



The Newsletter of Histon & Impington Parish Council

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YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Become a Parish Councillor

Being a Parish Councillor is to be at grassroot level of democracy in Britain. You represent your own community. Make decisions that affect local quality of life. Change situations which are causing problems for your neighbours.

All of the seats on the Histon and Impington Parish Council fall vacant this year and on May 5 all residents on the Electoral Register will have the chance to vote for their favoured candidates. There are a total of 19 seats for the two parishes of Histon and Impington. You could be one of them. Initially you would serve for a two year term.

If you really care about how things are done locally, and are enthusiastic about trying to achieve the best results for your community, this could be your opportunity to influence local issues.

You can give as much time as you wish to being a Parish Councillor although you will need to attend a couple of meetings a month. There are interesting times ahead for Parish Councillors as more and more services are devolved to local level, and, therefore, you can have a greater input into how those services are introduced and managed.

To be a Parish Councillor you must be:

- A British subject or citizen of the Commonwealth or the EU
- 18 or over
- On the Electoral Register or the occupier of land or other premises or working in the area for the past 12 months.

Give it some thought and if you would like more information the Parish Clerk or one of the Parish Councillors would be happy to have a chat with you. But hurry, you must register your interest by April 7th.



In the first instance contact Angela Young, the Parish Clerk, who will take you through the right steps.

If you'd like to talk to a Parish Councillor about the role, see the list of Councillors and their phone numbers on page 2.

ENGLAND CRICKET LEGEND VISITS



Graham Thorpe (100 tests with a batting average of 44.66 and 82 one day

internationals) has agreed to be the guest at a cricket dinner organised by Histon Cricket Club at the Recreation ground on July 13th - www.hisimpotr.co.uk/cricketdinner/, HistonCC@gmail.com or 07952 635518 for details.

Before that Graham will open the new cricket nets. The nets, currently under construction, have been enabled with generous support from the Friends of the Rec, the Parish Council and the Red Lion Beer Festival. The old nets had been in use for over 15 years and had worn to the point of being dangerous. The cricket club has played in the village for well over a hundred years and the new nets encourage the continuation of this essential component of everyone's definition of a typical "English" village.

Brian Ing

WHEN THE FAIR CAME TO TOWN!

The Parish Council has been keen to make use of its open space as much as possible, and as part of this plan wants to raise the profile of the Homefield Park area in particular and ensure that sufficient income is made to ensure proper upkeep of its spaces.

This area was well used historically for a variety of community events, but has in recent years become underused. A children's Funfair was welcomed during Half Term, mainly providing entertainment for young children and their families during the break from school. This was an ideal opportunity to test the breadth of opportunity for revitalising the area and we will be reviewing the trial usage at our next Environment Committee meeting. I wonder if you live near to the park and have any specific feedback you would like to make?

The Showmen and their family are good friends of Histon and Impington, having visited us for many years as part of the Feast celebrations. We know that any damage to the grass will be rectified and soon spring back, and our groundstaff have worked with them to ensure things go smoothly.

The next provisional booking on Homefield Park is for a charity Fayre and we have also had some interest in a pop-up food event and even a "Shakespeare In The Park" season during the Summer. The circus is due back on the site during 2017. Any ideas from residents for use of this space would be welcome.



Barry Starling took this lovely photograph of the event.

Angela Young

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YOUR THOUGHTS ON DEVELOPING HISTON METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE COMMUNITY ... AND THE CHANCE TO WIN A £20 GIFT VOUCHER!



At Histon Methodist Church (opposite Rutland Cycles on the High Street), we are excited about upcoming plans to redevelop our building to make it a more accessible, useable community space.

The buildings are already well used for a wide range of activities including our Community Coffee Shop, as well as Sunday services. But current restrictions to its usage have led us to develop plans which should result in significant improvements in its worship and community life.

Current plans include;

- pew removal, new front entrance, redecoration and improvements to heating, electrics and PA/AV to make the 'worship space' a multi-purpose venue.
- a new foyer to make the whole building more welcoming and accessible.
- new rooms, new kitchen and improvements to existing hall space to enable more community activity.
- improved accessibility for those with disabilities (and buggies).

We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to answer and return this short survey, which is also available online at histonmethodist.org/survey2016/

1. Are you currently a user of the Histon Methodist Church buildings

Yes No

If YES, what is the nature of that use?

