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EDITORIAL

This year the Villager was entered for the 19th annual Cambridge Building Society Community Magazine Awards. The awards are held to celebrate the hard work carried out by groups, charities and colleges to provide their local community with interesting and relevant news and information. It was one of 32 magazines entered this year, and, although this time we didn't win any award, the judges' complimentary feedback for our entry was "*Substantial, confident, well designed and laid out. Informative and useful to local residents. Wonderful front covers.*" I hope this issue continues that tradition and that lots of you will send me reports, articles, stories, photos, etc. for the December issue to continue to provide an interesting magazine for the village. **Jennifer**

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AUTUMN IN THE LOWTHER HILLS

Wisps of white mist chase thick fog over Lowther
and dance in the distance on bare rocky peaks
where hills and sky splice and merge into sleet
and rainstorms spurt upwards like firework fountains
and Catherine-wheels spin towards far away mountains
and diamond-cut rain slashes the soaking terrain
where wind-wet eagles alone have domain.

Table-cloth coverlets of translucent pearl
transform lush valleys into sparkling New Worlds
which diamond-bright with fluorescent light
display emeralds, glittering green which dance all night
a King's ransom for a jewelled landscape, where grass
sparkles with colourful baubles of rainbow glass.

Running, storm-water fills up the burns
and pours into channels that emptily churn
roaring past rapids with riot and rush
over waterfalls that plummet, gurgle and gush
replenishing drains and the driest dry ditches
reviving the tinctures and fabric of riches
where brown, bracken-patches after the downpour
spread molten copper over purple-pink moors.

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FRONT COVER: Poppy quilt and a selection of roses from Annual Village Show, Photos J. Horn

Members of WI with their poppies being made for the Church tribute to the RAF and also the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I (photo supplied by WI)

PARISH COUNCIL

Meet Your Parish Councillors

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

Councillor Colin Pearce, Chairman



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

Committees: Consultation, Discipline & Grievance, Environment, Emergency Plan Working Party, HR (Chairman), Leisure Facilities, Planning & Finance (Chairman)

Councillor Sarah Mortlock, Vice Chairman



I am a married, working mother of two daughters. I have lived in Needingworth for 29 years and have a passion for village life. I enjoy meeting new people and in my spare time enjoy walks with my dogs, reading and spending time with my family. This is my second term on the Parish Council and my aim is to keep Holywell-cum-Needingworth a beautiful village to live in.

Committees: Appeals, Consultation, Environment, HR, Leisure Facilities (Chairman), Planning & Finance

Councillor Roy Fountain



I have lived in Needingworth for 21 years. Prior to retirement I was a graduate chemist and managed businesses throughout my career. I have been a trustee of the Village Hall for 19 years and am involved with the annual Music Festival, the Village Hall's main fundraiser of the year. I am a member of various village groups including the Beer & Wine Society, tennis club and the gardening club. I am pleased to have been elected for my third term as a Parish Councillor and look forward to further serving my community.

Committees: Appeals, Consultation, Leisure Facilities (Vice Chairman), Planning & Finance

Councillor Alan Holloway



I moved to Holywell approximately 16 years ago and have been a Councillor for about 14 years. I chose to live in Holywell because the village reminded me of my childhood home in the country a few miles from Brighton. I am happily married with one son who now lives in Australia. I ran my own business in the commercial construction industry for 25 years before retiring. After which I took a part time job in a garden centre and stayed there for 6 years. I believe we need to protect our villages for future generations and to protect the beauty of where we live.

Committees: Appeals, Consultation (Chairman), Environment, Emergency Plan Working Party, HR, Planning & Finance



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Thank you, Sue Ferreira

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

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

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Parish Council Summary Report

By Parish Clerk

May meeting saw Cllr C Pearce elected as the Chairman for 2018/19, Cllr Pearce thanked members for their support in electing him and also to the outgoing Councillors, Cathy Border and Ian Neve who stood down at the election on 3rd May 2018. He also welcomed newly elected members, Sue Martin and Colin O'Reilly.

A member of public spoke in public forum asking Council to consider the installation of a skate park.

Several new policies were approved in line with new GDPR legislation.

End of year accounts and the annual return for 31st March 2018 were approved.

3 planning applications were supported.

June meeting opened with a presentation from the architect for the proposed development of 45 homes on land to rear of 92-108 High Street (Meeting Lane). He advised that the application had been submitted to HDC.

Due to the success of the flashing speed warning sign on Church Street in reducing speed in this area the purchase of a second sign to be located in the High Street was approved.

It was agreed that the Local Highway BID for 2019/20 should be submitted for improvements to the footpath from Millfields car park to the cemetery to assist with a safe route to school for the pupils whose parent's park at Millfields.

Cllr Williamson précised the Development management committee meeting at HDC on 29th May 2018 where the outline planning application for 120 houses on Bluntisham Road Needingworth were approved despite strong objection from the Parish Council.

At the July meeting an officer from Cambridgeshire County Council made a very informative presentation on traffic analysis relating to planning applications. This prompted many probing questions from members of Council.

The planning application for the Meeting Lane development was on the agenda along with 3 further applications. The Meeting Lane development was objected to on the grounds that it did not meet HDC policy relating to smaller settlements.

Council approved the setting up of a new Parish Council website and the purchase of a new mower.

A date for the Christmas lights switch on was agreed as 7th December 2018, please see page 25 of the magazine.

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

www.holywell-cum-needingworthparishcouncil.co.uk

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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George's Pictures

I would like to thank everyone who bought one of George's pictures. The total raised was £200. This I am handing over to the Parish Council to use for a community Artwork. Once the Council have decided what this will be they will keep me informed as to what and when.

Thank you all. Petronella

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Planning Application Bluntisham Road

Many of you will have seen the article in the Hunts Post of 4th July 2018. Regrettably the press release was amended on going to press and this fundamentally altered the context of what the Parish Council was saying. As residents, it is important that you are aware that the Parish Council is acting on your behalf and in this respect acted in accordance with the majority opinion as expressed at the public open meeting. The full press release is as follows:

Press Release: Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council.

On May 29th 2018 Huntingdonshire District Council's Development Management Committee approved the application by Gladmans for outline planning permission to build 120 houses on Bluntisham Road, Needingworth. This decision was taken despite the site being in contravention of the planning policies of the District Council which has a responsibility to protect productive agricultural land from development. It was also contrary to the District's classification of Needingworth as a smaller settlement unable to sustain large scale development. It also ignored the existing and likely future effect of other development in the area.

Following a Public Open Meeting held by the Parish Council in September 2017 and the overwhelming opinion of our residents who attended, Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council strongly objected to the application. Our case was based upon the lack of village infrastructure including limited school places, development outside of the village envelope, speed limit and the increasing pressure on the road network, with particular reference to the proximity of the development to the junction with the A1123. The Parish Council felt that there would be a strong probability of significant increased traffic adding to the problems already being experienced at the Morrison's roundabout and Harrison Way, where the effects of other development already in the pipeline still has to be experienced.

Whilst the District Council seemed to consider all of the Parish Council's reasoning sound, the application was still passed by one vote. We are very grateful to those District Councillors that supported our position. The reasons given by those voting in favour related to the lack of supporting evidence from their Planning Department, CCC Highways and the Local Education Authority with regards to infrastructure matters, plus the assumption that the application would almost certainly be passed should the applicant go to appeal. It was felt that The Inspectorate would probably find in the applicant's favour due to Huntingdonshire District Council's current lack of a valid Local Plan.

To people whose daily commute is anywhere near Eastern St Ives, it may seem rather strange that this is not recognised by everybody as a critical area that will have great difficulty in absorbing the results of Planning decisions which have already been taken. The County Highways Department is, nevertheless, apparently satisfied that more development will make no appreciable difference to the present situation. An officer report states "Although the development will have an impact on the highway network, its impact is minimal. Its impact on the A1123/Stocks Bridge Way roundabout for example is one car every 1.3 minutes, therefore the impact is not sever."

