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ELECTION UPDATE

At the South Cambs District Council local election Neil Davies was successfully re-elected as District Councillor for Histon & Impington and Orchard Park. Neil is an Independent.

Although Histon & Impington Parish Council were up for election this year, it was in the end an uncontested election, as 19 people came forward for the 19 places.

Three members decided not to stand this year. Hooda Abdullah has been on the Council for 17 years, having served on Impington Parish Council prior to the grouping of the 2 Parish Councils. She could always be relied on to ask difficult questions when most needed! Her excellent contribution to youth matters has to be of special note, and Council are pleased she wishes to remain involved with their youth work for the coming year.

Derek Marston has been on Council for coming up to 7 years and his sterling work as Chair to the Environment Committee has been most appreciated in recent years.

Ruth Moulder has been with the Council since shortly after the grouping 4 years ago and has focussed on Sustainability issues, as convener of the Sustainability Working

Party. She too is happy to remain involved with that Working Party.

At the Annual General Meeting David Jenkins was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council, and has informed the Council he will not stand for this position next year. Cedric Foster decided not to stand for Vice Chairman again, and Andy Butcher was enthusiastically voted in for that post for 2016-17. Andy says:

"I would like to thank everyone for their kind



words, advice and offers of continued support in this exciting and "not to be underestimated" challenging role within our ever flourishing community. I intend to grasp this opportunity with both hands, utilising my skill set

and enthusiasm to build on these foundations, ensuring we have a sustainable community, now and for generations to come. With evermore pressures being placed on our services and facilities by budget cuts I want to ensure that the quality provided is maintained, and if not, improved. In the coming year I intend to drive efficiencies into our processes and working methods to ensure what we offer is as effective as reasonably possible".

LOOK OUT FOR US OUT AND ABOUT!

The Council has taken delivery of a very charming electric Piaggio vehicle and once all the documents are received it will be put to good use in the village by our staff when litter picking and carrying out repair and maintenance to our assets.



This has been funded from Section 106 funds given to the Council to use only on community facility maintenance. This should enable us to save on contractor budgets for some works as well as ensuring our staff have the right equipment to carry out their ever-growing tasks around the villages

Angela Young

WORKS AT THE GREEN

The County Council has completed works on The Green to improve safety. This includes the installation of a zebra crossing which was a hot topic when I first joined Histon Parish Council and has been ever since; and only came about by the right question being asked at the right time. Tying in the new streetlight with the Belisha beacon and the provision of a cowl has softened its impacted, which is important in such a sensitive area as The Green.

More recently the final phase of this work, which included the narrowing of the splay at the mouth of Station Road and the tidying of the kerb outside The Coop, the straightening of the curve by the crossing has just happened. This should make parking easier and return some area to The Green for everyone's benefit.

At the same time work



from the 'Local Highways Initiative' has happened, most obviously the kerbing outside the Cambridge Building Society has been tidied, encouraging crossing at safer points elsewhere.

David Legge

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THE VILLAGE ROAD ADOPTION SCHEME

The scheme whereby residents adopt a road has caught the imagination of many people, and now the village is over 90% covered.

What is involved? Residents keep their road or area tidy of litter and are provided on long term loan a litter grabber and gloves. During their walkabout if they spot potholes, blocked road gullies, fly posting, graffiti, fly tipping and overhanging vegetation on public paths, they report to me and I will ensure the proper authority receive an email notification. Also if the road name plate is damaged this should also be reported to me.

Removal of Advertisements? Adopters have the authority to remove commercial advertising and out of date advertisements as these can be unsightly.

How often should we do a litter pick? This is entirely at adopters discretion to suit themselves!

Does this scheme replace the quarterly Big Tidy Up? Yes and No! Some residents may prefer to do their patch when it suits them and others may still like the formal occasion of the Big Tidy Up. The next Big Tidy Up event is on Saturday 4th June (or 3rd and 5th if that suits some volunteers).

Are organisations and businesses involved too? Yes. Year 7 students at IVC and the Histon & Impington Junior School are litter picking their areas. Hain Daniel (formerly Chivers) also litter pick along their perimeter fence with Manor Park back foot path. The RBS and PAY SAFE both of The Vision Park volunteer their staff do a large section of The Guided Bus pathway and verge.

Are neighbouring villages involved? Yes. The Oakington Rotary Club and Girton Sustainability Groups often join our quarterly events by litter picking the roads that adjoin Histon. Cottenham have asked to join forces to clear the path and verge from Cottenham to Histon (B1049). It has been suggested that we start from the edge of our villages and meet in the middle. Provisionally we have agreed the evening of Tuesday 14th June.

Who funds the events? Our Parish Council provide litter grabbers and gloves and makes a contribution to the Methodist Church as a thank you for providing refreshments on the Saturday mornings of the Big Tidy Up events.

The Big Tidy Up organisation (part of Keep Britain Tidy Charity) provides us with strong litter bags, tabards and any advertising material. We have to pay for postage which the Parish Council pick up.

Would you like to join the adoption scheme? If so please mail me at cedric.foster@hisimp.net or give me a ring on 01223 234156.

Cedric Foster

THE STRAWBERRY 50 CYCLE RIDES: A FUN COMMUNITY CYCLING EVENT



The second Strawberry 50 will take place on **Sunday 4th September** when we hope that over 500 cyclists will again take part in the event. The first running in 2015 was an amazing community event with 535 cyclists spread across the three routes.

The Strawberry 50 will offer the same routes as last year:

The Strawberry 55 - a 55 mile cycle ride around country roads in South West Cambridgeshire through beautiful countryside designed to appeal to club cyclists and cyclists who would like to participate in a challenging ride

The Strawberry 28 - a 28 mile cycle ride around country roads in South West Cambridgeshire for recreational cyclists who prefer a more leisurely ride

The Strawberry 14 - a 14 mile family orientated cycle ride along the Guided Busway

All rides will start from Histon & Impington Recreation Ground. The Strawberry 55 and 28 start from 9:00 am to 9:30, and the Strawberry 14 family ride starts from 10:00 to 10:30 am. The event will finish at 3:00 pm.

MINI/COLTS SOCCER AT THE BRIDGE ROAD STADIUM

On Sunday May 8th, Histon Football Club held their first mini soccer/colts football tournament at Bridge Rd with the U7/8/9 boys playing a non competitive round robin and the U10 boys, U10 girls and U14/15 girls competing for the trophies.

Histon Hornets won both the girls competitions and Isleham the U10 boys.

It was a great way for the football club to finish the season with almost 30 teams taking part. Many thanks are due to Martin Crook and Simon Joslin plus the Hornets for their support in organizing the event.

