

## The Newsletter of Histon & Impington Parish Council



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### The Pyrotechnician's Tale - Help light up the Village!

This year's Fireworks Extravaganza will be on Saturday 4th November, at Impington Village College, gates open 6pm, display from 7pm. There.... that's all the key information communicated, now for something more interesting.

We're blessed with community events that mark the year... the Feast, Open Gardens, the Flaming June and Bonfire Burn runs, the Beer Festival and Carols on the Green to name but a few. Each has its own group of volunteers and the Fireworks Extravaganza is no exception. So how did I get involved?

Well, I remember as a child being enthralled by our local display....not just the colours, light and sounds, but also those mysterious shadowy figures who wandered around the field lighting fireworks, and who, presumably, controlled the whole show.

Several decades later, I found myself sitting in an Infant School PTA meeting when someone suggested I could be the "Infants rep" for the fireworks. So, the next evening I went down to the Red Lion, met with a remarkable group of people who organise the Extravaganza in our village and from then on, I was hooked. The team do a fantastic promotion job with posters, road signs, newspaper articles, school newsletters, and local TV....we appeared on Cambridge TV last year....don't tell me you missed it. And our local shops do a great job selling tickets in advance.

We work closely with Essex Pyrotechnics, who not only sell fireworks, but import and manufacture them too. This means that when we ask for a 'special', they'll do their best to provide it from their factory near Cambridge.

The day itself is a hectic one. We work in pairs securing the site, with each person setting up their own fireworks. Some are straight forward – a box on the ground. Some are a bit more complicated. Catherine wheels need a post and others need a combination of posts, weights, string and a good deal of effort. Then there is the beacon....it needs four people to lift it onto its pole!



Firing is thrilling, exhilarating, controlled and planned. Some are fired electronically from a laptop but we still do things the old-fashioned way....light the fuse, turn, walk smartly away, and then admire the result. With up to six of us on the field there is always a lot of action. It's a cliché, but safety really is our number one priority.

The end comes all too quickly. We set off our last, biggest fireworks, and then stand in front of the audience, listening to the cheers and taking a bow, knowing that no-one can see us. We are those mysterious shadowy figures, and we've just delivered another successful Histon and Impington Fireworks Extravaganza.

The event relies on a huge number of volunteers, first aiders, marshals, ticket sellers, food sellers, car parkers, novelty sellers, MCs, litter pickers and clear-uppers. We're lucky in the village that so many people are willing to step up and do this. Please do volunteer if you can....you'll enjoy yourself.



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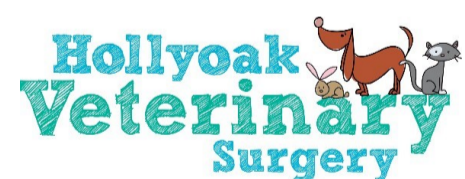
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I'd also like to thank our sponsors. At the time of writing, it is still early in the planning, but so far Redmayne Arnold & Harris Estate Agents (lead sponsor), The Red Lion, Panther Taxis, Limetree Financial Services, Daisy Chain, Brookfield Groundcare and Cambridge Stove Installations have all confirmed. Longhorn Farmshop is running the hog roast this year.

All surplus money from the event goes to local good causes. The majority goes to the PTAs of our three village schools with smaller donations going to organisations that help such as the Scouts, ATC, Choir 2000 and the Royal British Legion. Thousands have been raised over the years.

So, I hope that gives you some feel for how the Fireworks Extravaganza is organised. The organisers all hope you enjoy the show, and please feel free to contact me if you want to find out more, or want to get involved.

*Dan Mace*



Hollyoak Vets have raised £65.00 this quarter, thank you for your support!

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



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## Mental Health Wellbeing

### Fundraising

This month, The Red Lion Pub beer festival generously donated £4000 to Histon & Impington Community (HICOM). They are passionate about helping us promote mental wellbeing, reduce mental health stigma and provide support for people finding it hard to access services.



In many ways, pubs can be seen as the heart of a community, a place where people can connect, share stories and feel they are supported. We are extremely grateful for their support.

Photographed (L-R) with Dave Thompson, Stuart Marshall, Annabell Webb and Roger Tattersall.

### Mental Wellbeing Week

During 7th -14th October, we will be running our second Mental Wellbeing Week with activities for all ages. Festivities begin on Saturday 7th with Ceilidh at the Junior school where there will be a raffle and some brilliant prizes.

On Tuesday 10th from 10am Jean Newman will be running an advice drop-in session for older people at the Methodist Church, this will include information from organisations such as Dementia Friends. 'Any Questions' returns this year at St Andrew's Centre on Thursday 12th at 7.30pm with a panel of experts including Lucy Frazer MP and Steve Mallen from the MindEd Trust.

The week will end Saturday 14th with a jazzy concert by the CBreezes and Jazzitation; join us at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Centre where we hope to raise funds for the role of Wellbeing Champion.

The full up-to-date programme can be found on our website [www.himw.co.uk](http://www.himw.co.uk) and our paper version will be delivered to your homes in September.

### An Invitation from our Mental Wellbeing Champion

I will be holding regular drop-in sessions in the village; this is a chance for us to meet, get to know one another better and for me to find out what you need. There will be lots of resources and information about sources of support.

Open to all - 25th September and 9th October 9.30 - 11am

St Andrew's Centre For Parents - 10th October 8.30 - 9.30am Histon Junior School

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](mailto:annabell.webb@hicom.org.uk).

## Traffic Impact of Development - A Local Case

With so much development going on in the villages and Cambridge generally, it is interesting to consider how much local traffic it generates. This article looks at the example of a single house which was built in 2016.

As the architectural practice who advised on the build was local to the village, they were able to walk to site meetings. One of the site labourers cycled from Chesterton daily, generating 175 journeys in total. By far the largest component were the journeys of the numerous trades (bricklayer, electrician, plumber, plasterer etc); there were 1,294 mostly in "white vans".

In addition, there were all the materials, which were delivered by a continuous stream of lorries and specialist vehicles, totalling 283 journeys arriving on site, including 76 skips removing unwanted material. By far the largest vehicle, which came from Doncaster, was the pile augur.

