter to

questions about the virus and vaccines based on the latest research.

Sadly, Holywell Well Dressing could not take place as normal at the church but there was still a lovely community feel about the day. The church railings became a place to put personal tributes to our Covid victims and heroes. Homes were decorated with flower tributes and bunting. Cream teas were distributed to those shielding (provided courtesy of the Village



Pantry) whilst others ate and drank in the street.

The amazing talent and resourcefulness of our residents have really come to the fore and been put to good use for the benefit of all.

Households made scrubs for the local NHS and care workers some creations worthy of London Fashion Week! (see photo, courtesy of 'The House of Dreams' family)

On VE day we sat outside our houses and had cream teas and bubbly. Wonderful costumes were made and houses were decorated with bunting and evocative pictures.

Photo competitions were organised and enjoyed by all.

The theme of 'Nature - Restricted and Unrestricted' inspired us to take and share photos of our attractive environment.

Residents litter-picked regularly on their walks to keep the village tidy, which was particularly needed because of the increased number of visitors coming to Holywell for their daily walk.



'Hats off to Holywell'

Pictures by Richard Ruston and Clive Quick



A summer photo competition for Holywell and Needingworth showed more of our young residents' artistic talent



Pictures above by James and Harriet Dolby

Many residents contributed towards a textile project by a young resident, Bronte (a student at Central St Martins). The textile will reflect Holywell's experience in lockdown.

The photo shows some of the contributions.



During the first lockdown a socially distanced concert was held on the river bank by our local music group for walkers to enjoy who were passing by.

Although 2020 will not be fondly remembered by many it has made us value where we live, enabled friendships to flourish and strengthened our community.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Gardening Club Onward and Upward!

As I am sure will be reflected in this magazine, it is so good to see so many of the village organisations emerging from their lockdown closures and the Gardening Club is no exception.

We have already held one tentative event which was a huge success and we are looking forward to having our first full meeting on September 14th in the Village Hall starting at 7.45 p.m. Visitors or new members are welcome.

We had a great deal of uncertainty as to how well supported our first meeting would be, given the understandable hesitation created by the pandemic, but we have heard from other organisations, who have already held some meetings, that members have been very keen to get back to the social benefits of group meetings. We will still have to manage the situation carefully regarding masks and social distancing but it is clear that a meeting is now viable and we very much look forward to it.

We held a long planned event in an outdoor setting in July called "Boot Out Covid" which entailed members growing plants in some form of footwear and these were then judged quite generously on Overall Appearance, Creativity and Quality.



We had some excellent entries that were attractive as well as being amusing.



The winners were Elaine and Marcus Starling who created a huge display in a pair of wellington boots.

Apparently the biggest challenge was actually moving it to the venue as it kept falling over!

Our next big event will be on 7th September which is our fun competition called "Spud in a Bucket".

Members were invited to grow a standard

potato in a standard bucket and we will then tip them out and weigh them to find out who had the heaviest crop.

We thought this would be supported by quite a few members but we now have 89 entries so the process of tipping out and weighing will be a logistical challenge to say the least. The local tip might find an influx of potato tops and we will have to spread the soil over the gardens to lose it somehow!

Should be good fun!

This edition of The Villager usually carries the results of the Annual Village Show which has always been held in early August. Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, the Gardening Club decided not to run this event this year as it takes a great deal of organising and entails large groups of people crammed into the Village Hall.

We really hope to run this great village event next year but, like so many things in the village life, it depends on a dwindling number of hard working volunteers to make it happen. Whilst, in the scheme of things that we have faced in the past year, the Annual Show is not essential it certainly adds to the quality of life and the overall atmosphere in our lovely village and we would be all the poorer if it were to expire.

Let's hope we can keep it going!