Brian Ing



**HISTON AND IMPINGTON'S
VERY FIRST REPAIR
CAFÉ, SATURDAY
18TH JUNE**

We are delighted to announce that H&I will host its first Repair Café on Sat 18th June at the St Andrew's Centre, 10.30am - 1.30pm. These events are hugely popular in Cambridge, Cottenham and Royston, in fact around the world - the thousandth opened in Holland recently but they have been springing up in Japan, Brazil, Germany etc.

The idea is simple - people are invited to bring along broken items and experienced repairers, who love repairing and hate waste, do their best to fix them. Many of the repairers and engineers are very experienced - the average success rate is 70%. On the 18th you'll be able to bring along computers, mobiles, household appliances, broken toys and kiddie stuff, bikes, jewellery, small pieces of furniture, bits and bobs, all sorts really.

Booking will give you the best chance of getting your item seen and is strongly recommended. To book, send an email to hisimp@repaircafe.org.uk telling us what the item is and the nature of the fault (if you know). You'll be allocated a 40 minute slot and can bring more than one item but the second item will be deprioritised so others can get their first item seen. You can also turn up on the day from 12.30pm onwards and see if someone is free. For more details about Repair Cafes see repaircafe.org/en/

This event is being co-organised by the Histon and Impington Sustainability Group, Cambridge Carbon Footprint, Transition Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire District Council. The average person in the UK creates 5 tonnes of waste per year - Repair Cafes help address this whilst allowing you to hold onto the things you love and maybe save a few quid at the same time! Repair Cafes are friendly, sociable events - there will of course be plenty of delicious tea and cake available in the Café for you to enjoy.

If you have any queries, please email hisimp@repaircafe.org.uk or call CCF on 01223 301842



Ruth Moulder

STEVE WILKINSON

Steve died in early April after many years of fighting severe Raynards disease.

There are many ways that people would have known Steve - as a passionate supporter of Histon Football Club; a member (Vice-President / Chairman / Vice-Chairman) of the Railway Development Society (including at National level) or as a member, and then Chairman of Histon Parish Council from 1976 to 2001 - with a stint of 16 years in the Chair.

In that latter role Steve: chaired the 1977 Jubilee Committee; was key to getting Homefield Park for community use; helped set up the concessionary fares scheme in the village; was a trustee for the Poorsland Charity; and took on more roles and seats on outside bodies than any Councillor - before or since.

Even during his "retirement" Steve was active, working on the Accreditation Panel for Local Councils - assessing the performance of Town and Parish Councils.

If there's a word to sum up Steve it was passion - whether sport (he played cricket and football for local clubs), transport in all its forms (except the guided bus); caring for a variety of animals; or for Histon & Impington.

He was widely read, and always finished Council meetings with a suitable quote, whether from the Bible, the Quran or Chairman Mao's "Little Red Book".

Denis Payne

MOSES CARTER BAND

Editor: We love this photo of local band The Moses Carter Band in their version of the iconic Beatles snap.



The Moses Carter Band are regular users of the community room at the Recreation Ground for their band practice sessions. We are happy to hear from any musical groups needing somewhere to rehearse live music. Contact the Rec Manager 01223 232423 or rec.clerk@hisimp.net for bookings.

The band are available to provide a wide range of music from the 60s to now at your function, party, wedding or other celebration - themosescarterband@hotmail.co.uk or 07989951194 for further information and bookings.

www.hisimp.net

**FESTIVAL SUNDAY; SOMETHING
FOR ALL VILLAGERS ON THE
REC**

A day of informal family fun is arranged for all in the villages on the Rec on Sunday 17th July from 12.30 to 5.00 with entertainment and activities to join or watch. A grand marquee is available if the weather is inclement, but if weather is good why not bring a picnic to have on the grass? There will refreshments from Mrs Potts and drinks, including a Pimms bar.

Dance displays include XS Latin Dance Club (including UK Dance champions), Lindyhop, Irish Dancing and for those enthused by the Rio Olympics, Samba workshop and display from Hear Drum who have been training the primary school children for the Olympic event on Thursday 14th July.

Music (on the green stage) with Tuesday Night Tea Club, Christian Smith Band, Priority, Isadora, Holly Jean and The Impingtones - the new local choir. Cottenham Brass Band will perform through the afternoon. The music will close with Stomp Happy Tribe (a ceilidh band) to send everyone home with a smile on their faces.

Other attractions: Swingboats, Games stalls, Stepping Stone Fun Corner, Roundabout, Bungee trampolines, Face painting, Circus skills workshop and Little Histon train layout model display in the Rec Centre including talk by designer Graham Tandy.

Furthermore, there will The Festival Bake Off. A children's games corner and a graffiti taster session from Sincru.

Something for everybody indeed. Entry is free.

This a chance for people of the village to join together and celebrate all that is wonderful in our villages.

More details in the Feast Magazine

Brian Ing

**FRIENDS OF THE REC -
SUMMER 2016 ACTIVITIES**

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| June 12 th | Flaming June Half Marathon |
| With the Grand Marquee on the Rec: | |
| July 13 th | An evening not out with Graham Thorpe |
| July 14 th | Rio Olympics celebration |
| July 15 th | Afternoon tea party "Indie Killers" concert |
| July 16 th | Festival Ball |
| July 17 th | All churches combined service Festival Sunday |
| September 4 th | Strawberry 50 |
| October 14 th | Friends Autumn Quiz |

'LITTLE STEPS' POETRY BOOK BY CAROL KEY

Who would have thought it - that I could write enough poems to produce a book, and then get Heffers to sell it? Certainly not me! But that's what happened. It was never planned. During a difficult time in my life, I dealt with grief by writing about how I felt. Anger, bewilderment, dealing with difficult situations; all this was recorded in my poetry. There are also funny poems and some poems about my observation of life events.

Last year, I was encouraged to create a book of my poems and I had this printed at Print-Out. Then I was reluctant to share my personal thoughts, and I wondered if anyone would be interested. I did show family and friends my poetry and I received good feedback. People commented that they had felt the same as me during bereavement, and it helped to know that those feelings were normal.

I contacted Cruse Bereavement Care and 'Little Steps' is now in their head office library in Richmond and also in their Cambridge library. Cruse are selling my books to raise funds for their charity, in their drop-in centres in Cambridge and Ely. 'Little Steps' can also be found in the

poetry section at Heffers in Trinity Street, Cambridge.

'Little Steps' books are £5 each with 50% being donated to Histon and Impington Mental Wellbeing, and are for sale in St Andrew's Cafe and the Geographer.



