

Kingston Parish & Church Magazine



December 2017

Village Diary

Saturday 2nd December

Village Pub and Home-Made Pizza Night –

Village Hall, 6pm – 10pm

Wednesday 6th December

Village Coffee/Tea – Village Hall – 10.30am

Wheelie bin collection dates

Wednesday 6th December

Blue bin only

Wednesday 13th December

Black bin

Wednesday 20th December

Blue and Green bins

Friday 29th December

Black bin

Please Note: The use of paper caddies will be discontinued from Monday 11th December. Paper should be placed directly in the blue bin from then on.

Editorial

Christmas is coming! And the good news is that the construction work at both the church and the village hall will not prevent events from happening as usual. At the pub night, for instance, John Easy is bringing in his pizza oven and will make pizzas to order. And don't forget, the Village Carol Singing, the Carol Service, and the Nativity play will all take place as usual (further details below).

So order your turkey or goose, fight through the crowds at the local supermarkets for your other goodies, and pack those stockings with gifts a-plenty, remembering, of course, that Santa has it covered. Christmas is for everyone: kids, of course, and families too, but also those living on their own, those non-Christians amongst us, and all those who think that Christmas is not a big deal. If you need to be reminded of the joys of Christmas, you can down-load a track from Gregory Porter's new CD – The Christmas Song – and play it loud and clear and then trot down to (or listen in to) King's College on December 24th for the annual and legendary Festival of Carols.

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Vicar's Letter

It's that time of year again: the nights are well and truly drawing in, the fireworks are (mostly) over, so we must be looking forward to ... the new lot of Christmas advertisements from the big stores. Not that they are advertising Christmas, of course, but trying to catch a share of our gift spending.

One that caught my eye this year is from Marks & Spencer. Paddington Bear thinks he's spotted Santa on the roof, and proceeds to help deliver the presents.

We know, though, that it's not Santa: it's a burglar who has stolen the presents in his sack, and is now having to put them all back!

By the end of the advert, the expression on "Santa's" face as he watches a girl enjoying her gift tells us that he has changed. The small and innocent figure of Paddington has achieved something remarkable: woken the burglar's conscience and turned him around.

Even as a "Christmas professional" I enjoy this time of year – the seasonal songs, food, decorations, and activities all speak to something deep inside me, and wake in me a longing for a more innocent and wonder-filled way of living. And that's as it should be, because the Christmas story of the baby in the manger is wonder-filled.

But there's more to the story which feels less wonderful: Mary, her relationship with Joseph off to a tricky start, giving birth far from home at the distant whim of an Empire whose armies occupy her land; and the murderous fear of an insecure local ruler, meaning the need to run even further from home with the new baby. With all of that going on, it would seem there's a bigger part in the story for the burglar than the Bear.

This, though, is when the real power and wonder of the Christmas story is released: when we let the small, innocent baby out from the stable into the real world to change our lives. Jesus came to bring hope and redemption, not just to one repentant burglar, but to every single human being ever.

If you can hold onto that message, then however you spend your Christmas, you will spend it well.

Rev. Steve Day

Church Services for December

Sunday 3rd December	Holy Communion 8.30am
Sunday 10th December	Evening Prayer 6.00pm
Sunday 17th December	CAROL SERVICE 6.30pm
Saturday 23rd December	NATIVITY PLAY at South Sea House 4.00pm
Sunday 24th December	CHRISTMAS EVE Holy Communion 7.00pm

CHRISTMAS 2017

As ever, everyone is warmly welcome to attend any or all of our Christmas services this year. We have organists booked in for the 17th and 24th December. The Nativity Play will take place in the thatched barn at South Sea House, by kind invitation of James and Janet Clear. The nave remains unsafe and so our other services will be held in the chancel – please use the priest's door rather than the main entrance. Although the church will be locked over the next few months it is emphatically not closed and keys are available (from PCC members) to anyone wishing to visit at any reasonable time during daylight hours. NB visitors should not enter the nave.

Church cleaning

1 st Sunday	Peter and Suzy Stokes
2 nd Sunday	Donal and Monica O'Donnell
3 rd Sunday	Linda Rimmer
4 th Sunday	Janet Clear
5 th Sunday	Peter Reynolds

Note to cleaners: please avoid the nave, which remains out of bounds, but clean the South Aisle and Chancel.

