

The Newsletter of Histon & Impington Parish Council



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Village of The Year

We recently put in an application for a new Channel 4 TV series hosted by Penelope Keith and should hear by 5 July if we have been successful! There is a community prize fund of £10,000.

[Here is a link to the application](#) which was put together by Cllrs Josephine Teague and Cedric Foster, together with Histon resident Angela Young. Our own Angela Young (Clerk to the Council) also helped out - yes there are two Angela Youngs!

The highlights of the application are:



Why we love our Villages?

Histon is home to Chivers jam and acres of strawberry fields and was the birth place of Unwins seeds. Samuels Pepys' uncle lived in Impington Hall and he visited often, writing about it in his diary. German architect Walter Gropius designed our village college. Moses Carter was Histon's own gentle giant - standing over seven feet tall, strong as a team of oxen. The Moses Carter Band which performs locally is named in his honour.

We have six pubs, one of

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them just named Cambridge pub of the year, another about to be taken over by Raymond Blanc, two restaurants, five churches, four cafes, takeaways including a fish and chip shop, seven open spaces, child care and education catering from birth till....well, the other end! The PTAs all have amazing members who work hard for their schools and facilities.

There is a community orchard and allotments, and the Enviro Volunteers, a brilliant group of people who work most weekends keeping wooded areas and open spaces tidy and cared for - including annual planting of daffodil bulbs; and a "Big Tidy-Up" to keep us spick and span.

We have a Community Minibus, Community Choirs, Community Car Care Share scheme, Community Coffee shop. There is even a community stage for hire!

History and Heritage

The likely origin of the name Histon is from the two Saxon words hyse meaning "a young man or warrior", and tun meaning "house or farm". The village name has survived relatively unchanged since the writing of the Domesday Book. Included on the Histon Village Sign is a man in a stove hat holding a large rock. This is Moses Carter.

The name Impington is made of three parts ; the meaning of the second and third syllables are 'belonging to' ('-ing') and 'farmstead or place' ('-ton'). The first part may refer to a person, 'Impa', so the village name means 'Impa's place or farm'. The first mention of Impington by name was in the year 991 when Earl Byrhtnoth, who then owned Impington, left the village in the charge of the abbot of Ely, when he went off to fight the Vikings who had invaded the region, he was killed at the Battle of Maldon in Essex.

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How we would spend the money?

We are lucky to have a number of independent shops in the village but we are keen to preserve its unique character and would love to improve the appearance of the High Street in Histon. Based on input from HIPeople members, a local artist has made sketches of how it might look to include flowering troughs, hanging baskets and install holders for Christmas decorations/motifs for the whole area to enjoy. **The prize money would allow us to work towards making them a reality.**

We would also like to provide Christmas lights in the Impington gateway area.

Thank you for this opportunity to showcase our villages.

Histon & Impington Community Fundraising Scheme

Hollyoak Vets have raised over £60.00 to date, thank you for your support!

Each visit by Histon & Impington residents raises £1 towards community projects.

**Hollyoak
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Local History Day for Infant School

On Tuesday 28th March the Infant School enjoyed a Local History Day. The children took part in lots of exciting activities. All eleven classes got out and about in the locality to explore and imagine what life was like for people who lived here in the past.

Foundation Stage and Year One were treated to an engaging and interactive story-telling session about local heroes, given by Rachel Nielsen from the Museum of Cambridge. They heard stories about Moses Carter, known locally as the Histon Giant and Elizabeth Woodcock- the lady in the snowdrift; all brought to life with costumes, amazing artefacts and a fun rhyme with actions. The highlight of the session was seeing the actual boot that Moses Carter wore, complete with hob nails. Rachel also told Year One children about life at Chivers and showed them an original jam paddle, used for stirring the vats of fruit.

Year Two children had a fascinating talk from David Oates, a local historian and then they followed a trail around the villages and answered quiz questions about local buildings.

Other activities included a Giant hunt, measuring height and feet, visiting the 'Giant's stone' at the Boot (and trying to lift it!), designing jam labels and making some real Chivers recipes.

Our thanks go to the History group for their invaluable knowledge and resources.

Lucy Huntington



New Councillor - Helena Perry

Helena has two children, one at Stepping Stones and the other at the Infant school. She is an artist, illustrator and musician running "Shake, Rattle and Roll", a music group for parents and children. She was responsible for the 2016 Histon Green Advent Calendar, and is currently working on an art project incorporating your ideas to re-imagine the High Street.

Her main interests are environmental, economic and ecological issues and she believes that the best way of improving the world is to start with your own patch. She decided to stop moaning and start making a difference by joining the PC.



Impington Village College

A new school for the village!

During 2016, IVC became the founding member of a new multi-academy trust called the Morris Education Trust (MET). This structural model for education in England is gathering momentum and there are now over 1000 such Trusts across the nation. As well as granting schools direct responsibility for the delivery of existing education, these enable Trusts to submit proposals for new schools where these are needed.

Last year, discussions started with the Local Authority about the lack of dedicated special school provision for children with autism spectrum condition in Cambridgeshire. Whilst there is strong provision for those who can access mostly mainstream provision (with some specialist support), such as that provided by the excellent 'Cabin' at Witchford Village College, those who need even more support have to go into very expensive independent or out-of-county provision.

Led by Robert Campbell, Executive Principal, and Sharonne Horlock, Senior SENCO at IVC who is renowned for her work with and understanding of autism, a small team developed and submitted plans for a school dedicated to young people with autism spectrum condition to be built on the site at Impington. The school is to be called The Cavendish School, named after Henry Cavendish, the scientist and natural philosopher who, it is believed, was someone who achieved so much because of (not in spite of) his autism. The bid was submitted at the end of September 2016 and the team was interviewed at the DfE in January earlier this year. Just before Easter, it was announced that the DfE has approved the plans and the school can now start to be built. This is a wonderful achievement and a tribute to those involved in the development of the proposals.

The team has met with officials at the DfE to 'kick off' the next stage of the proceedings, including possible opening date, and a meeting on the site is in the diary for June. Planning the new build will be a very important element of the project and will ensure the new school is sympathetically added to the campus at Impington.

As well as working closely with the Local Authority, the Trust has established a partnership with the Autism Research Centre which is part of Cambridge University and headed by one of the world's leading researchers into the condition, Professor Simon Baron-Cohen. This will grant the school access to leading edge research and development into the condition.

