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EDITORIAL

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer holiday period and that the gardeners among you are not too depressed after the very long dry spell. Temperatures over 100°F are certainly not what we are prepared for in this country but we may have to get used to keeping cool in these conditions if the dire warnings on climate change come to pass. The gardening club report (see page 10) on their Grand Club Day was able to include some successful entries in spite of the hot dry weather. The centre spread of this issue (pages 17 to 19), as well as the front cover, has a collection of photographs taken at the unique Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the village playing field on the 2nd June. Hopefully a lot of readers will enjoy finding themselves somewhere in the pictures. As the reports in this issue show, most of the village organisations are more or less back to normal after the Covid pandemic, however a number are appealing for further volunteers, for example Coffee Club (page 14), the Village Hall (page 9), Good Neighbours (page 14), Scouts (page 29) and Chatters (page 9). If anyone can help, please do get in touch with them. Remember this magazine is put together from articles sent in by you, the villagers, so do continue to submit anything you think will be of interest to the rest of the village, by 1st November for inclusion in the next issue.



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PARISH COUNCIL

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Councillors

Post the May 2022 elections, 11 Councillors were uncontested and were duly elected to Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council. At the 5th July 2022 Full Parish Council meeting 2 applications for co-option were considered where both candidates were successful. Below are your Parish Councillors.



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Cllr C Pearce



Cllr T Head



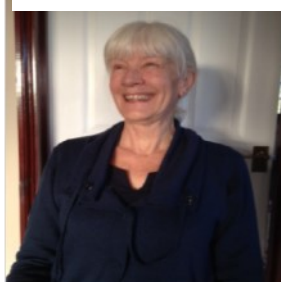
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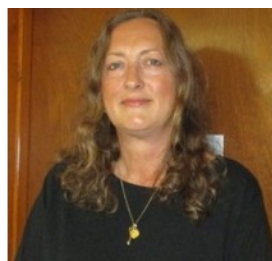
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Parish Council Report

The official record of all meetings are the minutes which are available on the Parish Council website. www.holywell-cum-needingworthpc.org.uk.

Meeting on 5th May opened with report from CCC officer Mr Hay who deals with traveller encampments for the County he advised that he should be the first point of contact should travellers arrive on Parish Council land in the future. He also offered valuable advice following the occupation at Millfields car park.

Cllr S Mortlock offered a big thank you to Cllr D Jackson and the Clerk for clearing up the woodland areas after the travellers utilising the car park and surrounding areas.

The accounts for payment as at 3rd May 2022 totalling £13,849.17 were approved.

2 planning applications were considered and supported.

The quote from Proludic totalling £16,000 +VAT for a pod swing and table tennis table was accepted, these will be funded from Community Infrastructure levy funds (CIL)

Provisional plans and budget for Jubilee celebrations were discussed and agreed; a full report on the event is later in the magazine.

The first Parish Council meeting following the uncontested elections was held on 17th May 2022 where Cllr A Whyte was elected as Chairman and Cllr C Pearce was elected as Vice Chairman for 2022/23.

Councillor Committee representatives were agreed along with representatives on outside bodies. A review of Policy documents was undertaken, and the General power of competence adopted.

Accounts for payment as at 17th May 2022 totalling £1066.78 were approved.

1 planning application was approved.

An update on the Parish office relocation and building works was received, and contractor appointed to lay carpet tiles in the new office area.

Cllr Jackson provided an update on the pumping at sewerage works Overcote Lane which had been ongoing for several weeks causing damage to the road and verges. The Clerk was asked to arrange meetings to discuss the repair with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC).

The June meeting saw accounts for payment as at 7th June 2022 totalling £33,538.71 that were approved.

Cllr M Williamson advised that he had attended the RSPB meeting and the Great Ouse Trust meeting and gave a summary of the meetings and how the plans affect the Parish.

The Local Highways Improvement bid 2022/23 outcome was unsuccessful.

1 planning application was considered and supported and correspondence from HDC regarding application to repair the Lock up was considered. In light of the requests from HDC it was agreed to appoint an architect to deal with the application which was to be resubmitted by 24th June 2022.

Cllr Mortlock provided a verbal post event report on the Jubilee celebrations, which everyone agreed were well supported by residents and a great success.

Documentation relating to the application to hold the Music festival 2022 was also considered and the Clerk was

asked to go back to the committee for further information.

Revised documents relating to the Parish office licence to occupy, and the Village Hall Trust (VHT) lease were considered and agreed for referral to VHT.

District Councillor P Hodgson-Jones attended the 5th July meeting following his election in May as Ward Councillor. He provided members with a precis of his background and stated that he "was keen to see the District Council run for the benefit of the residents".

The accounts for payment as at 5th July 2022 totalling £19,784.52 were approved.

The Clerk provided a proposal to install height barriers at both Millfields and Overcote Lane car parks to restrict access to the sites by large vehicles. It was agreed that there is currently no solution for Overcote Lane playing fields due to the usage of the car park, but it was agreed that the existing gate post to be reset or replaced at Millfields.

2 planning applications were considered.

The Jubilee budget report was noted, and it was agreed that the funds raised from sale of raffle tickets and teas will be used to purchase a memorial bench to mark the jubilee.

The plans for the village hall extension were approved by Council for submission to the planning department at HDC subject to receipt of confirmation from VHT that they support the plans for the proposed extension. Once planning permission has been granted the Council will then be in a position to obtain building quotes to see if the project is viable.

Two co-option applications were received for the two vacancies for Councillors. Members held a secret ballot and both candidates were successfully appointed. Therefore, Mr Head and Mrs McNeill are duly co-opted onto the Parish Council a short profile has been provided in the magazine along with that of newly elected Cllr D Peart.

Council noted the email from Cllr Peart advising of his decision to decline the role as Associate Governor for Holywell primary school.

Members requested the Clerk to investigate why there was not a vacancy available for a Parish Councillor Governor.

Under items to report Cllr M Williamson praised the groundsmen for their work prior to the Patronal Festival and the Music Festival. He also advised that the RSPB are in the process of preparing a map of the footpaths and handed copies of the proposed map out to members.

The Clerk reported Gigaclear are hosting a meeting for Councillors re rural communities that have internet speeds of less than 100mbps on 14 July, 12pm via Teams and also that BT are working on Overcote Lane. A complaint has been logged with Open Reach and CCC as there were no road closures advised by the signage which had been put out.

