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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the June edition of the Villager. June makes me think of "June roses", gardening, outdoor activities; summer should soon be here. Details of Needingworth's mid-summer Music Festival start on page 15; our local poets, the Scribblers group, have also been thinking of summer gardens (see below) and there are a number of articles on the environment in this issue, on pages 7, 24 and 25 and "Bees" on page 21. I must apologise for some late deliveries of the Villager last issue, but the reasons were outside my control. Hope you weren't too disappointed that some events mentioned had unfortunately already taken place. Hopefully this issue will be on time and that you enjoy reading it.

Jennifer

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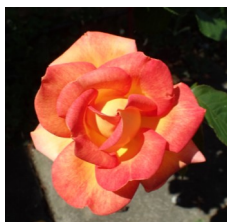
IN A SUMMER GARDEN

M yosotis carpets blue while my
Y ucca stands up straight and true.

H ollyhocks against the wall,
E uphorbia spreading over all
R oving rampant through the bed and
B amboo wafting overhead.
A canthus, aster, anemone,
C ystus, cosmos, campanuli.
E schscholzia in glowing colours,
O xeye, osteospermum among others;
U mbrella angelica tall growth anew,
S cabious, salvia, syringa too.

B uddleia with butterflies
O enithera opening to the skies.
R anunculus planted in small groups,
D elphiniums held with metal hoops.
E chinacea upward stare and
R oses, roses everywhere
Their scent upon the summer air.

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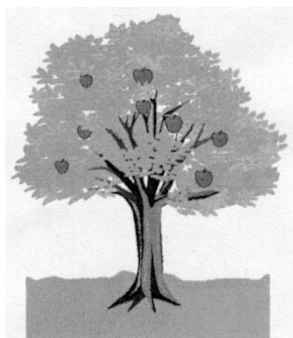
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Parish Council Summary Report

By Parish Clerk

Full Council meetings were held in February, March and April 2018.

The Annual Parish meeting was held on 17th April 2018 and was attended by 9 residents.

In total 12 planning applications were considered over the 3 months covered by this report.

Expenditure for the period was £61,778.56

New contract for electricity supply to Millfields signed.

Parish Council agreed to purchase some equipment to loan to environmental groups, please see separate article.

A sub committee was formed to explore all options for a new standalone Parish Office.

The bus shelter has been painted and a seat purchased to be installed.

Speed data was reviewed from the mobile sign in Church Street 20mph zone outside of the school, it was noted that the highest speed recorded had been 73mph.

The average speed of vehicles is 24.2mph.

85% of vehicles are recorded as travelling up to or slower than 31mph.

The speed sign was turned around to face oncoming traffic from Church Street to Holywell.

Clarity was sought from HDC that the rural exemption site will offer 1st priority to applicants with a village connection. Great British Spring Clean event held on Friday 9th March 2018, please see separate article.

At the February meeting a presentation was received by a resident on ANPR. Please see separate article.

At the March meeting a presentation was received by representatives for Gifford's Park to share updated plans.

Minutes for Parish Council meetings are available on the parish Council website.

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OTHER INFORMATION

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES:

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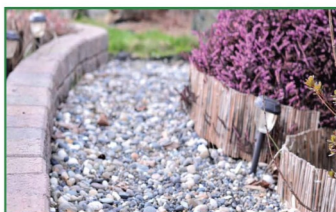
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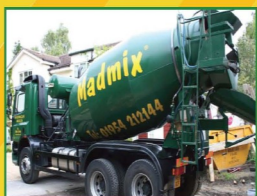


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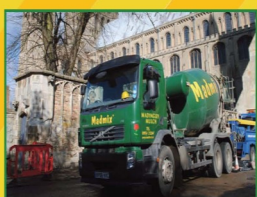
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It was a very successful day and lots of rubbish was collected including 6 tyres, a fire extinguisher, a PC monitor and many bags of litter.



A big thank you to all of those who took part.



Following this successful day the next organised litter pick for the village will be on **Friday 22nd June, 10 am meet at the Village Hall.**

Please do come along and help keep the village looking tidy.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Report

The Parish Council received a presentation on ANPR at the February 2018 meeting following this the Council made further enquiries into the feasibility of an ANPR/CCTV system for the village.

Having carried out extensive enquiries, spoken with a local Parish who operate a CCTV scheme and also obtained further quotes for supply of a system in line with the Parish Council's financial regulations the Parish Council considered all of the findings at a meeting held on 3rd April 2018.

A summary of these findings is listed below:

- Any system would have to be operated by and controlled by the Parish Council.
- Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) who are responsible for the highways whilst not having an official stance on the matter have advised that ANPR can only be used for traffic management tool not to monitor vehicles entering or egressing the village.
- CCC further confirmed that they would not give permission for a camera to be placed onto a lamp post nor for an alternative post to be erected on the highway or footpath.
- CCTV as the alternative option to ANPR still requires a camera to be placed at specific locations within site of the road and using a private residential property would not conform to data protection regulations and requires the transfer of data back to the Parish Council office. The Council have been advised that supplying power for this purpose would cost in the region of £3000 per location.

- Enquires have shown that CCTV cannot be used as a village security system. All incidents or crimes need to be reported to the Police who, if they have details of a vehicle registration relating to the incident, would be able to approach the Council to view any CCTV footage that may be on file. This does not tend to happen in isolated cases.

The unquantifiable factor in our research is how much of a deterrent to crimes installation of a system would be.

Based on the information the Parish Council resolved it would not be progressing with a system at this time.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Spring arrived, we thought at the beginning of April with warmer and dryer weather. As I write this article, we have returned to the gloom of grey skies, cold and rain! In that brief warmer spell we saw the criminal fraternity up to their usual activities for this time of year; cycle thefts have started to increase and shed burglaries are on the rise. Please remember never to leave cycles unattended on your front lawn or driveway and always keep your shed and garage locked when not in use. A good idea is to security mark valuable items like mowers, power tools and bicycles with your postcode using a UV marker pen. Vehicle content theft is also on the increase, particularly vans. Remove valuable items and personal belongings from your vehicle out of sight of a potential thief. Even non-valuable items such as empty carrier bags, if left on view, can be enough for a thief to break in, just to see what's inside. You are then left with the problem and cost of repairing the smashed window or broken lock. Even though it may be a hot day, close your windows and sunroof whenever you leave your vehicle unattended, even if it's only for a few minutes.