In reaching this decision they have apparently overlooked the regular lorries visiting Hanson's Needingworth quarry which already use the same access to the A1123. A roundabout at this location is, however, not felt to be necessary. The assumption seems to be that the 120 houses will produce few additional cars on the road and that buses and cycles will be the residents' chosen method of transport! Given that local schools are already close to capacity, again before current development is completed, we can probably also expect to see longer school runs that will further exacerbate the situation. No comment on the application had been received from the Education Authority and none had apparently been sought.

Now outline approval has been given the Parish Council apparently has no right of appeal.

Our Parish Council is concerned that the District Council is becoming very out of touch with their Community and Electorate and more concerned with the threat of any successful challenge from the Inspectorate nationally. Surely, we have a right to expect them to champion our cause in the case of any appeal? If all applications of this kind are to be approved irrespective of the undoubted difficulties that they will create for large numbers of the population then we have to question the purpose and value of the Planning function. We could perhaps use the resultant savings to fund the already much needed improvements to the infrastructure such as bridges, roundabouts and a new river crossing?

The Parish Council would like to assure residents that it will, nevertheless, continue to work on behalf of its community in order to try to obtain the best possible outcome and conditions when the full application is submitted by the developer.

The Parish Council will continue to lobby for road improvements especially at the known pinch point where the A1123 joins Harrison Way and we deeply regret that the District Council has felt unable to support us on an issue which will clearly be detrimental to the wider community within the District as a whole.

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Village Hall Report

Under the lead of Andy Killoran again this year, we had a very happy Festival which raised a similar amount to last year towards the upkeep and improvement of the hall. This is now vital as we are completely self-funding in all areas.

So thank you to all those who helped us beforehand, on the day and afterwards. It is a marathon exercise for a few people to undertake: Mick Carpenter's team to organise great music, the Village Hall committee for the planning and much of the physical work, our media team of Gethyn Williams, Anne Bannell and Jannine Warwick who all played a big part, and of course I must mention our bar with 10 real ales this year!

A big thank you to all our volunteers who help to make the weekend a great success.

A warm welcome to Claire Edge who has recently moved to our village. She has already become a valued Trustee and we are pleased that she chose to join us.

We held our first Pop-up Restaurant in July. This was a Mediterranean menu with tapas, Moroccan lamb tagine and desserts to die for! It was delicious. Vegetarian options were available. Our chefs were Sandra Starling and Frank Boddy. We shall look forward to organising another Pop-up meal again – only 60 people can take part so if you are interested, please let me know and you will be added to our list of those to advise.

In the last quarter we have had the windows, curtains and chairs cleaned, the lobby lights have been changed to LCD's and there is now a broom cupboard in the storage room for tables and chairs.

Keep in touch with us on the websites and media info below and please remember we are always ready to welcome new members onto our Committee.

Margaret Fountain, Treasurer
Village Hall Management Committee
Tel: 01480 496636

Our websites are: Needingworthvillagehall.com
Needingworthmusicfestival.com
Facebook [Needingworth village hall](https://www.facebook.com/Needingworthvillagehall)

Date for your Diary:
Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 1st December

Garden Plot Vacancies

Have you been thinking about growing your own vegetables? The Parish Council may have a garden plot available to rent. The cost of a half plot is £15.00 a year and this includes water.



If you are interested please can you contact the Parish Office either by giving us a call on 01480 468451 or email Alison on acneedingworthpc@btconnect.com we would be delighted to hear from you!

Community litter Pick Friday 22nd June 2018



It was thanks to a group of 6 ladies, including a volunteer from Morrisons that Mill Way, Falklands Walk, Pound Hill and the High Street were cleared of rubbish on a hot sunny day. Their efforts

were rewarded with tea and cake at the village hall kindly supplied by Morrisons and prepared by Councillor Eda MacPherson.

A big thank you to those who turned up to help keep the villages looking neat and tidy.



Upcoming Events:

3rd Thursday in the month - Knit and Chatter 2pm-4pm

27th September - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2pm - 4pm

1st November - join us to celebrate national sandwich day

29th November - to celebrate the end of November bring your moustaches (and yourselves) into Chatters for a free hot drink.

13th December - Christmas Jumper day at Chatters - wear your Christmas Jumper and celebrate with a free hot drink

Volunteers wanted!

Are you free on a Thursday between the following times? 12pm-2pm or 2pm-4pm or 4pm-6pm

We urgently need your help to keep the café open and running to continue to support the community.

If you are interested pop in and say hi or drop an email to Alison Thompson at... alisonthompson633@gmail.com



Chatters is a local village Community Café that is run solely by volunteers for the benefit of the community. We are open every Thursday from 9.15am - 5pm (last food orders 4.30pm).

We offer a range of hot or cold food options from a full English breakfast to sandwiches and baguettes; which can be eaten in or taken away. We also offer Gluten Free Paninis and are happy to adapt our menu where possible to suit dietary requirements. For a sweet treat we also have a selection of homemade cakes available every week including gluten free.

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CLUBS & SOCIETIES

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The past few months have been really productive for the W.I. Our Craft and Natter Club worked furiously to knit as many poppies as possible for our flower display for the Church Patronal. Bobbie Weston worked her magic creating a wonderful tribute to the R.A.F Centenary, incorporating the poppies we had made. It has been decided to continue making poppies to increase the display for the 100th anniversary for the end of World War One, on 11th November 2018. The Craft & Natter group are also knitting premature baby hats and blankets for local hospitals, we have all enjoyed getting together to create and share our knowledge and news.

Our meetings have been varied and as usual we have all had the chance to discover different talents, such as our artistic skills, we had the opportunity to make various types of greeting cards, ornaments decorated with decoupage, or bracelets made from paper, lots of chat laughter and concentration, everyone left the meeting with a work of art! We have also visited Ramsey Walled Garden where we enjoyed admiring the garden and afternoon tea.

Our Lunch Club, Cinemas Club and Scrabble Club continue to thrive.



The W.I is celebrating the 100 anniversary this year, and the Huntingdon & Peterborough WI Federation, of which we are part, is creating a wall of tiles to commemorate this very special date, one tile will be created by each WI. Our tile is made up of photographs of each of our members.

We have everything crossed, weather wise, for our August meeting (Garden Party) to be held in Angela Bouch's garden. The entertainer is booked, the supper, tombola and live entertainment is arranged, we just need to sun to shine.

We are arranging a trip to Thursford – The Christmas Festival this year, which will get us all into the festive spirit.

We were sad to miss the Music Festival Family Day this year, every penny we made from this event went to support our annual nominated local charity last year **Good Neighbours**, so we are really keen to promote the Annual Christmas Bazaar which we are responsible for organising this year, we will be working hard to continue to raise funds for our charity for 2018 which is The Blood Bikers (a wonderful group of volunteers who deliver emergency blood and breast milk supplies to hospitals, Papworth & Hinchinbook as an overnight service 365 nights per year) Our stalls will include Christmas Wreaths, Christmas Gifts, and Lucky Dip. **We will be sending out booking forms to regular stall holders in the next few weeks. If you wish to have a stall this year and are not on our mailing list please contact us, see details below.**

So please make a note in your diaries, Village Hall - Saturday 1st December 2018.

Our meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month, visitors and new members will be very welcome.

Contact **Eda Macpherson - 01480468633**



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October 2nd

November 6th

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Scribblers Writing Group

hold meetings monthly at Needingworth Village Hall, plus they have a lively poetry group. For details please ring Helen on 01487 843437 or Joan on 01840 463966.



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Holywell-cum-Needingworth Local History Group

For our June meeting, some of us met at the centre of Houghton to follow the Treasure Trail set around Houghton and Wyton, with clues and directions to help us eliminate places till we discovered where the treasure was located! The route was varied and winding and took us past many interesting houses and features. We digressed at the church to admire the flower displays from their festival at the weekend, listen to the ringers practise and chat, which meant we got help with a clue too!

The route took us about 90 minutes and we took away ideas of what we might do, and not do, if we set up our own trail round Needingworth . . .

. . . . which leads to the next topic – the next meeting! Where we hope to actually devise a plan (more in December's villager)

The programme for the rest of the year is below:

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

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

(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).



HcN historians at the end of their quest

GARDENING CLUB A great village effort!

The Annual Village Show was a great success this year despite the lack of rain making it difficult for many of the flower and produce exhibitors.