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MEET THE COUNCILLORS

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council consists of 13 Councillors, the three Councillors below are newly elected or have been co-opted onto the Council and over the next few editions of the Villager we will re-introduce all our Councillors:

Elected May 2022:

Councillor Darrell Peart



Originally from County Durham, I lived for several years in Plymouth where I met my wife, Penny. We moved to Holywell-cum-Needingworth in 2015. In my professional career I served as a Deck Officer in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and then worked in IT for about 30 years at HM Land Registry. Since retiring I've volunteered with Age UK and worked at Cambridge University. As a keen outdoors enthusiast and dog owner, I am looking forward to preserving the local environment for everyone's enjoyment and contributing to discussions on local planning issues.

Committees: Consultation, Environment, Planning & Finance

Co-opted 5th July 2022:

Councillor T Head



I have lived in Needingworth all my life and have the people of this parish to be thankful for who I am today. I attended Holywell C of E Primary school and went onto St. Ivo for Secondary education and 6th Form. It was at the Ivo where I became interested in History and Politics after studying them as A-levels.

My working life also began within the parish as a glass washer at the Pike and Eel in April 2018. This was ideal for me back then as I wasn't particularly confident in myself, but as the years went by, I found myself growing, eventually reaching the point where I was working the bar, which was a far cry from where I began. Unfortunately, in May 2021 I had to leave due to starting my job as a Trainee Accountant with Whitings LLP.

It is my wish to give back to the community who has helped me so much in my life so far.

Committees: Leisure Facilities

Councillor Elinor McNeill



Having spent my career in secondary education teaching English to 11–18-year-olds as well as being heavily involved in the voluntary sector serving on committees and PTA's I went on to be elected as District Councillor for Brampton between 1998 and 2002.

Before moving to Holywell, I lived in Bluntisham and was a Parish Councillor between 2010 and 2014 being involved in environmental projects. I am therefore delighted to have been co-opted onto the Parish Council and also to the Environment committee for Holywell-cum-Needingworth and where I look forward to maximising the benefit of the wonderful surroundings we have in the Parish.

Committees: Environment

Parish Council Update

Village Sign



Following on from our previous report on the Village Sign, the Parish Council are pleased to report that it has now been installed and unveiled. Pictured with the Village sign are: Mrs C Peilow, Chairman of the WI, Cllr A Whyte, Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr E MacPherson, Cllr D Jackson, Mrs C Mainwaring and Cllr M Williamson.

Parish Office



Our new front door ... we are in! Following completion of the building works we moved into the new office just before the Music Festival. We are still in the process of organising the office but are open Tuesday and Thursday 10am – 12pm for any queries you may have. Alternatively please contact us by email: needingworthpc@btconnect.com or by telephone: 01480 468451.

CCTV Millfields



The Parish Council are pleased to inform parishioners that CCTV has now been installed in Millfields car park.

Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Parish Council.

The Parish Spring Clean June 2022



On a bright sunny day 4 volunteers, including residents and members of the Parish Council, arrived at the Village Hall ready to clear the village of litter.

The volunteers spent an hour clearing up rubbish along the entrance road to the village and were pleased to report there wasn't too much found. Fantastic that our village remains tidy!

At the end of the litter pick a volunteer Councillor was on hand to provide welcome refreshments to the willing litter pickers.

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We also want to thank everyone in the village that came along and supported our event. Whilst our audience is more far reaching than ever before, this festival is run for the benefit of our village and is built upon our community spirit.

I hope everyone that came along will agree that we delivered on our promise to make this year's event Bigger, Better and Greener. This year we were able to offer multiple food options with the Scout BBQ, Pizza Van and NFEST Café. The bar bought in more real ale stock and we offered cocktails at our new Fizz Bar. We slashed our Carbon footprint by not only using NFEST keep-cups at the bars, but by moving to a predominantly on-line programme. The water fountain also proved to be a popular and free alternative to selling bottled water.

At a time when everyone is looking to tighten their belts, it was great to see most people still buying their food and drink on site. Each pint, burger, cake and cuppa that was bought at the event will have helped us raise the vital funds needed to achieve the aims of our Climate Declaration.

Although the final figures are not quite yet available, the trustees are already assessing quotes to instal solar panels that will help us keep the day-to-day costs of keeping the hall running at an affordable level.

These savings when combined with other funds raised over the year will continue to be used to subsidise our hire out rates which in turn keep our village hall available to lots of our village's community groups. A win-win all round. You can find a list of all regular classes / group meetings with contacts on the lobby notice board and on our website. If you would like to book an event then please contact Eleanor, our booking secretary.

Website: www.needinghamvillagehall.com

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Finally, make sure you follow us on our Facebook page so you can find out about all our upcoming events.

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GARDENING CLUB

And the winner is.....

In addition to their usual activities the Gardening Club held a Grand Club Day on 6th August in the Holywell garden of the chairman and there were two competitions to challenge the members. We had an amazing 97 members attend on a brilliantly sunny summer's afternoon and they all enjoyed wine or soft drinks as well as a delicious range of homemade cakes. It was a wonderful day for our members.

The first challenge was to grow the widest sunflower head. We gave each entrant two standard sunflower seeds earlier in the year which they had to grow and then deliver their result to the Grand Club Day. We had a pleasing 44 people who brought their flowers and they made a great display. There were many dry and wizened entries due to the very dry growing conditions or being planted too soon but there were plenty of truly impressive entries. The very fine winner by a good margin was Les Staddon who refused to reveal his secret growing and feeding methods.

There were three others whose entries were almost identical in size so all were awarded prizes. We also gave a special prize to a luxuriant and perfect entry by John McAngus who was rewarded with a rare bottle of sunflower oil.

The other competition was to bring a Platinum Jubilee Pot or container and most of these featured varying themes of Red, White and Blue plants. We had a lot of people enter but sadly many reported that their pots had dried up and died. However we eventually had 8 fine pots of different interpretations of the theme. Everyone who attended was given a token and they were asked to place these in cups at the side of each entry to cast their vote. The winner was a fascinating display of dry gardening by Neil Callan who was awarded the RHS Banksian medal.

The whole day was a hugely enjoyable social occasion with plenty of chairs and shade which were much appreciated by everyone.

In addition to this successful day the club continues with the range of visits and monthly talks. At the July meeting we heard from Nigel Start about his 40 year project to become almost completely self-sufficient from his garden despite having no previous gardening experience. He provided many useful tips on getting the most from your garden which was most appropriate given the rising costs of food currently.

Also in July the club had a coach filled with members who spent the day at the delightful RHS Hyde Hall gardens in Essex which only cost a total of £10 each for the whole day including entry and the coach. Great value for our members.

On 15th September the venue for our trip is the interesting Swiss Garden at Shuttleworth. As the day is a National Heritage Day there will be many flying displays for members to enjoy as well as the lovely gardens.

Our talk at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall on 13th September will be entitled Winter Wonders so get us ready for the winter season.

For anyone who is interested in joining this large and friendly club we have an excellently informative website [hcn gardening weebly.com](http://hcn gardening.weebly.com) where full details of how to join and all future events is shown.