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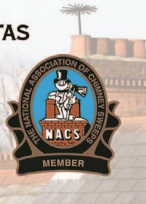
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Church services

We are slowly relaxing the restrictions imposed by the pandemic and moving back to a more normal pattern of services at the church. Church of England regulations still err on the side of caution, so at the time of writing we are still asking people to wear masks (though singing is permitted – you can do it with a mask on!) and to leave their contact details with us in case a Covid notification is needed. A QR code is displayed in the church for those using the track and trace app. We hope that services will gradually return to normal. Please check *The Herald* and the church notice boards for service times each month, but at present we envisage holding Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on the first Sunday (Book of Common Prayer) and 9.30 a.m. on the second Sunday (Common Worship); on the third Sunday we will have an All-Age Service at 9.30 a.m. and Morning Worship, is also at 9.30 a.m. on the fourth Sunday. We are also continuing our well-received Sunday morning YouTube talk and prayers – the link for each Sunday can be found on the Benefice website, address above.

2021 Well-dressing and Patronal Festival

We are thankful that the weather held good for a return to a 'proper' well-dressing in June, with a short outdoor service on the Friday evening, followed by refreshments, and a well-attended Saturday and Sunday for the flower festival and traditional attractions. This year's well-dressing design was created by Holywell Church of England Primary School, and a very good job they made of it, launching the new school motto, 'Flowing, Strengthening, Deepening'. Our Fund-raising Committee would like to offer a huge thank-you to everyone who supported our Patronal Weekend and Summer Draw, raising much-needed funds. It was wonderful to have a chance to meet and catch up again.

Future events

Everyone is warmly welcome to our Harvest Coffee Morning at the Church on Saturday 25th September from 10 to 12.30. In addition to delicious coffee and home-

made cakes there will be a draw, produce, and other items (including Christmas cards!) for sale. Proceeds will be shared between the Church and the St Ives Foodbank. We shall also be exhibiting and discussing the latest plans for our Welcome Space project (including a loo and proper catering facilities), and inviting visitors to give us their views.

Christmas is coming!

We'll be holding our Christmas Draw again this year. Tickets (£1.00 each) will be available from September. There will be a range of seasonal prizes. Christmas Cards will also be available from September. Details will be in *The Herald*, on our website and on Facebook in due course. The church community will be organising this year's Christmas Fair on Saturday 4th December. Contact information for booking tables is in the box advert on this page. Further details will follow.

Stephen York, 465120, stephenyork@flagholme.net

Rector: Revd Sheila Anthony 01487 740456

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This year's well-dressing was designed by the pupils and staff of Holywell School to present their new motto.

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Elder – David Mann

Website – www.needingworthbaptist.org.uk

Services in the Chapel – our current situation

We are grateful to God for the lifting of government restrictions. However, given the continuing threat of the virus, and the presence of those who are elderly, vulnerable or pregnant in our congregation, we are seeking to be “cautious” as per government advice. We are currently holding one service each Sunday morning at 10.30. We encourage the wearing of masks inside the building whilst Covid case numbers in the country remain high. But we are singing hymns again – Hallelujah! We are recording the services (audio only) and posting them on our website on Sunday afternoon for those unable to make the in-person services: www.needingworthbaptist.org.uk/online-services

Sunday school

We hope to move to in-person Sunday school in September. Details will be on the website.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

This is on Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm and at present it is on Zoom. Please contact us if you would like to join us.

Coffee club (toddlers and parents/carers)

We hope that this will re-start in September. Details will be on the website.

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

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Coming out of lockdown

So – 19th July was “Freedom Day” – or the end of lockdown. Has it been as expected? Has it given us freedom? A new start?

Does the Bible give us any help here? Was anyone under lockdown in the Bible?

Well, what about Noah? He and his family, 8 persons in all, were shut away in the ark for over a year. They lived in total isolation. So how did coming out of lockdown turn out for Noah? Was it a wonderful new start? Well, we read that God blessed him, and promised that He would never destroy the world with a flood again. He put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of that promise. God, as always, was good and kind to Noah.

But what about Noah? How was he? The children’s story books don’t include this bit, but the Bible is very frank. “Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent.” (Genesis 9:20-21) He wasn’t tempted by the behaviour of others – there were no others. He wasn’t persuaded by the adverts of the wine industry – it didn’t exist.