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2. Would you support broader community use of the premises?

Yes No

3. What does Histon Methodist Church provide which is lacking elsewhere in Histon?

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4. What additional activities/facilities might Histon benefit from which this development could provide?

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5. Do you feel that the current plans (as listed above) will be beneficial to the church and community?

Yes No

6. In what way/s?

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7. If you worship at our Sunday services: In what ways do you see this redevelopment benefitting both the worship and wider community life of Histon Methodist Church?

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We are happy to receive anonymous surveys, but for the chance to win a £20 Lighthouse Toys voucher, please include your email address or phone number. Please leave at Lighthouse Toys in the High Street or Histon Methodist Church, or complete online.

Email address:

Telephone:

The closing date for the survey is 20th March 2016.....

Many thanks!

Michael Simmonds

CHURCHES AT EASTER

With Easter the high point of the Christian calendar, our local churches are preparing for a busy time towards the end of March.

The precursor to Easter is Palm Sunday, on March 20, followed by Maundy Thursday, when a number of the churches will hold evening services, some preceding it with a communal supper.

On Good Friday, March 25, the Histon and Impington Council of Churches has organised a joint service at St Andrew's Histon at 10am, followed by the traditional Walk of Witness to the green opposite the St Andrew's Centre.

Easter Sunday, March 27, marks the beginning of European Summer Time, and each of the churches will be holding their main services in the morning.

Details of each church's events:

The Revd Ron Day of **Histon Baptist Church** highlighted the following events:

- Maundy Thursday: 6pm Passover meal.
- Good Friday morning at St Andrew's Histon parish church - it's a joint event for all the churches in Histon & Impington.
- Easter Sunday: 10.30am Family Service: Jesus is Risen!

The Revd James Blandford-Baker at **St Andrew's, Histon** outlined the following main services:

- Palm Sunday, March 20: 9:15am Holy Communion and 10:45am Holy Communion
- Maundy Thursday: (for both St Andrew's Churches) Supper at 7pm, followed by Holy Communion at 8pm
- Good Friday: 10am: Joint service with other village churches, with activities for children in the Saint Andrew's Centre, followed at 11am by the Walk of Witness.
- Easter Sunday: 9:15am Holy Communion: 10:45am All Age Holy Communion: Easter egg hunt at 3pm.

Histon Methodist Church: The Revd Simon Oliver said: "We have a short Maundy Thursday communion service at 7pm, and we are part of the Walk of Witness on Good Friday.

On Easter Sunday we have a service of Holy Communion at 10:30am."

The Revd Ian Rawley of **New Life Church** said that their Easter Sunday service will be held at 3pm at Histon Baptist Church.

Information about Salvation Army services has not been received at the time of writing.

DRAMATIC RESCUE BY POSTIE

Local postman Mark Luya swiftly reacted when he saw tomcat Loki run over by a speeding car on Glebe Road. Scooping him up, Mark rushed along, knocking on doors, to try to find the owner, Sonja Bellew.



Photograph courtesy of Cambridge News.

He eventually found a neighbour who kindly took in Loki.

The cat was rushed to Hollyoak Vets in Impington, and subsequently transferred to the University Department of Veterinary Medicine for life-saving treatment. The initial prognosis was unpromising - potential brain damage.

Loki, however, used up one or more of his nine lives and is now back on home territory. His owner said: "I am eternally grateful to Mark for saving my cat's life."

Mark, who lives in Willingham, modestly said: "I'm glad I could save Loki." But he is seen as one of our local heroes.

Do you have a story about your local postie? Email details to:

JOHN DUNN

John Dunn died just before Christmas after serving on Histon and Impington Parish Council for three years. He was laid low in his seventies by an infection after fighting a serious health condition for some months. It was the positive way he fought that illness that was typical of John.

John served on Highways and Planning Committees and took a leading role on drainage issues. He carried this into a close interest in Northstowe, whose drainage will affect both our villages. That he did so would not surprise his former colleagues at Mott MacDonald: here he was a senior drainage and irrigation engineer. He worked in many developing countries in Asia, Africa and South America, making a real difference to the lives of people. One former colleague said of John at his Memorial Mass, "He made the whole team on site one family, he was special".

John was a committed Catholic and worked for many years for the SVP charity including helping many in our villages. Typically, John never spoke of this work.