Grant Williamson, Chairman Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Gardening Club



WI

Our early summer programme has been busy but very much celebratory as we marked the Platinum Jubilee of a very special WI member – HM Queen Elizabeth II.

At our May meeting, we enjoyed an inspirational talk from Maddie of 'Bee Crafty', who talked about her craft journey and showed us some beautiful examples of her work, including some amazing quilting

We celebrated the Jubilee at our June meeting. Originally planned as a garden party, the weather on the day put paid to that, so it became an indoor street party! A delicious buffet, a special cake, something sparkling to toast Her Majesty, and a Royal Quiz made for a very happy and memorable evening. Some of us even had our photograph taken with the Queen! It was a fitting end to the weekend of national Jubilee events.

At the end of June, we continued with the Jubilee commemoration by taking part in the '70 Glorious Years' Well Dressing and Flower Festival weekend at St John the Baptist Parish Church. WI member Bobbie Weston, ably assisted by her grandson Emelio, created a beautiful window display which was much admired. Some of our corgis (previously to be found around Holywell and Needingworth) also managed to find their way in to the church! We also had a stall in the churchyard on the Saturday and enjoyed meeting many visitors.



Patronal Window

It was back to business as usual in July when Heidi Field, a Waste Minimisation Office from HDC, gave us an interesting and informative talk on Waste and Recycling. Our President was delighted to hear that teabags *could* go in the green bin – which clarified a (reasonable!) domestic debate. At this meeting we were also very pleased to welcome Angela Howe of 'Refuge' – a charity that supports victims of domestic abuse (including children) and one which we had chosen as our charitable project. Angela gave us a short talk on the work of Refuge, after which our President Carol presented her with a cheque in support of the local women's refuge.

July was also the month when we were responsible for the display table at the Huntingdon and Peterborough Federation HQ in Huntingdon. We decided to focus on the many activities we enjoy, and contributions to our local community which we have undertaken.

As we transition from summer to autumn we have a varied programme of events and talks to look forward to. We have had to swap our August and September speakers, so in



Jubilee Cake

August we will be hearing about the history of RAF Wyton from Jim Blackwood and in September we will be holding an 'Antiques Roadshow' with Stephen from Willingham Auction House. October will see us trying out various crafts and in November we are looking forward to a Wine Tasting evening with TJ Wines (early preparations for the festive season!). In addition to our regular meetings members

will be participating in a Bowling Taster Day in late August at Needingworth Bowls Club and in September, a 'Secret Cambridge' guided walk.



Patronal Table

We meet on the first Monday of each month in Needingworth Village Hall and extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in joining us to get in touch. Be assured that you will receive a warm welcome. For further information please contact **Carol Peilow on 01480 496958**.



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Local History Group

The walk round Needingworth East which Peter led for our June meeting proved so popular that we had too many people to do the walk safely. Thanks go to Peter who repeated the walk the following week for those who were unable to join us the first time. It was an extremely interesting talk by Peter supplemented by some of the walkers who were long-term residents.

Our October meeting (Monday 10th at 7.30) will be a general chitchat evening about our different local history projects, hosted by Sally.

For updates nearer the time please contact Sally Beaman or Cheryl Frost as below:-

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Or visit our website www.hcnhistory.org.uk

The Beer and Wine Society

For our June meeting we hired a bus to take 10 members to the Three Tuns at Fen Drayton and we had a lovely meal.

Our next meeting is a BBQ at Danny`s.

The August meeting will be a pub walk.

September is our annual beer competition held at Sandra`s.

October will see the judging of the fruit or tree wine made last year. We will welcome anyone who thinks they might like to join us. You can come and experience an evening with us for free to see if this is for you . Contact me on 01480 466239 or Sandra 01487 825669

Pat Britton

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DANCE CLUB

This popular get together is held every Wednesday afternoon from 2 - 4 pm

For further details, please contact

Rose on 01480 466487

OVER 60s

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month

6th September: talk by Peter Cooper

4th October: speaker to be confirmed

1st November: speaker to be confirmed

For details nearer the time please contact

Joan: 01480 497892

ART CLUB

We meet on the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Village Hall.

We are a small, friendly group; if you are interesting in joining us, please telephone

Paul on 01480 465536

Scribblers Writing Group

normally hold meetings monthly at Needingworth Village Hall, plus they have a lively poetry group.

For current activities please ring Helen on 01487 843437 or Joan on 01840 463966.

"Bridge Bunch"

We normally meet on a Friday afternoon from 2 pm - 5 pm at my house in the Furlongs. We will resume meetings when it is safe to do so.

We play the Benjii Accol system; we are a small friendly group and would welcome some new members.

For more information call

Hannah Dickinson 01480 460132



Coffee Club has been its usual happy, busy self – the children that is! Mums, Grans and carers swapped stories and advice -and helped give out drinks and biscuits and one kindly washed up for us all

However there have been some changes. We said 'hello' to Arbella – a daughter for Jennifer Rose and Luke and a sister for Francis. We said welcome back to some hadn't been for a while due to covid or chicken pox – or both! Or had returned from the Ukraine

And we also said 'good bye' to our "Going to big school" leavers. Toby and Theo were the last of their family to come through Coffee Club. Theo's one older brother and Toby's older brother and sister having been before both of them. So we also said goodbye to their mums! Thank you Kathryn and Clare for your support over the years. Ella who joined Coffee Club a bit later, is also going to school, so we wish them God's speed in their new phase of life.

And one more person who we said good bye to is Sarah, who faithfully kept Coffee Club going with help from Viv Fountain, (who many will remember as helping them in school, and who died in 2019). Sally joined a few years ago and has been carrying Coffee Club on, with help, as said, from mums and carers. We wait to see what plans the Lord holds for Coffee Club.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to know more.