Carol Key



BABYSITTERS FOR HIRE

Are you looking for a regular babysitter?

Or someone to babysit for you on a casual basis?

Maybe you would like someone to come round after school and entertain your children whilst you prepare tea; clean the house; or sit and have a cup of tea!

Andrea Cowley, the Parish Council Youth Worker, has a bank of over 20 local young people who have successfully completed a 10-week Babysitting course and are available and willing to look after other people's children.



The young people have a portfolio of their work and have completed a Basic First Aid Course. They will be confident with your children and are keen to put their

skills to work.

If you are looking for a babysitter please contact Andrea with:

- Your name and contact details
- How many children you have and their ages
- The specific dates and times you require a sitter (please give as much notice as possible)

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

Andrea Cowley, Youth Worker: Parish Office
0789 990 4959; youth.worker@hisimp.net

Andrea works term time only. Therefore, forward planning for the summer holidays will ensure that you are in touch with a babysitter for any dates that fall in that time.

*We do not pass young people's details directly on to families.

THIRTY YEARS OF THE HUT



Regular visitors to IVC and the Sports Centre will recognise the Scout and Guide Hut,

which recently marked the 30th anniversary of its official opening. It continues to serve the community, with a vibrant and often noisy mix of over 150 Beavers, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts using it each week.

The demand for the groups is strong and sections have waiting lists: there are enough Beavers, for example, for a second colony but there are not enough leaders. If you'd be interested in leading, please contact Richard Martin at richard@histon-scouts.org.uk

The Hut has been on the site since late 1982: the photograph below (*courtesy the Cambridge News*) was taken at the topping out ceremony on New Years Eve. The building was purchased from



Addenbrooke's where it had been used for storage and was brought to the site at IVC after five years of preparation and fund-raising.

The Hut is looked after by a committee with connections to Scouting and Guiding in the village. Ann Johnson, Eileen Starns, Audrey Grimmer and Errol Bilton have clocked up over 60 years of support between them and are standing down this year so the committee needs some new faces. Please contact Ian Wilson at diwilson@freeuk.com if you would be interested and want more information.

Thanks to generous support towards maintenance from the South Cambs Community Chest, Histon and Impington Parish Council and the Histon Feast, the Hut is

'LITTLE HISTON' COMES HOME

Some of you might have seen on Hisimp Chat a few weeks ago reference to someone wanting to sell his 00 gauge model of Histon Station also known as 'Little Histon'. The layout is a faithful representation of Histon Station and the Chivers Factory in the 1930s.

The layout is the work of enthusiast Graham Tandy from Norfolk who started work on the 'Little Histon' project in 2009 and finished the layout three years later.



The layout has been widely acclaimed and exhibited at national exhibitions and also featured in national railway magazines.

Graham was keen to sell to provide space at his home for another project and agreed to sell the model so that 'Little Histon' can come back to its rightful home. The layout includes locomotives, buildings and rolling stock.

The purchase price of £1250 has been met

through donations from the Feast and Parish Council together with private donations.

In the immediate future 'Little Histon' will be displayed for the first time in the Recreation Ground Community room during the Rec Festival Sunday on Sunday 17th July between 12.30 and 5pm and Graham Tandy will be present to talk about his work. A new village group entitled Histon and Impington Model Rail Group are establishing themselves to help look after the layout and they will be on hand on 17th July as well

Neil Davies

HISTON & IMPINGTON MENTAL WELLBEING WEEK

The Histon & Impington Mental Health Forum who organised the Village Mental Wellbeing week in April are currently looking at the possibility of a village Mental Health Co-ordinator / Champion.

The feedback is currently being evaluated from over 150 surveys completed and an attendance of 350 across the week's events. At the time of writing there does appear to be a need for ongoing wellbeing services and Mental Health support in the community particularly on the preventative side.

The overall role objective would be to make Histon & Impington a mental health friendly community.

A potential role could include:

- providing face to face and telephone based contact and groups offering advice and guidance (sign-posting) to those seeking support
- organising the delivery of related workshop activities potentially becoming a qualified instructor to deliver Mental Health First Aid courses in community
- being responsible for ensuring those seeking support are able to access appropriate self-help material related to the above areas;
- referring clients to appropriate specialist services, agencies, and organisations where appropriate;
- joint working with other operational roles in the community eg Village Older People's Coordinator , Blue Smile, schools, Village Youth worker/ church children's and young people's workers, MIND, Doctors Surgery and other health professions.
- encouraging new initiatives including community support volunteers , art / creative to provide group therapy support
- encouraging / facilitating self-support groups eg for parents, young people and acting as a focus point to ensure continuity of groups where required
- Multi-agency approach with external organisations such as the NHS, doctors practises and other specialist providers of health or wellbeing related services
- play an active role in assisting with the development of health and wellbeing services in the community

The role could be similar to the Older People's Coordinator established five years ago which has made such a difference to the lives of dozens of elderly people.

There is much work to be done if the role should be progressed and funding will be an important part of the work. The Feast have been asked to consider help supporting this initiative but only if the the coordinator role should become a reality.

Neil Davies

ECHOES FROM THE SOMME - 100 YEARS ON

2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, one of the largest - and bloodiest - battles of the First World War.

On 1st July 1916 the British Army attacked the German lines. This was the first major offensive made by the New Army Divisions - composed of new recruits who had enlisted in response to Kitchener's call to arms in 1914.

One such soldier was my great-grandfather, Alfred. During his time in France he wrote letters to his wife Violet, describing the highs and lows of regimental life, the bond with his fellow soldiers and the heartbreak of being away from his family. The letters show a man who found himself in a totally unreal situation, an ordinary family man for whom the global events of the time had taken his life in a totally unexpected direction, and yet who took many positives from the situation. They also show a caring husband and father who was trying to spare his wife from additional anxiety.



He describes himself "as a man might feel who wakes up in a strange hospital bed after a concussion accident. He neither knows where he is or how he got there or for what purpose". And yet he remains upbeat and optimistic, describing things of beauty and humour, and the humanity and hospitality he found: "We marched ten miles through the most appalling slush to the place where we were to billet, and then found the place already fully occupied. Three officers found the tiniest of hamlets and undertook the interesting task of persuading the inhabitants to accommodate 1000 men, and here we are in a kitchen with Grandpa and Grandma, Pa and le petit Pierre, a child of four, two cats and dinner purring in the oven."

