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The newsletter of Holywell-cum-Needlingworth

December 2018



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.

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EDITORIAL

Firstly I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and, although it is a little early, a very Happy New Year for 2019. Putting the poppy photo on the front page of this issue, 100 years on from the end of WW1, I am feeling a little nostalgic, not that I can remember any major war, only memories passed on by parents and grandparents, but have clear memories of the massive changes that have occurred in more than half that period. The world seems very small; I received 3 items of post this morning, one posted in New York, USA, one in Birmingham, England, and one from Guangdong, China (an item ordered from home sitting at my computer). News, fake or otherwise, is available in seconds from anywhere in the world. Could the returning soldiers have imagined that in 1918? In the "age of information" there are so many sources that, with a little effort, we should be able to sort the reliable from the doubtful, and so get our own realistic picture of our world today. Do remember, if you have anything you want to say in the next Villager, please let me know by 1st February.

Jennifer

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THE CHRISTMAS CARD

I hold it in my hand
An envelope,
A Christmas card.
Reading the message within
A few words written
Pen on paper, a signature,
That say 'you are not forgotten'.
Robins in snow or nativity scene
It matters not which style
For they are just a sign of being held
In someone's thoughts, just for a while.
Now sitting, an evening to spend
Writing wishes of peace and goodwill,
Those cards written, ready to send
loving thoughts to those I know still.
A little message of hope,
The spirit of Christmas
Enfolded in an envelope.



Pam Leonard Scribblers Writing Group

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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 Linda Macrae



I moved to Needingworth from St Ives in 2003 with my husband and 2 sons, however my husband and I originate from Cumbria. I am pleased to have been re-elected as a Parish Councillor for Holywell-cum-Needingworth for a second term, having recently taken semi-retirement I fill my days by walking with my westie, Radley, all around this beautiful village and listening to my books. I am a member of the book club the "Readingworths" and we meet once a month in the village pub.

Committees: Discipline & Grievance, HR, Leisure Facilities, Planning & Finance

Councillor Eda MacPherson



I have lived in Needingworth for over 40 years so have been involved with many of the organisations in the village. Many of my earlier years were spent campaigning, fundraising and eventually acquiring a Village Hall; until recently I was a Trustee. Currently I am an active member of the WI having served a few terms as President and also enjoy many activities as a U3A member.

I am a long-standing member of the Parish Council and I am keen to maintain the community feel of the lovely villages in our Parish.

Committees: Discipline & Grievance, HR, Leisure Facilities, Planning & Finance

Councillor Sue Martin



I have lived in Needingworth for over 30 years, raised my family here and my parents were also village residents.

I have recently retired from the NHS, having worked as a Senior Nurse in both our hospitals and within the local community. Living and working locally, I share many of the concerns regarding the social, economic and environmental challenges faced by residents.

I believe we must involve local people of all ages and backgrounds in the decisions made which will shape the future of our village. I am proud to support and represent our local community as a member of the Holywell-cum-Needingworth Parish Council.

Committees: Discipline & Grievance, Leisure Facilities

Councillor Jon Neish



Prior to moving to Needingworth over 24 years ago I served in the Royal Navy and saw action in the Falklands war before joining the Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service and completing 30 years of service. I am married and have two children. I have been a Parish councillor for over 12 years, 3 of which as Chairman. I have just been elected as your District Councillor and hope to further support the Holywell-cum-Needingworth ward in my new role.

Committees: Appeals, Consultation



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Thank you, Sue Ferreira

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Parish Council Summary Report

By Parish Clerk

There was no Full Council meeting in August however the Planning & Finance Committee met and two planning applications were supported and one was objected to. Also noted was a Freedom of Information (FOI) request relating to the new Parish Office project.

Payments totalling £29590.99 were approved.

The September meeting opened with the Vice Chairman reading a statement outlining the Parish Council's current position and some of the challenges presently faced by the community, following this the public forum saw the CIL Action Group and other members of the public addressing the Council regarding the CIL money. The Parish Council agreed to review future methods of communication with residents.

6 planning applications were supported.

A request from St Ives Town Council to include Parish land in their Neighbourhood Plan was declined.

A proposal for 40-year lease for a gas governor at Overcote Lane car park by Cadent Gas was approved in principle.

Accounts for payment totalling £3197.31 were approved

The Parish Council held an Extra Ordinary meeting in September to discuss correspondence received with regards to CIL money. An email explaining some of the issues faced was agreed as a reply to the many emails received. The Parish Office project was put on hold pending the results of the consultation questionnaire which was agreed to be sent to every household in the Parish with the October edition of The Herald.

Two further Freedom of Information requests were noted.

At the October meeting payments totalling £9229.30 were approved.

1 planning application: Aldi was objected to based on previous objections regarding change of use for land from light industrial to retail, emission levels and steady accumulation of traffic. It was also noted that permission had been given by HDC to Lime wash the milestone adjacent to 62 High Street Needingworth and re-do the black lettering.

Plans were discussed for the Beacon lighting on 11th November to commemorate the end of WW1.

A proposal for a Village APP was discussed and will be re-researched by the Parish Council.

An update on the new Parish Council website was discussed and the suggested changes noted by the Clerk who will discuss with the web designer.

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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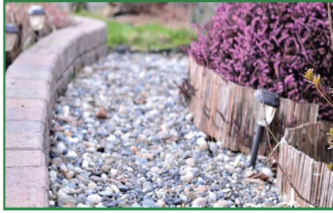
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Chatters is a volunteer run Community Café in its 10th year serving the village and the surrounding area.

It is open on Thursdays from 9.15am-5pm (last food orders taken at 4.30pm) and is in the Village Hall Pavillion. The café has a 5 star food hygiene rating from the Food Standards Agency.

The Café is managed by volunteers Alison Thompson assisted by Tsena Butcher, and is staffed by dedicated volunteers who serve, cook and wash up. We are always in need of new volunteers as 'life commitments' mean our volunteer base is forever changing.

We are well known for our excellent All-Day Cooked Breakfasts and we serve a good variety of light meals including gluten free options, freshly prepared to order. Our cakes are all homemade each week by our volunteers and we generally have gluten free options too.

We love to serve the village and are proud to try and keep our prices as low as possible. This means you can pop in and enjoy a sandwich and a drink from £3.00 and a cooked breakfast excluding drink from £3.30. Our cakes range from 80p - £1.20.

We have a bean to cup coffee machine and serve Americano and Latte coffees as well as instant coffee (including decaf), tea (including decaf and Earl Grey) and hot chocolate with all the trimmings. We also serve a variety of canned drinks, juice cartons and milkshakes; chocolate or strawberry.

As an additional bonus we also offer a takeaway option on all our sandwiches and hot drinks, perfect for the cold months whilst the children play outside - please ask when ordering.