Sarah Wordingham - Tel: 462396; Facebook

Sally Beaman - Tel: 462379; Mob: 07749 170984

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. All are welcome for, songs, stories, activities and refreshments, as well as playing. Cost £1/adult – children go free! **Sarah Wordingham 462396**

The Baptist church started up a coffee club
The Baptist church started up a coffee club
The Baptist church started up a coffee club
Over 30 years ago

(Chorus)

*And the prayers went up and the blessings came down
The prayers went up and the blessings came down
The prayers went up and the blessings came down
Filling children's and carer's needs.*

The years have gone by and Coffee Club still meets
The years have gone by and Coffee Club still meets
The years have gone by and Coffee Club still meets
Now for over 30 years

(Chorus)

But church membership has fallen rather low
And coffee club, it may be it has to close
What the future brings, we really do not know
But it must not end in tears

*So we need your prayers to keep the club going strong
We need your prayers to keep the club going strong
We need your prayers to keep the club going strong
And still filling everyone's needs.*

Contact: Sally – 07749 170984; Email:
rsde.beaman@btinternet.com

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Good Neighbours

The Holywell-cum-Needingworth Good Neighbours group was established by a group of villagers back in 2006 and will soon be celebrating 16 years of volunteering in our local community. It is an award-winning scheme which seeks to help and support our village residents who are elderly, frail or live with a disability. Our volunteers are able to provide door to door transport to villagers who find it difficult to use public transport. We offer journeys to doctor and hospital appointments, dentists and opticians as well as taking people shopping and to visit friends and relatives. We can also shop for those who are housebound and we can collect prescriptions. Our volunteers also offer a befriending service where we can visit people in their own homes, providing friendly conversation and companionship to anyone who feels lonely or isolated. We are also looking to reinstate our afternoon teas which will run on a monthly basis in the village hall where clients and volunteers meet over tea, cake and a chat.

Pre Covid, the Good Neighbours took well over 100 calls

each month from Holywell and Needingworth residents and as Covid restrictions have been lifted we find that we are receiving more and more calls for help. We are lucky to have a group of fantastic volunteers but we are really keen to welcome more people to join the team, particularly if they are willing to become one of our drivers. You wouldn't be asked to commit to any particular day or time as the volunteering is completely flexible and can fit in according to how much or how little you'd like to be involved. Your fuel expenses would also be reimbursed. If you feel you would like to join us, we would love to hear from you! It is a wonderful way to get involved in our community and your help would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to find out more about Good Neighbours, either because you would like to arrange a journey or a visit, attend an afternoon tea, or if you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer, please call Kate, Helen or Ruth. Our phoneline is open between 10am and 2pm on weekdays, where you can leave us a message and we will get back to you promptly.

Good Neighbours phoneline: 07794680475

OVER 60s

Some members of the Over 60's Club had an afternoon trip to Godmanchester on the Charity Boat 'Ladybird' from Hartford Marina. The trip took place on the 3rd May from 12noon to 4pm. We did have a couple of showers but it didn't dampen our spirits. We moored up at 1pm for a picnic lunch. We could have gone 'ashore' but it was a bit too wet so we stayed on board. The river does look so different when you are on the water. Our four man crew were excellent and they pointed out birds and things of interest. The trip was enjoyed so much that it has been decided to repeat it again next year.



On Sunday 5th June, the residents of St Johns Close held a Platinum Jubilee Picnic on the green. The weather was fine although there was a cool breeze. Those who attended had a good time and it was a chance to meet new neighbours and catch up with some old ones.

Margaret Perryman

Can Recycling Reduce My Carbon Footprint?

Amazed at the effect they are having on the environment, one of the #HuntsWasteBusters has shared some facts and tips in the hope to inspire others:

Did you know?

- Recycling a single aluminium can will save enough energy to power a TV for up to 3 hours
- Recycling everything you could in your kitchen recycling bins could power a TV for 6 months
- Recycling a single glass bottle saves enough energy to power a laptop for half an hour
- Recycling paper takes 60% less energy to produce than it does to make it from raw materials
- Recycling or composting our food waste could reduce our CO2 emissions by up to 25%

It is reported that British households generate over 26 million tonnes of waste each year, equating to the weight of around 260 large cruise ships. England alone, only recycles around 44% of waste, leaving the bulk to go to landfill, a large contributor to greenhouse gases.

"For every action, there is a reaction"

A few simple changes to our waste routine can have dramatic effects in the form of reducing our individual carbon footprint. Increasing the amount of items you recycle reduces the amount of raw materials required, whilst also reducing the energy needed to physically manufacture the product. This could vastly reduce production costs, driving down the price of everyday items as well as reducing our carbon footprint, assisting greatly in creating a more sustainable environment.

In many cases, certain items that are not accepted within your household recycling bin, used to require a great amount of research and travel to reach specific drop-off points. It is quickly becoming easier and more convenient to recycle, with many supermarkets across Huntingdonshire taking in soft plastics, making it easy to drop off when doing your weekly or monthly shop. Pharmacies have also followed this trend, offering the ability to drop off medicine blister packs and cosmetics, again increasing the convenience of recycling. There has been an increase in many Huntingdonshire residents utilising food caddy bins to dispose of our food waste, which can be easily emptied into your garden waste bin and taken away for composting.

Over the last few years the ethos of 'doing your bit' for society has been installed across the world. It is now time to adopt this ethos for our environment and do what we can, on an individual basis, to reduce waste and increase recycling for the betterment and sustainability of our region, country and world. Making simple changes to your everyday habits can, and will, go a long way in reducing your personal impact on this earth. So why not challenge yourself today, to increase what you recycle and reduce your carbon footprint and play your part in a cleaner and greener future.

If you are concerned about environmental issues surrounding recycling, waste and littering, why not join the Hunts Waste Busters. Meeting virtually once a month to discuss actions can be taken to educate our district on how to minimise waste and increase recycling alongside arranging events and liaising with local groups to encourage change. To find out more, email WasteMinimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk.

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Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



On Thursday 2nd June 2022 the community came together at the Overcote Lane playing fields to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.



Attendees enjoyed a family disco, music through the last 70 years including a sing-a-long featuring Alex B and DD. Refreshments were available throughout the evening and a raffle was held that was supported by local businesses. A commemorative Jubilee bench will be purchased with the money raised. The beacon was lit at 9.45pm to celebrate the Queens 70 year reign.



The Parish Council would like to thank all who helped with the organisation, beacon lighting, running the event and of course the attendees. Special thanks go to Alex B and DD for their compering and for Alex B for becoming the Parish Honorary Town Crier for the event.

Thanks also to the following businesses for their raffle donations: Binnie & Juggins, Local Garden Centre Supplier, Morrisons, Old Ferryboat Inn, One Stop, Optimum Beauty, Stephen's Butchers, The Pike and Eel, The Queens Head, Waitrose and the WI.

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council



More photos from the Queen's Platini





um Jubilee celebrations on 2nd June.





Commemorating the Queens Platinum Jubilee

The Parish Council purchased specially made pin badges to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee to present to all pupils at Holywell C of E Primary School and Needingworth Community Pre-school. Pictured below is Cllr A Whyte, Chairman of the Parish Council and Cllr E MacPherson pictured presenting two Holywell pupils with their commemorative Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council Queens Platinum Jubilee badges.