The letters lay undiscovered for over 60 years, before being found in the inevitable box in the attic. Fortunately Alfred had very neat hand-writing and even letters which are 100 years old, and which were written in the most difficult of conditions, are quite legible. I find them funny and poignant, but also inspiring and uplifting, and I'd like to share a small selection at an evening of readings. Thursday 30th June is the 100th Anniversary of the Eve of the Battle of the Somme and so is an obviously appropriate date as well as being an early start to Feast week. The event is free - there will be a collection in aid of Feast Week and a forces charity. I hope you can join me - Thursday 30th June, 7:30pm, the Saint Andrew's Centre on Histon High Street.

INDIE NIGHT COMES TO THE VILLAGE IN A GIANT MARQUEE



Friday 15th July is the night to let your hair down with The Indie Killers and local band Glue. This unique event is being held in the Grand Marquee on the Rec as part of the Rec Summer Festival. Tickets are normally £15 but HisImp News readers can get 15% off online

with the promo code INDIE2016

The Indie Killers are an Indie covers band from Sussex, they have played many stadiums, headlined festivals, undertaken European tours, performed for OK! Magazine, Channel 4, The Big Brother wedding and very impressively played for The Killers at their album launch party for 'Day and Age'.

Glue are a young local band who many of you know and possibly went to school with. Pete from the band describes them as an "alternative/indie rock drawing on a mixture of different sub-genres and influences". They have recently released their first EP.

As if two great bands weren't enough two of Cambridge premier street food vendors are attending. Scrimshaw's Guerrilla Kitchen is run by Jay & Taffeta Scrimshaw from the village, you will often find them serving their #bunlove fine dining around the streets of Cambridge. Steak and Honour have been serving the "best burgers in Cambridge" from classic Citroen vans since 2012. They describe themselves as nothing fancy, nothing gourmet, just two chefs, two vans, proper burgers.

Finally, to top that all off we have a fully licensed bar stocked to the brim with real ale, beers, wines and other beverages to help get you onto the dance floor.

The Geographer are selling tickets if you want to buy them directly. If you want to buy online go to www.hisimpfotr.co.uk/indie/ - don't forget your promo code!

UNDER 11'S ART COMPETITION

As part of the Open Studios events in July (see page 12), an art competition for under-11's is being organised at St Andrew's Centre.

The theme will be "Things happening in our villages (Histon and Impington)". There will be prizes!

For details mail: bernard.sd@btinternet.com

Histon & Impington Parish Council: Chair's report to the 2016 Annual Parish Meetings



The Chairman's report this year is structured around three themes.

Firstly Histon & Impington is a good place to live. This is evidenced by what happens in the community, how much good news there is and how little bad news there seems to be.

So what's happened in the year just gone by?

- The Friends of Histon Library seems to have gone from strength to strength;
- The three developers around the Station site have worked together and are presenting jointly to South Cambs design review panel in late May;
- IVC had a visit from OfStEd and came out positively: it's still rated GOOD and there's confidence that it has the ability to become EXCELLENT;
- The Hornets ran another successful tournament and this time there were no complaints about car parking on New Road. Double yellow lines have now gone in which should make it easier to manage on-street parking at this year's event;
- There are new cricket nets at the Rec. Graham Thorpe will be 'opening' them in July and then be the speaker at a celebration dinner as part of the 2016 Rec Summer Festival;
- The new pedestrian crossing by Brook Close to the Green was installed in time for the new school year. Associated improvements to the footpath outside the Building Society and to the parking alongside the Green have also been completed;
- Extra capacity was provided for the Infants School so that all local children entering school for the first time got to go to their first choice school;
- The concrete posts have gone from the footpath alongside the Busway at the back of St Audrey's Close;
- The villages enjoyed a funfair for the first time in Homefield Park;
- A successful senior youth club started at Histon FC;
- A Mental Health Awareness week made sure that the Community gives appropriate attention to mental health alongside physical health; and



- Heart Cambridge visited the Green one morning just before Xmas to make a presentation to 'the cleverest man in Cambridgeshire'.



And the bad news?

- Increasingly parking: anti-social sometimes and commuter parking becoming persistent;
- Speeding on Cottenham Road, Butt Lane and Gatehouse Lane;
- Bus reliability and access to the Guided Bus;
- The state of our roads, too many potholes, and footpaths;
- Street lighting and the associated fear of crime in badly lit streets; and
- The 'loss' of the ByPass Farm plot which was to be developed as formal open space to complement the Rec.

Of course much of this is reported on HI People so that the Council is aware of what's concerning the Community in real time.

All of this happens of course in the context of a community well served for leisure, employment and commerce and boasting multiple clubs and societies. It truly is a good place to live.

The second theme is the Parish Council, what it's done, how it relates to the rest of the community and what it might aspire to.

I've said before that the Parish Council is at the centre of the community but is not the centre. But because of where it is it achieves more than it might, simply by spending the precept:

- It gives grants to other agencies. For example it helps to fund the older person's co-ordinator and the mobile warden;
- It networks and brings other agencies together. For example this year it's facilitated joint working with and between IVC and Histon FC; and
- It encourages and facilitates as it does with the Enviro.volunteers, the Sustainability Group and the Big Tidy Up.

In addition to the highlights already mentioned the Council's committees have done much more this year. Firstly the four committees which spend money on services:

The Environment Committee chaired by Derek Marston has enabled increased use of the Council's allotments, it has adopted a redundant BT telephone box and supported

the 'adopt-a-road' scheme whereby there's a network of residents in the villages looking after the street scene. I'm especially pleased to note its contribution to improving the public open spaces in King's Meadows. This year we will see the new fencing at Homefield Park and I'm hoping that four of our grass verges will bloom with wild flowers thanks to the Sustainability Group.

David Legge's **Highways Committee** saw the



completion of improvements to the High Street but unfortunately missed out on a Minor Highways grant for this year. However it

is still working on the improvements to the B1049 at the Green and on the approach to the A14. It is working on a parking strategy, with the City Deal talking about some form of congestion charging for Cambridge commuter parking. This will be something we'll have to manage somehow, and will consult on options for a 20mph speed limit shortly. The Committee also has plans to install more cycle racks at key locations.

The Rec and the Children's play areas are looked after by the **Recreation Committee** which Neil Davies chairs. In addition to the cricket nets referred to earlier it has also installed safety netting to protect users of the bowling green and the play area from players aiming to emulate Carlos Brathwaite. It also raised the height of the fencing along the Chivers' boundary which the family/company partly funded. Unfortunately it was not possible to progress the tennis court project but this might be a part of something bigger this year. Watch this space!

Hooda Abdullah has chaired the **Youth Committee** through a successful year of transition. With our own employed youth worker we are now seeing increased activity, more joint working with other agencies and increasingly effective networking. New initiatives are planned for the new year to complement those already in place.