As a village café we have worked hard to make sure the café is here and as approachable as possible. We are therefore proud to say that we are dementia, deaf and breastfeeding friendly.

Upcoming events:

1st November: National Sandwich Day – limited addition fillings, £1 off all sandwiches when you purchase a hot drink between 12pm – 4.30pm

29th November: Movember. Bring your moustache and yourself into Chatters for a free tea or coffee; to the value of £1

20th December: Wear a Christmas Jumper and get a free drink up to the value of £1

31st January: Breakfast Week - to highlight the importance of eating breakfast, join us for an All Day Breakfast before 12pm and enjoy £1 off your meal.

14th February: Valentine's Day - Buy one meal, get one half price.

For more information or to inquire about volunteering, please ring Alison on 01480 464336, 07745 111272 or email alisonthompson633@gmail.com



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!

Carol singing round the Christmas Tree from 6pm and the Light Switch On at approx. 6.30pm with refreshments available.

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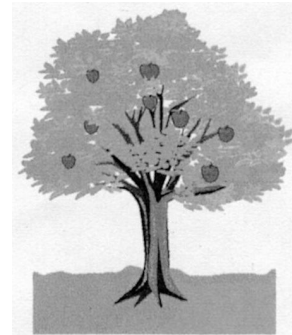
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Neighbourhood Watch

“Make it difficult for the burglar”

Over the summer months, we have seen a rise in in the number of house burglaries, shed/garage break-ins and vehicle crime. These have occurred in both Needingworth and Holywell. With the long dark nights approaching as well as the festive season, we all need to reduce the risk to our homes and property being targeted by opportunist thieves and anti-social hooligans.

Based on official Home Office statistics of all the crimes committed in our local policing area during the past year, only 18% were investigated. No formal action was taken on the remainder due to insufficient evidence or they were considered to be “not in the public interest” to proceed. So the message is clear, we must do all what we can to protect our property and reduce the risk of being burgled. Unfortunately the odds are very much in favour of the criminal.

A lot of useful information and NHW posters and literature is available on the following link:

www.ourwatch.org.uk/knowledge/members-guide .

There are some obvious measures that you can take to make yourselves less likely to attract the attention of criminals. The following are worth highlighting.

- A. Use good quality locks on all doors and windows and perhaps as approved by your home insurance company.
- B. As well as lights, leave a loud radio on when you are out or away. By putting them on a timer it is possible to have them coming on at differing times to give the appearance that there is someone at home.
- C. A dog is an obviously good deterrent but does not suit everyone and it is important to remember that if you are away and the dog is not there, you need to upgrade your protection to compensate.
- D. Be neighbourly and inform nearby neighbours or friends when you are away and ask them to keep an eye on your property by pushing papers and post through the letterbox, putting out and taking in bins efficiently, parking in your drive occasionally and generally having a look around.
- E. Pay attention to locks etc. on sheds and greenhouses and make sure that valuable items are not visible through the windows.
- F. Be very cautious about unexpected and unknown callers to your door as they might be testing out your security measures.
- G. Take photographs of any particularly valuable objects in your house. Consider using a UV sensitive security pen to write your name and postcode on so they can be tracked by police if they are found.

Please keep in mind that compared to some other areas in the County we live in a comparatively safe and low crime location, however one crime in our village is one crime too many. Remember **“make it difficult for the burglar!”** From all your NHW Coordinators have a happy and crime free Christmas and New Year.

Mike Norris, Holywell-cum-Needingworth NHW Scheme,
465997

Village Hall Report

A warm welcome to Noel Glass who has recently joined our committee.

During this quarter the main items purchased were:

one black fridge for the bar,
60 white mugs for the kitchen, (all matching),
3 replacement tables for the pavilion,
a set of multipurpose ladders,
one PAT testing kit which means we can check any new electrical items immediately,
a bug zapper
and one manhole cover!

Also the small meeting room was redecorated and the main hall will be decorated in the coming months.

So we have been pretty busy in the summer holidays getting the village hall shipshape and Bristol fashion. There is always plenty more to do to keep the complex looking good and in a fit state of repair.

If you would like to help with the decisions and running of the village hall, please contact us.

Our Events Board is for all occasions which are open to the public – so please put up a poster when you hire the hall and remember to look at the board when you are passing through the lobby.

May we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you to all those who have helped to make the Village Hall a welcome place to meet this year.

Margaret Fountain,
Treasurer
Village Hall Management Committee
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Our websites are:

Needingworthvillagehall.com

Needingworthmusicfestival.com

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

Dates for your Diary:

Christmas Bazaar:

Saturday 1st December,
this year run by the
Women’s Institute.

Annual Trivia Quiz:

Saturday 2nd March 2019

Next Pop-up Dinner:

Tuesday 9th April 2019



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Throughout the year and particularly as the winter months draw in, we begin using our fires, burners and chimneys once again to warm our homes.

Follow our 'top tips' below to ensure your home is kept safe and warm all year round.

Chimneys and Fires

- Have your chimney swept once a year or more frequently if you burn wood
- Avoid burning resinous woods that quickly build up soot
- Only burn fuels suitable for your burner (eg. never burn anything other than wood in a wood burner)
- Do not overload the grate/ appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them
- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards

Inspect your chimney breast, particularly the roof space. Make sure it is sound and sparks/fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.

Wood/Multi-Fuel Burners

- A qualified and competent engineer should install all wood/multi-fuel burners and boilers – regular maintenance should be undertaken to prolong the working life of the appliance. Specialist servicing and maintenance will usually