As every arrival on site requires an exit, the build generated more than 3,100 vehicular journeys through our villages over the course of the year (which averages about 14 per day through the working week, both white vans & lorries).

In terms of the economic impact on the village, the findings were surprising. None of the tradesmen actually lived in the village, although the majority came from within 15 miles. The local garage was the largest single beneficiary as at least three vans filled up there every week. Perhaps more predictably, Barker's Bakery enjoyed a distinct spike in trade in bacon rolls. Slightly further afield, the Travelodge at Bar Hill and Orchard Park were the preferred overnight venue for tradesmen who came from further afield and needed to stay overnight.

As the development of the village continues over the next few years, we need to be aware of the volume of additional traffic that will inevitably be generated.

Tim Ewbank



Feast 2017

They say that the sun shines on the righteous. Well, if that’s the case, Feast Week this year was blessed and not just by the weather. The Feast Festival itself was the best ever. I was lucky to witness the transformation from sleepy Sunday morning street to a vibrant, energetic, crowded festival that united the residents of our villages. By 5pm the High Street was empty again! Similarly, the Green was transformed the following Friday night, where on a balmy evening, the Big Band concert was enjoyed by hundreds of people, yet the stage and music were gone by 11pm.

The nature of these events means that they are intense but hopefully memorable. I haven’t forgotten the generosity of our sponsors, stall holders, local organisations, residents and everyone who attended and organised Feast Week events. Feast Week aims to raise money, as well as providing community events, and in this we’ve also been successful. We were incredibly lucky to receive a donation for Feast Charities from Open Gardens this year and the Parish Council paid for the festival road closure; huge thanks to both organisations. Combined with income from Feast Magazine sales, fundraising events such as the Cream Teas, Musical Afternoon and Historical Walk, I’m



pleased to announce over £5000 was raised for local charities. We will be presenting the cheques

to our beneficiaries on 5th October, 8pm at the King Bill. We’re also hoping to recruit some committee members and anyone who would like to help organise next year’s events. Being on the Feast Committee does not involve onerous meetings - we just want to get things organised. If you were inspired by the response of the community to Feast Week this year and can offer some of your time or expertise to the Feast, please come along. We look forward to meeting you!



Steve Cox



Print-Out celebrates its Ruby Anniversary

PRINT-OUT has been in its present premises for 40 years, but before that was originally trading as Cambsprint from a tiny office behind Monteith’s Electrical shop at 9 High Street, Histon. In 1977 they moved to their current location which started off just as a brick shell. It was fitted out using local craftsmen, the shop front being manufactured by Unwins Joinery who used to be in Station Road.

Starting out as a hobby (which has got a little bit out of hand) Mike and Jean Johnson have built the business, going through the many changes and challenges in the printing industry, from litho printing to the latest digital presses, always striving to keep ahead of technology.

Although it was hitherto unheard of to install Heidelberg printing presses in a high street shop, Print-Out have always resisted working from an industrial unit, preferring instead to meet and serve their customers from a pleasant village environment and being part of the community. Having said that, with today’s technology, work also now comes from many parts of the country and as far afield as the USA and Australia.

Today, they are able to print virtually anything from business cards to large architectural plans and banners.

They have long-standing loyal staff who have become part of the Print-Out family, and In the past, Jean’s mother worked in the shop for many years.

When asked about retirement, Mike said “What’s that?!”

Eleanor Whitehead



Left to Right: Jim Reader, Mike Johnson, Jean Johnson, Steve Simons

Bonfire Burn-5th November

One of the largest sporting events in South Cambridgeshire returns to the village with the seventh running of the Bonfire Burn 10k on Sunday 5th November.

The 10k run again features a route including the Guided Busway and the Cambridge Science Park.

The Bonfire Burn is a charitable event and it is hoped that nearly 1000 runners will participate (931 runners ran in 2016). The run is also a home event for HI Runners the flourishing village running club formed in 2014.

The event, devised by race director Neil Davies in 2011, follows a multi terrain route from Impington, along the Guided Busway cycleway to the Cambridge Science Park, through the Park to Milton Road, before returning to the Bus cycleway back to Cambridge Regional College. The route then proceeds into the country along the ancient Mereway bridleway, returning to Impington and the finish at the village recreation ground.



Neil enthuses on how the run has developed; “The Bonfire Burn is a village community running event which seemed to catch the imagination of runners immediately it was launched in 2011, with many runners now returning year after year. We are really keen to encourage younger runners to take part and the minimum age is 14”.

New for 2017 is an over 60s age category and a new, improved, specially designed medal for all finishers.

Online race registration is available at; [www.bonfireburn10k.co.uk](http://www.bonfireburn10k.co.uk)

The entry fees are £15 for adults, and £6 for Under 18s (the minimum age for entry is 14).

Organised and staffed entirely by volunteers, the event is sponsored by Impington Sports Centre, Progress Spire Impington, Tucker Gardner and Advance Performance.

The event is being organised by Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation, a charity that fundraises to improve leisure and sporting facilities, and provide sports and exercise activities for all ages on the village Recreation Ground.

Event information is also available from Neil 01223 232514.

Your HI

It seems to have taken forever. We’ve been talking about the Neighbourhood Plan for some time now but it’s easy to think that we’ve made little progress. Fortunately that’s not true. Following the big survey of last summer the Neighbourhood Plan team has made good progress translating what the community has said into a set of planning conditions which are what the Neighbourhood Plan is all about.

Because that is what a Neighbourhood Plan is – a set of planning conditions which set the rules for land use in the future. If these rules are followed by developers, and they are material planning conditions which must be followed, then development will follow which responds to the priorities this community has articulated.

Our Neighbourhood Plan has not been easy to develop because (a) there’s no single big issue which the community must address, and (b) our community is tightly bounded by Green Belt which limits development options. The survey told us that the Green Belt is valued but it also told us that we need to provide more affordable housing and that perhaps some development for that might be allowed.

The result has been a plan that allows redevelopment of existing sites as long as this protects jobs, retail in the High Street and elsewhere, and public open space. It also lays down strict rules for any housing development: this must be compact, sustainable and consistent with our community ethos.