No, Noah discovered, as we all discover, that “Freedom Day” did not bring freedom from all that is bad. It was not the end of sin. Noah still had a sinful heart and a tendency to evil. God had destroyed the evil world and saved just Noah and his family. But the seed of sin was not destroyed by the flood. It persisted in Noah.

Another great event was needed to deal with sin. The death of Jesus on the cross. Lockdown may be over. But nothing has really changed in the world, or in our hearts. That is why we need the message of God’s love in the gospel. Jesus died to bring us forgiveness and a new start. It is Him that we need.

Why not read the Bible to find out more. And come along to our church to hear more. You will be very welcome.

Contact us –

David Mann – Tel. 300382

Email: david.mann@cantab.net

Website: www.needingworthbaptist.org.uk



Coffee Club

More details will be on the church website but this is just to welcome all new Mums and Dads, regular Mums and Dads, grandparents, and all forms of carers to our first meeting on 15th September at 10am!

We had a little practice in July where we were able to sit outside, have cartons of squash and wrapped biscuits. Toys used were thoroughly cleaned and sterilised. God willing things will be freer by September, but we will put everything in place according to the latest guidelines and look forward to meeting old friends and new!

Sarah Wordingham - Tel: 462396; Facebook

Sally Beaman - Tel: 462379; Mob: 07749 170984

Where in the village?

Long-time residents of the village will probably know where this is, but do newcomers recognise where this picture was taken?



Answer in the December issue.

In the June issue, I asked if you knew where this photo was taken.

Answer: near the Pike & Eel



'the VILLAGER'

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

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

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Word Search

Hidden in the grid are 15 forms of wildlife: - mammals, birds, insects, etc. all seen locally in or around the village. Can you find all 15? Words can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, backwards or forwards. 9 of them fly, 5 walk or climb and one slithers.

Answers on page 31.

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**Huntingdonshire
Local Group**

The Great Fen: Progress on the Peat

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invite you to our on line illustrated talk on Wednesday 8th September at 7.30pm, which will be hosted via Zoom.

Our speaker will be Henry Stanier, who is The Great Fen Ecology and Recording Officer for the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire with responsibility for managing the monitoring of the Great Fen, including training volunteers in ecology monitoring.

Henry has a wide knowledge of natural history, with particular expertise in birds, dragonflies, reptiles, amphibians and mammals, as well as botany.

Tonight Henry will bring us up to date with progress on the management of the Fen and its wildlife and the plans for the future of this wonderful wetland.

This talk is free. To book, please email Pat on jp.doody@ntlworld.com in advance and he will send you a zoom link before the meeting is due to start. Donations are gratefully accepted via the Wildlife Trust BCN website.

For more information please contact Alistair on 07775 365507 or alistairgrant@hotmail.com.



1st Needingworth Rainbows

With lockdown restrictions easing, the Rainbows were thrilled to be able to meet outdoors again this term.



We had a lovely time spreading happiness throughout the village by delivering plants as a random act of kindness. They embraced summer with a butterfly party, which included making beautiful butterfly masks, singing songs, reading stories and culminated in earning their butterfly badge! For the Well Dressing festival, we created a fantastic tree display including a trefoil centrepiece and our thoughts about the things we enjoy about Rainbows.



The Rainbows particularly enjoyed our Fruit Shop session, when they chose and 'bought' fruit from a fruit shop using tokens then made, and ate their own kebabs. They also had a wonderful time creating underwater fireworks, where we added food colouring and oil into water, mixed together and watched the stunning results!

If your daughter is interested in joining us, either now or in the future, please get in touch. Our unit is currently full but we have a waiting list for when spaces become available. We can also help direct you to other local units that have spaces. You can contact us at

Needingworth.Rainbows@yahoo.com, call Jules on 07597 569582 or check out our website at: <https://ggneedingworth.co.uk/>

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

Rachael Beeton

01480 464201 or 07584 047390

Coffee Club

Coffee Club is a group run by Needingworth Baptist Church for Mums, Dads, Childminders and children under 5.

We meet on Wednesday mornings during term time from 10.00 to 11.30am at the Baptist Church on High Street - more details on page 23.