It was a wonderful village occasion with lots of crowds enjoying looking round the Show and stopping for a tea and cake. The warm weather made this even more enjoyable.

People forget that the Show is not just about plants and vegetables but is also full of baking, handicrafts, photography, wine making as well as a large children's section, which are not weather dependent.

We had almost 600 exhibits in total which was only very slightly below last year's excellent result.

There were many new exhibitors from within the village who have no connection with the Gardening Club who only organise and fund the event on behalf of the village community. Some of these newcomers won prizes or cups and the inordinate pleasure of winning was obvious from their faces and smiles.

We even have one group that come up from Essex especially to see the show as they think it is one of the most pleasant events of its type. All visitors are most welcome.

The large array of cups and prizes were presented by the Parish Clerk, Jane Bowd, and it was good to see so many new people receiving prizes along with some of the more experienced exhibitors.

The Gardening Club grows in popularity within the village as well as surrounding areas.

The next meeting is on 11th September seeking to answer the very common question of "What do I do with this space?"



Grant Williamson, Chairman

Beer and Wine Society

In July the members enjoyed a BBQ at Danny's on a lovely warm evening. Our forthcoming programme is as follows.

Fri. 21 September Beer competition held at Sandra's.

October TBN.

Fri. 16th November is our annual show.

December is a safari supper.

Please contact me **Pat Britton** on **466239** for further details if you would like to join in.

Karate Club

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

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

Holywell cum Needingworth Over 60s Club

The June meeting was a visit from Linda Scoles with one of her very amusing talks. This year it was entitled "Name that Tune" and involved much enthusiastic audience participation. We also had a successful trip on the river at St Ives with the Electric Boat Company followed by Afternoon Tea. In July we supported the Preschool Day at the Music Festival by running a successful tombola stall and enjoying the wonderful sunshine. The July meeting was our annual Cream Tea when the entertainment was provided by the Rocking Ukuleles of St Ives whose talents included comedy as well as playing and singing. They were ably assisted by two members who did the Morecambe and Wise actions to the band's rendering of "Give Me Sun-

shine." The usual meals at the Queens Head on the 4th Tuesday of the month were enjoyed in both June and July. In August we had no meeting but had a day trip to Cromer and a half-day trip to the Garden Centre at Wilburton for lunch.

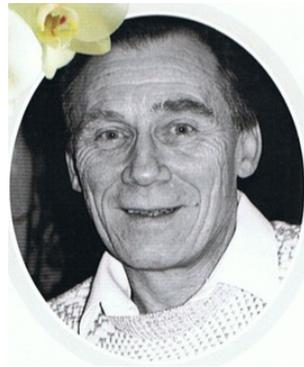
Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday in the month, 2-4pm at the Village Hall. All Welcome.

Tuesday 4th September. Emma will give a talk entitled "Mind and Spirit."

Tuesday 2nd October. Quiz with Geoff Norman followed by games. The card and giftwrap lady will also be at this meeting.

Tuesday 6th November. Christmas Table Decoration demonstration. The Avon Lady will also be present.

Obituary Aleksander Tuzinkiewicz 7th October 1932 – 18th April 2018



It is with great sadness that Holywell-cum-Needingworth Good Neighbours must announce the passing of Alex Tuzinkiewicz on 18th April 2018. Alex became one of our volunteers several years ago and quickly became an integral part of our group. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Alex and, when he was called by our co-ordinator asking him to do a job, he would invariably reply that it would be an honour and he always went the extra mile to support those in need of his help.

Alex was a very quiet, modest man who led the most extraordinary life. He was born in Tlumacz, Poland on 7th October 1932 where he lived with his family until April 1940. Following the German invasion he, along with his mother and two younger brothers, was loaded onto a stock car and was deported by train to Siberia. For two weeks, at the tender age of seven, he was forcibly separated from his mother and became responsible for looking after and feeding his two younger brothers until they were reunited with her. In the autumn of 1941 the family were released from Siberia and made their way to Southern Russia, where the Polish forces were regrouping, and then journeyed to Persia in 1942. Sadly, one of his brothers did not survive. Eventually, in 1947 and having attended cadet school in Palestine, Alex arrived in Southampton with his family and by 1955 he had graduated from Plymouth Polytechnic where he studied electrical engineering. In 1958 Alex met his beloved Dorotka whom he married the following year and went on to have four children, then ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Until he retired, Alex's very successful career enabled him to travel the world but, ever the family man, he was always happy to come home to his family in Needingworth to where they had moved in 1975.

Alex was, in every sense, a remarkable and gentle man. He had a great generosity of spirit and brought light into the lives of so many people. When he became ill himself it was our privilege and honour to help him in the same way that he had helped so many people. He will be greatly missed by all those who were lucky enough to know him.



Gardening Club Annual Village Show

held on 4th August 2018

On display for visitors to admire were colourful flowers, fruit and vegetables from local gardens, beer and wine, pickles and jams, cakes and biscuits, flower arrangements, artworks, crafts, needlework and photographs. Junior entries included floating flowers and colourful sun hats. A small selection of entries are illustrated here (and on the front cover) along with some of the trophies the winners will hold for the coming year.



Winners of Cups and Trophies

RHS Banksian Medal Sheila Flude
Chivers Challenge Cup David Gedye
Baily Challenge Cup David Gedye
Duus Trophy Janet Mehew
Barrett Cup Jenny Williamson
Olive Masters Memorial Plate Rosemary Blake
Homecraft Cup Rosemary Blake
White Cup Charles Stocker
Sydney Prior Cup Charles Stocker
Hannah Richards Cup Janet Gedye
Dorothy Rose Cup Denise Rolph
Bedford Cup Pat Luckett
WI Challenge Cup Tracy Ansell
Floral Art Trophy Christine Coatsworth
Harrison Cup Joan King
Hawthorn Cup Janet Gedye
Sonny Cooper Cup Lynn Green
Jack Arnold Cup Charles Stocker
Ann Mortlock Trophy Joan King
Winemakers Challenge Cup Roy Fountain
Benton Trophy Pauline Baily
Webster Trophy Colin Green, Sheila Flude
Richards Trophy Jean Draper, Tracy Ansell
Arthur Spencer Cup Lynda Stevenson
Coutts-Lane Cup Ella Taylor
Pantiles Junior Trophy Megan Hawksford
Duus Cup Megan Hawksford
Floral Art Cup Ella Taylor
Governors' Shield Ella Taylor
Photography Salver Carol York

Results in Adult Classes

Vegetables
White Potatoes
First Sheila Flude
Second David Gedye *Third* Isabel Powell
Coloured Potatoes
First Colin Green
Second Alan Draper
French Beans
First Sheila Flude
Second David Gedye
Third Grant Williamson
Runner Beans
First Sheila Flude
Second Jane Godfrey *Third* Heather Jones
Cabbages
First David Gedye
First Charles Stocker
Second David Gedye
Third Grant Williamson
Onions from Seed
First Charles Stocker
Second David Gedye
Third Grant Williamson
Onions from Seed, under 250g
First David Gedye
Second Grant Williamson
Red Onions from Sets
First Alan Draper
Second David Gedye *Third* Penny Peart
White Onions from Sets
First Carol Hanson
Second Susan Dawson *Third* Alan Draper
Shallots for Pickling
First David Buist
Shallots for Size and Quality
First Charles Stocker
Second Colin Green
Garlic
First Colin Green
Second Alan Draper
Parsnips
First David Gedye
Long Carrots
First Charles Stocker
Second David Gedye *Third* Sheila Flude
Stump Carrots
First David Gedye
Beetroot, Globe Variety
First David Gedye
Second Grant Williamson
Third Tony Steward
Courgettes
First Sheila Flude
Second David Gedye *Third* David Buist

Best Exhibits

Best Exhibit in Horticultural Classes Charles Stocker
Best Exhibit of Vegetables & Fruit Charles Stocker
Best Exhibit of Flowers Janet Gedye
Best Exhibit in Culinary and Craft Classes Lynda Stevenson
Best Exhibit in Baking & Preserves Tracy Ansell
Best Exhibit in Home-made Wine & Beer Roy Fountain
Best Exhibit in Flower Arranging (Adult) Christine Coatsworth
Best Exhibit in Adult Handicrafts Lynda Stevenson
Best exhibit in Photography Carol York
Best Exhibit in Junior Classes Megan Hawksford