Following a public workshop early in September, the draft Neighbourhood Plan is now online at [www.hiplan.net](http://www.hiplan.net). We will be using feedback from the workshop and subsequently to refine this before consulting on it at the end of the year. Then it will go into South Cambs’ District Council’s hands before a final referendum by the middle of next year.

David Jenkins



Histon Library News

The Knitting and Craft group meet once a month on the Second Monday in the library, from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Bring along your crafts, be inspired by ideas and see if others can sort your ‘knotty’ problems.

Our next meeting is 9th October when we will make Christmas decorations.

Everyone welcome. There is a small charge for drink and biscuits.

For information telephone 0345 045 5225  
Glynis Pilbeam

Your Parish Councillors - What do they do?

Your Parish Councillors do not just attend meetings. This is the first of a series of articles on extracurricular activities in our community!

Weeding in the Community - Led by Cllr Cedric Foster

Following the successful Road Adoption scheme that has over 100 members, a few of us have got together to weed and remove a build-up of leaves, debris etc. from our road gutters.

A small team met for the first time on Friday 25th August to tackle the build-up on the school approach road to the Junior School. This is an area that becomes flooded at times due to debris stopping the water from reaching the road gullies.

We plan to meet periodically to tackle a particular area and it is planned to target New School Road in September. It is thought that an hour each time we meet is sufficient to tackle one particular area if there are enough volunteers.



We are seeking more volunteers and if you would like to join our friendly group, please contact me. It is good fun and very satisfying!

Councillor Cedric Foster  
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Police News

Between 10th May - 10th Sep 2017, we have had 289 crimes reported to Cambridgeshire Constabulary from residents and businesses within the villages.



I have included a list of relevant crimes for Histon, Impington and Orchard Park and a table comparing ASB, incidents and crimes with the whole of South Cambridgeshire.

The crimes relate to burglaries, thefts, criminal damage, shoplifting, assaults, threats, harassment, racially aggravated, stalking, possession of controlled drugs and, fraud.

Incidents/ Crimes	Histon, Impington & OP	South Cambs
Incidents	581	9460
Non-crime investigation	1	10
Crimes	289	1072

For more good work stories and crime prevention advice please check our blog [southcambscops.org/](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](mailto:bujar.mani@cambs.pnn.police.uk) or call 101 and ask to be put through to my extension: 7113152

PCSO 7009 Bujar Mani

Cheerio—Area Commander Final Update

I have recently received a promotion to Temporary Superintendent and will be leaving to take up a new role in our Control Centre. Thank you all for the incredible support that you have given your local policing team and me over the last four years. In that time we have:

- worked with you to reduce crime through Operations like Op Hunter and Op Oaklands.
- helped drive modern day slavery out of South Cambs with our award winning Anti-Slavery Summit and proactive operations at car washes.
- introduced new ways for you to engage and help us
- launched Speed Watch Teams

The new commander will be Superintendent Jon Hutch; however my Deputy-Inspector will remain in post for the time being to ensure a smooth transition and that you don't notice any change to the service you receive. It has been a privilege to serve South Cambs for these last four years and I leave knowing you will continue to be served by some of the most professional and compassionate police officers you could hope for.

Chief Inspector James Sutherland

## Impington Village College

### Another Wonderful Year...

Under its new(ish!) Principal, Ryan Kelsall, IVC continues to go from strength to strength with 2017 proving to match the successes of 2016.

All secondary schools await August with bated breath. It is the time when GCSE and A Level results are released. Teachers and associate staff will have spent all those years working with the young people, for whom the grades achieved will define their progression to further education or employment and remain with them throughout their lives. It really is a big deal for all involved.

In 2016, IVC finally achieved its expected potential with stunning GCSE outcomes and it was placed in the top 3% of schools nationally for Progress 8 (the measure now used to gauge the progress by each student from the time they joined the school aged 11 by comparing them to every student with similar 'prior attainment'). Although the Progress 8 outcomes for 2017 are yet to be released by the DfE, the indications from the actual results are that IVC has matched 2016's successes. This is a tremendous outcome for the students (and staff!) who all worked hard to achieve so well. There are new GCSEs in English and Maths and the outcomes in these were particularly pleasing. For example, 14% of the cohort achieved the new grade 9 (in comparison to 3% nationally) - a stunning achievement for *any* school, but especially so for a school that is so comprehensive and inclusive in terms of its intake. Indeed 40% of all grades were at A or A\* (or the new equivalent).

IVC is equally proud of its achievements with those students whose starting point in college was relatively lower in comparison. For these students gaining two or three GCSEs with supporting Entry Level qualifications is a tremendous success. Supported by excellent IB results (which come out in July) and A Level outcomes that were a real credit to the relatively small cohort, all this underlines the strengths of IVC.

It was therefore a great honour that the Real Schools Guide for 2017 placed IVC at the top of all secondaries for Cambridgeshire. This guide uses 50 data points for its analysis (and therefore reflects much more than just academic results). It is surely of real comfort for the village to know that the best of the best schools across the region is just on its doorstep.

This recognition of the strengths of IVC was further enhanced when it was successful in its application to establish what's called a 'teaching school alliance'. A teaching school is one that is recognised not just for its strengths with its students, but also for the work it does with developing teachers. IVC

will be granted additional funding to enable it to work in partnership with other schools to ensure education in Cambridgeshire gets even better.

Towards the end of 2015, the governors at IVC decided that it would be in the best interests of the college and its community to establish a multi-academy trust, so it could grow an organisation that might work with other like-minded schools. The Morris Education Trust (MET) was (legally) established in October 2016 and in April, Witchford Village College joined as well as the DfE granted approval for The Cavendish School, a (new) special free school for children with autism spectrum condition.

We are still in discussions with the DfE about the preferred site but it is increasingly likely to be built on the site at Impington, probably adjacent to what is known as 'K Block' (the area at the end of Park Drive). Fortnightly planning meetings are taking place with the civil servants overseeing the project and we hope to be able to open for September 2019.