More details about the school be found at www.thecavendishschool.org.uk.

Rob Campbell, Executive Principal

Red Lion—Pub of The Year!

The Red Lion in Histon has been named CAMRA's Pub of the Year 2017 by the four thousand members of the Cambridge and District branch of the Campaign for Real Ale.

In addition to its good beer (and food), the Red Lion is well known for its contribution to the community,

The annual beer festival has raised many thousands for local causes, attracting several thousand festival goers. According to the website over 600 beers and nearly 95 different ciders have been served!

The 19th Beer and Cider Festival takes place from Monday 4th to Friday 8th September.

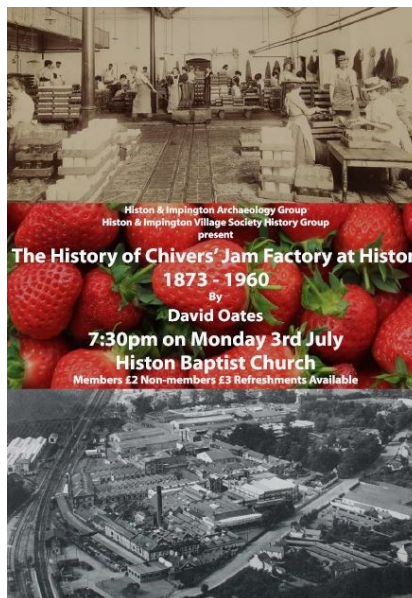
If successful in the next, Cambridgeshire, round of CAMRA's poll, The Red Lion could even make the national finals.

Barbara Parr



Histon and Impington Archaeology (HIAG)

Since the last edition, Histon has hosted an "Independent Learning Archaeology Field School" run by the University of Cambridge. Thanks to support by local residents, 49 school students from across the county enthusiastically excavated 13 new test pits. Highlights were significant pottery finds from the Romano-British and Saxon periods. The HIAG team selected promising pits for further excavation. More early pottery finds emerged, plus a Roman coin. The outcome is that we now have high confidence that there was a Romano-British and subsequent Saxon settlement centred around and possibly to



the west of St. Andrews Church, Histon.

More test pits are planned this summer. Visit our website hiarchaeology.wordpress.com for more information and to get involved.

Our next talk is "The History of Chivers' Jam Factory at Histon, 1873-1960" by David Oates at 7:30 on 3rd July at Histon Baptist Church. The size and prosperity of Histon and Impington owe much to the presence and growth of Chivers' Factory.

For nearly a century it employed most of the local population, either directly or indirectly. The talk will use pictures from the firm's own archives to show the development and wide range of their activities over the years.

Rob Noble

Mental Health

A Wellbeing Update

As your Wellbeing Champion, it is my role to promote wellbeing and raise awareness of mental health issues. I am also responsible for signposting those in need to the relevant services.

Over the coming months, I will be introducing the area to the '5 ways to wellbeing'. These were developed as part of a government report into wellbeing and if practiced regularly can help you feel stronger and more resilient. These are steps we can all take to help us get the most from life.

Connect – Family, friends, colleagues and neighbours, it is important to invest in relationships.

Be Active – Discover a physical activity you enjoy, that suits your lifestyle and mobility.

Take Notice – Be aware of the world around you. Reflect on feelings and allow yourself time.

Keep Learning – Try a new challenge, it can help with confidence and be fun to achieve.

Give – Feeling part of a community can be very rewarding and create new connections.

Increased wellbeing is something we can all strive to achieve. Please get in touch if you, or someone you know might need support with their wellbeing or mental health on 07860 654 456 or you can email me on annabell.webb@hicom.org.uk

If you would prefer to meet in person, I will be at the Feast Festival on the 2nd July running a wellbeing stall with Jean Newman, the Older Persons Coordinator. There will be craft activities, information about support services and lots of discussion on how the role has progressed to date.

Annabell Webb

Histon & Impington Village Society News

Feast Week Heritage Walk—Thursday 7th July at 7pm

Our village historian, Eleanor Whitehead, is putting on another of her fascinating Heritage Walks. This will leave from the Memorial Green opposite the Baptist Church. She will take us along Station Road, explaining the history and background of the buildings and the surrounding area, to end at the former Histon Station/ Crossing Keeper's Hut/Railway Vue. There will be no charge for this but lots of buckets available into which you are invited to put your generous donations in aid of the Feast Good Causes.

'The Firs' another new booklet

With memories and photos contributed by many residents the latest Booklet in our series is an update of 'History of 'THE FIRS' the fine 19th century house in Station Road which has been the home of our GP practice since 1978.

Buy a copy at our stall at the Feast Festival on Sunday 2nd July and read all about its origin as a gentleman's residence with coach house and domestic staff, built for a local lawyer, Mr Orlando Hyde. It had a series of owners, including a notorious Mr William Peed, before being purchased by Chivers & Sons in 1908. It was used as a 'Staff Centre' in many different ways providing valuable services to their employees and the villages. At the outbreak of World War I it became a Red Cross Military Hospital initially for Belgian soldiers and then British soldiers.

In the '20s and '30s it resumed its services as a Centre for the factory employees and others. In World War II it was again requisitioned and used by the Air Raid Precautions firewatchers and First Aid detachments for exercises and respite shelter for London workers in the Blitz. After the War it continued in use by Chivers forming a valuable venue for various activities of their staff and for social and club meetings for the village residents. In 1978 it was sold to Dr Haddock and his wife who lived above the consulting rooms of their new GP practice. This flourished and in due course The Firs was acquired by Dr Michael Grande and his partners who have kindly contributed the final two chapters including a valuable summary of the services offered by this greatly expanded leading GP practice acknowledged by everyone in the villages. Dr Grande's partner, Dr Simon Poole, has just been awarded a national prize for his new book on the benefits of a Mediterranean style diet. Dr Grande retired at the end of May and has been succeeded by Dr Simon Poole as senior partner.



Rec News

We are pleased to report that Cllr Steve Carrington has been elected as Recreation Committee Chairman and Cllr Neil Davies Deputy Chairman for the coming year. Steve is also the Council’s Playground Inspector.



MUGA

The Multi Use Games Area refurbishment is now complete and open for business. An availability calendar can be viewed at <http://www.hisimprec.co.uk/multi-use-games-area/>. Cost for football hire is £20.50 per hour with floodlights and £15.50 without floodlights; contact Lynda Marsh on 01223 232423 for further details.