Church flowers and brasses (Brasses only during Advent)

3 rd December	Henrietta Burbridge
10 th December	Joan Reynolds
17 th December	Kay Forsythe
24 th December	Linda Smith

Home Communion

If you cannot get out and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please let the office know and we will arrange for the sacrament to be brought to you on a regular basis. If you are having difficulty getting to church, but a lift would make that possible please contact the team office on 01480 839933 and we will be able to help.

Remembrance Day Collection

The collection at the Remembrance Day Service in November was £128 and will be donated to the charity Blesma, which supports military veterans who have lost limbs.

Churchyard Work Days

Kingston's churchyard is a special place: by definition in law it is consecrated ground; that is, an area declared sacred for the purpose of Christian burial. As many as 3,000 people have been buried here over the last thousand years; perhaps even more. Because of the Church of England's established status, all parishioners, irrespective of their own beliefs, have the right of burial in the churchyard. Ownership of the churchyard is vested in the Rector of the parish, but it is also a public open space. The care of the mortal remains of our forbears is the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council. In Kingston the Parish Council has for many years paid for the cost of churchyard grass cutting and the PCC is very grateful for this support. But there are always tasks which can only be undertaken by volunteers. Many thanks, therefore, to Janet Clear, Marion Leslie, Peter Stokes, Torrie Smith and Jack, Woody, Jimmy and Elizabeth Diggle for turning out for our two Work Days in November. There will be further Work Days next year.

Peter Reynolds

Meditative Worship for Advent at Caxton Church

7:00 pm on Tuesday 5th, 12th and 19th December.

For more information phone 01954 719912

Stagecoach Bus Services including Park & Ride & Citi 4

23 December 2017	Saturday Service
24 December 2017	Sunday Service
25 December 2017	NO SERVICE
26 December 2017	NO SERVICE
27 December 2017	Saturday Service - No Night Bus on Citi 1
28 December 2017	Saturday Service - No Night Bus on Citi 1
29 December 2017	Saturday Service
30 December 2017	Saturday Service
31 December 2017	Sunday Service
1 January 2018	NO SERVICE

Village Hall Renovation Update

In October, we signed the WREN agreement to start work on Phase 2 of the Village Hall and have been waiting for a cashflow loan from ACRE to finance the various work packages ahead of invoicing and payment to contractors. We heard that this should be approved in the next 2 weeks (mid- November) and we finally can start work. By the time that you read this article, we should be well underway with the initial work package: removing the old wooden floor and replacing it with a concrete pad and a new insulated joist and board floor. This will take the large hall out of operation for 6-8 weeks. The other work packages will commence during this period. We apologise to hirers for inconvenience during this period.


Mark Stalham, *Chairman Kingston Village Hall Management Committee*

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Parish Council News

Parish Council meetings: These are the dates of Parish Council meetings for 2018 – normally on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month – and the Annual Parish Meeting. The agenda for each meeting is published, on the notice board and on the village website, a few days before the meeting. The agenda will also be circulated on the village email circulation list. If you are not on this list and would like to be included, please email me at kingstonpc.cambridge@gmail.com.

Occasionally a meeting date has to be changed – check the notice board, or your inbox if you are on the circulation list. Also there are sometimes meetings in between these dates ('extraordinary meetings') to discuss anything urgent which cannot wait until the next scheduled meeting – usually a planning application. The agenda for extraordinary meetings will be published as for normal meetings.

Anybody is welcome to attend any of these meetings – they are open to the public.

Parish Council meeting	9 Jan	Parish Council meeting	10 Jul
Parish Council meeting	13 Mar	Parish Council meeting	11 Sep
Parish Council meeting	8 May	Parish Council meeting	13 Nov
Annual Parish Meeting	17 May		


Planning

The following applications were considered by the parish council recently. The parish council's decision is given for each application.

- **S/3723/17/FL extension of conservatory** at Payne's Farm, Field Road: agreed to respond 'support'.
- **S/3696/17/FL new site access** at Town Farm, Tinker's Lane: agreed to respond 'support'.
- **S/3673/17/FL insert rooflights in garden building** at Thatches, Rectory Lane: agreed to respond 'support'.
- **S/3832/17/FL replace redundant garage with new building, single storey extension to house** at Thatches, Rectory Lane: agreed to respond 'support' subject to a condition being made to limit to an appropriate level the size and weight of vehicles used for the work, particularly those used to remove spoil from the basement excavation, in order to prevent damage to the surface of Rectory Lane.
- **S/3716/17/TC fell over-mature birch tree** at The Old School House, Bourn Road: no response required.