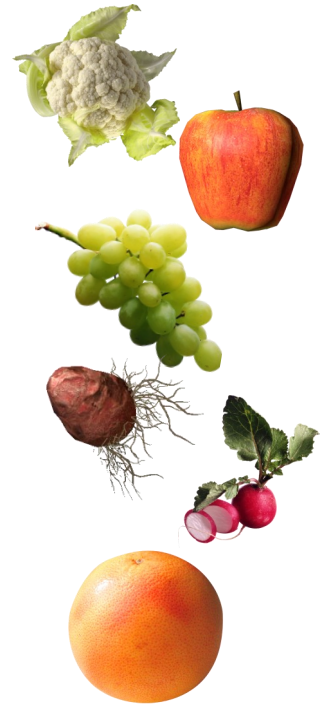
WORD SEARCH

There are twenty two fruits and vegetables hidden in the word search. They may run horizontally, vertically or diagonally, backwards or forwards. To help, I have given you the first letters and lengths of the words. How many can you find?

Answers on page 13.

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Where in the village



In the last issue of the Villager I asked where in the village was this photo taken?
It is the 1888 front of the converted chapel on High Street.

Challenge for this issue; where is this stone hiding?
(Answer in December issue.)





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What's on at the church

Services at your local parish church continue every Sunday – details are posted on the church notice board, as well as in *The Herald* monthly and on our website. We cover a wide variety of styles of worship on Sundays, including a lively **All-Age Service** on the third Sunday of the month and our very popular **Café Sunday** (in Holywell School hall) on the first Sunday of the month at 9.30 am.

Music Makers, for pre-school children and their mums and carers, is at the Village Hall:10 am on the first Thursday of the month. Details of these and our regular Sunday services from *The Herald* and the Benefice website, or contact one of the churchwardens, Roger Beaman (460429) or Stephen York (465120).

There are some special services and events coming up this autumn. Our Harvest celebrations begin with a **Harvest Coffee Morning** at the church on Saturday 24 September, 10 am to midday, in aid of the St Ives Foodbank and church funds; on Sunday 25th is our family-friendly **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** at 9.30 am, followed by refreshments and sale of the donated produce, in aid of St Ives Foodbank. On 1 October we have the welcome return of the **Wandering Minstrels** and their entertaining programme of excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan – 7.30 pm at the church. For more details, see the advertisement in this copy of *The Villager* (page 34). On 6 November at 3 pm we shall be holding our annual **All Souls Service**, at which we commemorate the lives of loved ones who have passed away.



Children's picture north door

2022 Well-dressing and Flower Festival

The theme this year was Celebrating the '70 Glorious Years' reign of Queen Elizabeth II', and we were pleased to welcome so many people from the local community and farther afield, including all the pupils of Holywell Church of England Primary School, who held their own Well-Blessing service outdoors on the Friday afternoon and supplied all the entertaining images of the Queen that decorated the

church railings and the north door of the church. As our photo shows, we even managed to get Her Majesty to read from the lectern, sadly not in person! On the Sunday



of the festival a packed audience was treated to a concert from the Meridian Singers and a strawberry tea. People gave most generously over the festival weekend to enable us to donate £300 to the St Ives Foodbank in addition to a very helpful contribution to church funds.

Welcome Space

Progress continues on our Welcome Space project to open up the church interior and provide modern facilities. We have now sorted out the technical details of heating and electrical systems and should soon be in a position to make our formal application for a faculty, the official go-ahead from the Diocese of Ely. More news to come in the next edition of *The Villager* and in *The Herald*.



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Sunday Services

We meet in the chapel each Sunday at 10.30am, and you are warmly invited to join us! Every 4th Sunday of the month we meet again at 6pm. There are no longer any Covid restrictions. We meet because God has invited us and has made a way for us to come to Him. We really believe that when we sing our songs of praise, He hears, and graciously accepts our worship. When we pray, we believe that He is listening, and will answer. And when we read the Bible, and listen to a talk based on the Bible, we believe that God speaks, not just generally, but personally and individually to us. That is why we love to gather together like this, and why we would love you to come and join with us.

Not having a pastor at present, we are grateful to visiting preachers for leading our services. Services are recorded and posted on our website on Sunday afternoon for those unable to make the in-person services. You can find the recorded services here: www.needinghambaptist.org.uk/recorded-services

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

This is on Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm at the chapel and all are welcome.

Coffee club (toddlers and parents/carers)

We are sorry to say that this is currently paused. We hope to restart as soon as we have enough leaders to run it.

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

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How do we know that there is a God?

If there is no God, then our church has no purpose – indeed it is living in fantasy land. But we believe that there is

a God, and that we can come to Him and know him. Believing in God is not a leap in the dark. God Himself has given us pointers to help us.

Firstly, the world around us tells us that there is a God. Is there any other explanation for the intricacy, the beauty, the abundance of life that we see? Doesn't everything look as if it was designed by a very wise creator? When we see the balance of the planets, the earth and the sun, all perfectly placed, does the idea that random chance produced it all really satisfy us? And where, ultimately, did it all come from? And how do we explain the concept of morality, of good and bad, if there is no God and everything happens by chance? And why do we value compassion for the weak, if the world is driven by the survival of the fittest?

Secondly, the Bible tells us that there is a God, and it tells us what He is like and what He has done. There is no other book like it. Have you read it? Don't dismiss it without examining it! It is from the Bible that we can understand why there is amazing good in the world, and at the same time there is dreadful evil. There is no way to explain the Bible apart from it being inspired by God, who made everything and knows everything.

But the supreme reason why we can know there is a God, is the person and life of Jesus Christ. No one ever lived like Him. No one ever spoke like Him. No one ever died in the way that He died. And no one has ever come back to life in the way that He rose from the dead. Please don't dismiss it as myth. The evidence is all there for those who are willing to examine it.

If there is no God, no eternity, no heaven and hell. If this life is all there is, then let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die. But if God exists, and really is God over all, then we need to know about Him, about how to come to Him, about how to be ready to meet Him when we die. And the good news is that we can know. The Bible makes it plain. Because God came to us – the Son of God, Jesus Christ. He gave His life to rescue us and to bring us to Himself.

May we invite you to come to our church to learn about Him, and to come to know Him? You will be very welcome.

Contact us –

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**Huntingdonshire
Local Group**

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust have two events in September.

The first is a guided walk at Brampton Wood on Sunday 4th September. We will have a look at the many plants native to the wood that have been used as poisons or for medicinal purposes over the years. Please park in the car park and meet in the Entrance Barn at 10.30 am. GR TL1844269809, What3Words plates.plodding.photocopy. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

Then on Wednesday 14th September we hold our first indoor meeting of the autumn. This will be given by Paul Trevor, who is currently Senior Ranger at The Great Fen. Before joining The Great Fen team, Paul worked as a

Reserves officer for Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust at Rutland Water. His talk is entitled "How not to find a dinosaur" and will be based on the successful wildlife management of Rutland Water, including the breeding ospreys and the recent discovery of the ichthyosaur skeleton. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Talks start at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. Admission charge £3.50.