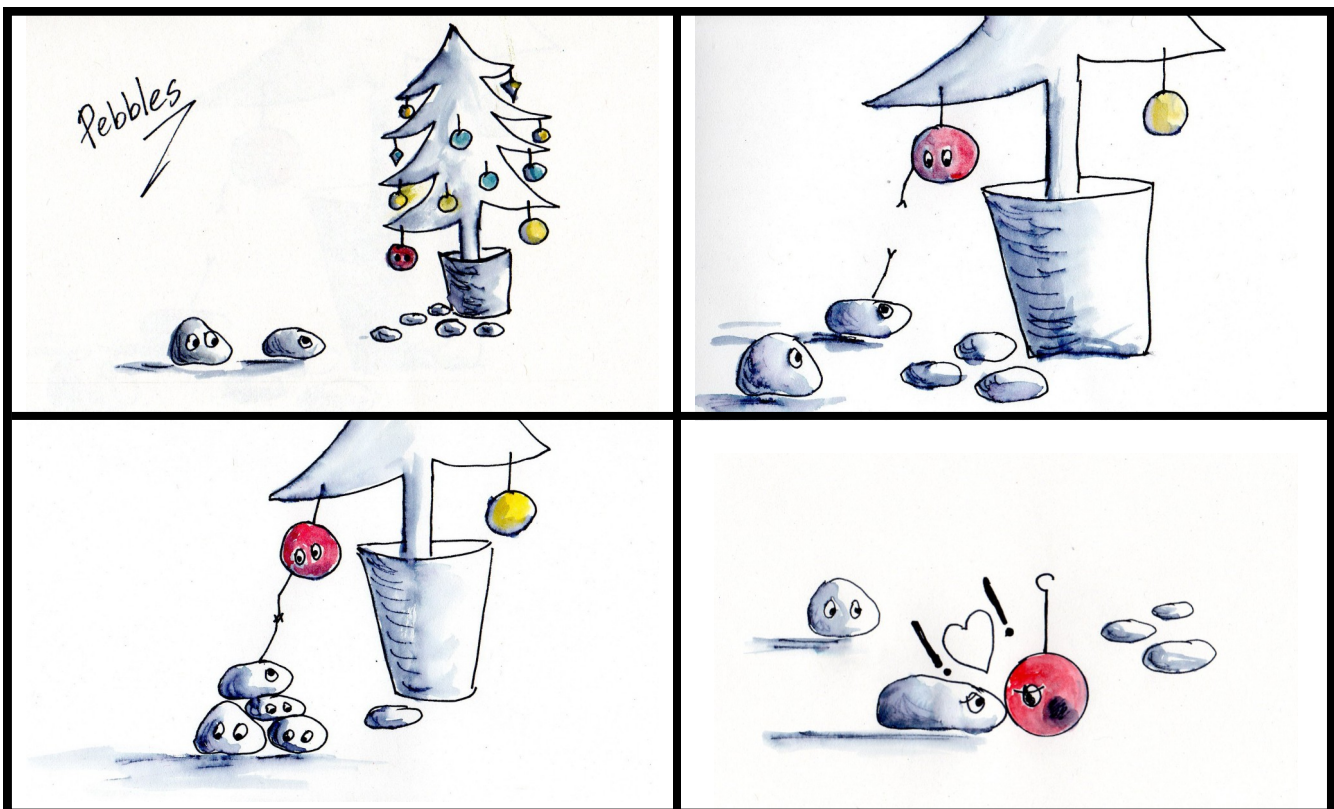
be provided by the company you purchase the appliance from but you can also refer to www.solidfuel.co.uk for advice and information

- Ensure correct ventilation is in place when the appliance is in use
 - Wood burning appliances should only use the right quality wood recommended by the supplier
 - Regularly inspect the chimney and flues
 - Generally wood should be well-seasoned (usually wood kept dry and stored for around 2 years)
 - Avoid wet or newly felled wood as this will cause tars/ creosote deposits forming in the burning appliance and chimney
 - Using laminated chip boards will leave binding glue deposits
 - For each slow burning period there should follow a quick burn to dry out unwanted tar/creosote deposits and to warm up the chimney again
- At the end of each burning season and at least once during the season the entire system should be cooled and thoroughly cleaned to maintain top performance.

Most importantly

- Fit a smoke alarm that carries the kite mark or British Standard Number 5446 and test your alarm weekly by pressing the test button and know the life of your battery. Always also install a CO alarm in the room where the burner is installed. Chimney Fires continue to be a common occurrence in home fires in the winter months. We experience an average of 81 chimney fires a year in Cambridgeshire alone. Whatever fire you have, or fuel you burn, it is vitally important you have your chimney swept to avoid a build-up of ash and soot.

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.



Bumper Year for our local Gardening Club

The Gardening Club year ends with the AGM held on 13th November this year when the club provided their usual annual free treat of food and wine for all our members.

This year has been one of the most successful for many years despite the dreadful weather for gardening with the very long cold winter and the virtual drought during the summer.

Our meetings continue to attract up to 100 members on a monthly basis and we think that everyone finds pleasure in coming along to an enjoyable and interesting meeting.

We have had some really excellent speakers drawn from all over the country and we are so fortunate to be able to bring such high quality experts to our local club. There are many members who enjoy their garden but could not be described as avid or knowledgeable gardeners and yet they can come along and hear well presented and interesting talks on a regular basis.

As well as the regular monthly meetings we have enjoyed a wide range of events such as the Plant Sale and Annual Village Show both of which performed very well in tricky conditions.

The various trips to garden related venues proved very popular and benefitted from excellent weather. We had a most enjoyable evening Safari around three gardens in Holywell attended by nearly 100 members finishing with a glass of wine in a garden on a lovely summers evening.

The new club year starts with its first meeting on 11th December with a talk on the important topic of Pruning. After that we have a return of the excellent and aptly named Twigs Way with an unusual topic of "From the mythical to the merely misguided- garden tips ancient and modern"

We then have a full year of interesting meetings and this is achieved by booking our highly popular speakers at least a year in advance so that we are able to select the very best on offer.

We have been able to bring a new group of enthusiastic members onto the committee of the club and, with this injection of fresh ideas, next year looks to be most interesting and enjoyable.

We are seeking new members for the club from Holywell and Needingworth as we try to keep a balance between village residents and those from other villages. So if you would like to come and join a welcoming, high quality and enjoyable club based in our village please get in contact through the details shown in this magazine.

It can be daunting joining a new club but you will be made most welcome and I hope will greatly enjoy your evening.

Grant Williamson

Holywell cum Needingworth Over 60s Club

In September Emma talked to us about mindfulness, healing and a little about mediumship, which was extremely interesting. Several of the members took the opportunity to chat with her as her "Nan" was formerly a member of the club. In October we had a quiz and games plus Natalie bringing her Christmas cards, paper and other Christmassy things for us to buy. In November we were shown how to do Christmas Table Decorations and the Avon Lady was also present. Our Christmas trip in November was to Rushden Lakes in Northamptonshire, which was well worth the visit.

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

4th December. Christmas Tea. The children from Holywell School will be singing for us.

22nd January. Annual Dinner at the Queens Head.

5th February. A representative of "Changepoint" the Lifestyle Service will be talking to us..

Beer and Wine Society

Since writing last the Wine Club report, members held their annual beer competition which was won this year by Danny. In October we all enjoyed our meal out this year. We went to the Queen's Head and everyone went home happy having had a lovely meal and good company. Our next meeting in November is our annual wine competition at which we judge the best wine in each of four categories. Then we judge the four winners to find the best in show points going on the league table for prizes later in the wine club year. December sees our Safari Supper. The new year starts with a competition judging the plum wine made this year by members. If you are interested in joining the wine club please contact me on **01480466239.** **Pat Britton**



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Our Annual Garden Party in August was hosted by Angela Bouch, and for the first time in 3 years the weather was kind, if a little warm. We enjoyed a delicious supper, sandwiches, teas, cakes and wine all provided by the Committee, with live entertainment from 'Nik of City Glow', lots of singing and some dancing it was a lovely evening, many thanks to Angela.