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

Cost £1/adult – children go free!

Sarah Wordingham - 462396



1st Needingworth Brownies

The Brownies have had a fantastic summer term, meeting outdoors as a unit

thanks to the continued easing of lockdown restrictions. We've had a busy time; full of fun and achievements. The Brownies each chose charities to support as part of earning their Charities Interest badge. These included Wood Green, The British Heart Foundation, The Captain Tom Foundation and St Ives Basics Bank. The Brownies also tried their hand at petaling and created a stunning display for the Well Dressing weekend.



The girls' highlight was probably our 'slime and snacks' evening where we made slime, ate popcorn and drank ice cream soda. We've also had the pleasure of presenting five Bronze Awards, two Silver Awards and one Gold Award since Easter. This is the first time a Gold Award has ever been presented to a Brownie in Needingworth and is the highest award a Brownie can achieve. As part of her Gold Award, the Brownie taught twenty-six girls and five adults how to make their own fidget poppers whilst socially distanced. We were very impressed!

If your daughter is interested in joining, either now or in the future, please get in touch. Our unit is currently full but we have a waiting list for when spaces become available, or we can help direct you nearby units with availability. You can contact us at Needingworth.Brownies@yahoo.com, call Jules on 07597 569582 or check out our website at: <https://ggneedingworth.co.uk/>



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.

Entrance (including refreshments): £2 per family.

For more details contact:

Abi 07824 810532

Join us on our 'Little Tigers' Facebook page.

The Importance of Looking After Your Eyes

A reminder from St Ives based optical specialists, EyeSpecs

Lockdown meant restricted access to healthcare services, and eyecare was no exception. When Covid rules were relaxed for the first time, high street ophthalmic opticians witnessed a rush of people wanting sight tests. But not everyone is diligent when it comes to their vision, even if they are having problems or experiencing headaches or eyestrain. Home working and extra 'screen time' has meant that our eyes have had to work harder. What if this extra pressure means that I now need glasses for the first time or, if my current prescription needs to be changed?

Aside from eyestrain and headaches, having a regular sight test with an ophthalmologist could reveal other important things about your health. Common problems that eye examinations can detect include; diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, rheumatoid arthritis and other autoimmune diseases, and certain types of cancer. A professional sight test will also help detect certain eye conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma, and age-related macular degeneration, which could lead to sight loss.

It's easy to take our eyes for granted as we spend more time in front of screens and on various electronic devices. Exposure to sun and tiredness through working longer hours will all put more strain on our eyes.

But a sight test is not just about major health problems, rather it's about maintaining positive health through preventative care, and having regular check-ups. Having the right prescription lenses can make screen work easier, and enhance your leisure time by using your prescription for your sunglasses and sports eyewear.

So, with all that in mind, when should you go for an eye check-up?

The NHS recommends that adults have a test every two years. However, if you know that something has changed, for instance if

your reading or driving experience has changed, then definitely have one sooner. Your eyes degenerate over time; so even if you have glasses or contact lenses, you should monitor changes to your sight and arrange an eye test if you're concerned.

Many of us work in an office or spend lots of time using a computer and after four plus hours staring at a screen, our eyes can start to feel tired or strained. We might get itching or a dry sensation in the eyes, even headaches and difficulty focusing. It's good to have a strategy to try and manage these issues, including frequent pauses, looking away from the screen, making sure you are using lighting appropriately – e.g., no glare or reflection from the screen.

Your ophthalmologist will discuss all these issues with you.

There are two other important aspects of good eyecare - make sure you have the right spectacle frame; one that works correctly with your prescription. You also want to be happy with your glasses from a fashion or cosmetic point of view. Good quality, well-fitting frames are important, and an anti-reflection coating will improve your appearance and your vision.

Having your vision corrected can improve the quality of day-to-day life, so make sure you have your eyes tested regularly, and we can do the rest.