Brian Ing

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN FOR 2016



I have high hopes for 2016 - a cleaner, tidier Histon and Impington. As organiser of the quarterly Big Tidy Up

group, I am also asking residents to "adopt a road" and/or join the Community in the forthcoming event "Clean For The Queen" on the 4th/5th/6th March which coincides with our usual Community Quarterly Big Tidy Up. This will be a nationwide event, which is supported by top TV personalities such as Kirsty Alsop.

Saturday 5th March will be our main day, but people may do their allotted area on Friday 4th or Sunday 6th March if that suits better.

Our local MP Lucy Frazer hopes to join in the event too and she has been allocated the High Street to litter pick with the WI Ladies.

My pet hate is the amount of litter on our streets and open spaces and hope that the government will make this a priority in 2016, by reinforcing that it is a fineable offence to drop litter. Lucy Frazer has already raised this in Parliament and it is gaining support.

If you would like to help me to achieve my goal of eliminating litter from the village by adopting a road or joining the Big Tidy Up group, please contact: 01223 234156 or cedric.foster@hisimp.net

BIG DIG UNDER WAY!

The Big Dig is a project to dig test pits 1m square in gardens across the villages, taking place on some weekends between April and August 2016. Finding prehistoric flint tools and pieces of pottery, perhaps dating back to the Romans, will help to build up a picture of what our villages were like in those early days. The picture is of a stone age flint scraper found in Cottenham Road - showing someone was busy there 5,000 years ago.

If you are interested in the project or would even like a test pit in your garden, please email davidates11@gmail.com and we will keep you updated.

As well as the excitement of learning whether your garden was occupied as early as the Bronze Age, you would be contributing to two major research projects - on population movement into the central area and on its decline after the Black Death.

Further details are at is.gd/fjR77c

FIRS HOUSE AND TELEGRAPH STREET PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP



The Patient Participation Group (PPG) is made up of patient representatives from the Firs House and Telegraph Street registered patient list. The group is part of a wider network of patient groups from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough GP Practices, and representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group. It acts as a sounding board for ideas on how the Practice can improve the experience of its patients and provides a good opportunity for two-way communication between patient representatives and the Practice.

The PPG meets bi-monthly, generally on the first Tuesday of the month from 6.15 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. and is supported by a senior GP Partner and the Practice Manager who attend the meetings. In addition to the PPG, the Virtual Patient Reference Group (VPRG), an online group currently comprising over 800 patient members, supplements patient representation at the Practice.

The PPG has been actively involved in organising a number of wide-ranging health promotion events in partnership with local community centres in Histon and Cottenham. Topics have included Health Benefits of a Mediterranean Diet, Advances in Cancer Research and Diagnosis, Falls Prevention, and more events are planned over the next twelve months (see separate notice on "How to Save your Skin" information evening on 12th May).

If you are interested in joining the PPG, please contact reception at either of the surgeries. Alternatively, if you cannot commit to regular meetings and activities, do consider signing up for the VPRG which can be done online via the Practice website.

More information about the VPRG, PPG and minutes of past meetings can be found at www.firshouse.com and on the notice boards at Firs House and Telegraph Street surgeries.

Fei Ni Toole

COTTENHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, TELEGRAPH ST & FIRS HOUSE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP PRESENT:



A free information evening with
Vicky McMorran, Skin Cancer Specialist Nurse &
Dr Simon Poole, local GP

Topics Sun safety
Self-examination
Developments in treatment
Q&A

When
Thursday 12 May 2016 -
Doors open 7.00pm - Starts 7.30pm

Where
Cottenham Community Centre (250A High St, opposite the Co-op)

VILLAGE SOCIETY SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMME

Tuesday March 22nd - Pippa Temple: The 300th anniversary of Capability Brown. **Please note:** venue is IVC Pavilion

Tuesday April 26th - Tamsin Wimhurst: The David Parr House

Tuesday May 24th - Members' Night: Members entertain. **Please note:** venue is IVC Pavilion

Tuesday 28th June - Alan Butler: Huntingdon Cromwell Museum

We normally meet at 7.30pm in the Brackenbury Room at Impington Village College, unless otherwise stated. **Membership is £10 per annum. Visitors are very welcome at £3 per person per meeting.** Further information from the Programme secretaries: 564716 or 233397

JOIN HISTON BOWLS CLUB!