In September we had a fascinating speaker from the National Trust who told us the history of Houghton Mill, even members who have lived here all their lives learnt something new. Extra raffle prizes of flour milled at Houghton was a bonus.

October was a busy month, at our regular monthly meeting we held the AGM, and we also had a speaker who told us about the work of the Cambridge Street Pastors, which was very thought provoking. It was also our turn to host the WI Orchard Group Meeting, with visitors from Somersham, Bluntisham/ Colne & Earith. Our Speaker was Tish Page who gave a very illuminating talk on the Silk Road to China, a lot of us had been watching Joanna Lumley on TV so were keen to learn more, Tish and her partner had a more robust experience, including falls from a mountain, camping and only the chance for one shower per week, but a very happy ending where they came home and got married, a great evening.

The Poppies made by the Chat & Craft group for the church Patronal have been put to good use to make a display which will be in the Village Hall on the 11th of November, when as a village we will commemorate the end of the 1st World War, with the lighting of the Beacon.

At the Federation Hall in Huntingdon the Mayor of Huntingdon unveiled the mosaic created to commemorate 100 years of WI, the mosaic looks amazing they just have to find somewhere to display it.

We have over 40 people going to the Thursford, Christmas Spectacular this year. We are now in the throes of getting things ready for the Village Hall Christmas Bazaar, as it is our turn to organise it this year, and we are working hard to make this a great success. The Annual Dinner will be on the Monday following the Christmas Bazaar in the Queens Head, we will all be tired and happy after, hopefully a very successful Bazaar and in the mood for a wonderful Christmas.

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**Holywell-cum-Needingworth
Local History Group**

Following on from our treasure trail in Houghton exploring their history, our August meeting was spent planning and devising a trail round Needingworth to hi-light points of interest of our local history! It was agreed the scenario would be more of a murder mystery, with directions on where to go and clues to help eliminate innocent people and irrelevant murder weapons, along with snippets of information about the associated POI!

The prototype route has been tested by some members of the group, taking around an hour to an hour and a half to complete. There are one or two things still to add in but generally it is thought to be nearly ready for sending off to be officially printed and promoted!

In October we met at Peter’s house where he shared his enthusiasm for maps and their changes – omissions and additions. Maps are available in archives, on line, on paper or on the website – and in Peter’s mapping system! Using a grant from the Goodliff fund of Hunts Local History group, several maps have been properly scanned. From studying maps from different centuries, it has been possible to notice a road running parallel and to the west of, the current Church Street and Mill Way And with more modern computing, Peter was able to show past road layouts over the present lie of the village, showing the relationship of then and now.

We’ve yet to decide topics and venues for 2019, though sorting the murder mystery trail out will be on the agenda. For future dates and meetings, please look out for notices in the Herald and check the website and contacts (details below)

We are sad to say that Rob Anderson has passed away after a short illness. Our love and sympathy go to Sue and the family. We will miss him.

(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).

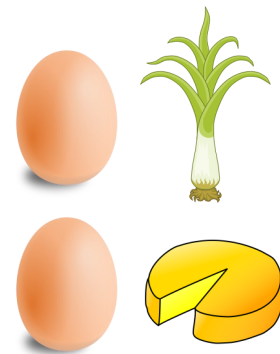
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An idea for a quick lunch:

Leek Omelette with Cheese

(Serves one)

Ingredients:
2 large eggs, beaten
About one third of a leek, thinly sliced
20g cheddar cheese, grated
Butter or margarine for frying
Salt and pepper



Method:

Melt a knob of butter or margarine in a frying pan over a medium heat and gently fry the sliced leek for a few minutes until softened but not browned. If necessary add a little extra butter or margarine before pouring on the beaten egg. Agitate with a spatula to make sure the leek is evenly distributed and the egg cooked without burning. Season to taste. Just before the egg is cooked, sprinkle the grated cheese in the middle of the omelette, fold in half and cook for a moment longer to start melting the cheese. Avoid over-cooking. Turn onto a plate and serve.

WORD SEARCH

How many ingredients can you find that you might put in a Christmas cake? The letters that are left will spell out a message. (Answers on page 21.)

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Answers to Christmas Quiz

1. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Ed Sheeran
2. Sami
3. Czech Republic
4. Prince Albert, 1830s
5. Spain, Italy, Portugal, Cornwall
6. Robin, Bullfinch
7. Ed Sheeran
8. Boney M
9. Krampus
10. 6th, Sunday
11. Rage Against the Machine, 2009
12. Bethlehem

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By the time you read this we will be in the season of Advent: just as we tidy and maintain the church in readiness for the winter, we use this time of year to tidy and prepare our minds and spirits for the joy of Christ's coming to earth at Christmas. We look forward to welcoming the children of Holywell School to our Experience Christmas event and, just before they break up for the holiday, the School Christmas Service.

Our popular **Café Sunday** service at the Village Hall, usually on the first Sunday of each month, will in be held in December on Sunday the 16th, 9.30 a.m. Come and join us for breakfast, a warm welcome and a lively service for all ages.

We also welcome all readers of *The Villager* to one or more of our Christmas services:

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 16 December at 6.30 p.m., favourite carols and readings followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Young shepherds and angels join Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus at the **Crib Service** for families at the Village Hall on Sunday 24 December, Christmas Eve at 3 p.m.

Midnight Communion Sunday 24 December, Christmas Eve, at 11.30 p.m., the traditional beginning to Christmas Day

Christmas Day Morning Service: Family Communion Monday 25 December at 9.30 a.m.

Tickets for the **Church Christmas Draw** are now on sale. For only £1 per ticket, you could win one of our many prizes, including Christmas hampers and free dining at local hostelrys. Tickets from Jill Harvey, 9 Church Street, Needingworth, 01480 460429, Ben and Carol Peilow, Wren Cottage, Holywell, 01480 496958 and Stephen & June York, Hawthorn Cottage, Holywell, 01480 465120; also from the church stall at the Christmas Bazaar. The draw will be made after the Carol Service on 16 December. All proceeds go towards maintenance and improvements at St John the Baptist parish church.

St John the Baptist Parish Church will be present at the **Village Christmas Bazaar** at the Village Hall: Saturday 1 December, 12–4 p.m. As well as our usual sales of church raffle tickets and delicious home-made cakes, we will have church souvenir items on sale, and the 2018 **church Christmas card**, showing St John the Baptist church in last year's snow – just £4 for a pack of 5 cards with envelopes. Joyce Brinkhurst will also be selling her beautiful hand-made cards on behalf of the church.