Vegetable Marrows

First David Gedye
Second Colin Green *Third* Paul Wheatley
Cucumbers, Outdoor
First Tony Steward
Second Colin Green *Third* Susan Dawson
Cucumbers, Indoor
First Susan Dawson
Second David Buist *Third* Rosemary Blake
Tomatoes, Ordinary Varieties
First Charles Stocker
Second Pauline Baily *Third* Alan Draper
Novelty Tomatoes
First Penny Peart
Second David Gedye *Third* Carol York
Peppers, hot (chilli)
First Penny Peart
Second David Gedye *Third* John Hanson
Peppers, sweet
First Dinah Wheatley
Second Carol Hanson *Third* Alan Draper, Penny Peart
Rhubarb
First Denise Rolph
Second Grant Williamson *Third* David Gedye
Any Other Vegetable
First Evelyn Whitfield
Second David Buist *Third* Susan Dawson

Culinary Herbs*First* Christine Coatsworth*Second* Carol York*Third* Lesley Anderson**Heaviest Potato***First* David Gedye**Heaviest Onion***First* Charles Stocker**Heaviest Marrow***First* David Gedye**Longest Runner Bean***First* Charles Stocker**Most Amusing Vegetable***First* David Gedye**Salad Tray***First* Sheila Flude*Second* Jenny Smith*Third* Alan Draper**Jack Arnold Gardener's Duo***First* Charles Stocker*Second* David Gedye*Third* Carol Hanson**George Knight Kitchen Gardener***First* Charles Stocker*Second* Penny Peart**Fruit****Raspberries***First* Grant Williamson*Second* Alan Draper**Plums***First* Janet Mehew*Second* Tony Steward*Third* Cherril Ruston**Bowl of Mixed Fruit***First* Pauline Baily**Any Other Fruit***First* Jackie Norris*Second* David Gedye*Third* Janet Mehew**Flowers****Fuschia blooms***First* Liz Sutton*Second* Jenny Williamson*Third* Diana Staines**Floribunda Roses (multi-headed)***First* Pauline Baily*Second* Jane Godfrey**Vase of Mixed Roses***First* Denise Rolph*Second* Jenny Williamson**Hybrid Tea Rose, specimen bloom***First* Jenny Smith*Second* Jenny Williamson*Third* Charles Stocker**Hollyhocks***First* Jenny Williamson*Second* Susan Dawson*Third* Joan King**French Marigolds***First* Rosemary Blake*Second* Alan Draper**Sweet Peas***Second* Jenny Williamson**Penstemons***First* Lesley Anderson*Second* Jenny Williamson*Third* Pauline Baily**Collection of Annuals***Second* Sheila Flude**Collection of Herbaceous Perennials***First* Janet Gedye*Second* Sheila Flude*Third* Lesley Anderson**Flowering Shrub***First* Janet Gedye*Second* Yvonne Hill*Third* Cherril Ruston**Dahlias (small)***First* Colin Green*Second* Jenny Williamson**Dahlias, assorted***First* Colin Green*Second* Jenny Williamson**Top Vase***First* Sheila Flude*Second* Jenny Williamson**Fuchsia***Second* Sue Everest**Orchid (Flowering)***First* Colin Green*Second* Sheila Flude*Third* Janet Gedye**Cactus***First* Janet Gedye*Second* Jenny Smith**Succulent (not cactus)***First* Penny Peart*Second* Janet Gedye*Third* Les Staddon**Collection of Cacti and/or Succulents***First* Penny Peart**Pelargoniums ('Geraniums')***Second* Sue Everest*Third* Jenny Williamson**Tuberous-rooted Begonia***Second* Sue Everest**Small Flowering Pot Plant***Second* Pat Staddon*Third* Jenny Smith**Small Foliage Pot Plant***First* Sue Everest*Second* Lesley Anderson*Third* Yvonne Hill**Large Flowering Pot Plant***First* Janet Buist*Second* Colin Green*Third* Janet Gedye**Large Foliage Pot Plant***First* Dinah Wheatley*Second* Jenny Williamson*Third* Janet Gedye**Hanging Basket, Single or Mixed Varieties***First* Lynn Green*Second* Jenny Smith**Small Terrace Pot or Tub***First* Joan King*Second* Sue Everest**Large Terrace Pot or Tub***First* Joan King*Third* Sue Everest**Baking & Preserves****Home-made Victoria Sandwich***First* Janet Mehew*Second* Rosemary Blake*Third* Lynn Green**Home-made Vegetable-based Cake***First* Tracy Ansell*Second* Jackie Campion*Third* Rosemary Mackay**Tea Loaf***First* Mary Adams*Second* Jenny Smith*Third* Freda Steward**Home-made Fruit Pie***First* Diana Staines*Second* Jenny Williamson**Muffins, Sweet or Savoury***First* Carol York*Second* Susan Dawson*Third* Jenny Williamson**Cup Cakes***First* Jean Draper*Second* Susan Dawson**Sweet Scones***First* Rosemary Blake*Second* Lynn Green*Third* Tracy Ansell**Savoury Scones***First* Liz Sutton*Second* Rosemary Blake*Third* Pat Luckett**Shortbread***First* Lynn Green*Second* Jean Draper*Third* Rosemary Blake**Biscuits***First* Rosemary Blake*Second* Susan Dawson*Third* Jean Draper**Savoury Flavoured Loaf Made in a Bread Machine***First* Rosemary Blake*Second* Dinah Wheatley*Third* Vania Taylor**Hand-made Speciality Bread***First* Jackie Norris*Second* Rosemary Blake*Third* Carol York**Home-made Jelly***First* David Buist*Second* Rosemary Blake*Third* Freda Steward**Home-made Jam***First* Tracy Ansell*Second* Jean Draper *Third* Ann Johnson**Home-made Marmalade***First* Mary Adams*Second* Jean Draper *Third* Janet Mehew**Home-made Lemon Curd***First* Rosemary Blake*Second* Freda Steward *Third* Pat Luckett**Home-made Pickles***First* Rosemary Blake*Second* Carol York**Home-made Chutney***First* Janet Reid*Second* Tracy Ansell *Third* Penny Peart**Home-made Wine & Beer****Dry Red Wine***First* Roy Fountain*Second* Danny Morgan*Third* Sandra Buckenham**Dry White Wine***First* Roy Fountain*Third* Sandra Buckenham**Rosé Wine***First* Roy Fountain*Second* Danny Morgan*Third* Sandra Buckenham**Sweet White Wine***First* Roy Fountain*Second* Danny Morgan**Medium Red Wine***First* Roy Fountain*Second* Danny Morgan*Third* Sandra Buckenham**Medium White Wine***First* Roy Fountain**Spirit-based Fruit Drink***First* Rosemary Blake*Second* Pauline Baily, Danny Morgan



Beer
First Andy Killoran
Second Roy Fountain
Third Sandra Buckenham

Handicrafts

Hand Knitting
First Felicity Leonard
Second Val Hickman

Dressmaking

First Mary Adams
Second Cathy Inman

Crocheted Item

First Lynda Stevenson
Second Cathy Inman
Third Jackie Norris

Quilt or Appliqué

First Liz Sutton
Second Sheila Flude
Third Jean Draper
Highly Commended
 Mary Adams



Embroidery, Needlework and Needlepoint (Tapestry), not from a kit

First Evelyn Whitfield

Embroidery, Needlework and Needlepoint (Tapestry) from a kit

First Tracy Ansell
Second Rosemary Mackay

Painting

First Richard Ruston
Second Robert Brockman
Third Judy Davison
Highly Commended Grant Williamson

Metal, Wood, Pottery or Glass

First Graham Purse
Second Lynn Green
Third Mike Davison

Jewellery

First Tracy Ansell

Greetings Card

First Jackie Norris
Second Jean Draper
Third Lynn Green

Hand-made Bag

First Jean Draper
Second Evelyn Whitfield
Third Liz Sutton

Photography

Flowers, Vegetables & Fruit

First Dave Martin
Second Alan Draper
Third Emma Taylor

Garden Photograph

First Judith Jones
Second Grant Williamson
Third Dave Martin

'Reflection'