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FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Good to be back and first of all apologises for not submitting an update in the last copy of the Villager. The deadline for submissions being the end of April and as you know there were elections in early May and it would seem inappropriate for me to address you before the election results were known. I am delighted that once again you have placed your trust in me as your County Council representative, an honour and a privilege I do not take lightly and while many have said to me "you will be OK in the polls", I never have and never will take anything as preordained. While I know, I have worked hard over the years for both St Ives and Needingworth & Holywell and we do not always win our battles for the village, a 100% commitment is guaranteed. Your continuing support meant a lot to me and I look forward to working with your other committed representatives Jon Neish at Huntingdonshire District Council and all of your Parish Councillors who I know work so hard behind the scenes and of course your Parish Council officers.

Well things have gone absolutely barmy at Shirehall following the perplexing election results across the county with a rainbow coalition of Liberals, Labour and Independents (so called) taking control of the council. Meaning the thoughtful, prudent and most diligent of council plans have gone out of the window. Disruptive or what, the first thing they did was turn our stable and efficient committee system on its head, for example the 2 largest spending and public facing committees Adult Social Care and Health, which obviously deal with significant and far ranging issues from Public Health (Covid) to care for the more vulnerable, being combined and not only that they plan for less meetings each year! Key appointments are in the process of being made with the retirement of both the Chief Executive and the Director of Public Health, both essential appointments to keep this County vibrant and safe.

As ever verge / grass cutting is topical this time of the year and like most things what should be straightforward, it is in my view unnecessarily complicated with the County (mostly verges), the District Council (mostly amenity / open spaces) and the Parish Council (green areas under their control) being responsible for different areas often using third party contractors to discharge their duties. In most areas the number of cuts each year has been reduced in order to reduce cost to the public purse but it is even more complicated than that, if we cut too early or often we receive many complaints regarding damage to wild flowers and fauna along with disturbing wild life. In order to reach some sort of compromise we can and do make cuts outside the agreed time scales where there are road safety issues at junctions etc. Well there you have it, as usual being a local councillor you can never get it right and please everyone all the time.

Central government has stopped us holding virtual meetings, which were very effective and cost efficient for the public purse, but above extremely safe for all concerned in these uncertain times. Now the County Council is meeting in venues such as Duxford aircraft hangar or large recreation centres all of which have to be paid for over and above normal budgets.

That's all for now, apologises for going off at a tangent with regard to grass cutting but I do know it is a major issue / talking point within the community.

As ever, I am contactable by e mail kevin.reynolds@firesolutions.org or **01480 496006**

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CONFESS YOUR SINS. "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation" (Romans 10:9-10)

SPORT

Needingworth Colts FC

Person needed to mark up pitches at Millfields on a weekly basis during the football season starting 1st September until 30th April.

Would possibly suit a retired person. All equipment and paint supplied. £10 per hour.

Players needed for our U10 team.

Players needed for our two U11 teams.

Needingworth Colts FC are looking for 2 adults from 17 years upwards to run our Club Academy for 5 year olds.

The Academy is held at our home ground at Millfields, Saturday mornings 10am to 11am. You will both need to be fully qualified to FA standards and our Club will pay for all necessary courses and DBS.

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Elsie Rundle on:
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Holywell-cum-Needingworth Bowls Club



We have had a great summer at the Bowls club. In June we held an open day where 30 new people joined us for a lovely day of bowls in the bright sunshine. This has led to many new members enjoying our club and the great game of bowls.

We are still competing in the league programme and will be looking to have a strong finish to the season. Our club competitions will culminate in a finals day in early September. One of our youngsters had county success this year. Jorja Jackson became the County Under 25 Singles Champion. She then represented the county at National Finals in late August.

Jorja is one of the success stories to come from the union between the bowls club and the primary school. She first came to bowls through our school scheme run by Alan Blackley.

Unfortunately this year we couldn't hold our school sessions due to the covid situation but we are hopeful they will restart next year as normal.

August saw a bit of the old west come to the club. June Parietti, our club president, held her Presidents Day with a Cowboy Theme. Many members dressed up and took part in the day.

It was a well supported event and was enjoyed by all. The usual bowling took place then made way for a bit of golf putting and even some flower arranging!, a nod to Junes membership of the WI.