Denis Payne chairs the **Planning Committee** and the **Finance, Legal and Admin Committee**.

The Planning Committee is a regulatory committee and the Council's busiest. It has a statutory right to comment on planning applications and to respond to consultations. Last year it met 20 times and processed over 100 planning applications.

The Finance Committee does what you’d expect. It looks after the money and in 2015/16 oversaw spending come in on budget. That’s good news. However we did underspend on the revenue side and that’s bad news if we delivered less than we promised. The budget for 2016/17 is a little over £300,000 and the Council has set an increase in the precept of just 2%.

Normally this committee doesn’t have much to shout about but it is taking credit for the splendid truck that the Council now owns.

Finally the **Employment Committee**: this is chaired by Brian Ing. The good news for this committee is that it has nothing to report. A stable workforce, good employment practices in place and first class employees. However we are proud of our initiative to give an apprentice a chance to work with our ground staff and will repeat this exercise this year.

The third theme is challenges. There are three and in no particular order:

The Neighbourhood Plan team has finally got its head around what it needs to do and mapped out a program. This programme will deliver improved engagement between the Council and the Community, an evidence base with which it can make confident decisions and a Neighbourhood Plan. I’m not sure if we can get to a referendum in May next year but we will be in a position to benefit from the work done later this year.

The central government squeeze on the

county and district councils offers us an opportunity and we need to approach it right. There’s no point in this council simply replacing a CCC or SCDC spend. However if we can work together it might be possible to **improve services for our residents and save money at the same time**. A meeting with CCC adult social care last week suggested that there’s not a lot of co-ordination at present and therefore some mileage in bringing the two organisations together. The big gains however will come from embracing the ‘prevention’ agenda and that will require more than just a repeat of last week’s meeting.

We need to think about the council which we need for **2020 and move towards it**. We **need to be clear about our scope**, the committees needed to manage it and the extent to which our current excellent staff can handle it. Our Clerks have responded well to increased delegation to them and going forward we need to recognise what they should do and what councillors do not need to do. I trust that our workshop in August will map out how we can take this forward.

There’s perhaps a fourth which is to **explore collaboration with other parish councils**. That would not be easy but it’s perhaps the way to cut costs through economies of scale and perhaps sharing of back office services. It’s probably the only way that we can secure the PCSO cover which most people would say we need.

But of course this council’s biggest challenge is to match and exceed its successes of 2015/16 so that next year’s chair’s report can have as positive a start as this one!

Finally thank you to all those who make this community such a super one to live in and who contribute to the effective working of this Council:

The many volunteers and groups within the community

Our County and District Councillors

Our staff who keep us legal and make it all work.

The Parish Councillors who put in so much valuable unpaid time

At this point may I thank Ruth, Hooda and Derek who are leaving us? Hooda and Derek have been excellent chairs of committees and Ruth has been the engine behind the establishment of the Sustainability Group.

We also lost two other councillors during the year: Marcus Dann and Shaun Lindsay. Thanks to them too.

And may I sadly note that John Dunn passed way during the year. John contributed broadly and his knowledge of matters drainage was invaluable. He is being sorely missed.

Thank you.

David Jenkins

ACCOUNTS 2015 - 2016

In March we reported that the Parish part of Council Tax would rise by 2%. The Council spends a great deal of time working on budgets and ensuring that good value is delivered for the money from the community. The details can be seen in the [is.gd/SgliWb](#) paper discussed by Council in January.

Looking back at last year, **spend** was as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Admin/Resources | 48,006 |
| Environment | 36,404 |
| Highways | 12,235 |
| Finance & Legal | 21,107 |
| Youth | 21,427 |
| Community Facility | 1,998 |
| Planning | 6,007 |
| Recreation | 125,325 |
| Sec 137 spend * | 4,753 |
| Grass cut agency | 2,207 |
| Other capital | 71,525 |
| Kings Meadow | 5,635 |
| Total | 356,629 |
| VAT owed (2015-2016) | 16,820 |
| Accounting adjustment | 1,735 |
| Deficit for year | -24,150 |

That we spent more in the year than our

income is because some capital spend was covered from reserves.

*S137 spend is a power for the Council to provide other things not otherwise authorised for the benefit of some or all of its parishioners. A financial constraint is in place of no more than £7.36 per elector and the council must ensure that the benefits must be commensurate with the expenditure. During 2015-16 payments of donations or grants were made to:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Reading week at the Library | £200 |
| Royal British Legion | £100 |
| H&I Mental Health Awareness | £100 |
| Histon & Impington Warden Scheme | £1,000 |
| Older Person’s Co-Ordinator | £3,153 |
| Histon & Impington Day Centre | £200 |
| Total | £4,753 |

Our **income** came from:

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Precept** | 296,635 |
| Interest | 4,176 |
| Grants | 2,000 |
| Other income | 41,696 |
| Total | 344,507 |
| VAT received (2014-2015) | 4,792 |

**Precept is the parish part of the Council Tax bill provided by South Cambridgeshire District Council

The Council has money in reserve for specific spends. Some it has allocated itself for projects, some (£106) can only be spent on specific types of projects, and it is required by its auditors to hold general reserves of half a year’s spending. That looks like this:

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Carried forward | £798,568 |
| Specified projects | £349,162 |
| Section 106 funding | £191,812 |
| Required reserves | £152,067 |
| Available general reserves | £105,527 |

The Parish Council increasingly realises that services are going to be devolved down to the Parish Council from higher authorities who are being forced to cut their own budgets. The Council believes it is, and needs to be, in a healthy position to enable any such funding to be available for services which are seen to be imperative to our residents as a whole. We have earmarked a budget for this purpose.

The Council’s audit will be carried out by PKF Littlejohn LLP at the end of June 2016. If you wish to inspect the audit papers these are available at all reasonable times, by appointment, from 27 June until 5 August 2016

Denis Payne

BIG DIG SUCCESS
14/15 MAY 2016

Over 80 people enjoyed taking part in Histon and Impington Village Society Archaeology Group's extremely successful first BIG DIG on a fine and mostly sunny weekend. We excavated eight test pits - all surprisingly different in character, emphasizing the varied archaeology and geology underlying the villages and the desirability of getting to understand it better. Interesting finds were made of most periods from Bronze Age and Roman, with a wide selection of medieval pottery and later glazed and Victorian items, as well as bone fragments showing how many farm animals were running round the village.



The illustrations show our first test pit and the Bronze Age pottery found near Histon Church.