First Carol York
Second John Davy
Third Grant Williamson

A Landscape

First Grant Williamson
Second Richard Ruston
Third Tracy Ansell

'Speed'

First John Davy
Second Judith Jones
Third Richard Ruston

Wildlife in the Landscape

First Emma Taylor
Second Richard Ruston **Third** Alan Draper

Portrait of an Adult

First Richard Ruston
Second Grant Williamson **Third** Penny Peart

Portrait of a Child

First David Buist
Second Alan Draper **Third** Judith Jones

Flower Arranging

Table Decoration for a Celebration Dinner

First Christine Coatsworth
Second Jane Thorley **Third** Joan King

Miniature Arrangement - 'Time for Tea'

First Joan King
Second Lynn Green **Third** Jenny Williamson

'Summer Holidays'

First Christine Coatsworth
Third Jane Thorley

Foliage-Only Arrangement

First Liz Goodfellow
Second Joan King
Third Freda Stewart

An Arrangement in Your Favourite Container

First Jane Thorley
Second Freda Stewart
Third Christine Coatsworth



Results in Junior Classes

4 to 7s

Floating Flowers in a Favourite Bowl

First Isabell Taylor

Handwriting and Illustration

First Isabell Taylor

Decorated Paper Plate

First Isabell Taylor

Model Mini-beast

First Isabell Taylor

Decorated Biscuits

First Isabell Taylor

8 to 11s

Vegetable Necklace

First Ella Taylor

Second Caitlin Jackson

Model Mini-beast

First Ella Taylor

Second Mya Taylor **Third** Caitlin Jackson

Miniature Garden

First Megan Hawksford

Second Ella Taylor **Third** Rosie Brook

Pencil Drawing

First Ella Taylor

Second Caitlin Jackson

Decorated Sun Hat

First Caitlin Jackson

Second Ella Taylor

Floral Decoration

First Ella Taylor

Second Caitlin Jackson

Photograph of an Animal

First Caitlin Jackson

Third Ella Taylor **Third** Mya Taylor

Gingerbread Men

First Caitlin Jackson

Second Ella Taylor

Handwriting and Illustration

First Rosie Brook

Second Caitlin Jackson **Third** Ella Taylor

12 to 14s

Textile Craft

First Jorja Jackson

Pencil Drawing

First Jorja Jackson

Photograph of Needingworth or Holywell

First Jorja Jackson

Photograph of Flowers, Vegetables & Fruit

First Jorja Jackson

Cup Cakes

First Megan Jackson

Second Jorja Jackson

Biscuits

First Jorja Jackson **Second** Megan Jackson



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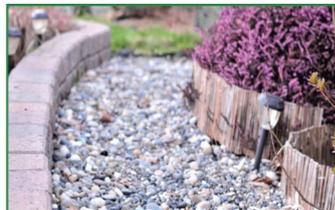


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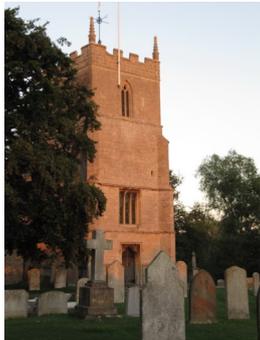
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First of all, as many readers may be aware, our Rector, Revd Sheila

Anthony, has been unable to take services at Holywell for a while due to ill-health. We are glad to report that she is now on her way to recovery and we hope to see her back in action during September. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard for our annual Well-dressing and Flower Festival in June. This year's theme, commemorating the centenary of the founding of the Royal Air Force, was accompanied by an excellent exhibition of RAF memorabilia, including a display from the Wyton Heritage Centre – and a big thank you to all the local ex-airmen and women who lent us items for the exhibition. We were also treated to a very entertaining concert by the Brampton and Wyton Military Wives' Choir on the Sunday of the festival.

Thanks also to Les and Pat Staddon and Evelyn Whitfield and Felicity Leonard for arranging and hosting coffee mornings this summer, and to Clive and Caroline Quick for organising another splendid Music by the River evening at the Ferry Boat Inn in May, all of which have raised considerable amounts for church funds. More coffee mornings are coming – check *The Herald* for details later on. The new church Christmas card will be available in the autumn, as will tickets for our traditional Christmas draw. Again, more details to come in *The Herald*.

In July we said goodbye to our long-serving organist Ann Tollington, who has decided to retire after playing at our services for 18 years. Ann's career as an organist spans 50 years, during which time she has played in no fewer than 37 churches! On 22 July we made a presentation to her at the morning service, followed by a farewell party at Holywell House. We are now looking for a new organist who can play at our two regular choral services each month – if that could be you, or if you know of one, please contact our choir leader Ben Peilow, 01480 496958, benpeilow@btopenworld.com. Ben would also be pleased to hear from potential new members of the church choir.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS AUTUMN

This year we are celebrating the traditional **Harvest Festival** on **Sunday 23 September**; after the Harvest Thanksgiving service we plan to offer a **Harvest Lunch** in the church, to which everyone is welcome. Details of this will be put up on posters around the village nearer the time, and of course on the Meridian Benefice website. As usual, we also invite contributions of produce to be displayed in church and sold off afterwards in aid of a chosen charity: please bring along produce or any kind of food and drink (in-date

packaged or fresh), or leave it in the church a day or two beforehand.

At the annual **All Souls Service (Sunday 4 November, 3 p.m.** at the parish church) we gather to remember and celebrate the lives of family and friends who are no longer with us. If you wish to add the name of a loved one to the list which we place in church at the service, please contact Jill Harvey (01480 460429, jillsbharvey@icloud.com).

Remembrance Day: The service will take place at Holywell School, on **Sunday 11 November** (10 a.m.), followed by a procession to the War Memorial for the Act of Remembrance there (11 a.m.). It seems appropriate that this year's commemoration falls on Armistice Day itself, exactly 100 years after the official end of the First World War.

REGULAR SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

1st Sunday of the month: 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer); 9.30 Café Sunday at the Village Hall

2nd Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Common Worship, with choir)

3rd Sunday: 9.30 a.m. All-Age Service with church orchestra

4th Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship (with choir)

5th Sunday, if there is one: 11 a.m. Benefice Communion Service for all three churches of the Meridian Benefice. The next one is to be held on 30 September at St Helen's church, Colne.

In addition to these church services we continue our weekly Bible play, 'Open the Book', every Tuesday in term at Holywell School, and the session for pre-school children and their parents/carers, 'Music Makers', on the first Thursday of each month at the Village Hall. New volunteers for both activities are always welcome. Or why not join our fortnightly Friends Study Group or try the weekly meeting of the church's Men's Group, both very sociable events to which all are welcome?

For more details of any of these activities, contact **Stephen York, 01480 465120,** stephenyork@flagholme.net.



Ann Tollington and the church choir at her farewell service

County Council Update

As ever time flies by and it does not seem long ago that I was writing a County Council update for you. My update on Adult Social care was well received as many of you found it informative. Please let me know if there is any other of the services Cambridgeshire County Council deliver which you require an in-depth explanation of and which may also interest other readers.