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Christmas

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Carols by Candlelight service

- Sunday December 23rd at 6pm

Christmas Day family service – 10.30am

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Free Schools were introduced by the government in 2010 as a way of raising standards and are funded by the government at the same level as other state schools but are not controlled by Local Authorities. So far, 300 have opened across England, and some of these are the highest performing schools in the country.

Cornerstone Free School would sit to the East of St Ives, and would seek to serve Wilburton, Haddenham, Holywell, Needingworth, Somersham, Earith, Bluntisham, Colne, Pidley, Warboys, Oldhurst, Woodhurst, St Ives, Houghton, Wyton, Hemingfords, Hilton and Fenstanton. But this is not an exhaustive list! We have already had very wide ranging support from people living all around these villages!

The application is for a secondary school with a Christian ethos. There is no other option for a faith school in our area that is non fee paying and that models itself on the independent sector. The only non fee-paying secondary school in the whole of Cambridgeshire sits in Cambridge city centre (St Bede's) and is oversubscribed every year, with a very long waiting list. Our plan is for a very aspirational school in terms of results, but also aspires to be a leading light for disadvantaged pupils or those who cannot afford private school education. So our curriculum plans include interacting with local businesses and the wider community to make learning relevant and fun and to equip

students for the world of work as well as for university. We plan for an on-school farm and greenhouses and to have a sustainable economy running through the school.

The application for our school has already been submitted and is now being read and analysed by the DfE. If the demand is deemed to be high, we are much more likely to get approval. We therefore want to reach all interested potential parents, who think this may be a secondary school option that they want for their child, and we need those people to visit our website and register their interest. By registering an interest, it is important to stress that prospective parents will NOT be committing to anything other than to say that they support the concept of our school proposal, agree that there is more choice needed for parents when deciding on the type of secondary school to enrol their child in, and that they would consider using Cornerstone Free School if the DfE were to approve the application. All information submitted by anyone registering is subject to GDPR protection.

We aim to open Cornerstone Free School in September 2020, therefore need to consult with all parents of Year 5 children, and below. Even if your child is of pre-school age, it is still important to sign up to the register, as the DfE want to make a judgement now as to whether there is a demand for another School option for parents in these villages in the future.

You can find out more about me and my vision, as well as why I started this process in the first place, on our website <https://cornerstonefreeschool.org.uk/>, under "our vision, about us".

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For the rest of the term we are working on a 'Vote 100' badge which celebrates the achievements of the Suffragettes and Suffragists 100 years ago in getting women the vote. As part of this we are looking forward to trying some martial arts, similar to those used by the suffragettes and having an Equalitea Tea Party, just in time for Christmas.

We currently have only a couple of spaces available for girls aged 7-9 years old. If your daughter is interested in joining in some of our fun activities, please contact

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Answers to Word Search

There are 15 ingredients:-
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Part of the education at Holywell involves exciting visits and visitors into school. Year 5 visited Wicksteed Park to look at fair ground rides, Year 3 went to Flag Fen to find out more about their history topic. Year 4 invited History off the Page in for their current topic and Year 5 were out and about in the local allotments towards the beginning of the school year. Year 6 have visited Ely cathedral as part of the Church School links and invited in a cardiac nurse to explain about the role she undertakes every day. Children also enjoyed working with a sports coach to create pirate moves and dances.

Topics for the rest of the year include:

Early Years children will be finding out about spring, Chinese New Year, The Bishop's Lent challenge, Easter, growing things, mini beasts, and Forest School sessions every week - whatever the weather. If you would like to help as a volunteer at any point Mrs Harland would love to hear from you!

Year 1 children will be looking at an alien crash scene as part of 'Moon Zoom', visiting the local woodland as part of their 'Enchanted Wood' topic, 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' an animals based topic where the class are hoping to get a visit from animal owners, and 'Rio de Vida', where the class will host their own Rio Carnival.

Year 2 children will be completing studies linked to the following topics. 'Wriggle and Crawl', 'Secret Garden', 'Towers, Turrets and Tunnels', 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' and are looking for people who may specialise in clay (for various art projects) and if there are any local florists who can help them with their work as well as anybody with any knowledge of links to castles.

Year 3 children will be looking at 'Tremors', 'Predator', 'Scrumdidlyumptious' and 'Gods and Mortals' and are looking for people who might have a good knowledge of the

local river, anybody with experience of raptors, any local sweet makers or chefs and any people who can support 3D sculptures.

Year 4 topics are 'Bottom, Bile and Burps', 'Traders and Raiders', 'Road Trip USA' and 'Blue Abyss' so are looking for anybody who is a dentist or who has any dentistry links, people who may know how to print onto materials, anybody who has any Native American artefacts and anybody with any expertise in sea life.

Year 5 topics include 'Eco Warrior', 'Pharaohs', 'Beast Creator' and 'Off with her Head', so are looking for anybody who has a keen interest in supporting plastic pollution and links to local newspapers, any Egyptian experts, butterfly or insect collectors and any 3D modelling experts.

Year 6 topics include 'Frozen Kingdom', 'Hola Mexico', 'Darwin's Delights' and 'Local History' so are looking for links to Polar Research, any Mayan artefacts and experts in sculpture, and animal specimen experts or collectors. In addition, we are keen to hear from anybody with a knowledge of our local history for an exciting longer term national project involving creating songs (folk songs) with a local history theme.

The more exciting these topics are for our children the more memorable the learning will be. This is our aim at school and we are putting out a plea to the **wider community to offer some time to come and help us and get involved in your local school.**

- Do you have a hobby that you would be able to share with the children?
- Are you involved in anything interesting that the children would enjoy learning about?
- Can you help with any lunchtime clubs?
- Are there any keen gardeners that could help our year 5 children with the development of a school allotment?
- Do you have any interesting artefacts from around the village that we could show our children?
- We have a new radio station that we are very much hoping to develop and broadcast more often as we move through the year. Do you have any experience of broadcasting or can you offer some support to children at lunchtime to put programmes together?

Please do contact us if you would like to help in any capacity. We would really love to hear from you!

Mrs. Macdonald, Head of School



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Needingworth Tennis Club

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- Men's Singles:** Michael King, r/u Richard Beadles
Men's Doubles: Michael & Colin King, r/u Jim Hunter and John Fabisz
Ladies Doubles: Stella and Jen Sage, r/u Caroline Chipper and Denise Heal
Mixed Doubles: Jim Hunter and Helen Haynes, r/u Chris Moore and Alan Bennett

New Members

New members of all abilities are always welcome, so just come along to one of our club sessions or contact any of the names below.