If you're looking for:

- A pleasant outdoor activity;
- An engaging social environment; and, just maybe
- Some competition ...

Why not join the Bowls Club?

We have matches on Wednesday afternoons and in the evenings during the summer plus some internal 'bowls drives' on a Saturday afternoon. There's always a social element and, when we entertain teams from other clubs in an evening, a light supper. We have our own club events, we contribute to the Histon Feast and the season ends with a celebration fish and chip supper and presentation evening!



The club is over 100 years old but continues to do well. Last year the club was the Cambridge & District League Champion of Champions!

Anyone is welcome to join the club. We'll help you to learn the basics, they're not too onerous, and we can loan you some bowls to get you started. All you need is a pair of flat shoes.

If you want to have a go contact Malcolm Green on 01223 232956 or at malcolmgreen1@hotmail.co.uk.

David Jenkins

WE'VE LOST OUR DRAWS

Last season, Histon 1st XI cricket playing in the top league in the county had more drawn matches than any other team. Our captain, Alfie Dixon, agreed with the other captains that this was not great for the players or the spectators.

This summer, the team will be playing 50 over a side cricket: side with most runs wins.

To fit in the longer games in the full light, matches will start an hour earlier at noon. We hope our many supporters who enjoy watching the good cricket in excellent surroundings will be there earlier to enjoy to the full the more competitive cricket.

Brian Ing

Start your summer in style at the Histon & Impington Rec Festival!

Wed 13th July	Graham Thorpe Cricket Dinner
Thu 14th July	Rio Olympic Celebration
Fri 15th July	Tea Party (2:30pm) & Indie Killers + Glue (7:00pm)
Sat 16th July	Summer Ball
Sun 17th July	Village Church Service (am) + The Village Party (pm)

ORGANISED BY HISTON AND IMPINGTON FRIENDS OF THE REC. VISIT WWW.HISIMPFOTR.CO.UK FOR EVENT DETAILS AND TICKETS

HISTON & IMPINGTON MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



Mental Health Awareness Week in Histon and Impington is a local initiative seeking to raise awareness and understanding of the issues surrounding poor mental health in all ages from toddlers to older residents.

It grew out of a conversation between Neil Davies and James Blandford-Baker in early spring 2015 when we both became aware of tragic and challenging stories affecting young people in our community. As for so many in our villages, these stories affected us personally but also challenged us in our care and concern for others. With the reduction in statutory support and treatment for people of all ages with mental health conditions, as well as the stigma that is still associated with them, the Histon & Impington Mental Health Forum came together to see what could be done at a local level.

We are immensely grateful to the professionals (from organisations such as Blue

Smile, the local GP surgery, all our village schools, youth workers and churches), as well as others who share these concerns, who have contributed to thinking through how we can increase our understanding of mental health for everyone in our community.

H & I Mental Health Awareness Week starts on Saturday 16th April and runs through to Saturday 23rd April and the activities through the week will include:

- a fundraising concert on Saturday 16th April with the Jonny Kingsman Band & friends for village mental health projects
- in school activities and assemblies at Impington Village College
- a parent drop-in to learn and talk about experiences
- advice drop-in for the elderly and carers
- an exploration of the role of fitness in mental well-being
- a mental health Any Questions evening on Thursday 21st April
- a 'dementia friends' information evening

- the showing of two special films on Saturday 23rd April at the St Andrews Centre

Iris (the story of the novelist of Iris Murdoch and her struggles with Alzheimers) at 10.30am

Disney family film *Inside Out* at 2.30pm

The full week's programme will be published in the 2nd week in March when the website www.himw.org.uk will be operational.

We are very conscious of how issues raised during the week will be addressed in the future and the Forum will meet in May to evaluate what happens in the week and the feedback obtained.

We would be delighted if as many people as possible were able to find help or be pointed in the right direction through these activities. If you would like to help and/or become involved please mail neilsdavies12@gmail.com
Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative so far!

James Blandford-Baker & Neil Davies

WHAT'S GOING ON AT IVC?

I'd like to bring you up to date regarding recent developments at IVC and to give you a look at our ideas for the future

IVC became an academy in 2012. It was not an obvious move for us; we debated and looked closely at the benefits and costs before we eventually converted. We did so in a way which we felt would preserve our ethos and our relationship with the community consistent with Henry Morris's vision for village colleges. That's why we established an academy trust in which the members of the trust were the governors of the school.