Play Areas

Following health and safety advice the committee have agreed to replace the roundabout at South Road play area - this is due to installed in the week 17th July.



Lynda Marsh

Birds

Last year I reported we had been bird ringing in the villages for a number of years. Data has been collated and results of our 2016 efforts showed a total of 237 birds caught and recorded, of which 190 were new birds which we fitted with individually numbered rings. Of the 24 different species caught, many you would expect to see around the villages: tits, finches, robins, blackbirds, sparrows etc. It was good to see numbers of bullfinch and lesser whitethroat amongst others. The clear observation from our findings was that blue tits had a very poor breeding season, with our catching very few young birds. This followed the national trend but similar species like great tit appeared to fare better.



Lesser Whitethroat

Our 2016 ringing highlight was a warbler called the blackcap (which you may see periodically in your gardens). This bird had been caught and ringed at Beachy Head - East Sussex - as a juvenile on its first southerly migration (towards Spain or as far as Africa) on 1st September 2014. We recaptured the same bird on 16th July 2016 in Impington, so

can only speculate how far he has been in between. On 1st July we will be doing the annual bird ringing display as part of the Feast Week at the Community Orchard breakfast from 10am-12pm. Last year it was a very successful session and amongst the catch were two jays which were the only ones of this species ringed all year. You never know what will turn up so do come along and ask questions and learn more about our feathered friends living right on your doorstep. Nigel Butcher, Senior Technical Officer RSPB

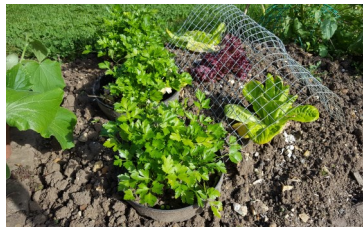
GARDENER’S WORD



The minute it seems you are under control, Summat Nasty happens. Either we are on the verge of drought and the lawn is going brown, gales are blowing delicate flowers down, or pests are almost audibly munching the whole thing to the ground.



The key is constant vigilance. Frequent inspection will reveal clusters of aphids that can be rubbed off before they become overwhelming, or slug trails round lettuces that can be dealt with using the control of your choice. I have tried everything except old-fashioned Metaldehyde slug pellets, because I think



Slug controls - copper tape on sawn-off plant pots, and crushed eggshell. The wire mesh is to keep cats off.

they are unacceptable. Anything else such as crushed egg shells, copper tape around plastic rings, or wool pellets are all part of your arsenal. The best control is to keep

your plants healthy and stress-free by proper watering and feeding. Add to that an evening regime of walking around with a torch and picking off any you find- it may surprise you how many there are. I often wonder what my neighbours think as I stalk the salad bed with a head torch and pair of old tongs, saying ‘gotcha’ as another goes into a jam jar of salt.

On the allotment, foes are larger and four-legged. I must have collected miles of chicken wire to keep out deer, rabbits and stray dogs. And the pigeons and crows wait their turn. It is best to stay positive in these situations and carry on regardless.

Alice Jackson Steggles

Police News

Since the 15th of May 2016 - 15th of May 2017, we have had 783 crimes reported to Cambridgeshire Constabulary from residents and businesses that reside within the villages. Figures show December 2016 and January 2017 to be our busiest month for crime.



The below crimes relate to: burglaries, thefts, criminal damage, shoplifting, assaults, threats, harassment, racially aggravated, stalking, possession of controlled drug, fraud etc.

Incidents/Crimes	Histon & Impington	South Cambs
Incidents	1921	27217
None-crime investigation	13	108
Crimes	783	7209

Your local policing team have recently been running a crime prevention campaign called ‘Op Hunter’. If you would like a home security survey completed at your home address please follow this link <http://tinyurl.com/bad-wolf-test> and complete the survey. A member of the team will then be in touch.

For more good work stories and crime prevention advice please check our blog <http://southcambscops.org/>.

If you have any concerns that you would like to bring to my attention, please email me: bujar.mani@cambs.pnn.police.uk or call 101 and ask to be put through to my extension: 7113152

Kind Regards

PCSO Bujar Mani 7009, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Histon Police Station

Post Office

Terry Pratchett's wonderful "Going Postal" describes a revival in mail delivery despite fierce competition from alternative media. Here in Histon and Impington we have seen a real-world postal revolution, in which Harry and Rakhee Parekh have served as Postmasters since June 1992.

We are fortunate to have retained our Post Office when so many communities have not. Rakhee believes that, in addition to a fine location and thriving village life, there have been several key success factors including diversification into new services, an expanding retail business, but, most of all, a constant effort to provide good customer service, with staff undertaking regular training and a regular 5 yearly updating of the business.

Our Post Office now provides a much wider range of services than in 1992, including banking, passport services, financial products and an increasing range of retail items, most recently expanded through a franchise from W.H. Smith.



Several awards have been received, including runner up in "Best Post Office in East Anglia", 1998, National Customer Service award, 2001 and Region 43 (South East) Post Office Special Recognition award, 2015-2016.

So, on 10th June 2017 Harry and Rakhee celebrated their Post Office Silver Anniversary marked by a party, open to all, at the Boot Inn in appreciation of support by their many customers and staff from over the years.

Long may they and the Post Office prosper.

Phil Whitehead

Histon & Impington Village Society

Meetings usually take place at 7.30pm on the last Tuesday of the month, in term time, at Impington Village College, in the Brackenbury Room. Membership is £12 per annum from the 2017 AGM, and visitors are welcome at £3 per person, per meeting. Visitors to the AGM are free.

Ann Fletcher 01223 564716 Barbara Parr 01223 233397 Programme Secretaries

Village Road Adoption Scheme

The scheme whereby residents adopt a road has caught the imagination of many people, and now the village is over 95% covered.

What is involved? Residents keep their road or area tidy of litter and are provided with long term loan of 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.

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? Entirely at Adopters discretion to suit themselves!

Does this Adoption scheme replace the Quarterly Big Tidy Up? Yes and No! Some residents may prefer to do their patch when it suits them and others still like the formal occasion of the quarterly 'Big Tidy Up' events. These are the first weekend in March, June, September and December.

Would you like to join the quarterly 'Big Tidy Up' events &/or join the 'Road Adoption Scheme'? If so please email me at cedric.foster@hisimp.net or give me a ring on 01223 234156.

The following roads are still to be adopted:-

Ambrose Way, Brook Close, Old Farm Close, Mowlam Close, Pepys Terrace, School Lane and Symonds Close.