So it's already been a very busy (but highly satisfying) year and all involved with IVC and MET are deeply appreciative of the support we receive from those in and around the community.

*Robert Campbell, CEO, Morris Education*



## Facelift for Big Ben's Baby Brother

Residents of Church Street, Histon and environs might have noticed that the St Andrew's Church clock ceased to chime during early September. On inspection the tower sported blue discs where the faces should have been. We need not have feared. The

faces and hands of St Andrew's clock have been lovingly painted and regilded using 23.25 carat gold by Michael Collingwood and Robin Taylor. Last done 50 years ago, it is just one of many church fabric upgrading projects currently being undertaken.

*Eleanor Whitehead*



## A Beacon of Fun Learning

Many parents may relate to the most commonly asked question by customers of Lighthouse Toys:

*My children are going to a birthday*



*party tomorrow of a boy/girl aged x; what toys would you recommend?*

While Tim & Sam Broad are well able to provide suggestions, after a few probing supplementary questions, this is not their main area of expertise. Since its inception thirteen years ago, there has always been a strong educational theme to their shop. To that extent they are not a typical high street toy shop, more of a niche player offering specialist advice. Their mantra has been "learning through play" which emphasises the importance of the parental role in supplementing classroom learning. Sam's background as a primary school teacher who specialised in special needs and Tim's years as an engineer influence the selection of toys. Each toy has an educational value - if you want to know more about any particular toy, just ask. Consequently the shop is known throughout the region - from King's Lynn to Saffron Walden and Newmarket to Huntingdon and Peterborough.

As an independent business, it does not try to compete with price promotions offered by the leading online toy retailers on their top selling items, who have massive advantages of scale. However, on individual items they may well be comparable. But then, it does not see itself as a commodity business; the owners much prefer to be able to advise customers on toys to suit their child's aptitudes.

An interesting new theme that is easily visible in the shop is the focus on toys for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths). Anyone buying for children who have an interest in making things or in finding out how the world works, may well find something to catch their attention. Lighthouse Toys have sold STEM toys to some primary and secondary schools as well as universities across the UK.

However, the business is highly dependent on local footfall (although they also have an online offering at [www.lighthousetoys.co.uk](http://www.lighthousetoys.co.uk)). The closure of the road to Girton for more than six months while the Guided Busway was being constructed dramatically demonstrated the impact of reduced footfall on the High Street, to the point of jeopardising its existence. To this day, the moral of the story remains "use it or lose it", which applies to all shops along our High Street.

*Tim Ewbank*

# Record attendance at Open Gardens 2017

We had the largest number of garden visits ever for this year’s open gardens event in June; almost 8,500 distributed among the 17 gardens plus Community Orchard.



The event raised over £5,600 which has been distributed between Histon & Impington Feast and three other charities:

**Camsight** works with blind and partially sighted people of all ages in Cambridgeshire.

**The Cogwheel Trust** provides counselling and psychotherapy support for people in Cambridgeshire.

**WaterAid** is an international charity that transforms lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation

Tim Ewbank



## Gardening Club

The programme for the coming Autumn and Winter meetings is shown below. If you are interested in joining, please come along to the meetings or contact Anna Roberts on 01223 233469. If there is a particular topic that interests you, come as a visitor (visitor fee £2.50) and see what the Club is all about. You will probably meet several people you already know and have a chat over tea or coffee served at the end of the meeting.

You can also visit our web page, [histimpgardenclub.wordpress.com](http://histimpgardenclub.wordpress.com) for a wealth of information about our activities.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month between September and May, with outings in June and July (to be arranged). We meet at the Methodist Church on the High Street in Histon; meetings starting at 7.30pm.

10th October 2017: Pippa and Steve Temple: 'Impington Windmill and its Gardens'

14th November 2017: Sandra Barker: 'The Wonderful World of Willow'

12th December 2017: David Holmes: 'Garden Garlands' and Drinks and Nibbles

Ian Copeland

## Plans and Planning

Bishops, Station, Station Yard

These have passed through the Parish Council's Planning Committee but are yet to get to South Cambs District Council's - where the final decision will be taken. We understand that SCDC officers are still discussing some details of the applications. They may get to October's meeting, but there is no more that can be reported.

The Boot, Histon

Has been granted Planning Permission for the White Brasserie restaurant; works are already underway on this exciting venture!

New School, Buxhall Farm

Please find below a statement affirming the County Council's position in relation to delivery of a school on the Buxhall Farm site:

*"The County Council remains committed to delivery of the required additional Primary Education provision in Histon & Impington, as outlined in the Children and Young People's Committee Paper of 24th January 2017. The planning application for the Junior School site has been submitted and is expected to be considered by the Council's Planning Committee in due course. This is phase one of a two-phase project.*

*The Council recognises Buxhall Farm is a complex and sensitive site within the village. Detailed discussions with planners to understand the constraints and expectations for delivery of a school on this site are underway. There will be further public consultation on the design proposals in due course."*

Denis Payne, Chair of Planning



## Apple Juicing Day

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
10.30 – 14.30

Histon and Impington Community Orchard (HICOP)  
Rear of Manor Park and Somerset Road, Histon

Bring along your surplus apples and turn them into delicious juice using our hand presses.

All equipment provided on site but additional knives and chopping boards are always useful. Don't forget to bring some clean bottles if you want to take your juice home.

Free to all and everyone welcome, especially children!

All donations gratefully received.

[www.hicop.info](http://www.hicop.info)

## Stop press ... from your Highways Correspondent ...

You may have noticed that over the schools' summer holidays, some work was done to improve the area around the Baptist Church area, which interestingly used to be known as 'Impington Green', matching Histon's, nearby.

The improvements have focussed around making it safer for all, slowing traffic using Station Road, making it easier for pedestrians to cross while also improving the aesthetics (and some drainage issues that came up). As it is on a bus route there have been constraints on design. Echoing its historic status, this is an important area of the villages, being near the Early Years Centre and the Infant School as well as on the route of many moving round the villages and indeed the Church itself.

This work is part of a scheme which has been years in the planning due to the vagaries of securing funding; and the original plans were more ambitious but had to be tailored to the budget available.