When we converted we became a 'standalone' academy but the present government has made it clear that not only does it expect all schools to become academies but also that it wants them to collaborate by coming together in multi-academy trusts (MATs)

That gives us a challenge here at IVC. We believe we have a unique and compelling ethos and have developed a very successful community school. We recognize that we're going to have to be a part of a MAT but we want to do it in a way which would enable us to maintain, develop and deliver our vision:

To be an outstanding and inspiring learning community that is truly inclusive, innovative and international.

- *Inclusive - embracing and supporting all the Trust's students to achieve highly;*
- *Innovative - challenging and supporting all members of the communities to look*

forward with confidence and to be at the forefront of education thinking and achievement; and

- *International - developing and adopting a global outlook and encouraging all members to acquire international-mindedness.*



Underpinning this vision would be a set of aims for students, staff and the wider community which reflect the above strands and establishes the principle of ***excellence as standard***.

In Cambridgeshire there are now more village colleges which are part of MATs than are not and that presents us with a choice. Do we want to be:

1. a leading member in a MAT enabling us to preserve our core values;
2. a 'subordinate' member of an existing MAT in which IVC might not be able to have final decisions with regard to its provision; or
3. a vulnerable stand-alone academy operating with increasing difficulty in a financially challenged world?

We have chosen to target option 1 but to do so in a way which is true to our principles. We envisage a MAT comprising a number of schools: secondary, primary and special.

In November, IVC's governors (as 'Directors' of the Trust) debated and put in place plans

to build capacity and capability within the Trust and to develop the potential of key staff:

- I became Executive Principal (holding key responsibility for strategy and the development of IVC and the Trust with responsibility for Sports Centre and Adult/Community); and
- through an internal recruitment process, Ryan Kelsall (Vice Principal since January 2014) became Principal ('Head of School') having operational responsibility with full delegated 'powers' for the educational components of IVC (the 11-16 'school' and Sixth Form)

Our strategy is not without risks. That's why it's important that we make sure that we are committing the right and sufficient resources to it. It's also the reason why we are open about what we are doing so that there can be appropriate challenge.

I am sure you have questions on the above and it is important to continue engagement with you. In the first instance please email me (rcampbell@impington.cambs.sch.uk). I am always happy to respond to questions and comments. Furthermore the governing body will hold its annual public meeting on Monday 21st March. Please come along

And finally... these are exciting as well as challenging times. We are strongly optimistic that these changes enable IVC to continue to thrive and flourish as the true embodiment of Henry Morris's vision for an excellent village college.

Rob Campbell

CHOIR UNMISSABLE! 2000

Choir 2000, your highly acclaimed local choir, will perform Handel's MESSIAH Parts 2 and 3 on 18 and 19 March at 7.30pm at the Histon Baptist Church. The choir, the Choir 2000 Orchestra and the four excellent soloists will be conducted by Peter Britton.

While part one of Messiah, which the choir presented in two sold-out performances in December, is all about the birth of Christ, parts two and three deal with the events of the passion and the resurrection, appropriate for this time of year.

The famous 'Hallelujah Chorus' is part of this section and celebrates God's everlasting reign, while the moving aria 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' expresses the core of Christian belief.

Tickets for this great concert cost £10.00, conc. £9.00, students £5.00. They are available from Les Ward in Histon and Cottenham, from Station Stores in Impington, from members of Choir 2000 and, subject to availability, on the night. Under 16s, accompanied by an adult, are admitted free.

You can reserve tickets by contacting info2000@choir2000.org or 01223 561635.

RAFFLE MONEY FROM HISTON CHOPSHOP

We are delighted to have received £210 from the Christmas Raffle organised by Mark at the ChopShop! This will be put aside to help pay for the Christmas Lights show in the villages next year.

Thank you to Mark and all his staff for this generous gesture, and thank you to all those who purchased the tickets and donated prizes

Angela Young

HISTON AND IMPINGTON LIBRARY FRIENDS UPDATE

Young children enjoyed an exciting afternoon at Histon Library when David Worricker of 'Lion Learners' visited with his exotic animals. The event took place on National Libraries Day on February 6th, and was fully booked and an enormous success. Children were delighted to handle the rabbits, guinea pigs, snake, snails and Tarantula and to feed the lizard! There was lots to learn and lively stories to join in with. Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Library.