Thank you!

Cedric Foster



New Chair and Vice Chair

At the AGM the Parish Council elected Andy Butcher as the new Chair and Denis Payne as Vice Chair.

We are sure Denis will be a great support for Andy in his new role.



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Strawberry 50 Cycling Extravaganza—Sunday 3rd September

Since it started two years ago, 1200 people have taken part and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. *All* are welcome; lycra or jean clad, five or eighty years old, tootlers and pootlers or strava bunnies - this event really has something to appeal to all.

The choice of distances remains the same; the 55 or 28 milers follow South West Cambridgeshire's quietest and prettiest routes and the 14 follows the traffic free busway from H&I's Recreation Ground to Swavesey Green and back.

New for this year: An extra start and end point from Gamlingay's Eco Hub.

The opportunity to cruise the route on an e-bike! Rutland Cycles are offering riders on the 28 miler the option of hiring one - you'll need to reserve in advance, details on how to do so will be at www.strawberry50.co.uk/

Specially adapted bikes will be available for participants with disabilities via the You Can Bike Too project. To reserve your bike please call Sally Gibson on 07900 431298

As well as Carlo's Ices, there'll be some organised games on Swavesey Green for the Strawberry 14 riders.

Rutland Cycles will be offering short bike maintenance courses on the day too.

Same old favourites

There'll be homemade cakes on route, free maintenance and bike checks, medals and certificates for the U10's, a great, friendly atmosphere, free massages at the finish and great sign-posting and marshalling. We do our very best to be inclusive so keep the entry prices low - the cost for the whole family on the 14 miler is still only £10.

Bookings are now open for the 28 and 55, it's turn up on the day for the 14.

Please spread the word. The Facebook page is The Strawberry 50 and the website address for detailed information and to reserve a place on the 28 and 55 is www.strawberry50.co.uk.

This event is organised by Friends of the Rec in partnership with Histon and Impington Bicycle Club with support from Tucker Gardner and Rutland Cycles.

This really is a great day, please do join in.

Nicole Barton



Chair's Annual Report 2016-17 from David Jenkins

It's my fourth and last Chair's report. As always I'll reflect back, I'll look forward and I'll share some personal thoughts about the challenges which the Council is going to face and how it might respond to them.

2016/17 has been another year during which it's been clear that Histon & Impington is a great place to live. More and more you realise that it has a unique character being 'close to Cambridge but not a part of it' and that it enjoys the benefits of being a part of Greater Cambridge's economic success. In this respect we live in a good place in good times. But we must not take that for granted.

There has been significant progress during the year, not necessarily connected to the Parish Council:

We ran the Neighbourhood Plan survey with over 2000 responses including an excellent input from younger people. It told us little new but it confirmed many presumptions and provides us with valuable data to underpin the emerging plan;

The double yellow lines were painted along New Road in time for the annual Hornets tournament which itself passed off smoothly;

The County Council found a little more money in its Minor Highways Initiatives fund which means that the project to improve safety at the Baptist Church junction can go ahead. Furthermore we have been successful winning funding for footpath repairs in the 2017/18 programme. Rather surprisingly its engineers decided they could open up the B1049/A14 roundabout to two lanes of access from the north;

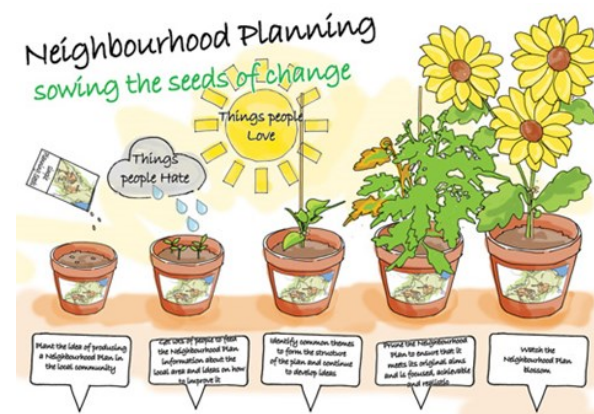
The Greater Cambridgeshire City Deal Executive backed plans to improve cycle safety and bus flows along Histon Road. Although not in our community these will directly affect residents who use this route to access Cambridge;

The Red Lion has been declared Cambridge pub of the year by CAMRA. At the other end of the High Street the Boot has been taken over by the White Brasserie chain. It has already submitted an ambitious planning application;

The County Council has announced that it will fund a new primary school and upgrade the existing Junior school to a full primary;

The Morris Education Trust, the trust that runs IVC, has become a multi-academy trust (a MAT) as a result of a partnership with Witchford Village College. Subsequently it has been given permission to open a special school (the Cavendish School) which will be the third member of the MAT;

In anticipation of the opening of the new station at Chesterton Stagecoach has announced new bus services which will go some way to improving service on the guideway from Histon & Impington.



Sadly most of last year's bad news continues:



- Increasingly parking: anti-social sometimes and commuter parking becoming persistent;
- Speeding on Cottenham Road, Butt Lane and Gatehouse Road;
- The state of our roads, too many potholes, and footpaths;
- Plus there's the bad news about the closure of Les Ward's greengrocer's shop.



Going forward I'm sure the new Chair will do many good things. The big challenges which will need addressing include:

The new primary schools. The working party is in place to ensure that what happens doesn't just deliver good school buildings but also community assets. I trust that we will be able to ensure that we can prevent school run blight along Mill Lane and that, as a consequence of facilitating access from Cottenham Road, we can engineer some calming of traffic on the B1049.

There are highways projects ready to move forward and we do need focus to make them happen. These may include:

Further improvements on the B1049 by Cambridge Road; Facilitating easier right turns on the B1049 at The Green; Improving safety at the Baptist Church junction; and establishing a network of safe footpaths throughout the community.

Health and wellbeing. The County Council has made it clear that it's willing to partner with the Parish Council to integrate its adult services with local initiatives. This will potentially improve the service which local people get and at the same time save money for the County Council.

Planning and housing. There's a shortage of affordable housing in the community and this is regarded as a priority according to the results of the Neighbourhood Plan survey. The Council needs, as a result of the Neighbourhood Plan work, to decide whether or not to seek community support for the development of exception sites which would provide some affordable housing.

We have to engage with the community, to understand what it wants and to find ways to deliver. Given what is happening with government funding of county and district councils it needs to do that more and more. That's why I'm so positive about the Health & Well Being task force. It needs to be continuously working with others in our community.