There have been a variety of telephone "scams" doing the rounds. Just be aware of any unusual telephone calls, never ring back premium rate lines unless you know the number and never give bank details over the phone.

Finally we have had reports of cold calling canvassers arriving on doorsteps to carry out a survey supposedly for a particular utility company. Whilst the householder answers the front door the canvasser's accomplice tries to enter the property via the rear entrance. Before you open the front door to any visitor, please check who they are, use a chain on the front door and keep your back door locked. Not an ideal situation in the warmer weather of summer but better than having an uninvited person in your home.

Please continue to report any non-urgent incident to the police on 101 and keep your street NHW Coordinator advised of any concerns. Let's hope the warmer weather returns soon!

Mike Norris, Chairman, 465997

Village Hall Report

Music Festival - weekend of 30th June & 1st July 2018

All is going well with our planning, the bands are fabulous, the BBQ will be provided by the Scout Group as usual and the refreshments from our kitchen area. The bar will offer 8 real ales again.

If you would like to help beforehand, on the day or afterwards, please contact me.

Pop up Dinner

We are holding a Mediterranean style 3 course meal on Tuesday 31st July at 8 pm. There are a maximum number of tickets for this event, so please book early. The cost will be £20 plus your bar expenses and should be a good evening. The caterers are Frank Boddy and Sandra Starling – well known in the area.

This is feasible with our new enlarged kitchen facilities. We can now cater for larger functions such as wedding receptions, one of which has already booked.

Please check the Village Hall Event Notice Board in the lobby for updates of what is going on.

Committee

By the time you read this column, we will have held our AGM and elected this year's members. But we are still looking for more help from our village population. If you think you would like to become a committee member or trustee, please let us know.

Margaret Fountain, Treasurer
Village Hall Management Committee

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Dates for your Diary:

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Tuesday 31 st July	Pop up Dinner
Saturday 4 th August	Annual Village Show

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GARDENING CLUB

Another exciting and enjoyable summer of gardening

The Holywell cum Needingworth Gardening Club has a varied and very interesting range of events and outings arranged for what will hopefully be a glorious summer.

By the time this article appears we will have had our talk in early May on "Tea Bags, Bras and Tights" which is as intriguing a title as we have ever had at the club. It will be interesting to see how this ties into gardening as it no doubt will.

We will also have been privileged to have had an afternoon visit to one of our member's gardens in St Ives which holds a national collection of Acers and this promises to be a really popular event.

Last year we had a very well informed and articulate speaker from the famous Beales Roses. To follow this up, we are going by coach on 7th June for a visit around their gardens. This is being combined with a visit to Bressingham Gardens and this will make a full and interesting day trip for our members.

On 12th June our talk will be on the ever popular "Dazzling Dahlias" by Nick Dobson and, given the number of these plants around the village, we expect a large turnout to hear how these should be looked after.

Our second coach outing on 4th July is

to the very popular Barnsdale Gardens from where the famous Geoff Hamilton presented Gardeners World for many years. It is a fascinating place as there are so many separate and individual gardens with pathways between to enable the BBC to use them as demonstration areas for all the different types of gardens and plants.

We will be combining this with a visit to the serene and developing Easton Walled Garden set in the large grounds of a large country house just off the A1. The gardens fell into disrepair and were taken over by the owner's daughter to create a wonderfully relaxing and attractive garden.

The talk on how to prepare exhibits for showing on 10th July will be of particular interest to those who will be entering the **Annual Village Show** which is to be held this year on **4th August**.

This happy annual event is open to all residents of the village and we hope that you will take the opportunity to look at the schedules which will be made available and see which areas in which you could submit an exhibit.

Before this we have a Garden Safari Evening around a number of member's gardens in Holywell on 18th July.

All in all we have a busy and fascinatingly varied set of events which we hope will appeal to all our large membership in the village.

Grant Williamson, Chairman

Holywell cum Needingworth Over 60s Club

In March we had the Annual General Meeting and we presented a cheque to the representatives of the Parkinson Society, who were our last year's charity. We discussed the increasing difficulty for the Over 60s Club to use the big hall because of our difficulty in putting up and putting away the heavy tables and we have too many regular members to fit comfortably in the Pavilion. However we are 'soldiering on' at the moment. The new committee has organised a programme for the year starting in April with two representatives from Emmaus, who talked about their own problem of homelessness and about the work of the charity. Emmaus is our charity for this year. In May Nicola showed us exercises to get fit for the summer. Our monthly dinners at the Queens Head continue and this year we have trips planned with the Electric Boat Company and by coach to Cromer and Great Yarmouth.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month, 2-4pm at the Village Hall. All Welcome.

Tuesday 5th June.

Linda Scoles will give one of her humorous talks "Name that Tune"

Tuesday 3rd July.

Cream Tea with entertainment by the Rocking Ukuleles of St Ives.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

For our meeting in March when we were just getting over the bitterly cold weather our speaker was very apt, Sarah Oliver, a lady plumber, gave us a talk on how to 'Beat the Cistern' lots of tips on how to maintain and protect the plumbing in your home. A number of members also attended the Orchard Group meeting (WI's from Bluntisham, Earith and Somersham) hosted by Somersham where we were treated to a fabulous buffet and a great speaker who gave a presentation on the Six Wives of Henry the 8th, telling the story of each wife, on a mannequin she had a basic dress which she adapted and changed to depict the style at the time of each wife whilst telling her story.

April was a busy month, it was the 100th anniversary of the WI Federation, attended by over 400 members. Julie Spence – Lord Lieutenant of Cambridge, Charlotte Edwards – Former England Cricket Captain (she comes from Pidley !) both gave very interesting and entertaining presentations. We also got to parade our banner, which was made up with names and photos of all our members, in celebration of the 100 year Anniversary.