- **S/3862/17/LB replacement of outbuildings with garden studio, small extension to house, insulated render to house, replacement of gutters and downpipes** at 1, Field Row: agreed to respond 'support'.
- **S/3562/17/PN change of use of buildings** at Town Farm, Tinker's Lane: agreed to respond 'no comment' as it was not possible to determine what development was proposed from the information provided. The Parish Council requested an extension to the deadline stipulated for responses until the information could be clarified, but this was refused. The application has now been granted by SCDC.

Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk



Christmas in Kingston

- Sunday, December 17th: **Carol Service** at the Church, 6.30pm
- Thursday, December 21st: **Carol Singing** around the village, starting at 6.30pm at the Village Hall
- Saturday, December 23rd: **Nativity Service** at 4pm in the South Seas House Barn
- Sunday, December 24th: Christmas Eve **Holy Communion** at 7.00pm at the church

Change of Venue

Please note that due to the construction work at our church the Orwell Singers concert of Christmas music on Sunday, December 10th will now take place at Bourn Church from 4-6pm.

A Dog's Life in Kingston

I am a lucky dog. I live in Kingston with my two humans and get two walks a day. My favourite walk is up Crane's Lane, although the walks to the church and down the alley towards Toft have their own delights. The great thing about all these walks is I get to sniff a thousand smells. This is Nirvana for me. Apparently members of my breed – cocker spaniel – are perfect for use as sniffer dogs in airports and such like but as far as I can ascertain this is a lot of hard work and would definitely interfere with my sleeping patterns. I have good friends in the village (Flora and Elsa in particular) and a replacement human called Jill who lives next door always looks after me when my humans disappear on something called "holidays". Thankfully, they always come back and make a big fuss of me.

I was born in a place called Texas in America and came to England three years ago. This was not an experience I care to be repeated as I ended up in some prison called "quarantine". Now, though, I feel perfectly at home here and I'm really looking forward to what my humans call "Christmas". When they are opening packages and hugging each other, I get to open my stocking that always contains food treats and squeaky toys. I have to admit that the treats don't last very long but the squeaky toys last all year - unless I chew on them, of course, which I'm not supposed to do. After Christmas I'm hoping to experience "snow" at long last. When we came to Kingston my humans promised that I would be able to frolic in this stuff but no luck so far. I have a feeling though that this might be my lucky winter. I just hope it's nothing like the thing called a tornado that happened back in the USA and I ended up in the bath-tub with an eiderdown over me.

I can safely say 2017 has been a great year for me. And to cap it all off someone called Dusty painted my picture showing me outside where I live with my humans and I've heard a photo of it is going to be in the Kingston Village Magazine. Fame at last!

Buddy Holly

Editor's Note: The cover photo referred to above is from a painting by Graham "Dusty" Coleman who completed the painting while staying with Jill Coleman during his recuperation from a lengthy stay in hospital. Many thanks, Dusty, for putting your skills and application at the disposal of Kingston Magazine.

Date	Title	Bourn	Kingston	Caxton	Longstowe
Dec 3	Advent 1	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A	3pm Christingle
Dec 10	Advent 2	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	10.30am HC
Dec 17	Advent 3	6.00 pm Carol Service	6.30pm Carol Service	10.30am Christingle/Carols	3.00pm Carol Service
Dec 23			4pm Nativity: Barn		
Dec 24	Christmas Eve	3pm Crib Service 11.30pm HC	7pm HC		
Dec 25	Christmas Day	10.30am FS		10.30am HC	9.15am HC
Dec 31		8.30am HC at Bourn			
Jan 7	Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ	10.30am FHC	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A	
Jan 14	Epiphany 2	10.30am W4A	6.00pm EP	10.30am MP	8.30am HC
Jan 21	Epiphany 3	8.30am HC	10.30am W4A		
Jan 28	Epiphany 4	10.30am FW		8.30am HC	10.30am MP

HC = traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

EP = traditional Evening Prayer (BCP)

W4A/FS = Family Service

MP= traditional Morning Prayer (BCP)

FHC= Common Worship/All Age Holy Communion

FW = All Age Worship/Morning Prayer/Prayer & Praise/Morning Worship



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Dog Walking and Home Boarding

We provide a flexible home/day boarding service for dogs in our family home. Dogs are cared for as they would be in their own house. A dog walking service is offered providing regular or one off walks. We hold an animal boarding licence with South Cambridgeshire District Council and have public liability insurance.