Club Sessions

Our all-weather courts are open all year for club sessions on Sundays 10:00-12:00, Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 and Wednesdays 18:30-21:00 (free floodlighting).

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 or 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.

Contacts

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John Fabisz – Coaching
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Holywell-cum- Needingworth BOWLS CLUB

Once again, the clocks have been put back to confirm that winter is with us. The bowling has stopped until next April but that just moves us into the social side of the club.



The green has been put into its winter phase, but that doesn't mean that our greenkeepers have nothing to do. It continues to be cut, when appropriate and it has been fed, treated and levelled. So many bowls clubs do very little during the winter period and return only in early spring to find that damage has been done during that period of time. However due to the work carried out throughout the year ours is ready for the warmer weather to firm up the surface and we can start bowling with a fantastic surface right from the beginning of the season. That is why we are so grateful for our greenkeepers and just exactly why we are so dependent on them.

We are also glad that we have a great social team and they hold regular events during the winter to keep all the members in contact with each other. Christmas is no longer a far away event and we all enjoy the seasonal evening followed by our dinner/dance in late January.

We already have new members for next year who are pleased to join our club following events we have held over the past few years, demonstrating just what a great club we are, offering so much to so many different needs and standards of abilities from beginners to county standard.

From a personal point of view, I am extremely grateful to all of our members and those from other clubs who have supported me during my county President year where we have raised £3,242 for my charity "The Make a Wish Foundation". It will make such a difference to so many peoples lives who face unfortunate health conditions for their young children. Whether for the day or for memories in the future it will provide something special for whoever might benefit from it, so thanks to everyone who have made any contributions in whatever fashion.

Peter Hutchinson

Hunts EBF County President 2018

Contacts for the club are:-

*Mick Carpenter (President) 01480 465655;
John Stevenson (Secretary) 01480 465743;
Terry Parietti (Treasurer) 01480 464011;
Frank Johnson (Chairman) 01480 46841*

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**.

NEWS from the COUNTY COUNCIL

Thank you for your kind response to my last article where I attempted to explain the minefield of Local Government finances in a language that all could understand and while we only touched on the surface, it seemed to have worked. I have been asked to give an overview on some current subject areas that you may not be aware of, so here goes.

Investment for the future

With rising demand for our services, the council is determined to consider all opportunities to invest in schemes that will help us maintain and improve our service levels and stand on our own feet financially. Our ethos of transformation, commercialisation and sound financial management means we are better able to deal with financial pressures, meaning cutting back on services is a last resort.

We are being economically prudent, and are taking advantage of current low interest rates which means we can make a return as well as improve the local area. Helping to alleviate a chronic lack of high quality purpose built student accommodation in Cambridge, is something that completely fits with our council objectives.

Brunswick House offers 231 ensuite rooms and 20 self-contained studio flats in a building directly opposite Anglia Ruskin University's Computer Science centre.

Cambridge faces a severe shortage of student accommodation with 44% of students currently unable to access university or private sector purpose built student accommodation in the city – amongst Anglia Ruskin students the figure rises to 77%.

Adult Social Care

Cambridgeshire County Council is to receive a one-off payment of £2.32m from Government to help alleviate pressures on the NHS this winter, getting patients home quicker and freeing up hospital beds. The council will continue to work with partners to help reduce pressures across the health and adult social care system and to make sure the people of Cambridgeshire get the best possible value from every pound spent. This extra funding comes at a time when adult social care across the country and in Cambridgeshire face unprecedented pressures on their services not just during the winter but all through the year. The demand for services has risen due to increases in the number of people now living for longer with a sharp rise in complex needs later in life. Over the next five years Cambridgeshire will have an increase in this population of two per cent, higher than the national average.

To deal with this demand and budgetary pressures, Cambridgeshire County Council has been focused on innovating and transforming adult services to support people's needs earlier closer to home to help keep them independent for longer. This transformation includes expanding the reablement services, uses of assistive technology and piloting Neighbourhood Cares model in St Ives and Soham.

The Council is a leading voice in the County Council Network's push for a fairer funding formula from central government working alongside Cambridgeshire MPs. Cambridgeshire is the fastest growing county in the UK, but the third worst government funded county. The extra funding is part of a £240 million funding programme announced by

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Matt Hancock earlier this month.

This one-off payment will help more people to be discharged from hospital in a timely way and appropriate manner. We are focussed on increasing the capacity available in the community to discharge people from hospital who need support to return home – but this takes time to achieve. We work closely with our partners in the NHS, the voluntary and independent sector to achieve this all year round. We have been successfully transforming our adult social care services over the last two years, but we need Government to recognise there is a substantial funding shortfall in Cambridgeshire, which is the UK's fastest growing county, and that our services are under unprecedented strain all year long.

Preparing for Winter

A strong fleet of gritters, quad bikes and crews will have been seen driving around the county, while they carry out a trial run in preparation for winter. The salt domes and barns have already been filled with 10,000 tonnes of rock salt ready for the start of the cold season. Therefore, It is vital that the crews carry out a trial run to make sure the drivers re-familiarise themselves with the routes and any alterations, plus make sure there are no problems.

Grittney Spears and Brad Grit were on the roads with their 35 gritter pals from 7pm across the county, along with the quad bike twins who will be going along the cycle routes in Cambridge City. Although all the vehicles will be travelling slowly, with warning lights, no grit will be spread. Last year crews went out 79 times and many of them were up through the night or in the early hours of the morning including Boxing Day, to make sure roads were treated.

On cold winter nights remember our gritter crews who do a fantastic job in all weather conditions and even leave their families in the middle of Christmas holidays to make sure our roads are gritted. As we move into winter we want to make sure our crews are ready to go as soon as our weather stations indicate it's time to grit. The trial runs are really important as they allow us to train new drivers and remind the existing ones of the routes they'll be keeping clear over the next six months and provide any feedback. So please don't be surprised if you see one out and about, when it is not frosty, as once we have done the trial we'll be ready for when the cold weather snaps.

If you are interested in volunteering to help us grit Cambridgeshire during winter months, visit our web page to find out how you and your community can get involved: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/help-with-gritting/

Spending Review and Fairer Funding Formula

Increased demand for services this year has seen Cambridgeshire County Council's current budget gap leap to £5.2 million – with a predicted additional £20.7m to find in 2019/20. A benchmarking report in January 2018 showed that Cambridgeshire County Council was already using funding we do have efficiently, and work by an external examiner has demonstrated that although our spend per head on Adult Social Care is one of the lowest in the country we maintain good outcomes.