Putting in place Traffic Management (temporary traffic lights, cones etc) can turn into a large part

of a Highways budget and so the decision was made, in order to avoid potentially 4-way lights affecting the B1049, to close off a short bit of Station Road during the schools' summer holidays to minimise disruption.

During the work, it was noticed that the new kerbline would remove a section of dropped kerb for crossing to the War Memorial; working with the County Council and the contractor, we were able to get this replaced, up to modern standard (tactile surface) and in a safer place.

The Parish Council's Highways Committee is hoping to apply for funding for a further tranche of work in the area improving the parking and bus stop provision which was beyond the budget of the current scheme.



David Legge, Chair of Highways

## Archaeology Group (HIAG)

Since the last edition, the group has held three more test pit weekends, focussing on the north west of Histon. Nine test pits in total were excavated during the summer at sites in domestic gardens and at Abbey Farm. Although no evidence of earlier structures or other notable features were identified in the pits, approximately 230 pottery sherds were recovered, of which we think approximately 70% are medieval or earlier. A single pit in Normanton Way towards the northern limit of the village produced a third of the medieval pottery total, and was something of a surprise as it was beyond the northern limit of what we believed to be the core of the original Histon village settlement around the manor and churches. More work will be needed to investigate and understand this apparent anomaly.



Co-operation between HIAG and other local archaeology groups is increasing. Members from CamDig based in Chesterton recently came to Histon to dig a test pit. Members from HIAG joined in a test pit weekend hosted by Longstanton and District Heritage Society; this aimed to complement and relate to the large scale commercial archaeology currently taking place on the site of the new town of Northstowe by excavations just to the west, in the existing village of Longstanton.

Another series of evening talks and events has been arranged:

At Histon Baptist Church on 9th October at 7.30pm, Craig Cessford of Cambridge Archaeological Unit will talk on “The origins and development of medieval Cambridge and the nearby villages”.

In addition to further talks into the New Year we are planning two drop-in open evenings and exhibitions at Histon Baptist Church on 12th and 19th Feb at 7-9pm. These will focus on recent archaeological discoveries in Histon and Impington and the surrounding area, and showcase our plans for future excavations. One objective is to excavate more test pits in Impington, which is currently under-represented in our series.

Visit our website  
[hiarchaeology.wordpress.com](http://hiarchaeology.wordpress.com) for more  
information, latest news, and to get involved.

*Rob Noble*

## LEST WE FORGET - Update on 2018 Commemorations

As the end of 1917 approached, Histon and Impington mourned 24 men and boys. Now any fit man under 50 could be conscripted. The mud and slaughter of Arras and Passchendaele was taking its toll. The home population faced food, fuel and labour shortages. Inflation was running at 25% and taxes were rising. All dreaded another winter, for the winters of this war had been exceedingly grim.



In the November of 1917 no one really dared hope that within a year the Armistice would be signed, but on the 11th hour 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, signed it was. There are several projects planned to commemorate the ceasing of hostilities during November 2018. The Village Society hopes to prepare an updated Roll of Honour containing the names of all who served, in whatever capacity. A 'H&I Voices of WWI' performance will take place at the St Andrew's Centre. Jane Gilmour and Brian Ing are looking into purchasing a memorial bench. Dan Mace, together with help from IVC, hopes to erect flags in each street where residents served. Finally, a WI work party is manufacturing poppies made from recycled plastic bottles to represent each of the 385 veterans confirmed so far.

One-off help from other residents with any of these projects would be much appreciated - please ring co-ordinator Eleanor Whitehead on 01223 234502.

Histon & Impington  
Mental Wellbeing Week

**Ceilidh**  
with the  
**Stomp Happy Tribe**

— These boots were made for stomping —

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
**7:30pm to 10:30 pm**  
**Histon Junior School Hall**



**Adult Tickets: £10**  
**Under 18s: £5**

**Available from 1st August at**  
**Saint Andrew's Café, Daisy Chain**  
**Neil Davies 01223 232514**

**Concert Info**  
[www.himw.org.uk](http://www.himw.org.uk)

**Organised by Histon & Impington Community (HICOM)**  
**charity number 1069042**


**All funds raised to the project for**

 **Mental Wellbeing**

## Hope Alive Tour

After 12 months of preparation **The Hope Alive Tour** started on April 1st. It's a charity challenge like no other. Treading in the footprints of the great anti-slavery campaigner William Wilberforce, it involved 12 runners, and a support crew, on an incredible 576-mile adventure run in relay, across four days and two continents.

The Tour began in Wilberforce's birthplace, Hull, and touched down in some of the key cities in the anti-slavery movement, including Liverpool, a historic centre of the slave trade, and Freetown, Sierra Leone, where



abolitionists established one of the first colonies for freed slaves. Here the team met the children, and provided some practical help at the centre.

The weather in the UK was kind to us, with very little rain, which was greatly appreciated by all the runners. Night time running along rural roads was particularly enjoyable. Arriving in Histon at 8am April 2nd, we were greeted by friends, family and the High Commissioner from Sierra Leone and some of his staff. His Excellency, who is ambassador to seven other European countries, had been incredibly supportive of the Tour. Standing behind the bar in the King Bill, he was tempted to pull a pint but opted to give a brief speech confirming he was sending out to Sierra Leone the Head of Chancery Alan Logan to meet us in Freetown and take part in the run! From the King Bill, we ran into Cambridge through St John's College to Ridley Hall; then began the long enjoyable run north to the City of Liverpool. Everywhere, we received a wonderful welcome and St James Church put on a fantastic spread and made us most welcome. We arrived at the Sierra Leone High Commission in central London, once again greeted by the High Commissioner.

The following day we flew out to Lungi International Airport, arriving at 4.05am on Thursday, where we were met by the Mayor of Freetown and a heatwave! With a police and military escort we set off on the last leg of the run. Joined by a group of elite Sierra Leone athletes we started the 26 mile run with a 6 mile climb, uphill all the way! The support along the way was fantastic.

Finally we arrived at Heaven Homes, greeted by the children. Despite one or two injuries we had collectively completed the Tour.