For further information contact

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Village Carol Singing

The Village Carol Singing will take place on
Thursday 21st December 2017.

Meeting at the Village Hall at 6.30pm

Carol Sheets are provided but please bring a Torch.

Refreshments afterwards by kind invitation of
Torrie and Linda Smith
at Willow Tree House, Church Lane

If you would like to join us,
or would like us to come and sing to you,
please contact James or Janet on 263746

The Church is very grateful for all contributions received.
Please make Cheques payable to Kingston Parish Church
*Taxpayers – please consider the “value added” factor of
gift aiding your contribution*

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride 2017

Thank you to Chris Reid who visited 42 churches and raised £250.40. A great effort. Kingston church will receive half of this amount.

Joan Reynolds (Parish Organizer)

Next year will be our big fund raising event – the fete.

Please if you have any unneeded presents will you put them into your bottom drawer and save them for the bric-a-brac stall? Also any nice carrier bags, large or small would be appreciated. Thanking you in anticipation,

Joan Reynolds

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QUIZ AND CHIPS

SATURDAY 27 JANUARY

Commencing 7.30 pm

In aid of Kingston Village Hall funds

(kindly hosted by Helen and Mark Underwood)

Bookings being taken for team tables of six

Food Options (includes quiz):

- Sausage & Chips £8
- Veggie burger & Chips £9
- Fish / Chicken & Chips £12

Pub bar will be open

Contact:

Katherine Reid

Katherine Stalham

A colorful illustration of a Nativity scene. In the center, the Virgin Mary is seated, holding the infant Jesus. To their left stand Joseph and two shepherds with their staffs. To the right, three wise men kneel in adoration. Two angels with large white wings and halos stand on either side of the manger, holding long, glowing beams of light that converge on the baby Jesus. The scene is set outdoors at night under a dark blue sky filled with white stars and a crescent moon. Several palm trees are scattered in the background. In the foreground, there are two white sheep, a brown donkey, and a brown ox. The entire scene is framed by a dark blue border.

Kingston Nativity Service

Saturday 23rd Dec
4pm at South Sea House Barn

All welcome. Mulled wine and mince pies after the service.
All children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews welcome to take part. Contact
Annabel.careerfoundations@gmail.com

A short, prayerful service of **Holy Communion**



is celebrated

Wednesday at midday
in **Bourn Church**

Anyone from around the Team or beyond is welcome to attend.
There will be no service on 27 December.

Hoarding

Hoarding is a serious and complex issue that goes far beyond simple untidiness. It is a recognised mental health condition requiring careful treatment. Hoarding is a widespread issue affecting between 2% and 3% of the population - approximately 1.2 million people in the UK.

People who display hoarding behaviours excessively collect items such as newspapers, books, clothing, and in some cases rubbish, rotten food and animals, resulting in unmanageable amounts of clutter. This in turn can cause serious health problems, structural damage, pest infestations and serious risk of fire.

Since 2014, we have engaged with over 50 households in South Cambridgeshire alone. In more serious cases, it can sometimes lead to emotionally distressing enforced clearances. People who display hoarding behaviours need help to learn how to change the way they think about acquiring, purchasing, or collecting as well as how they relate to their belongings.

If you discover someone displaying hoarding behaviours, you can find help and practical advice at www.helpforhoarders.co.uk or contact South Cambridgeshire District Council on 03450 450 063.

Alternatively you can contact the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service on 0800 917 9994 or <http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk> and visit the 'home safety' pages.

Grantchester Barrel Race! – Boxing Day (26 Dec) – 12noon

Approximately 100yrs of rolling and mayhem.

Opposite the Rupert Brook Pub.

Free event, Charity Donations accepted.

Our MP Heidi Allen's Newsletter

Welcome to my latest newsletter, lots has been happening since I last wrote!

Many of you will be aware of the plans from Uttlesford District Council to create North Uttlesford Garden Community which, if permitted, could have an adverse impact on the Southern part of the constituency. As such, I attended a meeting with Hinxton, Ickleton, Duxford, Pampisford, Whittlesford and Sawston Parish Councils to discuss their concerns. I too am worried these plans may negatively impact on us by significantly increasing congestion. I have submitted my views to Uttlesford District Council and will continue to keep residents aware of developments as they occur.



You will know there are plans to reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600, so that each constituency has a similar number of electors. On 17th October, the Boundary Commission published their revised proposed boundaries for South Cambridgeshire.