As it does this it just needs to be cautious about governance. Because it is a public, precept-raising body it should make sure that the excellent working relationships with other bodies to which it might give grants or from which it might commission services are well structured and visibly straight forward.

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; and the Parish Councillors who put in so much valuable unpaid time.

I have enjoyed my time as Chair. It's a full job and a challenge but can only be a success if the incumbent enjoys the confidence of his or her fellow councillors. By and large I believe I've had that and thank them for it. It's also greatly facilitated by being able to have confidence and trust in the staff. That's been easy for me and I am ever grateful to them for their tolerance, humour and consummate professionalism.

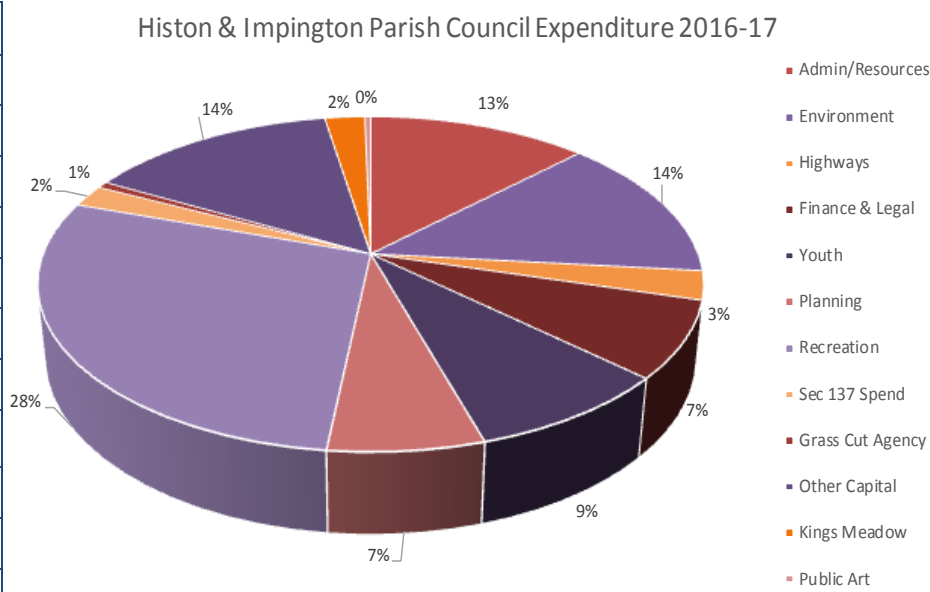
Parish Council Accounts 2016-17

The Council decided to increase its portion of Council Tax (its “precept”) by 4.48%. As always, the Council spent a great deal of time working on budgets and ensuring that good value is delivered for the money from the community. New items appeared - spend for the Mental Wellbeing Champion, Burial Ground replanting and Homefield Park renovation works, and an acknowledgement that we need to finance highway works from revenue.

At the same time, the Council is restructuring how youth work is funded, and looking at mechanisms that will reduce future costs where it can. The details can be seen in the <http://bit.ly/2sO9dyo> paper discussed by Council in January.

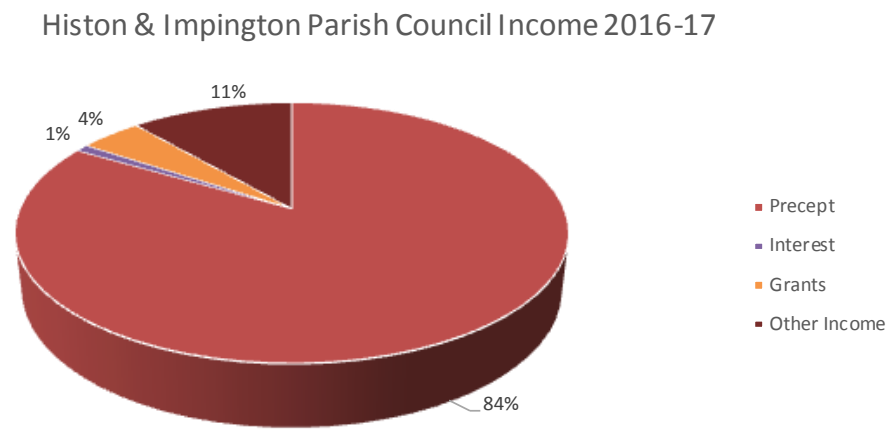
Looking back at last year, interim figures show that **spend** was as follows:

Admin/Resources	£44,607
Environment	£48,979
Highways	£9,730
Finance & Legal	£26,009
Youth	£30,059
Planning	£22,570
Recreation	£99,827
Sec 137 spend *	£7,489
Grass cut agency	£2,207
Other capital	£50,676
Kings Meadow	£8,100
Public Art	£1,200
Total	£351,453
VAT owed	£5,275



*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

£7.42 per elector and the council must ensure that the benefits must be commensurate with the expenditure. During 2016-17 payments of donations or grants were made (well within the limit) to:



Our **income** came from:

**Precept is the parish part of the SCDC Council Tax bill

The Council has money in reserve for specific spends. Some it has allocated itself for projects, some (S106) 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 **£835,162** Specified projects **£364,922** Section 106 funding **£199,049**
Required reserves **£159,176** Available general reserves **£112,015**

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.

The Council’s audit will be carried out by PKF Littlejohn LLP at the end of June 2017 . If you wish to inspect the audit papers these are available at all reasonable times, by appointment, from 21st June until 1st August 2017.

Denis Payne

Artisan Market on The Green

Histon Artisan Market has been set up by Kristen Ellery as a new venture for our villages.
A year’s trial has been agreed by the Parish Council.

The market is a unique representation of a High Street with a chance to shop for varied goods and services. It celebrates the diversity of local artisans and small businesses, with stalls ranging from hand sewn bags to vintage photography. Most stall holders are from the local area and are people who are deeply passionate about what they make and sell.

It is hard for many people to take the next step and have their own shop or premises, so this is an opportunity for those people to meet new customers and to experience selling in a market environment. There are refreshments on sale and the market, although small, has a real sense of community and is an asset to the villages. A space for a Community Stall is also available each time.

It is held once a month on the Green, from 10-1pm.
Dates for your diary July 15th, August 5th and September 2nd 2017.
Please support!