Our green continues to be one of the best in the county and preparations will be made to put it to bed for the winter over the next few weeks. Our green keeper Frank continues to produce his 'organic tea' which he treats the green with regularly. An alternative treatment that the grass seems to love.

As the winter months approach, and as long as covid doesn't rise again, the club will run weekly indoor shortmat bowling sessions in the village hall. They are pay as you play sessions (£3) and proved very popular when we started back in 2019. We haven't been able to hold them since but hope to get back to normal this winter. They start from Oct 14th every Thursday at 2.15pm in the village hall and are open to anyone. We have equipment to use for free so just turn up and give it a try.

We are hoping that during winter 2021 life will continue to return to normal and by next spring we can look forward to our usual season of bowls.

Keep smiling

Alan Blackley, Secretary

Needingworth Tennis Club SUMMER SEASON 2021



Summer has arrived with a flourish for Needingworth Tennis Club. Our membership grew significantly and it's great to see so many new faces at the club. The Fast 4 singles league has gone from strength to strength, now running seven divisions for 36 players.

Fantastic to see that the league tennis has restarted, a great run in the Cambridge league under the stewardship of Jim Hunter possibly resulting in promotion. Hunts and Peterborough has started now with three Men's teams and one Ladies so good luck to these for the summer. We remain competitive but always happy to share a beer with them after.

Club sessions have restarted in full. Wednesday morning 9 until 11 being the most social aimed at those who don't normally play for our teams. Wednesday evening (6:30 until 8:30) and Sunday (10:30 until 12:00) where players of all standards come to mix in.

Our Coaching team have started with a wide range of courses from juniors to the Rusty Rackets for those wanting to dust off their skills. Details of all coaching can be found on our website.

The Annual Tournament is well in swing culminating in finals day and a Mixed tournament with BBQ where all are welcome to come and play or just enjoy the day.

Overall, we are all enjoying our tennis whether playing for fun or at the more competitive level. Enjoy the sunshine, the tennis and the social side (we can only guarantee the latter two).

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Annual Membership is still the cheapest in Cambridgeshire. Juniors pay £30, Single membership is £65, Couples £85 and family membership £120. We are always happy to welcome new members of all abilities.

If you are thinking about joining and would like to try a free taster session, give Tim a call.

CONTACTS

Chairman - Tim Perry
(07484270975 – timperry100@hotmail.com)

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

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

Head to our website to find out more information about current club members, upcoming events and tournaments and how you can get involved:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NeedingworthTennisClub>



Open Eco Homes is back once again with free home tours and expert-led talks. This year's series of tours and talks will be online and include two new builds, six retrofits

(including a church) and five expert-led talks.

Open Eco Homes is a project of local charity Cambridge

Carbon Footprint. This year we're focusing on how to get started reducing energy use at home. Whether you're looking for 'easy win' actions such as draught-proofing or insulation or expert advice to support you to put together a whole house retrofit, we're here to help. The Open Eco Homes programme of events will run between 13th September and 15th October. More information and booking at cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/open-eco-homes-events.

Bus Times

Dews 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	

Stagecoach Service V3 (Somersham—St Ives)

Monday to Friday

Somersham Post Office	05:53	06:53
Somersham The Trundle	05:56	06:56
Colne High Street	06:03	07:03
Earith Adelaide Walk	06:08	07:08
Bluntisham White Swan	06:15	07:15
Needingworth Queens Head	06:20	07:20
St Ives Station Road	06:28	07:28

Stagecoach Service V3 (St Ives—Somersham)

Monday to Friday

St Ives Bus Station Bay 4	16:00	19:00
Needingworth Queens Head	16:08	19:08
Bluntisham White Swan	16:13	19:13
Earith Adelaide Walk	16:20	19:20
Colne High Street	16:24	19:24
Somersham The Trundle	16:31	19:31
Somersham The Cross	16:34	19:34

Stagecoach Service V3 (Somersham—St Ives)

Saturday

Somersham Post Office	06:39
Somersham The Trundle	06:42
Colne High Street	06:49
Earith Adelaide Walk	06:54
Bluntisham White Swan	07:01
Needingworth Queens Head	07:06
St Ives Station Road	07:14

Stagecoach Service V3 (St Ives—Somersham)

Saturday

St Ives Bus Station Bay 4	20:02
Needingworth Queens Head	20:10
Bluntisham White Swan	20:15
Earith Adelaide Walk	20:22
Colne High Street	20:26
Somersham The Trundle	20:33
Somersham The Cross	20:36

State of the art craft beer shop opens in St Ives

Local independent store, The Filling Station, created by former brewing group executive.