I was bitterly disappointed to read that their proposals **still** see South Cambs losing the wards of the Mordens, Bassingbourn, Melbourn and Meldreth. The Boundary Commission's report on the previous consultation acknowledged that I had put forward a counter proposal which had garnered significant public support and that most responses received generally opposed their suggestion. However, they still felt these Cambridgeshire villages should be moved to sit under a Herts regional authority, in spite of acknowledged strong local ties to the area.

I will be challenging these proposals again. If you agree that these villages should be retained in South Cambridgeshire rather than transferred to a Hertfordshire constituency, you can comment until the 11th December. Please see my website <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/campaigns/boundary-commission-stage-two-consultation> for details of my opposition strategy and how to join in the consultation.

You will remember in my last newsletter that the Department for Transport have launched a consultation on accessibility issues for disabled people using public transport. I have been working with local and national groups to bring about improvements for disabled people. BBC Look East kindly filmed a piece for me at Whittlesford station, demonstrating issues disabled people face when there is no lift connecting the platforms. You can watch it here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yahDBM6qB5w&feature=youtu.be>

South Cambs District Council have coincidentally also launched a consultation on taxi licensing which aims to provide more stringent standards. The Council is proposing to introduce a policy requiring all hackney carriages to be wheelchair accessible vehicles.

This important consultation closes on 5th January 2018. You can find details here www.scambs.gov.uk/consultations

Parliament returned in October after the conference recess, and since then, my main campaign has focused on improving the Universal Credit benefit system. I raised this issue during Prime Minister's Questions on the 11th October and the Prime Minister kindly agreed to meet with me to discuss this in more detail. There will be a further debate in the House ahead of the budget and I am optimistic the Government is listening and will reduce the 6 week delay claimants currently experience before receiving their first payment. You can read all about this issue here <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/news/universal-credit>

It is always a pleasure to visit schools in my constituency and at the beginning of October, I was grilled by the Perse Pelican's Mini Parliament! I thoroughly enjoyed listening to their thoughtful contributions and answering their questions. I have more school visits planned in November, so if you are a teacher or a governor of a local school and would like to arrange a visit, please do get in touch.

Another important part of my job is to support local enterprise in their efforts to grow and contribute to our local economy. So I was pleased to be able to open the new John Henry Group operations centre in Longstanton. This family business company has gone from strength to strength and I was delighted to be able to cut the ribbon and declare their new centre open!

Finally, Christmas is approaching (how did that happen!?) so it's time to switch on those lights! The "Light Up Cambourne" event on 25th November will start at 5pm in the Market Square, Great Cambourne, with lights on at 6.15pm. Caxton's event will be on 9th December at 5pm opposite Caxton Manor. Why not join me at one of these Christmas celebrations and help get the festivities underway?

My next surgery will be on Saturday 16th December from 10am – 12pm at Gamlingay Village College, Station Road, Gamlingay SG19 3HD. These are drop-in surgeries with no appointment necessary. Details of all the upcoming surgeries can be found on my website at www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries. You'll also find further information about my work and news stories there.

To contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk. You can also phone my Westminster Office on 020 7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01223 830 037 to raise local concerns.

See you next month!

MARK STEELE

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Update from Bourn Primary

The lead up to Christmas is always a very special time in school.

Rehearsals for our Christmas plays began in mid-November and the Orchestra started even earlier in the term, practising Christmas carols. Classrooms take on a festive theme and of course the children become more and more excited as the weeks progress.

There is a fine balance between the fun and jollity of Christmas and the real meaning of our celebrations. We work hard to ensure that all the children understand the significance of the birth of Jesus and the subsequent chain of events.

Key Stage One children have been studying a topic about Space this term. As part of their learning they had a very exciting trip to the National Space Centre in Leicestershire. Trips like this are never cheap and we are extremely thankful to parents and to the Bourn School Association for their continuous support.

The Nature Reserve is in continuous use despite the cold weather and Class Acorn, our youngest children, spend time every Friday afternoon making wands, bow and arrows, leaf threading, building dens, searching for wildlife and much more.



The way in which we teach Maths has changed a lot over the years so, to bring parents up to date with the new methods, we are holding a series of afternoon information sessions during the year. The first of these, which took place at the end of November, was well received by those who attended.

In 2018 we will be celebrating 60 years of Bourn Primary being located at its current site. There will be a number of special events taking place and a committee has been formed to plan a Diamond Ball, which we hope parents past and present and many of our former pupils will attend. Please keep your eye out for information on our website and in other publications.