For more information please ring Alistair on 07775365507 or email alistairgrant@hotmail.com or George on 01480 450809.



We've taken part in some right royal celebrations this summer! To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and learn about her coronation in a very practical way, the Rainbows recreated the very special ceremony, with each member of the unit having her turn to be 'crowned' queen. We also helped to create a beautiful jubilee-themed display for the Well Dressing celebration at St John the Baptist Church, and proudly presented the Rainbow unit flag at the service.



The Rainbows have also been working very hard to achieve their 'Make Change Stage 1' badges, which in-



involved finding out more about local charities and how we can support them. This has resulted in a large quantity of food being collected for the local foodbank – many thanks for everyone's generosity. We've also enjoyed a wonderful trip aboard the Ladybird Boat, taking a cruise along the Great River Ouse from Hartford spotting wildlife and nature.



At the time of writing, the Rainbows are looking forward to two more exciting trips before the summer term ends. The first one is to Hinchingsbrooke Country Park and the apiary there, which belongs to the Huntingdonshire Beekeeper's Association. We made some bee artwork following their visit to us in the autumn which we will see, as well as the hives. The second will be a sleepover with a difference... It's our first since the pandemic so we're planning something extra special; we'll be going to the Zoo and sleeping next to the tigers' cage!

If you'd like to find out more about our Rainbows unit check out our website at: ggneedingworth.co.uk or contact Jules at:

Needingworth.Rainbows@yahoo.com or 07597 569582.



Did you know that the Queen was once a Guide? This summer, our Brownie unit took a journey back in time to learn about her life as a Girl Guide, and explored how the programme has changed and developed since

then. As part of this, we studied First Aid, which helped us achieve our 'First Aid Stage 2' badge. We also learnt how to play cricket, march, and we even had a special guest – Janet from Guides – showing us how to raise a flag correctly and assemble a colour party. The girls' favourite activity was building their own campfires and cooking sausages on them, which helped many members of the unit to complete their 'Camp Stage 2' badge.

These activities culminated in the creation of a beautiful jubilee-themed display for the Well Dressing celebration at St John the Baptist Church, including some incredible stamp artwork! Many thanks to those who kindly donated

stamps for this project. On the day of the service, the unit enjoyed being part of these celebrations by presenting the Brownie flag.

We've also enjoyed a trip along the Great River Ouse from Hartford, aboard the Ladybird Boat, spotting wildlife and nature and learning about locks. Later this term, we'll be visiting Hinchingsbrooke Coun-



try Park, to take part in some nature activities and games. Our busy summer will conclude with the presentation of lots of section awards later this term including our second ever Brownie Gold

Award, the highest award a Brownie can earn!

Can you help in our quest for a 'new' camera? We would be hugely grateful for the donation of a digital camera or an old mobile phone with a good camera to replace our current much-used one, which is sadly on its last legs. If you are able to help with a reasonable quality second-hand one, or know of a company that can, please get in touch! Visit our website: ggneedingworth.co.uk, or contact Jules at:

Needingworth.Brownies@yahoo.com or 07597 569582.





At last, we were able to camp again! But as none of the girls had camped as Guides during Covid, there were many skills to learn during the first half of the term. We pitched tents, lit fires, and of course, toasted marshmallows! We learned knots and lashings ready to build gadgets at camp, and to practise, we

built tea bag catapults from broom handles.

Later, we learned to tie up our bedding in secure, waterproof parcels. Then at half term, eight Needingworth Guides set off for Copley campsite. Once the tents were up, we donned our tiaras and headed for our Platinum Jubilee street party, with plenty of sandwiches, sausages on sticks, jelly and ice-cream and a magnificent Jubilee cake.



Each patrol

cooked their own lunch on Monday. Fish fingers cooked on a



wood fire always taste so much better! During the afternoon, everyone took part in a game about jewellery and Royal links to Guiding, ending with designing a Jubilee Crown for the Queen. In the evening we found ourselves singing in the rain in the marquee rather than around the campfire, and on Tuesday we tried to get everything packed to go before the next band of rain came over. At least we all know why waterproofs and wellies are so important in camp! During the summer, two Guides and two leaders are off to join a County camp in for a week at our beautiful Guide Activity Centre in Norfolk.

After half term we prepared our display for the Well Dressing. Guides carefully enlarged and embossed the centre of our

Guide Jubilee badge with wool and thread, then the Rainbows added 70 dots, representing the 70 years of the Queen's reign. We learned how to make rope, and made Jubilee coloured ones to add to our display. During the week of the Flower Festival, each Guide made a flower arrangement in purple, blue and white to go along the front of our display. They were all different, but looked lovely together.

As the term drew to a close, our Guide County held a Jubilee Celebration. Two Needingworth Guides and leaders joined 350 others for a brilliant day of activities in Yaxley, which included crafts, music, circus skills, campfire treats, science experiments, and team building with the Army. Four Brownies also joined us one evening for tile painting and a wide game – we look forward to welcoming them into Guides later this year! The busy term ended by solving a Murder Mystery around the village, and canoeing with the Sea Scouts. If you'd like to find out more about our Guides unit, check out our website at: ggneedingworth.co.uk



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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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For more details contact:

Abi 07824 810532

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As you can see from the picture spread, our Scout section is offering a full activity programme for the 10 to 14 age group. Our next big challenge is to properly re-start an activity programme for our Cub Scout (8 – 10 years) and Beaver Scout (6 – 8 years) sections.

At a weekend camp at the Leslie Sell Activity Centre the Scouts camped under canvas for 2 nights, cooked their meals, completed air rifle shooting, orienteering, bouldering and caving.

The Scouts went for a walk around the nature reserve and visited the Greenwich Meridian marker.

Also pictured, kayaking at Holywell where Scouts learn basic kayaking skills, water safety and have a go at capsizing and rafting the kayaks.

- During the term we have also done;
- Pioneering
 - Model Making
 - Bottle Rocket Launching
 - Wide Games
 - Selling burgers at the Music Festival
 - Participating in the St Georges Day Parade

Our Cub Scouts currently has a leadership team of 2 Scouters; however, due to occupational constraints arising from the Covid precautions, we need a volunteer to take on a Leadership role and help coordinate the Cubs' programme. Our Cubs are yet to start a regular schedule of meetings, but we hope to put something substantial in place for a start next term.

Our Beaver Scouts have only one leader, following the departure of 2 of our Beaver Leaders when they moved out of the Village. Our biggest challenge to starting a meaningful activity programme is the recruitment of 2 new leaders (or one, plus a Colony Assistant ('helper')).