The ongoing and biggest issue our community faces is the relentless drive for further development and of course the associated traffic generated by development. I need not remind anyone who has to commute at peak times that it is almost impossible to gain access to the major routes due to the bottle neck / pinch point at the Silvaco roundabout and this can only get worse as the planned developments within the village progress and the 'fast food' development on the junction comes to a completion! While it is of no comfort, can I offer you every assurance that both your Parish Council and myself make every representation possible, both publically and behind the scenes, to try and bring some order to what appears to be a development free for all. The rules and regulations regarding such development and the associated traffic impact are complex and often leave those engineers who have to make a recommendation little room for manoeuvre, even though common sense would direct you to a different conclusion. We recently invited the head of highways planning to the Parish Council meeting to try and explain in simple terms why there has been no formal objections on highways grounds for the multiple schemes, which both enhance and blight the Silvaco area (an oxymoron I know). Any developer / land owner can submit an application to develop their land provided it meets general planning guidance (government specified) and the application is supported by various professional and verifiable reports / surveys such as *environmental impact (including wildlife such as newts etc)*, *traffic impact*, *ground contamination*, *economic viability* and so on, which validate the scheme. The application is then processed by the Planning Authority, which is HDC (some areas like mineral extraction excepted, which are dealt with by the County Council) the planning authority then consults with numerous other bodies including Cambridgeshire County Council (highways matters) and the local Parish Council, It is during the consultation process that the County Council who is a statutory consultee can make observation on highway issues including road safety. However, the council can only make recommendation on the impact of the scheme being applied for, not any other developments that may be close by other than to take into account overall numbers for traffic flow from a road capacity and safety perspective. It is this point of detail that has lead us into the Silvaco grid lock situation, as the regulations state that one developer cannot be expected to pay for remedial measures that have been caused by or contributed to by a previous development. So let's look at Morrison's, overall it is agreed it has been of benefit to the wider community (traffic excepted). In the planning stage the public house (Marsh Harrier) was not causing any problems, although Tesco Express (Manchester Arms) had started to impact upon traffic, highways assessed the Morrison's application and its associated reports and made recommendations with regard to access / egress and general safety conditions, i.e. no right turn (that's another long story!) at no time could they comment or make

recommendation with regard to other developments in the close proximity, Silvaco etc other than to ensure traffic flow capacities were not being compromised, which I am assured they were not! Then along came McDonalds, Costa etc on the other side of the road and again the same application process was followed and highways again could not ask this developer to take mitigation measures that may be needed due to Morrison's being in situ, they could however require works to be carried out caused by the impact from their site only, i.e. one way in one way out, no right turn etc. The accumulative impact of the various developments, which are deemed to have no impact in their own right, have now led into this gridlock situation even though lay people like myself and your Parish Council members warned against such piece meal development. The situation is made worse by the fact that there is no public money for roads / infra structure and almost total reliance is placed on developers paying for such measures, which is in my humble view is further compounded by two local authorities dealing with such applications, HDC for the planning process and CCC for highways, which invariably lead to communication and policy interpretation issues.

A complex subject, which is not easy to explain but you are entitled to some sort of explanation however unsatisfactory it may be, while you like me, sit in traffic jams, which appear to be unnecessary. The answer, to be honest I am not sure, perhaps peak time traffic lights on both Meadow Lane and Silvaco roundabout, giving village residents at least a fighting chance in their daily commute?

You may have heard that the County Council is planning to relocate to Alconbury in the future, which in my view makes complete sense. Alconbury is roughly in the centre of the county and has excellent transport links making accessibility a lot easier for our county wide community and workers, unlike the existing Cambridge City centric Shirehall site. Shirehall will be sold, possibly as a hotel but will remain a public asset as the sale will be subject to a lease arrangement. It seems a win win, the council gets a cash injection and a new HQ with lower running costs and more accessible to staff and the public. Cambridge gets a new hotel and the public monument Shirehill remains protected.

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

As ever, I am contactable by e mail

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Take Care

Kevin Reynolds





Needingworth Baptist Church

High Street, Needingworth

Pastor – Paul Harrison

Missionary Medicine in Madagascar

Tuesday 25. September at 7.30pm at Needingworth Baptist Church

Madagascar sounds remote and exotic, which indeed it is. However almost everything we hear about it concerns the wildlife or the cartoon film! But what about the 25 million people living in one of the poorest countries of the world?

Come and hear Dr David Mann speaking on his 20 years working in Madagascar, setting up the Good News Hospital in Mandritsara. Impossible roads, poor communication and transport, pagan beliefs and practices, tropical diseases, limited resources... – the challenges are enormous for the only hospital offering surgery in an area 3 times as big as Cambridgeshire serving twice the population of Cambridge. All who are interested are very welcome to attend this meeting.

Tea and Time to Think

11 October, 8 November, 13 December 2.30 to 4.00pm

David and Jane Mann warmly invite friends, neighbours and senior citizens to join them for tea, chat and some brief thoughts from the Bible on the second Thursday of each month, 2.30 to 4.00pm at 29 Priory Road, Needingworth. Tel. 01480 300382

Coffee Club – End of Term Teddy Bear's picnic

It's been a busy year of stories about adventures with Old Testament characters like Moses crossing the Red Sea and Daniel in the Lion's Den (with accompanying craft activities!); parables of Jesus, with live-action demonstrations

of the foolish man's house being washed away and hunting for lost silver coins; learning about monsters in the Bible by way of the Leviathan (alligator or dragon?) and Behemoth (hippo or dinosaur?). We then finished it all with a Teddy Bear's picnic, where suitable bearish snacks were eaten and songs sung – parents and carers are getting better at singing 'If you go down to the woods today'! A rather chaotic game of hide and seek your cuddly was played and enjoyed before those children leaving us for 'big school' were presented with books of Bible stories. We wish them well in their next new adventure, settling into Willow class.

We also said goodbye to an American family who have been joining us for the last 2-3 years, in church and Sunday School, as well as Coffee Club. It's been a great blessing to have had them with us and we wish them well in their next adventure moving eventually to Arizona.

A friendly invite to join us -

Sundays

10.30 Morning Service

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

6.00 Evening Service

Tuesdays at 7.45 Fellowship, Bible Study & Prayer

Wednesdays 10.00 Coffee Club for pre-school children and parents/carers

Harvest Service: Sunday 23rd September 10.30 am. All are welcome to come and join us.

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

www.needingsworthbaptist.org.uk

Need to get in touch?

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Email: plasharrison@aol.com

Sally Beaman – Tel: 462379 Mob: 07749170984

Email: rsde.beaman@btinternet.com



The photo shows everyone who attended the picnic

Pre-School

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

Children can start from 2 years 10 months.

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

Michelle Dolan 300507

Coffee Club

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

Sarah Wordingham 462396

Little Tigers

This is a friendly under-5s play group that meets on most Monday mornings in term-time, in the village hall. Come along for a cuppa and chat and let your 'little tiger' play with the toys and other children.

Entrance (including refreshments):
£2 per family.

For more details contact: **Michelle Medicott, 301351** or **Anna Vickery, 469276**

Join us on our 'Little Tigers' Facebook page.



YOUNG VILLAGER



1st NEEDINGWORTH SCOUT GROUP

The Needingworth Scout Group, like all Scout Groups, is solely run by volunteers, without which young people would not get the chance to participate in the activities that we have on offer. All leaders put in an enormous amount of effort to deliver the programmes and appreciate any help, no matter how small you think it might be. If you are available a few hours a week, 1 hour a year, please speak to your young person's Section Leader, who would be delighted to hear from you with any help or expertise you can offer.

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

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1st Needingworth Brownies

Last term Needingworth Brownies took part in a challenge called 'Smashing Boundaries', to encourage girls to take part in sports that are normally more associated with boys. So you may have spotted us on the field this summer taking part in lots of cricket related activities. One of the most

entertaining was trying to playing cricket blindfolded or with specially adjusted glasses, to understand how the game is played and adapted for those with disabilities.

On our last meeting for the summer, the Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units got together to say a sad goodbye to Brown Owl, Alicia Holloway who had been the Brownie leader in Needingworth for an incredible 24 years! We celebrated by singing camp songs, playing parachute games and having a summer picnic with yummy cake.

We currently have spaces for girls (between the ages of 7 and 9) to join us, please get in contact if your daughter would be interested in joining us for more fun activities!

Julie Swindells

needingworth.brownies@yahoo.com

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Pre-School's News

So another year at pre-school has passed and the next one will soon begin. We would like to give our best wishes to all the children starting school and welcome all the new children due to start pre-school this coming year.

We always feel very fortunate to receive such great support in the village and surrounding area throughout the year and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone.

Pre-school AGM – Thursday 11th October

This year our AGM will be held on Thursday 11th October 7.45pm in the Pre-school room. We welcome all parents and carers of children currently attending pre-school along with any future parents and anyone else in the community that would like to show an interest in the running of the pre-school.