Local Filling Station founder, Matt Kelly from Houghton, has worked for one of the world's largest brewers for over 23 years. Reacting to the long months of lockdown and its effects on both small brewers and changes in consumer habits, he decided to leave his job and open the new beer and bottle shop in St Ives this May.

With more people commuting and finding a better work-life balance at home, there's a significant demand for something new and different from supermarkets' usual range. The stay at home and entertain market is rapidly growing and triggered the idea for the Filling Station.

Matt said, "The big family car has gone, and the suits have gone to the charity shop. I will be cycling to work along the river every day on my electric bike. The lockdown has inspired the Filling Station, and I want to build a business that supports local. Small breweries need our support more than ever at the moment, and the demand for good quality craft beer is exploding, and so we aim to help the local community discover some incredible beers. This isn't about replicating the stuff in supermarkets. These are some of the freshest tasting beers from local breweries such as Wylde Skye, Ivo Brewery and Nene Valley, to name a few."

The Filling Station opened at Abbey Retail Park, St Ives in May, ten beers being available on constant rotation on the tap wall, and over 200 different craft beers, ciders and stouts from the ice-cold fridges. The 10th tap will be known as the 'Community Tap', and each month via social media, the customers will choose which beer is stocked.

The Filling Station utilises state of the art technology to keep the beer as fresh as possible. Describing the technology, Matt said "We have a state of the art tap wall that fills beer Growlers (glass containers in one and two litres that keep the beer super fresh). The tap flushes the container with CO₂, so once the beer is in and sealed, it will stay fresh in your fridge at home for up to 30 days. When it is empty, just rinse out your growler and bring it back to be filled. It's a more environmentally friendly way of sourcing your beer as you are not creating waste packaging each time you buy and the CO₂ stops oxygen from spoiling your beer. We also have a drive-up collection point, so you can order your favourite beers on the website and then just swing by the collection windows and pick them up."

The Filling Station opens most days from noon till late and will soon start operating a delivery service to the surrounding towns and villages.

More details can be found on the Filling Station website: www.thefilling-station.com.



England

Bringing our story up to date - it's been some time since our last update – but

we've been through a very busy period working with our project partners on significant changes to the reserve.

Not least we continue to work with Hanson UK transforming their huge aggregates quarry into a blossoming nature reserve. As Hanson finish quarrying, they restore the area to wetland and hand it over to RSPB to look after for wildlife and people. This partnership project is the largest planned nature conservation restoration scheme following sand and gravel extraction in Europe. When complete, it will include the UK's biggest reedbed, sitting between the villages of Over, Needingworth, Bluntisham, Earith and Willingham, providing important habitat for species like the rare bittern and providing important recreation for the local community.

RSPB Ouse Fen new entrance open!

For many years we've been working on moving our main visitor access point from its current location at Needingworth to a new entrance that provides a more inclusive and accessible route into the heart of the developing nature reserve. We're very excited to be able to tell you that the new entrance to Ouse Fen is now officially open!

The brand new carpark and entrance also provide access to the most recently restored areas of the reserve. At the new entrance you can find a short access-for-all path to a viewpoint and picnic area, with onward routes to new trails and connections with long-distance public rights of way. The entrance is open during daylight hours and can be found just off the B1050

between Earith and Willingham. You can find out more about Ouse Fen, the Hanson - RSPB wetland project and how to plan your visit at rspb.org.uk/ousefen. You can also find the exact location of the new entrance by searching

wacky.dabbling.enjoy on the what3words app!