Test pits are 1m square and excavated in layers

10cm/4in deep. It takes about an hour to do each level - sieving the soil to look for finds takes longer than the digging. We often had six people sieving and only one digging.

A party atmosphere soon developed, with great excitement every time a find was made. Everyone was unanimous in saying how very much they enjoyed making new friends in the village and with our outside helpers. Warmest thanks to the test pit providers, who bravely let us dig their lawns up and were so generous in their support with cake and drinks.

We are particularly grateful for the expert supervision, help and advice of three experienced local archaeologists: John Stanford from Cottenham, Paul Clarkson from Chesterton and Terry Dymott from Comberton. Thanks also to committee members Jane Dean, Lynn and Roger Herriot, Steve Morris and Alison Turnbull who worked hard to contact and visit people and distribute and collect the equipment.

After the digging we met at the St Audrey's Close Community Centre where local resident Nick Gilmour of Oxford Archaeology East kindly came to examine and discuss the finds. As well as

the wide range of material recovered, he was very impressed by the amount of digging and sieving that had been done.

One lesson learnt was the need for an early start, giving time for those last few more packed deep layers where the very oldest finds are made. Another secret of success is the thoroughness of the sieving - finding everything you can - and we have been very good at this.

The next dig dates are 18/19 June, 16/17 July and 6/7 August, when we will explore some more areas of the village.

We would be very pleased if you would like to join in. Please email david_oates11@gmail.com or phone 07539 222469. No experience is necessary and there is no charge, but you should book in advance to get the full instructions and find out where to go. If you would like to offer your garden for a test pit site do please get in touch.

To see the full May report with pictures and the video and pottery reports either google "Histon (or Impington, Ed) Archaeology" and follow the links, or go to https://is.gd/fjR77c

David Oates

WHAT'S NEW AT THE REC.....

The replacement of the old Cricket practice nets has been a priority for a number of years and the Rec Committee has worked closely with Histon Cricket Club on the project. The old nets were becoming a health and safety concern and have now been replaced by a new double bay cricket net practice facility. The £30k was funded by the Parish Council and a third of the cost was met by the Cricket Club, Friends of the Rec and other community fundraising. The new net facility will be officially opened by the former England test batsman Graham Thorpe on Wednesday 13th July followed by a celebration dinner as part of the 2016 Rec Summer Festival.



The Safety netting for the Rec play area and bowls green has now been fully erected and is now beginning to blend into the Recreation

Ground landscape. This work was done following an increase in the number of cricket balls entering the play area and bowls green and recommendations from a professional

health and safety review.

This year is the 5th anniversary of completion of the Rec play area redevelopment project and over the last few months a thorough review of the play area has been undertaken. The play area has been a victim of its own success with huge usage over recent years and the mound in particular has showed signs of erosion. The refurbishment of the mound has now been



Before work started



Works now complete - just waiting for the grass to grow!

completed and the contractor has shown an imaginative approach in its work. The area around the sail area seats will now be the next focus.

With the summer months and nice weather arriving, the Recreation Ground staff would like to remind users about the facilities we have available and how we would like them used.

Unfortunately there has been some damage

and anti-social behaviour at the Recreation Ground and we would like to eradicate this completely.

This letter was sent out to students and parents at the local college and we felt it would be good to pass this on to the wider

We want EVERYONE to enjoy using the green spaces in Histon & Impington - particularly at The Recreation Ground.

YOU are the reason we provide these facilities - all we ask is that you respect them!

| What we supply | Why |
|---|--|
| Bins | To keep everywhere tidy, and prevent you being fined |
| CCTV | To protect all users - please don't let it be for use to prosecute you! |
| Pitches and equipment | To have fun; games with friends and something to do! |
| Ground Staff | To ensure facilities are ready to use and the area is safe for all. |
| Toilets | For your convenience! |
| What we don't supply | Why |
| Any areas for fires or disposable bbqs | Risks include: football pitches being ruined and unavailable; injury to yourself or others; fire spreading and getting out of control. Fire Kills! |
| Equipment to be vandalised | Facilities being closed and unavailable for use. Costs to those who pay their council tax to provide these facilities! |
| Space for alcohol abuse and/or nitrous oxide inhalation | We care about your well-being and health. |

COUNCIL CYCLEABOUT

With the start of a new Council, all members were recently invited to take part in a “cycleabout” of the Council owned areas in the villages. Several cyclists attended, including 2 of our Councillors riding a very handsome tandem. Half the sites were covered in the first trip, including the woodlands in Impington, when even members who had lived in the villages for over 30 years saw places they did not know existed!



Part 2 of the tour will be arranged for a June date when visits to The Cemetery, Clay Close Lane pocket park and the newly acquired BT phone box in Milton Road will feature

HOMEFIELD PARK - TO USE OR NOT TO USE THAT IS THE QUESTION?

The Environment Committee continue to review the use of this special space in our villages. Feedback from residents so far has centred round health and safety issues as well as grounds care following one off events. The Council will be asked to discuss the whole issue of positive promotion of events in our open spaces and should they wish to confirm support of this, to provide clear guidelines to staff for booking rules.

As the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death is marked in 2016, some initial talks have taken place with IVC about the possibility of a Shakespeare Monologue event in Homefield Park, which it is hoped may become an annual event in years to come.

But soft, what light through yonder window breaks? -*Romeo and Juliet*
Once more unto the breach dear friends, once more -*Henry V*
Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie -*All’s Well That Ends Well*
What angel wakes me from my flowery bed? -*A Midsummer Night’s Dream*

WELCOME TO FOUR NEW COUNCILLORS

Steve Carrington

Steve has lived in Histon for 25 years, and both his children attended local schools.

He has been involved with Histon Hornets for many years, previously as Chairman, and team manager and now President. He remains manager of the Under 10 girls team who play at the Recreation Ground.

This is Steve’s second round as a Parish Councillor, having been on Histon Parish Council during the early 2000’s. He is looking forward to the new challenges now faced with the devolvment of services likely to come down to local level and to playing his part in shaping our community for the future generations

Elaine Farrell

Elaine has lived in the village for over twenty years, her son having attended all three schools. Working for many years in the software industry in Office Management and HR.

She has a keen interest in environmental issues and is looking forward to helping deal with the challenges as we



face wider development.

Simon Jocelyn

Simon has lived in Impington since 1993. Both of his children have attended the schools of Histon and Impington. He works full time in the IT division of a multi-national technology company at their head office in St Neots who develop and manufacture the majority of their products in Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. Simon also helps out at the Boys Brigade Seniors group and the Histon Holiday Club.