Running Mad

The 4th Flaming June Half Marathon was held in June and for first time included a Quarter Marathon. The event seems automatically to attract glorious weather and 2017 was no exception. The multi terrain route is not the purist’s choice of a half marathon route but a record 663 runners ran on the day and the community event feel and support from marshalls make this one of the friendliest half marathons in the region. Nearly

£5,000 was raised from the event organised by Friends of the Rec and this will help fund



activities for older people and improvements to rec facilities - most recently the Friends funded the new goals on the Rec MUGA. The HI Wellbeing Mile was held at the rec on the same morning and attracted 100 runners raising £250 for the work of Blue Smile at Histon & Impington Junior School.

Neil Davies

Open Studios

OUR LOCAL ARTISTS PUT ON ONE OF THE BIGGEST SHOWS

Twelve local artists in Histon and Impington are putting on one of the biggest collections of art by any village for the Open Studios Month in Cambridge and around.

You can visit their studios or exhibition space to see, and maybe buy, a wide range of creative work, from paintings, furniture, ceramics, prints and much more.

Open Studios runs from the first weekend in July through to the fourth weekend. Individual artists are open for selected weekends, not all of them open for every weekend - so you need to check the diary below. The standard opening times are 11am till 6pm.

Of course, there are a further 300 or so artists across the city as well as the villages throwing open their studios. Grab a free Cambridge Open Studios catalogue when they appear in our local shops and pubs this month. Or you can go on-line at www.camopenstudios.co.uk to get full details.

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

Below is a list of openings and brief details of the artists.

OPEN FOR FIRST AND SECOND WEEKENDS JULY 1/2 & 8/9

Daniela Stief. One-off handbuilt vases, planters, hanging birds, plates and more. This year also sale of old stock.

3 The Coppice, Impington.

Sarah Vigliotti: Peaceful and evocative images exploring the rural and urban landscape through photography and linocut prints. New garden studio.

13 Shirley Road, Histon.

Roderick O'Reilly. Photography and abstract acrylic painting. I like to work on found images in nature, on discovered effects with materials - the happy surprise.

24 Station Road, Histon

Clare Crouchman. Printmaker and ceramic artist. Hand-produced fine-art prints and contemporary ceramic wall panels. Contemplative work inspired by rhythmical patterns in nature.



The Studio, 14 Shirley Road, Histon.

Sue Smith. Pen and watercolour paintings of

Cambridgeshire, still lifes and animal portraits. Originals, prints and cards.

1 Bell Hill, Histon,

Kay Dodsworth: Textured landscapes, cityscapes in oils; ink and watercolour images from being Artist in Residence with the Fairhaven Singers.

1 Alice Way, (entrance off Normanton Way), Histon.

Pam Hinton: Trying to catch the fragility of flowers and the stability of buildings and everything in between, in line and colour.

1 Alice Way, (entrance off Normanton Way), Histon.

Andrew Goyder. Furniture and chairs in wood. From a home workshop, I make aesthetic, functional furniture in English hardwoods. In particular chairs that combine comfort with elegance

10 The Green, Histon.

OPEN FOR FIRST AND FOURTH WEEKENDS JULY 1/2 & 22/23

Elizabeth Fraser. I work in my garden studio using my letterpress with handset type and linocuts to make prints in small editions. I enjoy exploring text and pattern.

20 Brook Close, Histon.

OPEN FOR SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH WEEKENDS JULY 8/9, 15/16 & 22/23,

Clive Dawson. Acrylic and mixed media - broad bold brushstrokes paint colourful images of animals, local scenes and more in an impressionistic, representational style. Cards etc available.

7 Narrow Close, Histon,



OPEN FOR THE FOURTH WEEKEND ONLY JULY 22/23

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.

For more details click on <http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk>.

Bernard Stewart-Deane

Pump Makeover

A number of members of the Village Society and Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation have been working on a project to restore an old Chivers



agricultural Bamford water pump at the Recreation Ground.

The old pump has been in its present location in the far left hand corner at the bottom of the Rec for over 110 years.



Significant progress on the restoration has taken place on the restoration as shown in the picture.

This followed a successful fundraising campaign led by Neil Davies which included a grant award of £1,283 from the local Co-op Local Community Fund and contributions from the Village Society and Friends of the Rec

Further landscaping work will be carried out and an information board provided which will complete the project.

The objectives of the project are to create a special quiet/reflective area to include:

- restoring the pump to its original state when first erected surrounded by stone slabs
- restoring an old water trough to be placed by the restored pump and plant poppies in the trough to remember those village men who gave their lives in World War One
- plant new oak trees and wild flowers
- provide two benches made from recycled plastic to be located near the restored pump for those wanting to take a seat near the restored pump, and also provide a resting point for those walking around the Recreation Ground.

The total cost of the project is about £3,000 and financial support has been received from the Co-op Local Community Fund project, the Village Society and Friends of the Rec.



The Friends of the Rec have requested assistance from the Feast towards the cost of the two benches.

Neil Davies



The Moses Carter Stone at Risk?

Whilst digging for ballast to help build the railway line around 1846, a huge stone was unearthed. For a bet Moses Carter, aka The Histon Giant, carried the stone from what is now Pease Way to The Boot Corner. This enduring village story is a great example of our local heritage. As most are aware, it is currently in the garden of the Grade II listed Boot, securely fixed in a cement base. However, The Boot is about to undergo major renovation and extension in order to become a French-style Brasserie, as per their recent planning application. The stone’s current location would appear to lie almost along the line of a new wall linking the main Boot building with the new kitchens to be installed in the old Brewhouse. Therefore, it is likely that it will need to be moved and it needs protecting before, during and after the redevelopment.

Many residents, including Society members, are concerned that these major works may cause damage, or worse, to the stone. With the help of Angela Young, at the Parish Council, the Village Society has already written to the Planning Department at South Cambridgeshire District Council asking that they ensure, as far as possible, that all necessary precautions are taken to look after this unique piece of our heritage.

No decision on the application has yet been made. The Senior SCDC Planning Officer, Chris Morgan, has promised to ensure that, if permission is given, it will include the condition that the stone will be protected during construction.

The Society has also written to our three local district councillors asking them to keep a further watching brief.

If you are also concerned, please express these worries directly to SCDC Planning Department.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/> It all helps to ensure that random damage or even disposal does not occur.