It was 'Members Night' for our own meeting, organised by Pat Staddon, Val Hickman and Margaret Weeding, the speaker was the most inspiring man who told us all about his work with the Blood Bikers – a group of volunteers who ferry emergency blood, blood samples and baby breast milk from the blood bank at Cambridge to our hospitals - out of hours – from 6.00pm to 7.00am 365 days per year – this service is totally voluntary, they don't even charge for travel expenses. We unanimously voted to support them as our local charity for 2018. We also played Pat's famous 'Sock Game', 20 of her husband's socks each one with a household object in, which we had to try and guess.

The Scrabble club, Lunch Club and Cinema club continue to be very popular and the new Knit and Natter group set up by Lyn Stevenson now who meet once a fortnight, either work on their own projects or knit Poppies which will contribute a floral display for the Church and the Royal British Legion.

Music Festival – Sorry to say we will not be providing Teas, Coffee and Cakes on the Family Sunday this year as we cannot agree to pay £100 from our proceeds that the MF committee have asked for. Thank you for all your support in the past, it has been much appreciated

We meet the first Monday of the month in the Village Hall; if you would like to join us or want more information please contact **Eda Macpherson – 01480 468633**



Holywell-cum-Needlingworth Local History Group

April 23rd saw a group of 9 meet with hosts Gavin and Helen Harland at their home, 'Baker's Dozen' on Church Street to learn a little of the history of the house, and the people who lived and worked there. Several documents, including censuses, newspapers and directories, were looked at, along with maps showing interesting changes over time. One in particular was George Godfrey, a baker living there with his family in the late 19th century. On a Sunday the people of Needlingworth would take their Sunday dinners to be roasted in the bakehouse ovens! In the 1876 directory there are 3 bakehouses listed in Needlingworth.

As usual with local history, some had done some further research to answer questions – to find even more questions!

The programme for the rest of the year is below:

June 11th – 7.00 – Meet at Houghton Village centre PE28 2AY – Treasure Trail round Houghton and Wyton

August 13th – 7.30 – Venue -- tbc
Devise our own 'treasure trail'!

October 8th – 7.30 – Peter's, 2 Spinney Way
Looking at maps of Holywell with Needlingworth

December - 7.30 - Christmas social at the Andersons
(date tbc)

Contacts:

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

Cherryl Frost - cherryl.frost@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.hcnhistory.org.uk

(To hear about any future meetings of our group, including those where we have a look at the history of a particular building, go to hcnhistory.org.uk and Subscribe to the occasional newsletter).

Beer and Wine Society

Thirteen members of the Wine Club enjoyed a delightful meal in the Wheatsheaf in Perry. We had arranged transport so that all members could enjoy the evening without worrying about driving.

Our next meetings are as follows:

15th June Tea wine competition

21st July Barbeque

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For further details

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- Subject: St John the Baptist Church in the snow.
- Please send digital (only) photos at high resolution, landscape or portrait format.

Send as e-mail attachments to: stephenyork@flagholme.net by closing date **Tuesday 31 July**. (Large files may be sent by WeTransfer or similar to that e-mail address). Please remember to include your name and phone number in the accompanying message.

- Photos will be judged by members of the church fund-raising committee on the quality of the image and its suitability for print reproduction.
- The winner will receive a bottle of bubbly, a full credit on the Christmas card, and two free packs of the card when printed. Winner to be announced in the September issue of *The Herald*. The winning photo will remain the copyright of the winner but by entering a photo in this competition you are giving St John the Baptist Church the right to reproduce your photo, if chosen, on unlimited quantities of cards in this and future years and entries are only accepted on these conditions.



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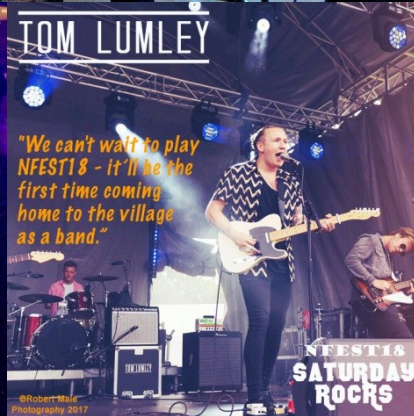
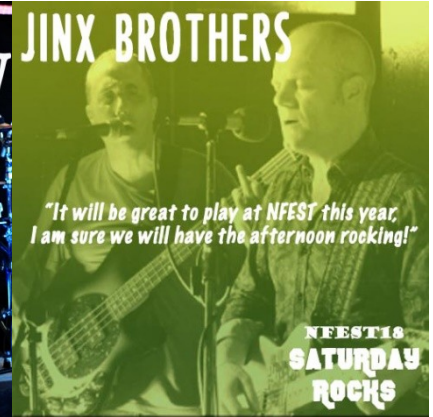
FOOD & DRINK > As the festival is the main annual fund-raising event for the Needingworth Village Hall, please do not bring your own food and drink. There is plenty of great choice on site, including a full bar serving a great range of beers and real ales, spirits, wine and soft drinks, a homemade cake and refreshments stall, and a BBQ serving meat and veggie burgers, hot dogs and jacket potatoes.

TICKETS > Entry to the festival is by voluntary donation. The Festival is organised by a team of unpaid volunteers, including Trustees of the Village Hall and other local heroes. The Village Hall is a registered charity and all profits go to maintaining the Hall as a resource for the whole community to use, all year round. Your donation will also “buy” you a programme with the running order on the day.

FESTIVAL TIMES > Gates open at 1pm on Saturday and close after the last band at 10.30pm. Gates from 12noon on Sunday till 6pm. Our two stage set up means there is hardly any downtime between acts, so you won't find yourself hanging around.