As of September, it saddens me to say that we will be losing our outstanding and dedicated Deputy Supervisor, Margaret Riggs. Margaret has been with us for nearly 13 years and has been a great support to both myself and Dawn Gibson, the Supervisor, along with many committee members and staff throughout her years with us. She leaves us to seek new challenges and we wish Margaret all the very best in her new ventures.

At the AGM we will be electing our NEW committee for 2018/19. There will be several people stepping down this year, including myself. Being Chair of our outstanding pre-school has been a very fulfilling role which I have enjoyed immensely, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me over the past 6 years. If you are interested in finding out more about this role and what it involves, please contact me on chair@needingworthcommunitypreschool.org.uk

We have once again been busy with our fundraising from tea towels and Christmas cards to Quiz Nights and Bingo and not forgetting the Family Fun Day at this year's Music Festival. All these events were a great success and we would like to thank everyone who supported us and the Village Hall Committee for once again agreeing to let us run all the stalls and activities alongside the Music Festival. Thanks to everyone who gave up their time to help or made donations.

Pre-school cannot run without a chair for the committee and it would be a huge loss for the community and the start in education that it provides for our children.

All money raised at our fundraising events this year is going towards the completion of our outside area, which has now had the old playground surface replaced with a lovely blue safety surface, to go alongside the grass laid last year and further equipment and toys to enrich the learning of the children. We have worked hard over the past few years to make this area an environment that is safe and comfortable for the children to learn by playing and exploring, so thank you to everyone involved. We will be announcing our new fundraising plans for 2018/19 very soon and we look forward to your continued support at our up and coming events.

Pre-school Registration

Just a reminder, that it is never too early to register your child with us. Children can start at 2 years 10 months. Please contact the admission secretary Michelle Medicott on admissions@ncpreschool.plus.com or download a form from our website

www.needingworthcommunitypreschool.org.uk

Thank you, **Michelle Dolan, Committee Chair**



JOB VACANCY AT NEEDINGWORTH COMMUNITY

PRE-SCHOOL

Pre-school Practitioner



Needingworth Community Pre-school has an opportunity for a Pre-school Practitioner.

We anticipate a minimum of two three-hour sessions per week during the Autumn term increasing for the Spring and Summer term.

Hours are term time only and flexibility in working hours is required as hours will vary from term to term.

Our pre-school is successfully run by a management committee and a highly professional staff, achieving OFSTED 'outstanding awards' at the last three inspections.

You will be required to support our existing experienced team, including the Supervisor, through a variety of structured activities and play, promoting our friendly and stimulating pre-school setting.

We are looking for a capable and professional individual who enjoys working as part of a team. You will have the ability to engage with children of three to four years in a learning environment, maintaining a calm approach at all times.

The ideal candidate will be qualified to NVQ level 2 or above in childcare, have previous experience of working with the EYFS framework and have knowledge of the keyworker system.

You will be expected to have demonstrated good judgement in a position of responsibility, have strong communication skills, and show your initiative by proactively looking for and finding ways to resolve problems or issues.

To apply, please contact Michelle Dolan, Chair of Needingworth Community Pre-school.

chair@needingworthcommunitypreschool.org.uk or 07710 081090.

Deadline for applications is 24th September 2018.

Applications received after this date will not be considered.

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Needingworth Walking Weekend - July 20th-23rd 2018

Each year a group from the village (plus those who have left but are still attached!) attempt to find a third dimension to their surroundings. Along with this is the search for accommodation and deciding on menus. This year it all came together at Cynghordy Hall Cottages near Llandovery in south Wales. The trickiest bit for most people was getting out of the village. Eventually all were gathered for refreshing drinks and chat and sorting out the walking for the next day.

A small group who wanted a shorter walk headed for the RSPB reserve and then the dam where the larger group on a longer walk was to meet them. Unfortunately best-laid-plans and all that meant coordination didn't happen as expected. The smaller group reached the dam. The larger group had a more challenging day. Several people had up-to-date maps with paths marked. Unfortunately the Forestry Commission in felling hillsides of trees had neglected to leave any form of path or even a sign, to indicate a path had ever existed. Various map-readers tried to find a semblance of a path but mainly there followed several hours of steep climbs, relying on nature's strength as we used clumps of wimberry (bilberry) wires as hand holds, wading through 6' high bracken, scrambling under and over fallen branches, tobogganing down steep slopes, stumbling across a Mordor-esque landscape, crossing several streams of varying depths, losing feet in boggy holes (yes there was still dampness here – it *is* Wales!) and finally meeting a farmer who assured us there hadn't been a path here for 40 years but showed us how to get to the lane we could occasionally see cars on. Meanwhile 2 of us went to see if the others were still at the dam with a car as arranged.

The rest of us trudged the next 3-4 miles to the pub, on a track easier to go on but a bit boring really! The other two caught us up having found no one at the dam.

After a suitable pause, we all returned to the cottages and found the other group who after waiting and wait-

ing and wondering at what time mountain rescue should be called, had decided in the end as there were 17 of us we'd be fine, and headed back to base and opened the wine. Maisie and Poppy, the 2 labs, certainly slept well that night having covered twice the mileage of our twelve!

Day 2 was easily more straightforward and later a very relaxing evening was spent together; the only complaint was the moon was so bright, you couldn't see the stars clearly.



Day 2—The Black Mountain



Parish Christmas Tree 2018 **Friday 7th December 2018 from 6pm.** **Lights switch on approx. 6.30pm**

Please join us at the Pond site, between Hawkes Lane and Church Street to enjoy this annual event. Visit Santa in his grotto at the Lock Up on your way to the tree!

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Needingworth Tennis Club

Half price membership is now available until April! Our floodlights allow us to play tennis throughout the winter, so why not take advantage of

our half price membership to give us a try!

New Members

We are a very friendly and open club and would love to welcome new members of all ages and abilities. 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 a pair of trainers.

Club Sessions

Our all-weather courts are open for club sessions on Sundays 9.30am-12, Wednesdays 9am-11 and Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm (free floodlighting). All welcome!

Membership

We have a variety of membership options starting from only £60 for a full 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

Competitive doubles matches are played in two leagues: Cambridgeshire and Hunts&Peterborough. We enter several teams of: Mens, Ladies, Mixed, over 45s and over 60s.

Please feel free to contact any of the committee below if you would like more information and we look forward to welcoming you.

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Holywell-cum-Needingworth BOWLS CLUB

Wow! What a summer for Bowls. Hardly a day effected by rain and the heat wave continues. This year we were hosts to the final of the County EBF competitions and with the help of so many of our members, who made the day so special, once again our reputation continues to grow in the county.

The year is full of success for some of our bowlers, with county champions sprinkled through the younger element so well done to Sophie Purell and Jorja Jackson. Huntingdonshire have also achieved great success through the under 25's brilliantly managed by Alan Blackley who have won the southern section of the EBF for the first time and are now off to Skegness for the final of the Nationals. Once again Needingworth has been represented with the inclusion of many of our younger members in the full county squad.

Once again, we have been fortunate to welcome several new members this year and they have all made good contributions to the club in both competitive matches and social events.

We have just finished our season with the juniors coming up to the club from the school as one of their lessons on Thursday afternoons. This year we entertained 34 nine/ten year olds with several teachers/helpers coming across from the school. Thanks to the many members who have helped out in what is now the 7th year with such a successful partnership with the school.

We are also doing particularly well in the men's league and with good results from the last few matches will be pushing for promotion. The other teams are also doing well in the various leagues and everyone has enjoyed immensely the variety of opportunities with the current format.

Perhaps the most successful event of the season has been the Jack Norman trophy on Fridays evenings which provides both competition throughout ten weeks of the season with the added bonus of great social nights with lots of food and just little alcohol after the games to make the conversations flow a little easier. Friday evenings will just not be the same when they end.

We look forward to the club championship finals and are already planning the social events through the winter following such a great and successful summer. We continue to add yet more improvements and continue to be proud of moving the club forwards. The fantastic year we have enjoyed, thanks to our brilliant social team, has put us in the best financial position which enables us to provide our members with a great future for everyone.

Of course, nothing would function without what we consider to be the best green in the county and for that we are continually grateful to our greenkeepers headed by our chairman Frank Johnson.