Continued Access from Needingworth

We're pleased to confirm that the established public rights of way and other routes leading from Needingworth are unchanged by our entrance move. The nature reserve stretching from Barleycroft Lake, Berry Fen and to the reedbeds east of the Great Ouse will remain accessible via these routes exactly as before. The main difference is that access to the reserve will now be promoted via the new car park and trails near Earith where the focus for visitors will be.

For local residents around Needingworth, footpaths and bridleways will, we expect, be a little quieter in future with the advantage of reduced pressure on the wetter sections in winter and perhaps less mud! Meanwhile we will maintain our involvement in the wetland project area running from the viewing screen and picnic area to the north and east.

Ouse Fen: Bigger and Better than Before

After 20 years of this landscape-scale wetland restoration project the partners are celebrating yet another successful

phase of wetland restoration. Coinciding with this Hanson UK recently transferred a further 80ha of restored land to become part of the reserve. This brings Ouse Fen to just under 300 ha - or 3 square kilometres of watery wildness.

The opening of our new entrance allows visitors to access the most recently restored areas of this vast wildlife-rich wetland. So much so that when you visit, you may be surprised to see that the wetland is not looking as wet as you thought it might! Well, work is still going on to finish off the restoration. Water control structures are being installed over the coming months and these areas will be wetted as work is finished. This may also mean that paths may be temporarily closed, but clear signs will be in place to make sure you can still enjoy a walk and know where to go.

Come and See!

Through the summer months you can spot an array of wildlife from the reserve trails from dragonflies to marsh harriers, deer darting across the paths, and the chance of water voles and otters or even an elusive bittern, whose distinctive 'boom' can be heard from the reedbed in spring.



Ouse Fen is a great place to walk and see wildlife. The open, wetland landscape provides significant opportunities for quiet recreation, for close encounters with wetland wildlife, for exercise or for family picnics.

We hope to see you out there soon!

The Ouse Fen Reserve Team

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Answers to Word Search on page 24

WASP	W	O	R	R	A	P	S	E	S	U	O	H
SQUIREL	E	R	S	T	E	M	I	O	H	S	W	R
SLUG	T	B	R	A	V	G	O	N	F	L	X	R
RED ADMIRAL	L	U	P	R	C	U	T	N	C	R	E	
MOUSE	W	X	W	I	E	S	D	M	H	T		
HOUSE SPARROW	O	O	P	M	N	E	W	A	S	P	S	S
HONEY BEE	N	R	J	D	Y	L	B	J	B	N	N	I
FOX	R	E	T	A	F	Z	A	V	O	C	O	Y
DRAGONFLY	A	K	X	D	V	B	T	Z	E	D	M	H
COMMON SHREW	B	L	U	E	T	T	I	T	A	N	M	E
BLUE TIT	P	U	N	R	E	T	T	I	B	X	O	F
BITTERN	S	Q	U	I	R	E	L	F	O	C	H	
BAT												
BARN OWL												
BADGER												

BUS TIMETABLES

Details of the Dews Coaches service no 21 and Stagecoach service V3 are given on page 26 but we recommend checking either the web site www.dews-coaches.com

or for Stagecoach telephone **01223 433 250**

or go to web page

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

POST OFFICE (within One-Stop Shop)

Please note current Post Office opening hours are: **9 am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday**

and **9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays (closed Sundays)**

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)

Sept Thurs. 9th and 23rd

Oct Thurs. 7th and 21st

Nov Thurs. 4th and 18th

GREEN BINS (garden waste)

Sept Wed. 1st, 15th and 29th

Oct Wed. 13th and 27th

Nov Wed. 10th and 24th

BLUE BINS (recycling)

Sept Thurs. 2nd, 16th and 30th

Oct Thurs. 14th and 28th

Nov Thurs. 11th and 25th



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) 0800 029 4285

Sewerage Services (Anglian Water) 03457 145 145

Telephone Services (British Telecom) 0800 150 111

Police (non-emergency no.) 101

Trading Standards (business queries) 0345 045 5206

Age UK 0300 666 9860

To stop unwanted mail 0845 703 4599

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