Coming soon: on Wednesday 9th March from 2 - 3:30pm there will be an 'Engage in the Afternoon' talk on the history of Country Markets with Margaret Clifton and Sue Medlow.

A six week course, 'Writing about Your Life' will be led by Judy Wilson on Tuesday mornings from April 12th to May 17th. Booking should be made before April 8th. The course fee of £10 is payable on signing up.

In May, there is an evening with local crime writer, Alison Bruce, whose books are set in the city.

The library's popular Book Sales take place on the second Saturday of every month with the next one on March 12th. Organised by the Friends of the Library, they achieved their first fundraising to target to help pay for bold new signs which should be in place before too long. The sales of adults' and children's books and DVDs attract lots of interest with books priced very competitively and always the option of offering what you feel the book is worth. Donations are welcomed on the day before the sale when the library is open from 11am to 7pm.

If you have ideas for facilities and events at Histon Library, we can be contacted at HisImpLibraryFriends@gmail.com or on Twitter @HisImpLF

Cath Pennington

COUNCIL TAX CONSULTATION

We asked, you said, so what did we do?

Our questions sought your views on what the Parish Council should do - whether it should, for example, "step in" when County reduces services but most specifically it asked whether more, or less, should be spent in five specific areas.

We didn't ask about all the areas where Councillors and staff work - just young people, older people, the environment, highways and recreation. And finally, we sought your views on how much of an increase in the Parish component of Council Tax you would find acceptable.

What did you say?

- Should the Parish Council do more (as suggested in the County consultation on Council Tax) - yes
- How should the Parish Council spend on young people, older people, the environment and highways - for all of these areas, the votes for "more" exceeded those for "less"
- How should the Parish Council spend on recreation - here the vote was the other way - votes for "less" exceeded "more"
- There was a small majority in favour of buying some PSCO time to help manage parking at specific times and places
- And as for an overall increase. 3 in 20 said "no", but 1 in 3 would be content with an increase of up to £6 per year, and 1 in 4 by "whatever it takes"

The input we got was incredibly valuable - so much so that we've committed to do it next year as well. It will help the Council decide priorities as we move forward.

But, we could meet all the requests from the separate committees this year with just a 2% increase - and that's what we've done.

Details are online - Consultation Report - is.gd/CXEvTx, Tax decision is.gd/SgliWb

Denis Payne

HISTON AND IMPINGTON YARDSALE 2016



The community event was a great success when tried for the first time in the villages in September, 2015. Buyers from inside and outside the villages looked forward to finding bargains and collectables. Parents with young children bought and sold many children's items taking advantage of this first time event.

Two yardsales events are planned for 2016 - one in the spring and one in the late Autumn to minimise clashes with yardsales in nearby villages and to increase the footfall to our villages from buyers looking for bargains and

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collectables. The Spring YardSale has been planned for April 30th to help everyone cash their spring clear outs. It is organised by the Histon and Impington Village YardSale committee. Participation is by paying a fee of £5. More info can be obtained by writing to hiyardsale@gmail.com or we can be found on Facebook at "Histon & Impington Yard Sale" - is.gd/GWLO8h

The yardsalers start the presales a day before the event by posting pictures on Facebook in a closed group - if you're selling, it's worth joining: "Histon & Impington Yard sale group." - is.gd/Wdw3f6

Premalatha Balan

www.hisimp.net

HISTON GIRLS' BRIGADE

Meets at Histon Baptist Church for games, crafts and having fun with lots of activities. Both the Explorers Section (Wednesdays from 5:45 - 6:45) for girls aged 4-8 and the Juniors Section (Wednesdays from 6:15 - 7:45) for girls aged 8-11 have spaces.

Contact: Mrs Sue Mason, Captain, 236387



March 2016

Young People's Noticeboard

For more information on the opportunities and activities below please contact:

Andrea Cowley, Youth Worker: Parish Office, Histon & Impington Recreation Ground, New Road, Impington CB24 9LU; 0789 990 4959; youth.worker@hisimp.net



HI Youth
Noticeboard

All news, activities and events will be posted here.

Be first to find out about the exciting projects and courses we are planning to offer this year!