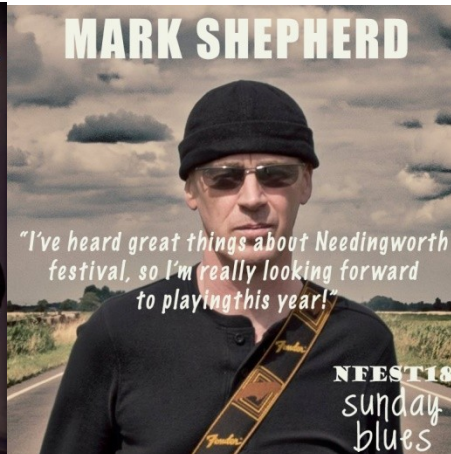
SATURDAY ROCKS



HEADLINERS > Hailing from St Ives, **Hollowstar** have been delighting audiences with their heavy-hitting dirty rock sound. In June 17 the band launched their debut EP *Some Things Matter*, garnering critical acclaim, reaching 13 on the iTunes Rock Chart and helping launch them onto the national & international scene. We are thrilled they are topping the bill on Saturday. See them here while you still can!



sunday blues



FAMILY FUN > Sunday is also traditionally our family day with lots of fun-filled activities on site coordinated by the Needingworth Community Pre-school. Expect face painting, bouncy castles, pony rides, stalls and plenty more for all the family.



SEATING > there are some picnic tables on the field for public use, but feel free to bring your own chairs and blankets if you wish to establish a 'base camp' from which to enjoy the show! On Sunday there are plenty of chairs within the marquee from which you can enjoy refreshments and watch the acts.

GOOD TO KNOW > There is on-site car parking available. Please avoid parking on the surrounding roads as it can cause congestion. Sadly dogs are not permitted on the playing field, so please leave them at home.



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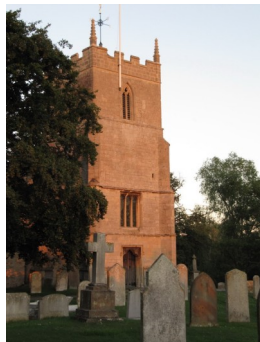
WANT TO KNOW MORE? > Full details of all acts, facilities and general information for visitors will appear on our homepage in the run up to the festival. You can also keep up to date on latest developments and band gossip on our Facebook page.

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Strawberry Cream Tea

Hopefully by the beginning of June we shall see some real summer, and what better way to celebrate that than an open-air cream tea? Everyone is invited to the church's **Strawberry Cream Tea on Sunday 3rd June** in the garden of The Willows, 9 Church Street, Needingworth starting at 3 pm. Entry free, all donations going to our fund for the upkeep and work of the parish church.

2018 Well-dressing and Flower Festival

June is the month of the church's Patronal Festival, celebrating the traditional date of the birth of St John the Baptist, our patron saint, and we mark it with the weekend of the **Well Dressing and Flower Festival, Friday 22nd–Sunday 24th June**. The theme this year is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Air Force. The **Well-Blessing service** takes place at **6.30 pm on Friday 22nd June** at the church, followed by the unveiling of the well-dressing with refreshments and music. Our guest speaker at the service will be the former air Cadets' chaplain the Revd Roy Mottram. On the Saturday and Sunday the church will be open all day and you can have a cup of tea and some delicious home-made cake while admiring the floral decorations contributed by village organisations. There will also be a number of stalls to attract your attention. We are planning to put on a display of RAF memorabilia in the church, kindly supported by the RAF Wyton Heritage Centre, and will include your chance to try Photographic Interpretation. For the many readers of *The Villager* with RAF connections, are appealing now for any photos and memories that you can contribute – please contact benpeilow@btopenworld.com

Afternoon concert on Well-dressing weekend

As a special addition to our usual celebrations, we are

pleased to announce a concert in the church by the **Wyton and Brampton Military Wives Choir at 3pm on Sunday 24th June**. Entrance is free, but a donation is requested (proceeds will be shared between the Church and the Choir's Charity, the Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen Families Association). The concert will last about 45 minutes and will be followed by afternoon tea. This will be a lovely event for very worthwhile causes and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Come flaunching or petalling

If you like playing with mud, you might want to come along to the church on **Saturday 9th June from 10 am** to help us 'flaunch' – i.e., get the clay ready for the well-dressing; it's a great social occasion for young and old and refreshments are laid on – just wear old clothes or overalls! And Jill Harvey would like as many volunteers as possible from Tuesday **19th June** onwards, to help with the creation of the well-dressing; it's not difficult, but if you've never done it before, Jill will be happy to explain it to you (tel: 460429).

Christmas card

It might seem a bit early to be thinking of Christmas, but this year the church will be producing its own Christmas card as a fund-raiser. We are running a competition to find the best photo for the card – see the ad on page XX.

Services at your local parish church continue every Sunday – details are posted on the church notice board and around the village, as well as in *The Herald* monthly and on our website. We cover a wide variety of styles of worship in church on Sundays, or why not come along to our very popular **Café Sunday at the Village 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 on the first Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. Other regular activities include the **Friends Study Group**, exploring faith and the Bible; **BENCH** for secondary-school age youngsters; and our **Men's Group**, meeting on Tuesday evenings. If you like singing, why not give the church choir a go? The Bellringers would also like to hear from you if you'd like to give ringing a try. Details of all these from the *Herald* and the Benefice website, or contact one of the churchwardens, Jill Harvey (460429) or Stephen York (465120, stephenyork@flaghholme.net).

*Café Sunday in July is on the 15th, not the 1st.

Charity Concert by Wyton RAF Voluntary Band Saturday 16th June 2018 at 7.30 pm

Free Church St Ives

Tickets £10.00 will be available from the "Just Sharing Shop" within St Ives Free Church, Julie Briggs 01480 830580 and Margaret Shardlow 01480 831186.

We are supporting the Royal British Legion, Fenstanton and Hilton Guiding and Fenstanton and Hilton Scouting movements.

There will also be a raffle.

If audience wish they can make a donation for light refreshments during the interval. Otherwise light refreshments are included in ticket price.

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All are cordially invited to partake of afternoon tea at Chatters Café at Needingworth Village Hall on Thursday 12th July. Cost is £3.50 per person and come anytime between 2 and 4pm. There will be a raffle and table-top quiz should you wish to take part – or just chat!

(for more information, please call Sally Beaman 01480 462379)

PAINTINGS by GEORGE BRITTON

George was fascinated by the old buildings in Holywell and Needingworth and took pleasure painting them from old photographs of the villages. He was interested in all things to do with the village and I thought, after his death, he could carry on helping a village project by selling his paintings. To purchase one all that is required is a small donation of your choosing. The money will go towards whichever project needs it most.