However, this is not a sustainable position and we expect to be at the bottom of the national table for money

available to spend on Adult Social Care in 19/20 – and so there is no doubt that outcomes for some of our most vulnerable citizens will suffer if the future funding issue is not addressed. We are asking all Cambridgeshire MPs to continue to support us by lobbying as part of the national consultation on the government's funding formula highlighting:

- Government funding (Rate Support Grant) to Cambridgeshire County Council has fallen by £50m in the past four years, from £53m a year in 2014/15 to just £3m this year
- This sum is set to go negative next year - meaning Cambridgeshire will have to send £7m of Cambridgeshire taxpayers' money back to government to spend elsewhere in the UK
- Cambridgeshire was the only Combined Authority area last year not to be given a business rate retention pilot project - costing the council an estimated £8m.

As part of plans to make the additional in year savings, the county council announced last week that it would be reluctantly implementing its ability to impose a period of three days' unpaid leave for staff between Christmas and the New Year, for all but the most essential services – an element agreed with trade unions for staff contracts since 2014. Staff earning less than £25k per year will be exempt from this, but will need to take the three days from their annual leave allowance. The move will save the council £900k, the equivalent to losing up to 40 full time posts.

Become part of the county's biggest team - major fostering campaign launched

Part of our work to manage the increase of children needing our care is to vastly increase the number of in house foster carers available. Our current cohort of around 135 fostering families already represents the biggest 'team' in the county and offers stability and a hopeful childhood for those in their care – but we simply don't have enough of these brilliant people available.

The difference between placing a child with a Cambridgeshire County Council foster carer or with an independent agency carer can be as much as £400 a week! We are looking for all organisations and community leaders to share the [messages of the campaign](#) or share messages from the County Council's [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) pages.

From November 2018, the way Cambridgeshire County Council organises its services for safeguarding and supporting vulnerable children is set to change, with improvements backed by revised council funding. Against a national background of increasing pressure on Children's Services departments, with increasing numbers of children being referred for support or needing council care, Cambridgeshire's changes aim to help more vulnerable children develop and thrive in their own homes or extended families. To recognise that, these changes are focused on making radical improvements to service, and not at delivering an immediate financial saving, the Children and Young People's Committee has asked the council to move £3m from council reserves to the Children's Services budget to allow the change to start with a clean sheet.

Funds are set to come from general reserves – in order, to put the service which has been struggling with an unprecedented increase in demand over the past twelve months on

a firm financial footing to give the new operating model the best chance to work. Children's childhoods are short, and where problems occur in a vulnerable family we need to work quickly and help them make changes when it can do the most good. The way we plan to work will do this, but it needs to do so, unhampered by the need to make immediate financial savings.

Cambridgeshire has just over 700 children in its care currently, but by 2020/21, the changes aim to reduce this by around 100, more in line with Cambridgeshire's statistical neighbours.

As always if anyone would like me to publish a more in-depth report about any item within the County Councils remit, I am more than happy to do so. As you may know the County Council is responsible for many areas from Adult Social Care to Highways, so if there is something you would like explaining in greater detail and you feel it would interest other readers, please get in touch and I will do my best to publish a concise but interesting overview of the subject requested. Please remember your representatives at all levels County, District and of course your excellent Parish Council work very hard behind the scenes to ensure Needingworth and Holywell remains 'a special place'. Have a great Christmas and New Year.

Kevin Reynolds

County Councilor
Needingworth & St.Ives



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The poster is framed by a decorative border of holly leaves and berries. At the top, there is a Santa hat on the left and a holly branch on the right. In the center, a circular map of Somersham is shown with a red banner across it that says 'Santa 2-4pm'. To the right of the map, the words 'Tombola' and 'Raffle' are written in red. Below the map, the text 'Somersham Christmas Market' is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath that, '1st Dec 18' is written in a similar font. Below the date, '1 - 5pm' is written in red. At the bottom, there is a line of text: 'Please join us for our fantastic Christmas market at the Victory Hall'. Below that, in smaller text, it says 'Please get in touch if you would like a stall' and 'www.bluntishamvillagemarket.co.uk'.



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Hunts RSPB Local Group

Sunday 6th January

Field Trip (Location to be announced. Watch the website for news)

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Price: No charge to Local Group members. Others £4. Travel expenses are shared

Wednesday 30th January

Puffins in simmering seas: a threat to seabirds and their food supplies - Dr Euan Dunn MBE

Location: St Ives Free Church.

Euan will take us through the puffin's annual cycle, explore the threats it faces, especially the impact of climate change and what the RSPB and others are doing to protect it and other seabirds in our increasingly pressured seas. We tend to take this iconic seabird for granted but in 2015 it was listed as "globally threatened with extinction". Many of our other seabirds are not in great shape either. Euan is the RSPB's principal advisor on marine issues, joining the RSPB in 1994.

Time: 7.30pm

Price: Local group members free, others £4.00.

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

Website:

<https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/groups/huntingdonshire/events/>



Christmas Bazaar



Organised by Holywell cum Needingworth W.I

Saturday 1st December 2018

12.00 – 4.00pm

Needingworth Village Hall

Start the Festive Season here

'Santa is visiting from 12.00 to 3.00pm'

Lots of stalls, including: Christmas Wreaths, Tombola, Raffle, Christmas Gifts, Lucky Dip, Jewellery, Books, and lots, lots more. Please

Light refreshments will be available, savoury bites, mince pies and cakes.

If you are interested in having a stall please contact

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or telephone

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WHAT'S ON in the Village

Dec. 2018

- Sat. 1st Christmas Bazaar, Village Hall
- Mon. 3rd WI Annual Dinner
- Tue. 4th Over 60s Christmas Tea (page 11)
- Fri. 7th Parish Christmas Tree lights switch on (page 7)
- Tue. 11th Gardening Club "Pruning" (page 11)
- Sat. 15th Dance Club (page 13)
- Sun. 16th Carols by Candlelight, Parish Church (page 17)
- Sun. 23rd Carols by Candlelight, Baptist Church (page 19)

Jan. 2019

- Mon. 7th WI "Happy Memories"
- Sat. 19th Dance Club (page 13)
- Tue. 22nd Over 60s Annual Dinner (page 11)

Feb. 2019

- Mon. 4th WI, (speaker tba)
- Tue. 5th Over 60s, speaker from Changepoint, the Lifestyle Service (page 11)
- Sat. 9th Dance Club (page 13)

Advance notice

Sat. 2nd March 2019, Village Hall
Annual Trivia Quiz

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 February).



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**Huntingdonshire
Local Group**

Christmas Miscellany

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to this year's Seasonal Miscellany. This will be held on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

This regular Christmas event will include a celebration of more than 30 years of our Local Group, a fun quiz, plus wine and mince pies. Our guest will be Kevin Hennessy, (Trust Director for Business Development and Engagement). We aim to have an enjoyable evening and anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend.