From everyone at Bourn Primary we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a very peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Christine Page, Headteacher

Some Exciting News

As the accompanying photos show, Charlie Richmond has taken ownership of a new wood processing machine. As you can see he is very proud of his new purchase and wants everyone to know that he is ready and willing to take orders for logs. As the weather seems to be suggesting, we are all going need his services this winter!



Accessible Transport for all: Heidi Allen MP urged constituents to submit to accessible transport consultation

Earlier this year, the Department of Transport launched the Draft Accessibility Action Plan. This is the next step in the Government's commitment to removing barriers for millions of disabled people across the country, allowing them to travel independently and confidently.

The plan sets out the Government's strategy to address gaps in the UK's transport services and outlines a number of current and proposed measures to improve accessibility for travel by road, rail, water and air.

Some of the measures include a pilot programme to increase the availability of accessible toilets on trains and a commitment to review the Blue Badge eligibility for those with non-physical disabilities. The Draft Accessibility Action Plan also considers powers contained in the Bus Services Act 2017, requiring bus operators to provide audio-visual route and next-stop announcements on board their services.

Heidi Allen MP has been a strong advocate for disabled people in Parliament since her election in 2015 and said, "I welcome the publication of this action plan and the following consultation. Both as the MP for South Cambs and as Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Young Disabled People, I am continuously reminded of the difficulties disabled people face when using transport".

"I hear regularly from my constituents about the problems they face at some of our local stations such as Whittlesford and Meldreth. This is why I urge everyone with experience to submit their views to the consultation. We must work together to ensure improvements are made, not just in South Cambs, but across the country."

In addition to asking local people to submit directly to the consultation, Heidi also held a round-table meeting in Westminster on Monday 13 November. She invited representatives from numerous national charities including Muscular Dystrophy's Trailblazers, NAS, RNIB and Action on Hearing Loss. "Our discussion," she said, "will help me formulate my own response to the consultation." The consultation period ended on 15 November and results will be announced in due course.

Christmas gift making for pets!

at Wood Green Learning Centre, Kings Bush Farm, London Rd, Godmanchester, PE29 2NH.

Thursday 21 December 10.00-11.30am & 1.30-3.00pm

Free session making cat nip play bags, dog chewy tubes, rabbit and guinea pig treat bags and hamster crackers for your own furry friends or for one at Wood Green. Suitable for ages 2 to 102! See <https://www.woodgreen.org.uk/events/2017/12>

District Councillor News

By the time you read this, we will all be well into preparations for Christmas. I hope you are all ready or nearly so.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2018 be a good year for you and your families.



Bin Collection Change

South Cambs District Council (SCDC) is changing the way paper is collected. The black paper caddies will continue to be collected up to and including Friday 8 December 2017. From Monday 11 December 2017, they will no longer be collected, and from that date, all paper should be placed directly into the blue bin.

After that date, use the caddy for whatever you wish at home or in the garden. To recycle it, please take the caddy to a recycling center (e.g. Milton); do not put it in the blue bin. I am also collecting them to return to the Council or recycle, so feel free to drop it off at my house on West Drive if that is easier for you.

Green bins collection reduces to once a month over the winter months. Next collection dates are 20 December 2017, 17 January 2018 and 14 February 2018. The black and blue bin collections remain fortnightly on alternate weeks.

Draft Local Plan - Bourn Airfield Development (BAD)

The Planning Inspector and the Council engaged in a series of correspondence regarding proposed modifications to the draft plan. The correspondence is published on the council website at <https://www.scams.gov.uk/examination-correspondence-with-Inspector>. On the back of this, the Council sent out a very upbeat update to Parish Councils and a press release on 14-November, which gave the impression that the plan was likely to be adopted soon and that the Inspector had not found any issues with the overall strategy of the plan.

Turns out this was not strictly true. The Inspector, on getting notified of the Council's interpretation, wrote a rather stern telling-off letter to the Council which is at <http://bit.ly/LP2SCDC15Nov17>.

SCDC has been less than open in the local plan process in recent months, and it has taken pressure from us the opposition to get them to publish the series of correspondence in the first place.

In the meantime, due to the lack of a 5-year housing land supply, speculative developments applications have now resulted in around 5,000 houses being granted planning permission across the district, 211 of these are in Highfields Caldecote. These are approvals that would otherwise not have happened but for the land supply issue.

I requested a motion to be debated at November 2017 full council meeting, to ask that in light of the above, Bourn Airfield could be removed from the local plan, but the Council chairman refused to allow my motion.