To buy one please contact me on **01480 466239**. Many thanks, **Petronella**





Needingworth Baptist Church

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We enjoyed an evening for the ladies in March with Jane Mann as our speaker. Jane talked about her life and missionary work in Madagascar. Jane brought along a film and photos of this vibrant

and colourful country where Jane, her husband David and their children settled in 1993. It was inspiring to hear about the building of a hospital from nothing, David's work as a surgeon and the Christian witness to the community there.

BEES

I would like to tell you a little about the bees you will see in your garden. We have three different categories. We have one honey bee, 24 different bumblebees and about 230 different solitary bees in this country.

The **Honey bees** we beekeepers look after in hives. These are



Honey bees in the entrance of a hive.

the bees that make honey which is their food. As long as the nectar is flowing they will make honey, much more than they need and we take their surplus. The honey bees are awake all winter clustering around their queen so need to store honey to get them through until the spring. In each hive there is usually one queen, about 30,000 female workers and maybe 300 male drones. The queen can live for up to five years though they are usually replaced after about 2 years, the drones could live for a summer and the workers live for six weeks wearing out their wings foraging.

By the end of April the queen will be laying around 2,000 eggs a day so it doesn't take long for the hive to get overpopulated. This is when they create a new queen to take over the hive while the old queen takes off with half of the workers to find a new home and start again. This is called swarming and is how we get new colonies so if you see any swarms give me a ring and I will come and collect them. I have a list of beekeepers old and new who will be in need of bees so there is always a home for them.

Bumblebees also have a queen who lays the eggs. In the spring the new queens come out of hibernation and begin to make a home. She makes cups in which she lays eggs.



A carder bumblebee foraging

The first litter will be tiny as she has to look after them herself. Successive litters get bigger throughout the season as there are more bees to go out foraging for them. The final litter of the year is the queens for next year and the

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drones to mate with them. These new queens hibernate over winter while the rest of the colony die. There are between 50 and 200 in a colony of bumblebees. Bumblebees make their homes in bird boxes, holes in the ground and under paving slabs and in the eaves of houses.

Solitary bees live in small groups. The females are fertile and lay

the eggs. These are the bees that will use beehouses – the blocks of wood with holes in or collections of bamboo canes.

They also use holes in walls i.e. the masonry bees and those that use holes in the ground are called mining bees. They will lay a row of eggs with walls between them leaving food for the larvae to eat until they hatch. There will probably be one male

egg and up to 6 female eggs. The males hatch first.

What you can do to help bees is grow the right sort of flowers in your garden so that the bees have access to nectar and pollen throughout the summer season.

Bees have different lengths of tongues so that those flowers with long tubes are no good for those with short tongues like the honey bees. If you look at lavender you will see that bumblebees will be on it early in the day as the nectar starts to flow then by lunchtime when the nectar has come further out of the flower you will get the honey bees and then as the nectar goes back into the flower at the end of the day it will be the bumbles with the longer tongues that will be there. Bees love herbs and flowers that are open so it is easy for them to get to the nectar and pollen. Consider the difference between a wild rose and a cultivated one. The wild rose is open and very easy for the bees to access whereas the cultivated one has so many petals it is not easy to access.

We have a forage gap in June where the bees struggle. It is quite often necessary for us beekeepers to feed them as the hedgerows have finished flowering as have the fruit trees and vegetables in the gardens so there is a lack of nectar. It is this period in particular that it is necessary for us to make sure our gardens are blooming.

Mrs Judith Evans MBE

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A tawny mining bee coming out of its hole in the ground in Millfields.



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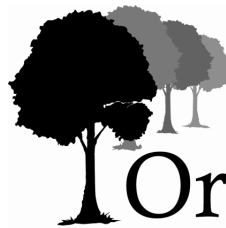
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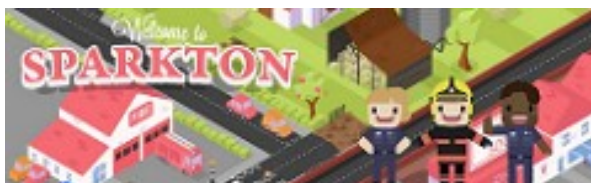
If you are interested in becoming a leader, please contact Del Shephard Group Scout Leader delshep@btinternet.com or Chris Huddleston Assistant Group Scout Leader akelafirstneedingworth@hotmail.com who will be able to provide more information..

The group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, with Roger Beaman as Chairperson. If you are interested in becoming an executive committee member, or any other group support role, please contact Roger rsde.beaman@btinternet.com

Beavers Age 6-8 Contact Del Shephard for details.

Cubs Age 8-10 ½ Meet Wednesday evenings 6.30pm-8pm
Contact Chris Huddleston akelafirstneedingworth@hotmail.com

Scouts Age 10 ½ - 14 Meet Monday evenings 7.00pm-8:30pm
Contact Adam Huddleston adam.wrhuddleston@googlemail



Come and play! Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service launches new interactive resource for young people.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) has launched a new interactive online learning site to promote fire and road safety to young people across the county.

Developed by Matmi, Sparkton is an online town that children can explore, play games and learn safety tips. From quizzes to spot the hazards, to testing road safety knowledge, there's lots to see and do.

The new initiative has been developed through a collaboration with a number of other fire services in England and Wales, including Cheshire, Leicestershire and Nottingham, where it has already proved popular.

The educational game is targeted at children aged seven to 11 in Key Stage Two and can be accessed from home or at school, across all different devices and platforms. It has been designed to help the next generation learn about fire and road safety in safe environment.

Head of Communication for CFRS, Hayley Douglas said: "Keeping people safe from fire and other emergencies is fundamental to everything that we do, and engaging young people is a big part of that. We already work with young people in schools and through our Firebreak courses, so this new online resource is a great addition for us.

"Sparkton is a fun resource that will educate young people on the importance of fire and road safety and how to keep themselves safe now and in the future. It's also a great way for them to learn more about the fire service, and what we do in the community.

"By working with Matmi and in collaboration with a number of other fire services, Sparkton provided excellent value for money and has the potential to develop and make new content."