Tim Ewbank

Tim and family have lived in the village for almost twenty years. During that time he has been involved in a various local initiatives such as the planning of the new pavilion on The Rec, Big Tidy-Up litter picking and local runs (sometimes as a marshal and sometimes as a runner). He has been involved in all five bi-annual Open Gardens schemes and is currently Chairman of the organising committee. As a Parish Councillor, he hopes to contribute to the village being a vibrant, safe place to live.



YESTERYEAR 2016



The annual parade of vintage vehicles visited Histon again this April, raising £7,700 for Cancer Research UK in spite of unseasonably cold weather. In the 3 years the organisers have raised over £26,000 all of which goes to the research laboratories in Cambridge, so the money is being spent locally. Most of us know someone touched by this terrible disease, and hopefully we will have helped in a small way with the research that will ultimately beat it.

It was lovely to see all the vehicles parked on and around The Green and as ever large numbers turned out to enjoy the event, even though the organisers had to alter the timetables this year to fit in all eight villages,

and the stop at Histon was earlier at 11.30am. Congratulations to all involved

We would like to invite more people from the villages we visit to join us to lighten the load and bring in new ideas and experience to boost our fundraising efforts - and it’s good fun too! Next year’s run is provisionally Sunday 23rd April, so e-mail vivien.lampard@ntlworld.com if you would like to lend a hand.



CHOIR 2000

June is going to be an exciting month for Choir 2000.

The main event is the performance of works by Mozart and Puccini on Saturday 25 June at 7.30pm at Histon Baptist Church and on Sunday 26 June at 7.30pm at West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge.

Mozart's *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* includes a number of great choruses as well as the sublime soprano aria 'Laudate Dominum'. Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* is a thoroughly joyful praise of God with lively choruses and dramatic tenor and bass solos.

Tickets for the Histon performance (£10.00, conc. £9.00, students £5.00) are available from Len Ward's in Histon and Cottenham and Station Stores Impington as well as from members of Choir 2000.

Tickets for the Cambridge performance (£12.00 conc. £11.00 students £5.00) are available from the ADC Box Office (Tel: 01223 300085 or www.adcticketing.com) and members of Choir 2000.

Accompanied children under 16 are admitted free of charge to either performance.

The Choir 2000 Choral Day takes place on Saturday 11 June at Histon Baptist Church. The work to be studied under the direction of Ralph Woodward is Rutter's *Magnificat*.

The Enrolment Fee is £15.00 for the whole day (9.30am to 5.30pm). Listeners are invited to hear a free performance from 4.00pm.

For further information or to request an application form contact 01223 561635 or 01223 475393 or visit www.choir2000.org

Beatrix Bown

#CambsNotspotter

A new initiative is asking people to gather vital data to help plug gaps (aka 'not spots') in mobile coverage across Cambridgeshire.

Led by the business and academic group Cambridge Ahead, the campaign is calling on all residents, employees, students and businesses to help identify the 'not spot' areas of no or low connectivity by becoming a #CambsNotspotter.

The project will show where mobile phone signals, Wi-Fi and broadband access are poor then encourage providers to take action to improve them.

We are focussing our efforts with specific providers so to be a #CambsNotspotter, all you have to do is to download the App from Google Play / App Store and get involved in identifying where there is limited mobile coverage. Find out more at: is.gd/hJIEJK

Histon & Impington Parish Council

VILLAGE SOCIETY LATEST PUBLICATION IMPINGTON HALL, ITS OWNERS AND ESTATES

It has taken thirty years in the compiling but, finally, the Village Society announces the publication of an illustrated history of Impington Hall. Over one hundred maps, sketches and photographs are used to illustrate the history of this Elizabethan country house, which once stood on the Percheron Close site.



Lost in the post-war cull of such properties, for nearly 400 years the Hall was at the centre of the village. The book charts the evolution of the house and puts flesh on the bones of its owners, notably the Pepys. There are funny bits and sad bits. There are myths to be

debunked and a lost road to be rediscovered. In addition, the text benefits from the insights of the diarist Samuel Pepys and the 18th century antiquarian, Reverend William Cole.

The publication will be on sale at Histon Library and the Feast Market at the beginning of July. Its recommended retail price will be £11.99 but we are offering it to local residents and Society members at the reduced price of £9.99. It can be ordered in advance with payment through our website

contact, Barbara Parr at village.society@hotmail.co.uk or from our Publications Officer, Mrs Joyce Horkley 1, Park Drive, Impington CB24 9LY tel. 01223 232744. **Please make cheques payable to Histon and Impington Village Society. Delivery by end of July 2016**

Eleanor Whitehead

Available soon:- an interesting and intriguing book containing 140

The Histon & Impington

Chronicle 1760 - 1851

pages of extracts from the Cambridge Chronicle giving an insight into the people and events in the two villages during the period 1760 - 1851. The book is both fascinating and informative and includes maps and illustrations, giving the reader a real feel for the history of village life.

To order your copy please contact Bob Tonks, 2A Pepys Terrace, Impington, CB24 9NT; 07966 179 693 robert.tonks@gmail.com

The recommended retail price is £11.95 but is available to local residents at a reduced price of £9.95.

Bob Tonks



Up the garden path - Fourteen ducklings enjoy the hospitality in Narrow Lane. Residents say that ducklings have been visiting their gardens for maybe 30 years.

How do they get from Histon Green to Narrow Lane - a distance of around 150 metres?

EDITORIAL TEAM MEMBER NEEDED!

HISIMP NEWS

A very small number of people make up the Newsletter editorial team. We would love to hear from anyone interested in joining us!

The newsletter is published quarterly and your commitment will be a friendly quarterly planning meeting together with following up on articles agreed and submitting them to the Editor by an agreed deadline.

Please contact the Editor, Denis Payne, at hi-news.editor@hisimp.net if you are interested!

HISTON FC PRE- SEASON FRIENDLIES



The pre-season schedule has been confirmed today with matches as follows:

Friday 8th July: (AWAY) v AFC Sudbury (7:45pm kick off)

Saturday 23rd July (HOME) v Cambridge United XI (3:00pm kick off)

Tuesday 26th July (AWAY) v Saffron Walden Town (7:45pm kick off)

Saturday 30th July (HOME) v Cambridge City (Cambs FA Pro Cup) (3:00pm kick off)

Tuesday 2nd August (HOME) v Peterborough United XI (7:30pm kick off)

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June 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 next year!

Like us to get the information you need

*** New ***

The Generation Game –

starting in September 2016

Launch meeting



Monday 20th June at 4pm (details below)

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: setting up games nights in local care homes; helping older people with their computing needs; and ensuring members of our community feel less isolated.