Like us to get the information you need

*** New ***

The Generation Game

Become a **Community Companion** and help build relationships across the generations.



A tailor made course offering a basic level of knowledge, understanding and learning to become a companion to an older person.

Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance; Basic First Aid and Basic Food Hygiene Certificates; and a portfolio of work.

Young people will be offered the opportunity to befriend an older person in a variety of settings including: serving cream teas on 15th July as part of the village Olympic celebrations; setting up games nights in local care homes; helping older people with their computing needs; and ensuring members of our community feel less isolated.

Starting week commencing Monday 25th April - venue and times to be confirmed.

Please register your interest with Andrea and we will contact you with final details.

The Youth Bar at Histon Football Club



Every Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Upstairs at Histon Football Club in the Glassworld Bar

An opportunity for those aged 15+ to meet with friends, enjoy films; comedy; bar – serving drinks and light snacks.

Youth Club

Youth Club runs every Monday from 4.00pm-5.15pm at The Community Room on The Recreation Ground.

Open to all young people in years 7, 8 and 9.

We offer a wide variety of activities each week including: sports; cooking; crafts; table tennis; pool; team challenges and the opportunity to meet with friends in a safe and friendly environment.

Admission is free – we just ask you to bring a smile!

Inside Out Movie

Monday 18th April @4pm

The Main Hall, IVC

Free entry

Refreshments available

After movie discussion:

'Emotions' – what they are and how to handle them!

IVC Mental Well-being Fair.

Look out for the Youth Work stand in the Prom. Find out about:

- projects and activities that run in our villages
- what youth workers are and what support they can offer you
- try your hand at making a positive statement plaque
- graffiti our wall!



Yoga & Mindfulness

"I like yoga, it helps me sleep at night."

"We do yoga because it relaxes us and we feel good after we have done it."



Classes run each Monday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm at The Community Room, Histon & Impington Recreation Ground.

Why not come along to a class and find out for yourself?

For further

information or to book please contact: Pauline on 07985 947328 or paulineyoga@googlemail.com

I want to do this!

If you are a young person and have ideas for projects and activities that you would like to see in Histon & Impington then get in touch with Andrea to discuss them.

If you would like to volunteer on one of our projects. Please get in touch with Andrea to discuss this further



Coming soon

Contact Andrea for further information or to register on any of these new opportunities



Babysitting Course

A 10-week training course to help you become a safe and confident babysitter, This course is for those aged 14 and over.

Emergency First Aid at Work

This will be held on Saturday 15th October 2016 from 9.30-4.30pm @ The Community Room, Histon & Impington Recreation Ground.

Successful completion of this course will give you a 3-year nationally recognised certificate. Add this to your CV and College Application Forms – and be ready to deal with an emergency should it occur.

Be Crafty

Our Crafternoon after school club has closed – BUT – will soon be replaced with a monthly crafting session that both young people and their parents can attend.

An array of different crafts and activities will be available – and the opportunity for people to share their crafting knowledge with others.

Anti-bullying & Self Defence Awareness Course

We are teaming up with Combat Academy to offer key skills training for young people to learn:



How to protect personal space, voice commands, awareness of personal surroundings, eliminating fear; and the theory behind self-defence.

A six week course will be available for £45 per person and will be held in The Community Room at The Recreation Ground.

Where are the babies?



Our youth worker Andrea has collated a list of local young people who have successfully completed the Babysitting course and are available and willing to look after other people's children.

If you are looking for a babysitter please contact Andrea with - contact details; how many children you have and their ages; dates and times you require a sitter (please give as much notice as possible and at least 2 weeks) and how much you are willing to pay them.

She will then forward your details to young people on the database who can then make contact with you to make further arrangements.

HISTON BEST SELLING AUTHOR

Histon-based author, Ali Harris juggles having a young family with writing bestselling novels. Her first novel, *Miracle on Regent Street*, published in 2011, is about Evie Taylor, the forgettable



stockroom girl at Hardy's - a lavish London department store that has survived two World Wars but doesn't seem to be able to cope in the 21st Century. She sets about saving the store that she loves. As this secret elf swings into action the store is transformed into a hive of activity.

One reviewer enthused: "Fashion, romance, warmth, friendship - it's all here in this quirky, amusing debut from Ali Harris. Not only will you want to read her next one but you will spend days day-dreaming about your own wardrobe and how to steal a little 'vintage chic' from its pages."