Eleanor Whitehead, Your Village Archivist and Historian

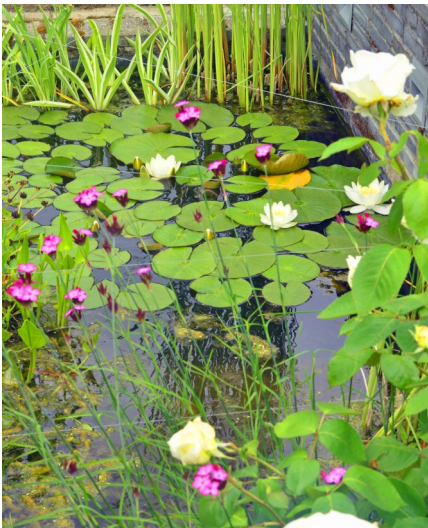


Sunny & Breezy!

As always the preceding week for the Open Gardens is consumed with last minute gardening jobs and anxiety about the weather. In the event, no-one need to have been concerned, as the gardens all looked stunning in the summer sunshine. The only anxiety was whether any of gazebos would take-off in the gusty wind.

Seventeen gardens were open, of which about half were opened for the first time. The attendances were excellent, as were the teas and musical performances. It was lovely to see so many people about the villages, walking or cycling, on a Sunday afternoon.

While It’s too early to provide numbers of attendees or the sum raised, indications based on programmes sales are most encouraging. The Hub on the Green gave our supported charities a chance to raise their profile locally, which generated a good level of interest.



The Marshmallow Strawberry kebabs were a big hit, not least with the Girl Guides who were serving them (unsurprisingly there were none left at the end of the day). The Children’s Trail proved very popular - several parents commented how much



difference it made to their offspring’s level of engagement.

Open Gardens is just the kind of event that makes our villages such a fabulous place to live!

Tim Ewbank



Impington 5K Running Festival

The annual Impington 5k Running Festival attracted a record total number of participants of 531 on Mayday Monday to its range of runs from a 200m toddle to the Impington 5k. The photo features the 130 plus runners eagerly awaiting the 3k start. The event organised by Friends of the Rec raised nearly £1k.



Parish Puzzle

Congratulations to Janet Diplock winner of the Scrumptious Easter Egg donated by Co-Op, Histon

Can you find the missing word, it’s a Summer favourite ice cream flavour

Email your answer to clerk@hisimp.net by Wednesday 19th July for a chance to win a voucher from The Geographer for ice cream for a family of 4

The winner will be announced in the next edition

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For more information on the opportunities and activities below please contact: Jean Newman, Older Person's Co-ordinator: 07772 437789 email: jean.newman7@ntlworld.com or Paul Seekings: 07982 106805 email: paul@seekings07.plus.com

What if you are caring for someone? - planning for emergencies

Carers often feel they don't have time to be ill, but it is essential to plan ahead for the unexpected. If a carer faces an emergency - if they are ill or involved in an accident - they need to know that replacement care will be put in place straight away. This may just involve a family member or a friend stepping in to help, but it's a good idea to arrange professional back-up in addition to family support, in case informal arrangements fall through.

Every carer who has an assessment should be asked about emergency plans. The local council where the person you care for lives has a duty to carry out a needs assessment and emergency planning should form part of this. It will involve a detailed assessment of all the person's care needs and the impact that caring has on the person's family.

If you would like further information or a Carers Assessment please call Carers Trust Cambridgeshire on 0845 241 0954 or 01480 499090 www.carerstrustcambridgeshire.org Email care@carerstrustcambridgeshire.org

Musical Afternoon

An afternoon of entertainment with the children of Histon Junior School followed by tea.

WHEN: Thursday 6th July, 1:45pm to 4:00pm

COST: £3.00 on the door. Tea and cakes included. Raffle.

A Feast event at the Junior School on The Green.

Transport is available, please ring Inger on 232296 or Ann 234045.

Why not try ...

Stroke Survivors Club Monday 11:30–13:30

Monday Club (gentle exercises) 10:00–11:00

Singing Group 2nd & 4th Thursday 14:30–16:00

Tai Chi Tuesday from 10:45; Thursday 11:30–13:30

All at Histon & Impington Recreation Ground Centre

Computer Buddying at Histon Library Thursday 17:00–18:00 (booking required) Tel:0345 045 5225.

Village Shopping Service - door-to-door minibus service to local shops. Contact Paul or Jean for details.

Histon & Impington Parish Council



HISTON AND IMPINGTON COMMUNITY

Could you drive the Community minibus?



The bus is used to take people to shops, doctors' surgery and other trips but we need more drivers. If you can spare some time to help those in the community who are less mobile, please contact Don Kelly at dhkelly55@gmail.com or on 07738 366387 for more information.

Histon Library Opening Hours

Mondays 9am - 1pm

Tuesdays 2pm - 5pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 9am - 5pm

Friday 11am - 7pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

Sunday Closed

On the second Wednesday of each month 2pm - 3.30pm is Engage in the Afternoon, a regular monthly activity for older people with an interesting speaker or topic each month. For more details 0345 045 5225 or email your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Creating an emergency plan

Having a plan in place will give you peace of mind. Your plan should include:

Details of the name and address and any other contact details of the person you look after.

Name and contact details of people to be contacted in an emergency - family, friends or professionals.

List of medication the person takes.

Details and contacts for on-going treatment, regular appointments etc.



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Party at The Palace!

One of our councillors (Josephine Teague) was invited to attend the Afternoon Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. This invitation was made by the Not Forgotten (veterans of the Uniformed Services) and required a person in receipt of a War Pension.



Prince Harry hosted the event. It was a wonderful afternoon with fantastic food and the Royal Engineers Band playing. Various celebrities were spotted amongst the crowd Esther Rantzen, Tony Blackburn and Wayne Sleep amongst others.



Using ICE - ensure the right person is called

In your mobile phone contacts, simply add the word ICE before the names of anyone you would want to be called in an emergency. If you become unwell, the person who finds you can search under 'I' on your mobile and call your emergency contacts. This system is widely recognised by staff working for the emergency services.

If you have a password protected mobile phone, you may need to download an ICE application or put critical information on the lock screen message.

Do you have some spare time?

We are always in need of volunteers to help with our work with older people in the community.

Contact Paul or Jean for details.

Helping others can be so rewarding!



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Youth Club

An opportunity for young people in year groups 7-9 to meet in a safe environment alongside Youth Workers.



We open every Monday from 4.00pm – 5.15pm at The Community Room on The Recreation Ground.