*Michael Scott*

## Strawberry 50

The Strawberry 50 bicycle event (a ride not a race) attracted record participants of 803 (44% more than last year) on Sunday September 3rd.

The shortest ride for families together attracted 280 who went up the guideway to Swavesey, participated in the fun and games there, and returned to the recreation ground. The way had some conventional markers but most impressive were special ones contributed by Helena Perry from the village (see photo).

The middle distance ride of 28 miles was ridden by 142, including the dog passenger. The 55 mile ride was successfully completed by 381 cyclists, of whom about a third started from Gamlingay Ecohub (a first time for this event).

Refreshments were available at the Rec, at Gamlingay and also at Barrington and Little Eversden. The Rec had stalls for bicycle check-ups and demos (including e-bikes) from Rutlands in the village, and massage facilities.



A notable addition this year was the involvement of Power2Inspire

with a stall, demonstrations of specially adapted bikes for those with different needs and their participation in the event. This group's involvement with future events is eagerly anticipated.

The event was organised jointly by the Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation and the Histon and Impington Bicycle Club, with the hard work of some seventy volunteers. The fourth Strawberry 50 is planned for the first Sunday in September 2018.

Brian Ing



## Faith and Football Enterprise Challenge

When we first heard about the Faith and Football Challenge we were all intrigued; it was a chance to experience a business and help a charity at the same time. Once we formed our group, the excitement continued. We met every Friday lunchtime with Moya Thompson from Histon, who helped us with the process and gave us advice on how to improve, to go through what we were doing and how we'd raise money for the charity.

By doing this challenge, we made memories that we'll always keep, as well as overcoming challenges we never thought we could. These included meeting strict deadlines, documenting EVERYTHING, and ensuring that each marketing day ran smoothly. What helped us get through it all was the reminder that all the money we were raising was going to charity, and we didn't even need to do anything that we found boring!

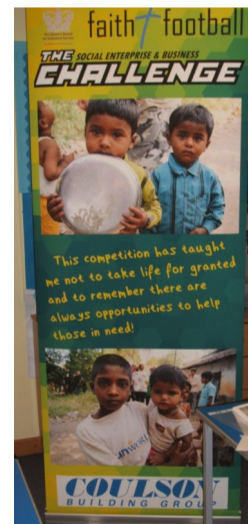
During this challenge, we have learnt a lot about business, and many of the skills we used are very important for school and for work later on. Before this challenge, we had no idea how businesses worked but, over the last five months, we have had the experience of what that is like. More importantly, we have learnt lots of important life skills, that teamwork is really crucial and how to communicate properly so all of the work is spread evenly. We also have learnt to cope with stress and getting a little frustrated with one another!

These last months have been very busy and crazy, but through it all we have learnt lots about ourselves and bonded together as a team. Which is why we would recommend this challenge to younger years to do once they reach Year 9. The only downside is having to give up one lunchtime a week, but you gain so much in return! This opportunity is one we are all glad not to have passed up, and the experience is one we will never forget!

Emily Bowen and Esther Morris, St Bede's

*Faith and Football work in St Bede's, St Mary's and Comberton Village College and currently all the business mentors are based in Histon and Impington. If you want to be a support to young people and want to know more about the Faith and Football Enterprise Challenge contact Michael Scott 07851 287579 or [michael@michaelscottassociates.co.uk](mailto:michael@michaelscottassociates.co.uk)*

Michael Scott



## Finance Consultation

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the Parish Council Finance Consultation. At the end of the day 186 people did so - and have provided a rich amount of information for Council to consider.

Some people raised specific points and suggestions, and we'll get back to you on those as soon as possible.

The results will be discussed at the next meeting of our Finance, Legal and Admin Committee, and a report prepared for the next Full Council meeting. At that point it will be shared with those who left their email addresses.

## Histon Handmade: contemporary design and craft fair

Saturday 25th November 2017 12-7pm

St Andrew's Centre, Histon

It's back! Histon Handmade is holding its third event on Saturday 25th November featuring the work of no fewer than 23 local designers/makers.

Alongside jewellery from founder Claire Howieson (Oakington), the event will showcase prints and cards from Elizabeth Fraser (Histon), Jo Tunmer and Alison Hullyer, ceramics by Daniela Stief (Impington), Katharina Klug, Sarah Rooms Heaphy, and Amanda MacPhail, baskets by Nadine Anderson, glass by Jutta Robinson and Katie Lynn (AKA Molten Wonky), books from children's illustrator Nicola Killen, textiles by Anna Osbourne and Heidi Lichterman, paintings and illustrations from Naomi Davies, Jo Clark and Roxana de Rond, handmade hats by Sally Wilding (AKA Hedkase), metal clocks by Rebecca Stark, collage from Emma Bennett, handmade books from Edel Hopkin, and jewellery by Abi Cochran and Becky Convey. There will also be some tasty treats on offer from Cambridge Street Bakes.

For more information please visit our website at [www.histonhandmade.com](http://www.histonhandmade.com)

Contact: Claire Howieson

07870 276088

[histonhandmade@hotmail.com](mailto:histonhandmade@hotmail.com)



South Road Play Area and Dogs

The Recreation Committee have been working to improve the Play Area at South Road. The grass is now cut fortnightly in the summer and the hedges trimmed back in rotation on a three year cycle. The old roundabout has now been replaced by a very smart new model and the soft pour area beneath it repaired.



However, we do have one problem still. There have been complaints that some people are letting their dogs run unsupervised in the Play Area and some dog owners are not clearing up after their dogs. Firstly, any dogs if they are not under control, even friendly ones, can scare younger children and leave them with a lasting fear of animals. So far, we have had no reports or complaints of aggressive dogs but this is always a consideration. Secondly, dog fouling is unpleasant and in some cases can spread a very unpleasant disease, leading to blindness, if the dog-mess enters a child's system.

We would very much like to continue with the positive decision we took some years ago to keep this one play area accessible to families with dogs. We do, therefore, ask all dog owners who use this Play Area to act responsibly; keep their dogs well under control and clear up all dog mess.