Superfast Broadband

I have been pushing the Connecting Cambridgeshire project team and BT Openreach to push for solutions to provide broadband to those in Kingston still waiting. The FTTP solution is proving to be challenging to BT! Julie Conder has been great keeping everyone on their toes and I will continue to provide updates to her and to those that I am in direct contact with as and when I get them.

Housing

With the new major developments happening at Bennell Farm in Comberton, Gladmans and CALA sites in Caldecote, there will be over 100 affordable homes available to locals in the host villages and the neighbouring cluster of villages. This is an opportunity for those who require affordable housing, for the first time or need a bigger property, to register with the Council on the housing needs register. Go to the council website at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/apply-housing>. Feel free to let me know, confidentially of course, if you apply, so that I can follow up on your behalf. If you have special circumstances that need to be considered, then please talk to me about it so you don't get dismissed out of hand.

The Cambourne to Cambridge (C2C) Busway

The C2C project by the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership (GCP) marches on, with a new public consultation starting on 13 November 2017 titled "Better Bus Journeys: Phase One".

Please take the time to respond to the consultation. It ends on 22 January 2018. Full details at <https://www.greatercambridge.or.uk/C2C>

Whilst you are considering your response to the C2C project, you may want to bear in mind the Western Orbital and its relationship to the C2C busway.

Western Orbital (WO) project

The WO should provide a fast and reliable **bus link** near to or on the M11, between major housing sites along the A428 and the big employment areas south of the city, avoiding the busy city centre. It should join up with the C2C at M11 Junction 13 to give better bus journeys between Cambourne and Addenbrooke's, as well as access to the Trumpington Park & Ride (new or expanded). That's the idea anyway.

But at the recent LLF meeting I attended, it turns out that

(1) work on the WO is to be suspended until 2019, when the GCP expects to hear if Highways will build a Smart Motorway between Jn 11 and Jn 13 of the M11.

(2) Not only that, the work will not include the connection of the WO to the C2C, as that is viewed as a separate project. Bear in mind that the current C2C project does not even mention connection to the WO. Yet again we see our local authorities not exhibiting joined up thinking..

You can find out more about the WO at <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/western-orbital/>

Ward Boundary Changes

As from May 2018, the Caldecote Ward boundary will change. Toft will be moved into the Hardwick Ward. The new ward will then comprise Caldecote, Childerley, Bourn, Kingston, Longstowe and Little Gransden.

Here to Help You

I hold monthly councillor drop-in surgeries in Caldecote on first Thursdays of the month 7pm to 7.50pm at the Village Hall, and in Toft on first Mondays of the month 6pm to 7pm at the Toft Peoples Hall. Please feel free to come by if you wish to talk about issues with South Cambs council services that I can help with (planning, housing, housing repairs, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health, noise nuisance, etc).

You can also contact me as usual by phone 210840, email tumi@tumihawkins.org.uk, @CouncillorTumi on Twitter, Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi/>, and on my Contact Me page on my website www.tumihawkins.org.uk. I also post up articles on my blog from time to time, so check it out for details of some of the items I have touched on here.

Winter Home Security

Police are urging residents to check their home security as the clocks go back and the evenings start to draw in. With more homes empty after sunset, officers are concerned the number of burglaries could rise. However, an increase in crimes over the darker months could be avoided if homeowners take a few simple steps. In the six months from November last year to April this year (inclusive), 1238 homes were burgled in the county. During the previous six months (May-October 2016) 1051 homes were burgled, meaning offences rose by 17.8 per cent over the autumn/winter months. Detective Inspector Andy Tolley said: "Burglary is a priority for us and we're working hard to catch offenders and bring them before the courts. However, with the clocks having gone back on 29 October, offences can start to increase. It is usually an opportunist offence so there are steps people can take to remove the temptation for burglars. Keeping possessions out of sight and making it seem like someone's at home are two good starting points."

Police are offering the following advice:

- Install good lighting, for example exterior lights with dawn-to-dusk sensors and an alarm.
- Use timer switches. These can be linked to lighting or even a radio giving the impression that someone is at home and can be switched on through mobile phone applications.
- Close your blinds or curtains at night, preventing people from looking into your home. If your children are home first from school encourage them to close curtains and blinds first.
- Keep windows and doors secure, and lock side gates, even if you are at home.
- Do not leave spare keys hidden outside – a burglar will always look for these first.
- Mark your valuables – with your post code and house number – or garden and shed equipment with a spare can of paint or even nail varnish.
- Do not leave car keys near the front door or anywhere easy to find.