1st Needingworth Scout Group, in addition to being an educational charity for 6 to 14 year-olds, supports community activities within the Village. We always welcome volunteers, whether for hands-on involvement with the activity programme for young people or in a Supporter role with our Group Executive Committee.

Volunteers wishing to step up to assist will find the challenge very rewarding. The Scouts have a comprehensive, *free* training programme which not only develops leadership skills for working with young people, but provides Nationally-recognised qualifications *at no cost to the volunteer!* For more details of these volunteering opportunities please contact Chris Huddleston, our Group Scout Leader, at gslfirstneedingworth@outlook.com, or check out The Scout's website at www.scouts.org.uk/volunteer/volunteering-with-scouts

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Holywell C of E Primary School

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FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Dear Resident

At the time of writing, issues with drains and sewers in part of the village are still a concern for many, particularly in the Mill Lane and Overcoat Lane areas. Significant works are now taking place to rectify the problems only time will tell if all of the issues have been resolved, Anglia and Cambridge Water have been most helpful in trying to resolve the problems, as have your District and Parish Councillors.

A brief roundup of current County Council affairs:-

As our wonderful summer draws to a close and wishes for sunshine has been granted, even though at times it was too hot for many of us, the feel good factor of sunshine and warmth on our faces was most welcome. As usual this time of year highlights many issues that cause annoyance on an annual basis, like grass cutting and as I explained previously it is a no win situation for local councils in that funding for additional cuts is limited and if it is cut too often there are protests regarding it being detrimental to the wild flora and fauna.

At this stage I think Anglia Water Authority (AWA) have dealt with the problems

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of waste disposal that plagued parts of the village in the spring, fingers crossed on that one. One by product of those works has been the damage caused to verges by their heavy lorries / equipment, which is being dealt with at the time of writing this update. Another ongoing issues, which I hope will be resolved by the time you read this is the new footpath and 20 MPH speed limit along Bluntisham Road as part of the new development. Both your Parish Council and District Councillor Jon Neish have been chasing hard in what can only be described as a bureaucratic ordeal, I thank them for the work done and for continually pushing me to untangle some of the issues delaying the completion.

You will recall on 21 March 2022 a National Census took place where early results point towards a significant population growth everywhere (no surprise there!) with the largest population ever recorded through a census in England and Wales. 59,597,300 (56,489,800 in England and 3,107,500 in Wales). A growth more than 3.5 million (6.3%) since the last census in 2011, when it was 56,075,912. There were 30,420,100 women (51.0% of the overall population) and 29,177,200 men (49.0%) in England and Wales. There were also more people than ever before in the older age groups; the proportion of the population who were aged 65 years and over was 18.6% (16.4% in 2011). There were 24,782,800 households in England and Wales on Census Day with the number of households increasing by more than 1.4 million since 2011 (6.1%), when there were 23,366,044 households. I will endeavour to bring you more data from the census in future musings.

Ukraine. A quick update on the work that County, District and City council staff have been doing to ensure we can continue to welcome refugees as quickly as possible and provide the vital support that they need. (correct at the time of writing, will have changed by now).

We have made significant progress in recent weeks with the Homes for Ukraine scheme and I wanted to share some of the updates with you below:

- A total of 695 DBS checks have been completed on sponsors and guests, along with 612 accommodation checks carried out for safety
- Teams have also carried out 178 welfare checks 'in person' with refugees.
- A total of 169 school places have been allocated and last week saw the largest increase in allocations so far.
- Forty families have received contact from CCC's Easy Help Service for other support.

Most families tell us they are in the process of registering with a GP, although a small number report that they are struggling to register with dentists.

Meanwhile, the relevant Home Office database indicates that the number of visas nationally issued through the Ukraine Family Scheme continues to increase (45,700 applications, 37,500 visas issued, 19,500 arrivals) although the rate of applications appears to have slowed. Across Cambridgeshire we have seen 781 arrivals through the Homes for Ukraine scheme with highest numbers in South Cambridgeshire and the lowest in Fenland. In total there have been 1,720 visas issued in relation to Cambridgeshire. However, this should not be considered an 'expected' number of arrivals, as the actual numbers will depend on the changing situation on the ground in various parts of Ukraine and an unknown proportion of those issued with visas may choose not to travel to the UK. The nature of the Family Scheme means that we do not have access to the numbers arriving through this route. Using visa and census data, the CCC research group estimates that between 343 and 848 guests will arrive through the Family Scheme, although these numbers should be treated with caution. Applying national arrival data to the Cambridgeshire population, we think that around 265 individuals may have arrived in Cambridgeshire so far

A new report released back in May reveals the regional impact on local authorities as a result of the government's flagship social care charging reforms, concluding that the costs of these proposals could be significantly underfunded. The

report, the County Councils Network (CCN) and Newton, provides the first independent analysis of the government's flagship social care charging reforms. The government's reforms encompass a more generous means-test; an £86,000 cap on care costs; the move towards a 'fair cost for care'; and the ability for those who currently arrange and fund their own care to ask their local authority to do in on their behalf. The study estimates that the costs of the reforms in the decade after they are introduced could be a minimum of £10bn higher than the government's estimates and create a further workforce crisis in social care, with over 5,000 staff projected to be required to carry out extra care and financial assessments for those seeking to benefit from the reforms.

Key findings from the report include:

- **The cost of the care reforms for over 65s in England could cost a minimum of £25.5bn over the next decade from when they are introduced in October 2023. This compares to the government's estimate of £15.6bn.** Newton's analysis suggests that more people will benefit from the means-test and cap on care, meaning the costs of these two elements of reform alone are £2.5bn higher than the government's estimate.
- **There is significant regional variation in the costs of implementing the reforms, with councils in county and rural areas disproportionately affected.** CCN's member councils account for 57% (£14.4bn) of the total costs of the reforms - at a minimum estimate. Unless government changes the way it distributes adult social care funding between councils, county areas face a shortfall of £7.6bn when funding for these reforms is distributed.

An additional 4,300 extra social workers could be required to carry out extra care assessments, which determine the level of support individuals are eligible to receive. In addition, around 700 extra financial assessors will also be required to carry out financial assessments after the care assessment stage - if no changes to existing ways of working are made. Around 3,000 of these staff could be required in areas covered by CCN's member councils - 60% of all extra recruitment.

A separate survey from the CCN of its member councils found that almost two-thirds of county leaders felt they were 'not well prepared' for the reforms due to funding challenges and a tight timescale of October 2023 for implementation. Just over three quarters said they were unable to allocate any more resources from service areas to pay for any financial shortfall as a result of these care reforms. Nine in ten said they were 'very concerned' about their ability to recruit enough staff. Facing a workforce crisis and funding shortfall, two-thirds of councils support delaying key aspects of the reforms beyond next Autumn, rather than a 'big bang' of introducing all of them at the same time. This would give councils more time to transform their services in anticipation of the extra assessments required, including greater use of technology. The report recommends that the government fully-funds these reforms to ensure that they can be implemented successfully and that local authorities are able to deliver balanced budgets. In addition, CCN is calling for the adult social care distribution formula to be overhauled to account for the areas particularly exposed to the costs of these reforms.