We shall be monitoring the situation over the next three months. If things do not improve and we have further complaints, we shall be, reluctantly, forced to close this play area, as well, to dogs.

Dog owners—it is in your hands!

Marian Cleaver

Village Society

The new HIVS secretary is Wendy Doyle, her telephone is 01223 566153 and email: [wendy@differentlight.org](mailto:wendy@differentlight.org)

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. In the Spring Term, an afternoon meeting is held. 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.

Programme Autumn 2017

- Tuesday September 26th—Duncan Mackay: The history of Mackays
  - Tuesday October 31st—Richard Fletcher: How Bill Tutte won the war: the Bletchley Park code breakers
  - Tuesday November 28th—Prof. Mike McCarthy: The history of Cambridgeshire accents and dialects
  - Tuesday December 5th—Members' Christmas Lunch
- Publications and notelets are available from the Publications Officer 01223 232744 and from Histon Library.
- Jane Gilmour 01223 234176 and Barbara Parr 01223 233397 Programme Secretaries

Eleanor Whitehead



Village of The Year

You may recall the last newsletter article when we reported an application had been made to a new TV programme to be aired later this year, hosted by Penelope Keith. The crew from Reef Television have visited Histon & Impington and we can reveal that we have done well in the competition.

We can't at this stage tell you how far we made it, as we've been asked by the producers not to divulge those details and so possibly ruin the surprise for evening watching on the TV, but we can all be very proud that we even made it onto the initial shortlist of 76 villages, as hundreds of village applied.

I think it goes to prove what we know, that Histon & Impington is indeed a very special place.

Hopefully, this achievement is something we can all celebrate and feel proud about. Look out for details on the programme, which will be shown on weekdays over several weeks, culminating in the grand final on a Saturday night. Once we have been advised of the programme schedule we will update our website [www.hisimp.net](http://www.hisimp.net)

It will be great to see how our villages are showcased!

Angela Young, Parish Clerk



Parish Puzzle

Congratulations to 6 year old Isla Glennen, winner of the Ice Cream voucher donated by The Geographer!

Can you find the missing word, it's a popular Autumn vegetable

Email your answer to [clerk@hisimp.net](mailto:clerk@hisimp.net) by Wednesday 25th October for a chance to win an Autumn Veg Box from Les Ward, Greengrocer at Cottenham and Arbury Court!

The winner will be announced in the next edition



- Carrot
- Pepper
- Cauliflower
- Onion
- Corn
- Squash
- Tomato
- Potato
- Parsnip

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## Young People's Noticeboard

Contact Andrea Cowley for further details on all youth projects detailed below

P.O. Box 344, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9WZ

Tel: 07899904959

Email: [andrea@connectionsbusproject.org.uk](mailto:andrea@connectionsbusproject.org.uk)

### 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 3.45pm – 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!

### Yoga & Mindfulness for young people

A 1 hour Yoga and Mindfulness class for young people aged 11 and over.

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

We ask for a small contribution of £5 per term (which is less than £1 a week). If you would like to join, please contact Pauline on 07985 947328 or email [paulineyoga@googlemail.com](mailto:paulineyoga@googlemail.com)



### Connections Youth Bus

Visiting 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.



### The Babysitting Course



We have two babysitting courses running this term.

One in Histon and one in Cottenham. This course runs for 10 weeks and equips young people with the skills and knowledge they need to be a safe and confident babysitter.

Due to its popularity we hold a waiting list for future courses. If you would like to put your name down, please contact Andrea Cowley.



### The Environment Now

Are you aged 17 – 24? Have you got the entrepreneurial drive and innovation to make a difference?

The Environment Now has been running for over a year, offering people aged 17-24 the opportunity to apply for a grant of £10,000 to help the environment. The programme funds unique digital ideas to improve energy efficiency, reduce waste, or increase recycling. Through our partner O2 we are also offering mentoring, work experience and insight session with industry professionals.

To find out more or apply for The Environment Now visit:

[www.gothinkbig.co.uk/opportunities/the-environment-now-funding](http://www.gothinkbig.co.uk/opportunities/the-environment-now-funding)



### 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!

### The Generation Game



The Generation Game team have been busy supporting staff at Histon Day Centre over the summer holidays. They are also busy preparing to run a Mad Hatter Tea Party during Mental Wellbeing Week in October.

We are looking forward to meeting with **Jason Ablewhite**, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire, at our meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The Generation Game received funding from The High Sheriffs Award; therefore Jason is keen to see how the money was spent and meet the Generation Game Team.

### Summer Drama Project



12 young people experienced life in Drama School for 4 days of the summer holidays. Led by Rachel Denning, a professional actor, young people worked together to research, devise and perform a short play centred on mental health and well-being in young people.

As a result, a film has been produced which will be available for use in group work with young people.

The aim of the film is to encourage young people to talk about mental wellbeing and learn how to look after themselves and support friends.

If you would be interested in viewing the film; please get in touch with Andrea Cowley.



# Senior Newsroom

For more information on opportunities and activities for older people please contact: Jean Newman, Older Person's Co-ordinator: 07772 437789 email: [jean.newman7@ntlworld.com](mailto:jean.newman7@ntlworld.com) or Paul Seekings: 07982 106805 email: [paul@seekings07.plus.com](mailto:paul@seekings07.plus.com)

## SCAMS

Scams target people of all ages, backgrounds and incomes.

### Protecting your address

When registering to vote, tick the box to opt out of the 'Edited' register to prevent unsolicited marketing mail. Check all forms that you complete and look for the box for your information not to be passed on.

Sign up for the Mail Preference Service 0845 703 4599 [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk) to stop unsolicited mail

To opt out from receiving Door to Door unaddressed mail delivered by Royal Mail contact 0345 266 0858 email [optout@royalmail.com](mailto:optout@royalmail.com)

### Caller fraud

A scammer rings you claiming to be from your bank or the police. Saying they need your help or a fraudulent payment has been spotted. You may be asked to ring back using the number on the back of your card. However, the scammer keeps the line open at their end so you make the call back to them. They may ask for your pin number or ask you to key it into the phone.