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My 2017 Top Ten Records

While these are my top ten records I bought this year just ending, I have to admit it's a strange bunch. To begin with, hardly any of them are actually records (they are CDs, not vinyl) and most of them aren't new music at all. Most were released this year but are mainly re-releases. Most hark back in time and, if there's a theme here, it's the 1960s, an era of music which I clearly like to cling on to. Anyway, what's on the list?

1. I've just finished watching the ten-part history of The Vietnam War, yet another brilliant documentary by Ken Burns. As was the case at the time, this was the "rock and roll war" so the soundtrack is brilliantly evocative. The thirty-eight tracks on the double CD were what the GIs listened to and sang along with between experiencing harrowing bursts of violence. My favourite? "**Are You Experienced?**" by **the Jimi Hendrix Experience**.
2. Ace CDs have published a ten-part series focusing on "The Golden Age of American Rock 'n' Roll: Hot 100 Hits from 1954-1963" in an attempt to prove once and for all that it didn't all start with the Beatles, they merely built on a rich bed of antecedents. On volume two is "**You**" by **The Aquatones**, a brilliant track that inspired a very young Phil Spector to write "To Know Him is to Love Him" and record it with his group, the Teddy Bears.
3. The next two tracks I've mentioned before. Modern troubadour, **Chuck Prophet**, released "**Bobby Fuller Died For Your Sins**" and took us right back to 1966 and Bobby Fuller's pounding hit "I Fought the Law". Since its release early in 2017, this has been the track I keep going back to.
4. Another modern-day recording is "Windy City" by the country star **Alison Krauss**. The stand-out track is her rendition of "**Losing You**", a wonderful cover of Brenda Lee's hit of 1963.
5. I came across this track in a roundabout way. During his TV programme about train journeys in the USA, Michael Portillo wound his way to Memphis and, in order to learn about the blues, he was introduced to **Cedric Burnside**, the latest family member in a long line of Blues musicians. On the CD "Descendants of Hill Country" by the Cedric Burnside Project, the mood is mainly up-tempo and made for dancing, the track emerging from the pack being "**Born With It**".
6. Staying with the Blues, it's a blessing to get hold of and play the original 1964 music by the **Rising Sons** on CD, featuring much younger versions of frontmen Taj Mahal and Ry Cooder. Their versions of Statesboro Blues and Candy Man are rousing but I'm sticking with the understated and beautifully played **Corrin, Corrina** as my favourite track. Inspired by Bob Dylan's version, here it's given a country rock twist. Such a shame this super group didn't last longer than these recordings, which are still amazingly fresh and vital. Think what could have happened if they'd stuck it out.

7. Live and acoustic recordings by **Neil Young** from his most fruitful period (the 1970s) are much sought after so this year's release of the set of tracks on the Hitchhiker album are to be treasured. Finely produced by David Briggs and recorded in a single session in August 1976, this is Neil Young at his haunting best. Stately and majestic, **Pocahontas** is the stand-out track but, in truth, there's not a dud to be seen.
8. I recently wrote about the delights contained in Jon Savage's book 1966: The Year the Decade Exploded. Unsurprisingly the accompanying double CD is a veritable treasure-trove. Piled high with great hits and great tracks that must have passed us by, the inclusion of "**I'll Be Your Mirror**" by the **Velvet Underground** is a timely reminder of their transformational role in rock history.
9. No modern music in sight yet on this list, but I'm not surprised. It's not just my '60s thing, however. Pop music today is so ephemeral, so disposable that it's here one minute and gone the next. And that's the exact opposite to the way us record collectors approach the process. We're in it for the long haul! Two modern recording artists, however, are helping to fly the flag of classic pop music. **Katie Melua's** official BBC Children in Need song is her beautiful rendition of Sting's **Fields of Gold** (previously recorded by Eva Cassidy). With her delicate touch to the fore, this is one of my favourite singers singing one of my favourite songs. In time for Christmas, she has also released a special edition of her "Winter" album by adding a second "Live from Berlin" CD.
10. In the meantime, also in time for Christmas festivities, the flawless **Gregory Porter** has released his "Nat King Cole and Me" album. Replete with classics from the master (Nat "King" Cole), Porter does them all justice by singing them straight in his own inimitable style. His version of **Mona Lisa** is just what the doctor ordered.

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