You can start playing on Sparkton at:

<http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/games/sparkton/>



Pre-School

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

Children can start from 2 years 10 months.

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

Coffee Club

Coffee Club is a mother and toddler group run by Needingworth Baptist Church. We meet on Wednesday mornings, during term time, between 10 and 11.30 at the Baptist Church. All are welcome for songs, activities and refreshments.
Entrance 50p.

Sarah Wordingham 462396

Little Tigers

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



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

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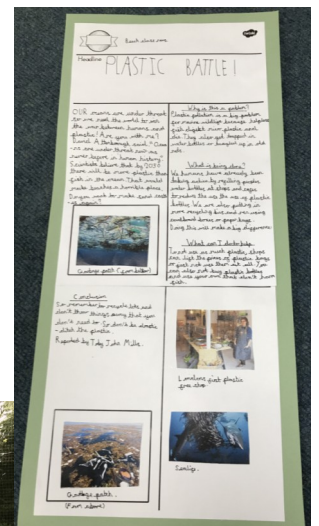
Please ask for Tim

War on Plastic



Year 5 class at Holywell Primary have been finding out about plastic pollution. They have written newspaper articles about this issue and took part in the Daily Mail's Great Plastic Pick Up by doing a litter pick on the playing fields. They have also written persuasive letters to local businesses asking them to reduce their use of plastic.

Helen Rhodes



Environment update

Regular walkers around the Parish may already have noticed bird and bug boxes appearing in the woodland area and other sites around the villages of Needingworth and Holywell.

The environment committee have been working in conjunction with children from Holywell School to improve the habitat for wildlife in the area. The school children made bug boxes with materials supplied by the Parish Council and Councillors Holloway and Whyte have been busy putting both these and a variety of bird boxes up to encourage nesting.



Please do let us know if you see any nesting birds using the new homes!

To increase the children's knowledge of the environment the Parish Council have loaned some equipment for their use at the weekly Forest School classes.

Forest School Teacher, Helen Harland "thanked the Parish Council for helping to develop the experiences for the children" when Councillor Neish and Councillor Whyte handed over the equipment.

Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council:

Tel 01480468451. Email: needingworthpc@btconnect.com

Holywell Church Bell Tower - Historic Painting Occasion

We have been trying to get the team together who helped with the painting of the bell frame last Spring. Actually one person painted (Dave MacDonald) while the rest of us helped clean beforehand or stood on health and safety duty as Dave worked!

And despite several attempts before Villager deadlines, we still haven't got the entire team together - the story will continue!

The photo shows L to R: David Armistead; Dave MacDonald; Sally Beaman; Stephen York; Ben Peilow; Roger Beaman.

Missing, but not least, are David Buist and Janet Reid.



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HOLYWELL-CUM-NEEDINGWORTH BOWLS CLUB



As I write this at the end of April the temperature is 6°C and raining and I am wondering if the winter has returned. Hopefully by the time this has gone to print and circulated the summer will be in full flow and we will have forgotten about weather at that time.

Right now, the green is in spectacular condition and the club has never looked better. Our greenkeepers have once again waved their magic wands and after a lovely opening day it is bowling beautifully, which is unusual for this time of the year. We are therefore looking forward to the new season with great relish after 8 months of indoor bowling.

Events which only a few weeks ago seemed so far away are upon us and some even behind us. We have picked up some new members this year as a result of work completed by so many of our existing members and our teams have been strengthened so we go into the new season with much optimism for a great year. We still welcome new members to come and join us and even if you haven't ever played the game, that we all enjoy, we have coaches and helpers to get you to whatever standard you choose.

Once again, we have added to our facilities and are now looking forward to new projects to carry the club forward in the coming years. This year we have a class of 34 children from the primary school who just love playing when they are given the opportunity to play what is often the first time they have tried the game.

We tend to accept that our village offers so much in the form of sports, hobbies, social clubs and societies but we really are so lucky to have so much choice as to how people can spend time enjoying their interests, so good luck and thanks to those great people who give us the opportunities.

So, if you are thinking that perhaps you might be interested in expanding your interests or just wanting to get more exercise or making new friends just come along to our green and share the joy of our wonderful club.

More news about how our season has gone and if our optimism has been rewarded in the next Villager release so keep reading.

Peter Hutchinson, EBF President 2018

Contacts for the club are:-

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Karate Club

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

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



Needingworth Tennis Club

The new tennis season is now underway (even if the weather is still not exactly 'tennis weather'!) We opened with an American Tournament and then a BBQ afterwards. The weather

was pretty kind to us and it was a fun morning. During the BBQ the Wimbledon draw was held and a few lucky members ended up with some brilliant matches to look forward to when the Wimbledon fortnight rolls round!

New Members

We are a very friendly and open club and would love to welcome some new members. All ages are welcomed and at any level of play or none. If you would like to come along to one of our club sessions, please contact any of the names below and we will make sure someone is there to greet you. You can try the facilities and meet some of our members - we can even lend a racquet if required - all you need is suitable footwear!

Club Sessions

Our all-weather courts are open for club sessions on Sundays 9.30am-12, Wednesdays 9am-12 and Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm (free floodlighting). All welcome!

Membership

We have a variety of membership options starting from only £60 per year and there are also easy options of paying your subscription monthly. The 'tennis year' begins in April, but you can join at any point. Please visit the website and contact our membership secretary Chris Moore for more details.

Coaching

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

Matches

Matches are played in both the Cambs and Hunts&Peterborough leagues. If interested contact Tim/John/Jane or Mark (includes Mens, Ladies, Mixed and Vets of all standards)

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

Helen Haynes

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Bedfordshire
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Northamptonshire Local Group

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to three guided walks (Everyone is most welcome to attend. There is no charge, but donations are welcome):

Grafham Water Nature Reserve Saturday June 9th starting at 10.30am.

Brampton Wood at Night Friday 6th July starting at 10.15 pm and finishing at about midnight.

Woodwalton Fen on Saturday July 14th 2018 from 10.30am to 13.00.