The course will run on a Monday evening from 6 – 7.30pm at The Ideal Base, Impington Village College and will start week commencing 19th September.

There will be a launch of this project on Monday 20th June at 4pm in the Community Room at the Recreation Ground. If you are interested in taking part in this project; please come along and hear all about it and sign up.

Graffiti Project



STARTING IN SEPTEMBER:

An 8-week course during which you will learn how to design, use spray paint, learn graffiti techniques and produce your own artwork.

The course will be run by Sinstars Graffiti – www.sincru.co.uk - and is open to all young people aged 11 plus.

Please register your interest with Andrea by emailing her at youth.worker@hisimp.net

Regular Activities

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 14+ 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!



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 email 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

Graffiti Event

Sunday 17th July

Join Kilo from Sinstars Graffiti at The Histon & Impington Recreation Ground Community Picnic and Garden Party.

Come and learn the basics and have a go at creating your own Graffiti art!

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.

The next course will start in January. If you would like to be put on the mailing list to receive information about dates and times; please email Andrea at the above address.

Emergency First Aid at Work

Saturday 15th October 2016 from 9.30am-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 you CV and College Application Forms – and be ready to deal with an emergency should it occur.

For an application form, please email Andrea Cowley at address above.



Youth Work Volunteers

There are always new projects and activities to be set up in Histon & Impington. If you would like to be part of the Youth Work team and can offer your time free of charge, we would love to hear from you. In

return we can offer you: Level 1 Youth Work Training; Basic First Aid Training and the opportunity to work with the best young people in the country!

Do you need a babysitter?

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.



For more information please see page 4.

OPEN STUDIOS -
OPENING UP ART TO YOU

One of the biggest art events in the Cambridge area is Open Studios - when 300 or more artists throw open their studios to you during the first four weekends in July.

Histon and Impington boast 10 artists who invite you to see their wide ranging work - paintings in all types of media, ceramics, prints, lino cuts and high quality photographs.

All the work on display is for sale and you will find an infinite variety of choice at affordable prices.

The weekends when each studio is open varies widely. The standard opening times are 11am till 6pm. Below is a list of openings and brief details of the artists.

OPEN FOR FIRST AND SECOND WEEKENDS
JULY 2/3 & 9/10

Andrew Oliver: Oil, acrylic and watercolours of landscapes, still life and figures: -3 The Crescent, Impington.

Sarah Vigliotti: Photography and lino cut printmaking inspired by landscapes and architecture. - 13 Shirley Road, Histon.

Clare Crouchman: Ceramics wall panels and fine-art printmaking inspired by landscape and concepts of quantum physics. - The Studio, 14 Shirley Road, Histon.



Matthew Dando: Oil on canvas inspired by body language and speech, many based on personal experiences. - 16 Aingers Road, Histon.

Kay Dodsworth: Oil, watercolour and ink images mainly from being artist in residence with the Fairhaven Singers. -1 Alice Way, (entrance off Normanton Way), Histon.

Pam Hinton: Pen and ink, and watercolour from a close look at the environment. - 1 Alice Way, (entrance off Normanton Way), Histon.

OPEN FOR FIRST AND FOURTH WEEKEND
July 2/3 & 23/24

Elizabeth Fraser: Printmaking, letterpress and screenprint working from handset metal type and presses with text elements and screenprinting of hand-drawn images. - 20 Brook Close, Histon.

OPEN FOR THE SECOND WEEKEND ONLY
JULY 9/10

Mervyn London: Painting, drawing and etching with a variety of subjects and mostly people. - 5 Bell Hill, Histon.

OPEN FOR THE THIRD WEEKEND ONLY JULY
16/17

These two artists are holding a joint show at the St Andrew's Centre in the High Street.

Stephen Tromans: Oils and watercolours of landscapes and seascapes of East Anglian and further afield.



Bernard Stewart-Deane: Acrylic and pastels of still life, flowers, boats and people.

More details - www.camopenstudios.co.uk.

Bernard Stewart-Deane

THE FIRS - A HISTORY OF ITS
ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

The Firs was built in 1855 at the behest of a successful Cambridge Solicitor by the name of Orlando Hyde. Described as a 'very nice gentleman's residence', it was home to three further well-heeled families until purchased, in 1908, by Chivers and Sons Ltd. The company's chairman, John Chivers, had plans for "The Firs". It was to become the home of the factory nursing staff and host a multitude of village and factory events.



Over one hundred years later this building is still serving our community as a very busy Doctors' surgery.

It is twenty eight years since the Village Society published its original history of the property. A new edition is planned. If you have any anecdotes, photographs (social events, factory nurses, other residents etc.) or any other information please contact Mrs Barbara Parr 20, New School Road, Histon tel: 01223 233397; cats.cradle@hotmail.co.uk

Eleanor Whitehead

FIRST HI FOOD FESTIVAL

This year there is an exciting new event planned for the village. Histon Impington Community Orchard (HICOP) and HI Sustainability Group (HISG) are joining forces to host the first HI Village Food Festival at the Community Orchard off Somerset Road, Histon, from 10am to 2pm on 1st October 2016.



In addition to the regular juicing of the year's apples by HICOP members, the village food festival activities include:

- HI Community Allotment Group providing vegetable growing advice
- Children's activities including apple juicing and sustainability quiz with a prize!
- Village Gardening Club selling food plants and giving advice on composting
- A local bee keeper with honey for sale
- A premium space growing expert to show you how to grow food in a limited space

- Fruit Smoothies using bicycle peddle power to blend fruit into delicious drinks
- Finding out how we can help village wildlife by growing the food they need
- Various local food vendors selling sustainable lunches and snacks
- Members of the HI Sustainability Group to discuss our current projects
- A 'Food for Free' expert to advise you how to safely forage for food in the countryside
- A local apple identification expert who will try to identify your apple variety
- A local poultry breeder who will provide advice on keeping chickens and display various affordable houses and with some hens for sale

October is a long way off and we have the summer to enjoy but the village food festival is something to look forward to and we hope to see you there!

Ruth Moulder

Council & Committee Meetings

See website for details: www.hisimp.net

Full Council - Recreation Centre from 7 p.m. Monday 20th June, 18th July, 19th September 2016

Planning - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 7th June, 21st June, 5th July, 26th July, 9th August, 23rd August, 6th September 2016

Highways - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Thursday 16th June, 11th August 2016

Finance, Legal & Administration - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 13th June, 12th September 2016

Environment - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 31st May, 19th July 2016

Recreation - Parish Office, 7.30 p.m. - Monday 25th July, 26th September 2016

Residents are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

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