Lazy Circles in the Sky – A Lifetime in Conservation

The first of our 2019 talks is on Wednesday 9th January, as usual at Brampton Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.

Speaker will be Jim Stevenson, Senior Ranger for Huntingdonshire District Council who is based mainly at Paxton Pits.

A Butterfly's Eye View of Conservation

Wednesday 13th February, Brampton Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.

Our speaker will be Dr. Ed Turner, who holds several academic posts at the University of Cambridge. Ed has been involved with the Wildlife Trust since 2006 when he worked as Ecology Groups Officer on a project studying Duke of Burgundy Butterflies. Since then his research has concentrated on the impacts of deforestation and palm oil expansion in Southeast Asia. Ed has also been a Trustee for the Wildlife Trust since 2015. Tonight's talk will centre on these beautiful butterflies and the impact of conservation on their success in the UK.

Booking is not necessary for any of the above events. The entrance charge is £2.50 (accompanied children free). For more information please contact Tim on **01480 457795**.

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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
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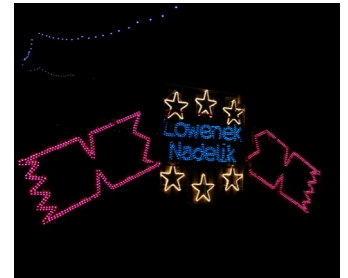


Christmas Family Quiz

(there are some hints below)

1. Name 5 of Santa's reindeer (besides Rudolph).
2. The people of Lapland traditionally herd reindeer, producing both meat and reindeer skins. What are these people called?
3. We all know Good King Wenceslas looked out, On the feast of Stephen, but in what modern day European country is the region he ruled?
4. Who is generally credited with popularising the Christmas tree in England? And in which decade?
5. Where would you be if the locals wished you Happy Christmas by saying Feliz Navidad, or Buon Natale, or Boas Festas, or Nadelik Lowen?
6. What bird has the scientific name Erithacus rubecula? How about Pyrrhula pyrrhula?
7. Who had the Christmas no. 1 hit single in 2017 with "Perfect"?
8. Who had the Christmas no. 1 hit single with "Mary's Boy Child" in 1978?
9. Who is the horned companion of St Nicholas who comes at Christmas to punish children who have misbehaved in Bavaria or Austria?
10. What date in January should your Christmas decoration be taken down by? What day of the week will it be in 2019?
11. Which heavy metal band made it to number 1 in the Christmas hit charts? And which year?
12. Unscramble to find a place related to Christmas EEMBHHTEL

Answers on page 15



Christmas Quiz Hints

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One name begins with B, two with C and three with D. 2. It is a short name beginning with S. 3. He was Duke of Bohemia. 4. Christmas trees were brought to England from Germany. 5. We haven't left Europe, and in one case are still in the UK. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. The first one is an easy one. It's Christmas! The male of the second has a pink rather than a red breast. 7. Ginger haired singer/songwriter. 8. It was sung in medley with "Oh My Lord". 9. Subject of an American comedy horror film from 2015. 10. - twelve days of Christmas. 11. Were some people enraged? 12. Jesus Christ is born today. |
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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

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

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)

Dec. Thurs. 6 th and 20 th

Jan. **Fri. 4 th**, Thurs. 17 th and 31 st

Feb. Thurs. 14 th and 28 th

GREEN BINS (garden waste)

Dec. Wed. 3 rd, and **Thurs. 27 th**

Jan. Wed. 9th and 23 rd

Feb. Wed. 6 th and 20 th

BLUE BINS (recycling)

Dec. Thurs. 13 th and **Fri. 28 th**

Jan. Thurs. 10 th and 24 th

Feb. Thurs. 7 th and 21 st



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) or Floodline	0800 807 060 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

WHO'S WHO

Baptist Church	Paul Harrison	494652
Beavers	Del Shepherd <i>delshep@btinternet.com</i>	467842
Beer & Wine	Petronella Britton	466239
Book Club	Sue Forrest <i>sueforrest65@hotmail.com</i>	464082
Bowls	John Stevenson <i>johnstevenson461@btinternet.com</i>	465743
Brownies	Julie Swindells <i>needingworth.brownies@yahoo.com</i>	07597 569582
Chatters Community Cafe	Alison Thompson <i>alisonthompson633@gmail.com</i>	464336
Church	Rector: Revd Sheila Anthony <i>sheila@saintintraining.co.uk</i>	01487 740456
	Jill Harvey <i>jillsbharvey@icloud.com</i>	460429
	Stephen York <i>stephenyork@flagholme.net</i>	465120
Cricket	Dave Roberts <i>davez76@hotmail.com</i>	07800 834780
Cub Scouts	Chris Huddleston <i>Akelafirstneedingworth@hotmail.com</i>	
Dance Club	Rose Killock	466487
Football	Mark Butler <i>m.butler665@btinternet.com</i>	495480
Gardening Club	Grant Williamson <i>parkingcare@globalnet.co.uk</i> <i>www.hcngardening.weebly.com</i>	493360
Good Neighbours Coordinator	Kate Carpenter	07794 680475
Guides	Helen Whitehead	460838
Holywell School Association	Sally Batsford	493700
Karate	Andrew Brown	436099
Local History Group	Sally Beaman <i>rsde.beaman@btinternet.com</i>	462379
	History Website: <i>www.hcnhistory.org.uk</i>	
Neighbourhood Watch	Mike Norris <i>michaelnorris852@btinternet.com</i>	465997
Over 60's	Rose Killock	466487
Pre-School	Anna Vickery <i>Website: needingworthcommunitypreschool.org.uk</i>	07826 529297
Rainbow Guides	Rosie Greatrex	460475
Scouts	Mark Culley <i>Mark.culley2775@gmail.com</i>	466595
Scribblers	Joan Tucker	463966
Tennis Club	Chris Moore <i>www.needingworthtennis.co.uk</i>	07718 987152
Hall Trustees	Margaret Fountain	496636
Hall Bookings	Rose Killock	466487
Wellworth Players	Karen Bays <i>Website: www.wellworthplayers.co.uk</i> <i>mailto:admin@wellworthplayers.co.uk</i>	463505
Women's Institute	Jackie Norris <i>jackienorris@btinternet.com</i>	01480 465997
Youth Cricket	Stephen Mitcham	301679
Chairman Parish Council	Cllr Colin Pearce	468759
Parish Clerk	Jane Bowd <i>needingworthpc@btconnect.com</i> <i>www.holywell-cum-needingworthparish.council.co.uk</i>	468451
District	Jon Neish	466110
Councillors	Lewis Besley	300658
Post Office		465121
Village Hall tel:	Outgoing calls emergency line only	
	Incoming calls	01480 498351