At **Grafham**, we will be looking at the northern side of the reserve where there is a diversity of habitat including meadows, ancient woodland and, of course, open water. We hope to see a wide variety of wildflowers, including common spotted orchids, bugle and lady's mantle. There should be butterflies and dragonflies on the wing and we will also be listening for the sounds of birdsong and visiting the hide at Savages Creek which provides one of the best areas at Grafham Water for birdwatching. The walk will be led by one of the reserve wardens. Please meet at Hill Farm Car Park, Church Road, Grafham, at 10.30 am. GR TL 148 693, PE28 0BE. Park in the Trust car park. For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795.

Enjoy a late night visit to **Brampton Wood** to experience the creatures that come out in the dark. We expect to see glow worms, moths and bats and other creatures depending on their availability on the night! We will be hosting experts to help identify the moths and bats. Bat detectors will be provided. We would advise bringing a torch and wearing warm, waterproof clothing.

Please meet at the Information Barn which is close to Brampton Wood Car Park. The address is Grafham Road, Brampton, Huntingdon, PE28 0DB. GR TL 184698. For more information please contact George on 01480 450809.

Woodwalton Fen is one of the oldest reserves in the country and provides many different habitats, including reedbeds, meadows, woodlands and meres. It is also home to the Rothschild Bungalow. Species of particular interest are the Tansy Beetle, Elephant Hawk Moth, and Fen Violet. It is also home to many dragonflies and butterflies and birds such as the Marsh and Hen Harriers and Bitterns.

Please meet at Jackson's Bridge at the end of Chapel Road. Parking is at the Countryside Classroom, Ramsey Heights, plus limited parking at Jackson's Bridge. GR TL 235 849, PE26 2 RS. For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795.

From a reader

I wondered if anyone in the village remembers a story about a budgerigar that flew into the village school.

I remember hearing about it years ago on radio

Cambridge.

Christine Terrell

(Any comments welcome. The Editor)

Pop-Up Restaurant at Needingworth Village Hall

Tuesday 31st July, 7pm for 7.30pm

Spanish Tapas platter, Moroccan Lamb Tagine, choice of Italian desserts all for £20 per ticket!

Tickets in advance only
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Cambridge Open Studios has announced the 2018 dates for its month-long summer art event, which will feature an exciting range of exhibitions by 350 artists at 221 locations in the city and surrounding areas.

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

The weekends are: July 7/8, 14/15, 21/22 and 28/29. Studios are open to visit between 11am and 6pm. However, as not all artists will exhibit every weekend it is important to check the website, or refer to the famous yellow guide. These guides will be widely available in local outlets including libraries, tourist information sites, galleries and selected shops.

Cambridge Open Studios now has an app to help visitors find exactly what they are looking for and plan their days out. You can search by the artist's name, medium (painting, pottery, glass etc.), and location. There's also a button that suggests studios to visit nearby. So it's easy to find exactly the kinds of work you want to see and to work out a route around a particular area. The app will be available to download by mid-June for Apple and Android.

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Holywell-cum-Needingworth

VILLAGE SHOW

**Vegetables - Fruit - Flowers - Baking
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**Needingworth Village Hall
Saturday 4th August 2018**

Open At 12.30 p.m. Admission Free

Schedules will be available as usual in the village shortly

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WHAT'S ON in the Village



June 2018

- Sat. 3rd Strawberry Cream Tea (page31)
- Mon. 4th WI "Lancelot Brown - Just how Capable was he"
- Tue. 5th Over 60s "Name that Tune" (p11)
- Thur. 7th Gardening Club day trip to Beales
Roses and Bressingham Gardens (p11)
- Mon. 11th Local History Group Treasure
Trail (page 14)
- Tue. 12th Gardening Club "Dazzling
Dahlias" (p11)
- Fri. 15th Beer & Wine Society Tea Wine
Competition (p14)
- Sat 16th. Dance Club with Chris (p11)
- Fri. 22nd Litter Pick,
meet at Village Hall (p7)
- 22nd to 24th Annual Well Dressing (p19)
- Sat. 30th NFEST (p16)

July 2018

- Sun. 1st NFEST (p17)
- Mon. 2nd WI "Medical Detection Dogs"
- Tue. 3rd Over 60s Cream Tea
- Wed. 4th Gardening Club coach outing to
Barnsdale Gardens and Easton
Walled Garden (p11)
- Tue. 10th Gardening Club talk on preparing
exhibits for show (p11)
- Thur. 12th Afternoon Tea at Chatters on
behalf of Parkinson's UK (p19)
- Wed. 18th Gardening Club Garden Safari
Evening (p11)
- Sat. 21st Beer & Wine Society BBQ (p14)
- Sat 21st Dance Club (p11)
- Tue. 31st Village Hall Pop-Up
Restaurant (p28)

August 2018

- Sat. 4th Village Show
- Mon. 6th WI Garden Meeting at Angela's
- Fri. 13th Local History Group (p13)
- Sat.18th Dance Club (p11)

Advance notice

8th October Local History Group, looking at
maps of Holywell with Needingworth (p13)

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 May).

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**21****BUS
TIMES****Ramsey-Somersham-Earith-
Needingworth-St Ives**

Ramsey, opp New Road	0915	—	1555
Bury, opp Owls End	0919	—	1559
Warboys, opp Church Road	0926	—	1606
Pidley cum Fenton, nr Fen Road	0930	—	1610
Pidley cum Fenton, nr Warboys Road	0931	—	1611
Somersham, opp Church Street	0935	—	1615
Somersham, nr Loftsteads	0938	1238	1618
Colne, nr East Street	0945	1245	1625
Earith, opp School Road	0951	1251	1631
Earith, opp Chapel Lane	0954	1254	1634
Bluntisham, o/s 23 High Street	1000	1300	1640
Needingworth, nr Church Street	1005	1305	1645
St Ives, Bus Station (Bay 2)	1015	1315	1655