This book went into the Sunday Times bestseller list. As did her subsequent novel, *The First Last Kiss*. Her third novel *Written in the Stars* was published in 2014.

Ali moved to Histon from London four and half years ago with her husband and children, now aged seven and four. "We were originally looking to move to south Cambridgeshire as my husband was commuting to London at the time. But we happened upon Histon by accident and completely fell in love with the village. It's such a sociable community and we are very happy that our children can go through the entire school system here. I was particularly happy when both *The Geographer* and *St Andrews* café opened. When I'm not in my writing shed or on the school run, I can often be found labouring over my manuscript in one of our lovely local cafes."

Ali is currently writing her fourth novel, due out next year. "I love my job and feel incredibly blessed to be doing it, but like any working parent, I find it challenging. I often end up running to the infant and junior schools at pick up time late because I've got too lost in my fictional world and have forgotten all about the real one!"

Ali has always been an avid reader and writer and graduated from university with a degree in Performing Arts. "I loved acting, but often chose writing modules at University. Like most aspiring actresses, I ended up working as a waitress. Needing a creative outlet, I started writing short stories. But the chick lit genre had just been born and inspired by some great female novelists like Lisa Jewell, Adele Parks and Helen Fielding, I wrote my own novel and sent it off to publishers." That

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manuscript was rejected countless times but she didn't give up.

"I realised that writing was my big passion and I wanted to do it every day. I became a women's magazine journalist and wrote for magazines such as ELLE, Red and Cosmopolitan before becoming Deputy Features Editor of Glamour magazine." But the book dream never went away and she continued writing a novel, finally securing a two-book deal after having her first child.

And as they say, the rest is history. A successful launch into journalism and then author of a series of best-sellers.

Bernard Stewart-Deane

COME ALONG TO THE DAY CENTRE

New members and additional volunteers are invited to come along to the Histon and Impington Day Centre to enjoy social time together, says Chrissie Swallow, the Day Centre Co-ordinator.



Members have lots of activities including playing cards, scrabble and socializing as well as watching films, occasional entertainment, chair exercises and speakers.

Histon & Impington Day Centre was set up nearly 40 years ago to provide social enjoyment for anyone over the age of 60.

Today, there are members from both villages as well as Girton and surrounding areas.

The team of volunteers provides refreshments as well as a home cooked two course meal, all for the charge of £5 per session.

The Day Centre is open Tuesdays and Fridays at Histon Baptist Church from 9:30am to 1:30pm, and transport can be arranged.

Chrissie adds: "We would very much like more members and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering and can offer to help once or twice a month, or if you are interested in attending the Day Centre please contact me as follows or come along on either day."

Christine Swallow on 237971 or 07484 134923 or chrissie.swallow@btinternet.com

Everyone welcome!

Bernard Stewart-Deane

www.hisimp.net

PLAY BRIDGE?

How about setting up an informal Bridge group?

The aim would be a sociable game rather than fiercely competitive.

If you are interested please call Jill or Chris on 01223 233615 after March 12th or email jill.towlson@gmail.com



FORM THE FUTURE

We are a new social enterprise operating in the Cambridgeshire area. We are committed to connecting schools with businesses, helping young people get prepared for their future careers.



We are looking for professionals in Histon and Impington to volunteer at our events. It is a great opportunity for businesses to promote themselves in the local area whilst also investing in their future workforce.

We have a number of different events including Careers Fairs, Mock Interviewing, Motivational Speaking and CV Workshops. So if this sounds like something you would want to be involved in please contact Sean at scallow@formthefuture.org.uk. Or follow us on twitter @form_future.

Council & Committee Meetings

See website for details: www.hisimp.net

Full Council - Recreation Centre from 7 p.m. Monday 21st March; 18th April; Annual Parish Meeting and AGM 16th May 2016

Recreation Committee - Recreation Centre from 7.30 p.m. Monday 29th February; 25th April 2016

Planning - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 1st March; 15th March; 29th March; 12th April; 26th April; 10th May 2016

Highways - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Thursday 21st April 2016

Finance, Legal & Administration - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 11th April 2016

Environment - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 5th April 2016

Election - District & Parish - Thursday 5th May 2016

Residents are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

At all meetings there is a standing agenda item for Public Participation

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