Our invitation to come and join us is not seasonal and if you like the sound of what we are achieving and offering just pick up the phone and call one of us below.

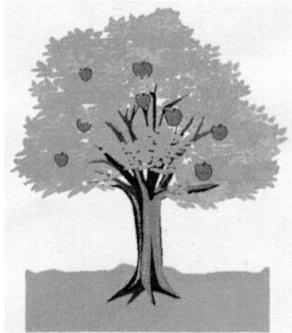
Peter Hutchinson
Hunts EBF County President 2018

Contacts for the club are:-

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Otters in Cambridgeshire

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to the first of our indoor meetings on Wednesday 12th September 2018. As usual this will be held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB, starting at 7.30pm. Our topic, Otters in Cambridgeshire, will be delivered by Ruth Hawkesley.

These shy, but appealing creatures, have struggled in recent times to maintain their previous stronghold in our region. Ruth will explain the results from the 6th County Otter Survey that was carried out by the Wildlife Trusts and Cambridgeshire Mammal Group in the winters of 2016 and 2017 and the follow up site checks that have been undertaken this year.

This should be a stimulating and uplifting talk and anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The entrance charge is £2.50 (accompanied children free). For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795.

A Tale of Trees, the Battle to Save Britain's Ancient Woodland

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to this presentation on ancient woodlands on Wednesday 10th October 2018. As usual this will be held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB, starting at 7.30pm.

Our speaker will be Derek Niemann, who is a renowned nature writer and Guardian country diarist. Derek will look at how the destruction of up to half of the county's mature trees happened 40 years ago and will explain what has been done in recent years to ameliorate their loss.

This should be a fascinating talk and anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The entrance charge is £2.50 (accompanied children free). For more information please contact Tim on 01480 457795.

Hunts RSPB Local Group

Wildlife talk at St Ives Free Church
Wednesday 26 September @ 8pm

Bringing back the Little Tern

The little tern is suffering the effects of climate change and human disturbance resulting in it becoming one of the UK's rarest breeding seabirds. Sue Rendell-Read is a senior project manager for the RSPB and will be sharing the latest news about her work on the national little tern recovery project. Her talk includes working in Norfolk at the largest little tern colony spending a whole summer on the beach. She then helped with Tern recovery at Minsmere before taking on her current role. The talk is preceded by the RSPB Hunts Group's Annual General meeting at 7.30pm.

The Free Church is at Market Hill St Ives PE27 5AL (the market place) It's on the first floor, accessible by lift as well as stairs.

Everyone is welcome, non-members pay £4. Becoming a member of the local group offers excellent value for regular attendees. The talk includes an intermission with tea and coffee available.

Any questions? Call **Martyn on 01487 710456**

WHAT'S ON in the Village

Sept. 2018

- Mon. 3rd WI "How Houghton Mill Works"
- Tue. 4th Over 60s "Mind & Spirit" by Emma (p14)
- Tue. 11th Gardening Club "What do I do with this space?" (p13)
- Sat 15th. Dance Club (p11)
- Fri. 21st Beer & Wine Society Beer Competition at Sandra's (p13)
- Sun. 23rd St John the Baptist Parish Church Harvest Festival (p19)
- Sun. 23rd Baptist Church Harvest Service (p21)
- Tue. 25th Baptist Church "Missionary Medicine in Madagascar" (p21)

Oct. 2018

- Mon. 1st WI AGM and "Work of a street pastor in Cambridge" by Mike Day (p11)
- Tue. 2nd Over 60s Quiz and games (p14)
- Mon. 8th Local History Group (p13)
- Thur. 11th Pre-school AGM (p23)
- Sat. 13th Dance Club (p11)

Nov. 2018

- Mon. 5th WI "Beware Sharks" (talk on Power of Attorney" by Keith Rooney (p11)
- Tue. 6th Over 60s Christmas Table Decorations (p14)
- Sun. 11th Remembrance Day service (Village Hall), procession and beacon lighting (p19 & 31)
- Fri. 16th Beer & Wine Society annual show (p13)
- Sat.17th Dance Club (p11)

Advance notice

Saturday 1st December:

Christmas Bazaar pages (9 & 11)

Monday December 3rd: WI annual dinner

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

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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



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.



Beacon Lighting

Remembrance Sunday, 11th November 2018

100-year commemoration of the end of WW1



On 11th November 2018, the United Kingdom and its friends overseas will mark the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War. We will be joining with more than 1,000 Beacons of light in the evening and will be lighting our beacon at 7pm.

**Arrive at the Village Hall from 6pm, hot drinks available
St John the Baptist Church Choir singing from 6.40pm
Lighting the Beacon 7pm**

Please join us in remembrance of the end of WW1.

[Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council](#)

COPPICING

Coppicing is a traditional method of woodland management, which uses the ability of many trees to put out new shoots from their stump if cut down. Many of our native trees including hazel, ash, oak, birch, alder, willow and hornbeam can be coppiced.

In a coppiced woodland, trees are cut down to near ground level, leaving a stump known as a stool. New growth springs up. Some years later, the coppiced tree is harvested again, and the cycle continues.

Pollarding is the term used for a similar process carried out at a higher level on the tree, historically in areas of heavy deer grazing which would otherwise damage the stool.

A traditional coppiced wood is cut on a cycle, which can be anything from 5 to 30 years, depending on the growth required. The woodland is divided into areas or 'coups', equal to the number of years in the cycle, so one area is cut each year until you are back to the beginning.

For hundreds of years, coppices have been managed to provide firewood, fencing, building materials, hop and bean poles, and to make charcoal for iron smelting.

Today, we are more likely to see biodiversity as the major reason to manage woodland as a coppice.

After cutting, the increased light allows existing ground flora such as bluebells, anemones and primroses to thrive. Often brambles grow around the stools, encouraging insects, or various small mammals that can use the brambles as protection from larger predators. Woodpiles can encourage insects such as bees, beetles and woodlice to come into an area. The area may also attract a variety of other wildlife such as birds and butterflies. As the coup grows, the canopy closes and it becomes unsuitable for these creatures again - but in an actively managed coppice there is always another recently-cut area nearby, and the



*Needingworth Guides coppicing in Holywell Spinney
February 2018*

populations can therefore move around, following the favoured stage of coppice growth in the management cycle.

Holywell Spinney includes some hazel. (spinney = a small area of trees and bushes)

In recent years, a few of these have been coppiced by volunteers in order to open up some areas to allow more light to the woodland floor, to encourage the wild flowers, insects and small mammals.

One aspect of local wildlife not so welcome in a newly coppiced wood are deer, as they love to eat the young tender shoots, and would stop the re-growth that encourages other fauna. To keep the deer away from the young shoots, some of the thinner coppiced wood can be used to weave a deer basket around a new stool, and these can also be seen in Holywell Spinney.

BUS TIMETABLES

Details of the services run by Dews coaches, number 21 Monday to Friday and number 22 on Saturdays are given on page 30.

For up-to-date information, go to web page

http://www5.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/site/custom_scripts/bus_timetable_by_location.aspx?Loc=Needingworth

For STAGECOACH (service A) telephone **01223 433250**

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

POST COLLECTION TIMES

from the post Office:

Monday to Friday, 4.45 pm;

Saturday 9.45 am

(Sundays & Bank Holidays no collections)

MOBILE LIBRARY
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. 13 th and 27 th

Oct. Thurs. 11 th and 25 th

Nov. Thurs. 8 th and 22 nd

GREEN BINS (garden waste)

Sept. Wed. 5 th and 19 th

Oct. Wed. 3 rd, 17 th and 31 st

Nov. Wed. 14 th and 28 th

BLUE BINS (recycling)

Sept. Thurs. 6 th and 20 th

Oct. Thurs. 4 th and 18 th

Nov. Thurs. 1 st, 15 th and 29 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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Brownies Julie Swindells **07597 569582**
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Holywell School Association
Sally Batsford **493700**

Karate Andrew Brown **436099**

Local History Group
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History Website: *www.hcnhistory.org.uk*

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Website: needingworthcommunitypreschool.org.uk

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mailto:admin@wellworthplayers.co.uk

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