Saturdays

no service

Sundays

no service

**St Ives Needingworth-Earith-
Somersham-Ramsey**

St Ives, Bus Station (Bay 2)	1205	1405	1705
Needingworth, opp Church Street	1213	1413	1713
Bluntisham, o/s 26a High Street	1218	1418	1718
Earith, nr Chapel Lane	1223	1423	1723
Earith, nr School Road	1225	1425	1725
Colne, opp East Street	1230	1430	1730
Somersham, opp Parkhall Road	1235	1435	1735
Somersham, nr Loftsteads	1238	1438	1738
Somersham, opp Parkhall Road	—	1441	1741
Pidley cum Fenton, opp Warboys Road	—	1445	1745
Pidley cum Fenton, opp Fen Road	—	1446	1746
Warboys, nr Church Road	—	1450	1750
Bury, High Street (W-bound)	—	1458	1758
Ramsey, opp New Road	—	1502	1802

Saturdays

no service

Sundays

no service

**22****Warboys-St Ives****(Calls Needingworth
Saturdays only)**

Warboys, opp Church Road	0947	1147
Pidley cum Fenton, nr Fen Road	0951	1151
Woodhurst, opp The Chapel	1001	1201
St Ives, Bus Station (Bay 2)	1010	1210

Saturdays

Woodhurst, o/s The Chapel	1000	1300
Old Hurst, nr Lancaster Close	1004	1304
Warboys, opp Church Road	1009	1309
Pidley cum Fenton, nr Fen Road	1013	1313
Pidley cum Fenton, nr Warboys Road	1014	1314
Somersham, opp Church Street	1019	1319
Somersham, nr Ibbott Crescent	1022	1322
Colne, nr East Street	1029	1329
Earith, opp School Road	1035	1335
Earith, opp Chapel Lane	1037	1337
Bluntisham, o/s 23 High Street	1042	1342
Needingworth, nr Church Street	1047	1347
St Ives, Bus Station (Bay 2)	1057	1357

Sundays

no service

St Ives-Warboys**(Calls Needingworth
Saturdays only)**

St Ives, Bus Station (Bay 2)	—	1100	1300
Woodhurst, o/s The Chapel	—	1109	1309
Pidley cum Fenton, opp Fen Road	0938	1119	1319
Warboys, nr Church Road	0942	1123	1323

Saturdays

St Ives, Bus Station (Bay 2)	—	1145	1445
Needingworth, opp Church Street	—	1155	1455
Bluntisham, o/s 26a High Street	—	1200	1500
Earith, nr Chapel Lane	—	1205	1505
Earith, nr School Road	—	1207	1507
Colne, opp East Street	—	1213	1513
Somersham, opp Ibbott Crescent	—	1220	1520
Somersham, opp Parkhall Road	—	1223	1523
Pidley cum Fenton, opp Warboys Road	0937	1228	1528
Pidley cum Fenton, opp Fen Road	0938	1229	1529
Warboys, nr Church Road	0942	1233	1533
Old Hurst, opp Lancaster Close	0947	1238	1538
Woodhurst, opp The Chapel	0953	1242	1542

Sundays

no service

Services provided by Dews Coaches
and expected to be valid at least
until 6th December 2017.



Local writing group **SCRIBBLERS** have once again produced a wide range of subject choice in their Annual Snowdrop Cup Short Story Competition. The 2018 Winner is

Holding On To Strangers, by Officer Gloria D'Abruzzo

The train drew into the station. It was King's Cross, but not as I remembered it. Large metal pillars lay fallen, stretched across the tracks. Broken girders, bricks and boulders piled up like mountains formed a new landscape, now covered in a layer of dust. People crawling around it, with ash in their hair, over faces and clothes, made them look prematurely aged. Every expression was gaunt or shocked. Blankly, they responded to questions, prompted by police and emergency teams attending.

I would not look at the epicentre of the devastation. Diverting my sight, I made for the furthest group of passengers on the lowest platform by the doors to the lifts.

"No, Madam, not down there, please! This way ..."

I conducted the frightened group through the underpass. Others noticing our movement quickly joined us. Soon I was fronting a large exodus.

I turned round to check for any stragglers amongst these apparent survivors ... yes, among them an injured woman was attempting to walk with us. Still in shock, she was unaware she was gripping her wounded arm tightly to her, her face crushed and blood-stained, blonde tinted hair hidden under the grey ash. Pain hadn't registered. I gestured to a paramedics team up ahead and they surrounded her.

Another view of my motley company was a child, seemingly unaccompanied but holding another child's hand very tightly.

"This is my sister, Mummy is back there." He points towards the booking office. "We can't move her."

Our WPC is already coming forward to attend. They

leave our party and join the paramedics. We make our way through the underpass until we meet the spiral staircase leading to the street. Now a woman is crying out:

"I can't do this, I can't do stairs ... I have to hold onto the rails. Please ..."

"Hold on to me," I said firmly.

She took my arm and then, addressing the others, I asked:

"Can we see who else needs help going up the stairs? I'm sorry, all lifts are out of bounds."

Conversations sprang up and rushed friendships grew amongst the grey, ragged troop. Shoulders were held and children carried, bags passed along and grateful smiles exchanged.

Eyes stung by daylight searched the anxious sea of faces receiving us. Waiting ambulance crews scanned strangers, now unwilling to lose links to their co-survivors.

"Please register with the first awaiting team," I urged. I'd seen this before. Lost people, caught up in a tragedy, forming attachments, holding on to strangers.

The romance of a chance moment, brought together by a dangerous situation, fateful and profoundly unreal. The charge holding my arm was Jenny. She gripped my hand like a bride on her special day.

"This is Jenny," I directed her to an ambulance driver who was jumping out and opening up the back. "Mind the step."

"Sit down, Jenny," we handed over the charge. I immediately turned to the others, checking for any more waiting.

Sirens screeched further down the street, pulling away emergencies. As they vacated the scene, I could now see the extent of the damage. Cranes turned over, traffic suspended, shattered glass. Survivors streaming away from King's Cross joined the ranks of disoriented pedestrians, walking away from the station into the August afternoon that had once felt so ordinary.

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July Thurs. 5 th and 19 th

August Thurs. 2 nd, 16 th and 30 th

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June Wed. 13 th and 27 th

July Wed. 11 th and 25 th

August Wed. 8 th and 22 nd

BLUE BINS (recycling)

June Thurs. 14 th and 28 th

July Thurs. 12 th and 26 th

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