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'.

Kevin Reynolds

County Councillor Needingworth & St.Ives

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Holywell-cum-Needingworth Bowls Club

The summer is a busy time for the bowls club, and it's been a successful one too.

We hosted the HWBF Donald Steward county team. The ladies hadn't qualified for the national final for 50 years. However this



year at Needingworth they beat a strong Norfolk team to clinch qualification for the National final where they will play Derbyshire. We hope that we did our little bit to help them get there and will be supporting them in the final on Aug 21st.

We held our new bowlers day and again it was a success with many new people joining us to play our great game. We held the EBF semi finals this year; it was a scorcher of a day and the players and spectators nearly drank us dry. Some great bowls played.

The EBF county finals had Needingworth players competing. Peter Hutchinson was runner up in the Champion of Champions singles. Jorja Jackson won the u25 pairs with Buckdens Sam Brugnoli, but she was runner up in the under 25 singles.

Alan Blackley and a team of helpers took the year 5 children from our village primary school on a Thursday afternoon. There was lots of laughter and happy faces. The children loved learning something new. We hope to see some of them coming back to use their new skills on the green.

Our president Sue Johnson held her presidents day celebration in mid August. With a Caribbean theme it was a great day. There was Samba and sandwiches galore. Two teams fought out the bowls competition, one representing president Sue, the other playing for the Chairman, Sue's husband Frank. Bragging rights for the Johnson household ...settled.

As September comes the club starts to slow down and look towards club competition finals. We close our green around mid Sept where we will be carrying out extensive renovations to the green. It never stops for our green keeper Frank. His next job is to get the green ready for the winter and then see it through to 2023. Next year sees Needingworth housing the EBF president. Alan Blackley takes over the presidents role in November so Needingworth will host the county finals and mens county matches among other events.

Our short mat indoor bowls will start in the village hall in October. A gentle friendly game suitable for all. Come along on a Thursday afternoon at 2pm and join in.

Keep smiling, Alan
Alan Blackley

Needingworth Karate Club

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Needingworth Tennis Club



We had a fabulous Jubilee open day and saw some new members join as a result, we now have 175 members and a big

welcome to those that have recently joined, I am sure you will find it a welcoming club. The Hunts and Peterborough leagues are underway, the Mixed teams found it hard this year with the A team managing to avoid relegation. The Men's leagues have started with 4 teams this year, an extra team a reflection on the growth of the club.

The Fast Four league is spread across two months to accommodate the Clubs Annual tournament, especially interesting this year as the Men's singles champion from the last few years is unable to enter in 2022 guaranteeing a new name on the trophy.

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 a wide range of courses for all levels, please visit our Website for details.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

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PAVILLION

It's exciting times as the Parish council are looking at plans for an extension to the Village Hall. As a massive part of the local community we are hoping that we can benefit from this as there is the possibility of adding an area to the rear to accommodate the tennis club, so we appreciate anything that the Parish Council are looking at for our village club.

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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:

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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	

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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

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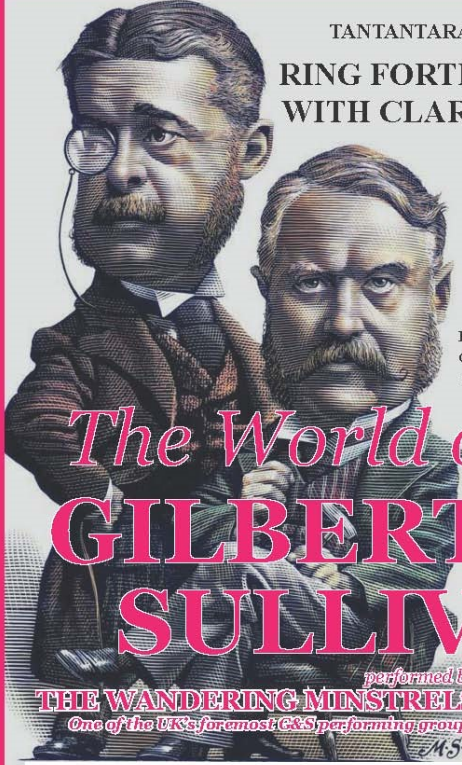
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St Ives Bus Station Bay 4	20:02
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WHAT'S ON in the Village

September 2022

- Mon. 5th WI 'Antiques Roadshow'
with Stephen from Willingham
Auction House (page 11)
- Tue. 6th Over 60s talk by Peter Cooper
- Tue. 13th Gardening Club talk 'Winter
Wonders' (p10)
- Wed. 14th Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
(see opposite)
- Thur. 15th Gardening Club visit Shuttleworth
(p10)
- Fri. 16th Beer & Wine Society annual beer
competition (p13)
- Sat 24th Harvest Coffee Morning,
St John the Baptist Church
(see this page)
- Sun. 25th Harvest Thanksgiving Service
St John the Baptist Church

October 2022

- Sat. 1st The World of Gilbert and Sullivan
(see opposite)
- Mon. 3rd WI craft evening (p11)
- Tue. 4th Over 60s, speaker to be confirmed
- Sat. 8th Pop-up repair café, St Ives
Methodist Church
- Mon. 10th Local History Group hosted by Sally
(p13)
- Tue. 11th Gardening Club 'Island Gardens'
- Fri. 21st Beer & Wine Society judging of fruit
or tree wine (p13)

November 2022

- Tue. 1st Over 60s, speaker to be confirmed
- Mon. 7th WI Wine tasting evening
with TJ Wines (p11)
- Tue. 8th Gardening Club AGM and social
evening (members only)
- Fri. 18th Beer & Wine Society TBA

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

BUS TIMETABLES

Details of the Dews Coaches service no 21 and Stagecoach service V3 are given on page 30 but we recommend checking either, for Dews services, 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> or <http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk>

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. 8 th and 22 nd
Oct Thurs. 6 th and 20 th
Nov Thurs. 3 rd and 17 th

GREEN BINS (garden waste)

Sept Wed. 14 th and 28 th
Oct Wed. 12 th and 26 th
Nov Wed. 9 th and 23 rd

BLUE BINS (recycling)

Sept Thurs. 1 st, 15 th and 29 th
Oct Thurs. 13 th and 27 th
Nov Thurs. 10 th and 24 th



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
To stop unwanted phone calls 0845 070 0707



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