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!

Youth Club will break for the summer holidays and restart on Monday 11th September. We look forward to welcoming the new Year 7s then.



Yoga & Mindfulness for young people

"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

Connections Youth Bus

Visting Oakington every Monday 7-9pm on Queens Way Recreation Ground, including summer holidays. All year 7 upwards welcome to join us for football; games consoles; quizzes; crafts; internet access; and much more.



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 at HI Youth Noticeboard



The Generation Game

The Generation Game team have been busy visiting older people in our community. They ran a very successful Mad Hatter Tea Party at Brackenbury Manor last month. 18 residents enjoyed afternoon tea served by our Generation Game hosts.



Resident Irene said: "The young people certainly showed self-confidence and were a very happy bunch. So glad you came and entertained us. Thank you".



Graffiti is Art!

The first authorised graffiti art workshop took place 13 May at the Guided Busway. A number of young people joined renowned artist Kilo Sinstars for a great opportunity to create their own masterpiece.

Look out for more news soon!



Sarah King has now become the Generation Game contact with Brackenbury Manor and has been busy running Creative Card Making and baking sessions for residents.



The Generation Game will be helping at The Feast

weekend serving Strawberry Cream Teas at The Stable Rooms and selling raffle tickets on the High Street on the Sunday. Please pop along and tell them how fantastic they are and a credit to the community!

As part of Mental Wellbeing Week we will be hosting our next Mad Hatter Tea Party in The Methodist Church. Look out for further details nearer the time.

If you'd like further information about this project, please do get in touch.



The Babysitting Course

We have another 15 babysitters in the local community. They have all completed the 10 week course which discusses how to be a safe and confident babysitter. It also includes basic first aid training.

If you are interested in joining the next course, which will start in September, please send Andrea Cowley an email on address above.

Get Involved

Contact Andrea for further information

Or to register on any of these new opportunities

Histon & Impington Feast

The Histon and Impington Feast Week covers two weekends from 1st July to 9th July

A full programme of events will be in the Feast programme (being sold door to door and available at several village shops) but two are highlighted below.

Rounders Competition Thursday July 6th

This was a regular Feast event for many years but lapsed. It is back! There will be both adults and junior competitions. Local teams from clubs, streets and groups of friends are being recruited for this returning event. Lack of other sporting prowess has not been in the past any barrier to success in this village competition.

Teams must be registered ahead of the day - for any enquiries call Neil Davies.

Feast Big Band concert on The Green Friday 7th July 7pm

The fifteen piece 78 RPM Big Band led by Band leader Julian Landymore have twice played at the Feast in 2013 and in 2015 on both occasions going down 'a storm' playing a varied two set to the five hundred strong audiences on two glorious summer Saturday evenings. All on the "Green Stage".

The Feast Committee are thrilled they will return to the same venue on Friday 7th July and we are promised more of the same great music.

There will be a Hog Roast and licensed bar on The Green.

The costs of organising the concert are around £2,000 and it is important that event costs are recovered so the Feast Committee does ask that everyone who attends kindly makes the requested entrance donation please.

As we all know, English summer weather cannot be guaranteed and to ensure that village residents are still able to experience the Big Band night if the weather is unkind, St Andrew's Centre will be used as a wet weather contingency venue.

A musical afternoon is also planned for older village residents, see the programme for details.

The Feast Committee are grateful for sponsorship from Tucker Gardner and Thomson Webb & Corfield. The grants the committee are able to make to local groups comes from the sales of the programme. The Feast Committee website indicates how interested groups can apply for funding.

Neil Davies



Feast Festival Sunday July 2nd

The High Street will be closed from The St Andrews Centre to the Green for the people of both villages to meet, enjoy, see, listen and be part of this special occasion. Steve Cox and Neil Davies have spearheaded efforts taken to make this happen.

This Festival takes place every two years, so it is worth coming and joining the expected majority of the village

(see photo from 2015) in the fun filled afternoon for all the family. It is a long time to the next such opportunity, so it is best to be there from midday till 4 o'clock.

Attractions include:

- ♦ 2 music stages
- ♦ Dance displays
- ♦ Display of vintage (1900) era cycles with period dressed riders (2.15 pm)
- ♦ Crazy golf in the High street
- ♦ Large Scalextrix layout in STAC
- ♦ History talk by Mike Petty (2.00 pm) in the Library
- ♦ Revised and much improved "Little Histon" working railway model of the Station in STAC
- ♦ Planetarium at the Junior School

More "surprises" are promised!

As well as the attractions there will be many stalls lining the High Street showcasing in many cases what is good about our two villages, including:

- ♦ Information about local groups and activities
- ♦ Sales of craft items and plants
- ♦ Food!
- ♦ Stalls—opportunities to meet new people

One stall (run by the Parish Council - sponsors of the road closure for this event) will highlight emerging ideas for our Neighbourhood Plan, and propose consideration of a Timebanking programme in the villages.

Many thanks for the Feast Committee for organising this special event.

Brian Ing



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If you have any events you need to promote in our quarterly newsletter let the editors know full details at:

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Whyatts Fun Fair on The Green - 30th June - 4th July

HICOP (Community Orchard) Feast Event - 1st July

Feast Week - 1st - 9th July. Please support by buying your Feast Programme on sale now!

Open Studios - 1st - 23rd July

Feast Festival on the High Street - 2nd July

The Green Big Band Night - 7th July

Artisan Market on The Green - 15th July

Strawberry 50 Cycling Extravaganza - 3rd September

Red Lion Beer Festival - 4th - 8th September

Village Society Programme Autumn 2017

Duncan Mackay: The History of Mackays - 26th September

Richard Fletcher: How Bill Tutte won the war: the Bletchley Park code breakers - 31st October

Prof. Mick McCarthy: The history of Cambridgeshire accents and dialects - 28th November



Council & Committee Meetings

See website for details: www.hisimp.net

Full Council - Next meeting Monday 17th July 2017. There is not normally an August meeting

Planning - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 27th June, 18th July, 8th August, 5th September 2017

Highways - Parish Office 7.30pm—Thursday 14th September 2017

Finance, Legal & Administration - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 10th July 2017

Environment - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 4th July 2017

Recreation - Recreation Centre, 7.30 p.m. - Monday 31st July 2017

Residents are welcome to attend all Council meetings

At Full Council there is a standing agenda item for Public Participation

Groups are in place which report to Committees or Full Council