**YOU SHOULD NEVER GIVE YOUR PIN NUMBER TO ANYONE IN ANY WAY.**

There are many variations to this scam, you may be asked to give your card or money to a caller. The police or your bank WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO DO THIS. If you need to check anyone calling from the bank or police use the number from your bank statement or for the police ring 101

**REMEMBER** - Your bank or the police will NEVER ask for your PIN or to withdraw money

**THINK** - Never hand your bank card to anyone who comes to the door.

### Door-to-door scams

If someone knocks at your door claiming to be from a company or local council, water, electric supplier, check their ID, take their card and shut the door. Go to telephone. DO NOT RING THE NUMBER ON THE CARD but have a list of numbers, electric etc, by your phone. Call the number and check the person. Genuine callers will not mind waiting.

If you are interested in what a door to door salesman is offering, take time to find out

about their goods or business and perhaps get two or three quotes.

### Some other useful telephone numbers

**Action fraud** 0300 123 2040  
[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) to report fraud and cyber crime.

**Telephone Preference Service** 0845 070 0707 [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk) to prevent unsolicited sales and marketing calls

Visit our Older Persons Drop-in Tuesday 10th October 10-2pm at the Methodist Hall and meet Elaine Mountfort Community Protection Officer.

Be suspicious and remember if it sounds too good to be true it probably is!

## Histon Library Opening Hours

Mondays 9am - 1pm

Tuesdays 2pm - 5pm

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 9am - 5pm

Friday 11am - 7pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

Sunday Closed

Second Wednesday of each month 2-3.30pm 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](mailto:your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## Why not try ...

Stroke Survivors Club Monday 11.30–1.30pm

Monday Club (gentle exercises) 10–11am

Singing Group 2nd & 4th Thursday 2.30–4pm

Tai Chi Tuesday from 10.45; Thursday 11.30–1.30pm

**All at Histon & Impington Recreation Ground Centre**

Computer Buddying at Histon Library  
Thursday 5–6pm  
(booking required)  
Tel: 0345 045 5225.

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



## 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!

## News from Firs House Surgery

### New doctors

We are pleased to announce that new GPs, Dr Sara Bastiani and Dr Sally White, are joining Firs House surgery in September 2017.



### Flu

Please call the surgery 01223 234286 to book your flu jab. You are eligible to receive a free flu jab if you:

- are 65 years of age or over,
- are pregnant,
- have certain medical conditions (please check with the surgery),
- receive a carer's allowance, or you are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill.

### Patient online

If you are over 16, please register for patient online access - it allows you to book your GP appointments and order repeat medication online or using app.

### Prescription Policy changes

From 1st September 2017, in the interest of patients' safety, the surgery stopped accepting telephone repeat prescription orders. When ordering prescriptions after this date, please use the patient online system or drop your request into surgery. If you think you need assistance with your daily tasks, including help with prescriptions, please contact:

Histon and Impington Older Persons Coordinator, Jean Newman - tel: 07772437789

Age UK, Histon and Impington Community Warden - tel: 07957608530 or 0300 6669860

South Cambridgeshire District Council, Visiting Support - 0345 0450500

*Olga Starobinskaya, Practice Manager*

## The Music Makers

Elgar's work of this name features

a contralto or mezzo-soprano soloist, a chorus and orchestra and thus needs significant resources. The work was performed by Choir 2000 earlier this year.

But music making is not restricted to larger groups and we have some local examples of much smaller choirs.

**The Silver Swan** is a small group of around 16 singers, who meet to enjoy madrigals, part-songs and sacred music from all ages and in several languages, generally without accompaniment. The group performs occasionally in public, most recently at the Open Gardens event in June. The main point of its existence, however, is to explore the challenge and delights of an endlessly fascinating choral repertoire in the company of friends.

Founded by local resident Mike Pride in 2002 under the name "Madrigalia" the group has met in various local venues, originally without a formal conductor. After a break in 2006, the choir reformed and was renamed the "Silver Swan" (named after the well-known madrigal by Gibbons). Meetings are monthly during most of the year, with 2 hours of singing. Conductor David Galbraith provides excellent leadership and techniques to stay in tune when there is no accompaniment!

For more information, contact Alan Franklin [a42franklin@googlemail.com](mailto:a42franklin@googlemail.com)

**The Impingtones** is another relatively small local choir with quite a different repertoire. They aim to be a friendly and fun choir for anyone with or without previous singing experience. Music is mostly pop, folk and musical scores with the odd more challenging piece, ably led by Bridget Hardy. There are no auditions and no need to read music! You can just go along and give it a go.

Meetings are at Impington Village College on Wednesday evenings during term time in the Brackenbury Room, from 6.15pm for 6.30 until 7.30pm. A small charge of £5 per person per session is made to cover costs.

For more details: Email at [impingtones@gmail.com](mailto:impingtones@gmail.com), Website at [www.impingtones.org.uk](http://www.impingtones.org.uk) (see 'About Us' page) and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/impingtones](http://www.facebook.com/impingtones)

*Philip Whitehead*



## Impington Music Society

The society engages various musicians to perform for the members. Dates of the next 3 performances are:

September 22nd—Violin pupils of Frances Poole

October 13th—Adella Boksenberg, chamber group

November 3rd—Corona Brass, brass quintet

Please note that there will not be a meeting in December.

The society meets in the Brackenbury Room, Impington Village College at 7.30 pm on Fridays.

Membership is £20 for an 8 concert season. Attendance at individual concerts is usually £5, reduced to £1 for those who are 18 or under.

*Chris Houghton*

## Histon Tennis Club

In many ways Histon Tennis Club is the epitome of a village club - friendly, inclusive, fielding teams at multiple levels, with an active social side, plus the increasingly rare bonus of four grass courts.

The club offers a range of sessions from team matches, mixed social evenings, juniors, including one just for girls. Although the club has only about 100 adult members, plus 50-60 juniors, it fields ten teams at various levels in the Cambs leagues. In the current season, Veterans 1 were the most successful team winning all their six matches.



However, like so many sports clubs, it is looking to expand its membership, in particular in the 20-40 age range—a life stage at which so many young people drop out of sport, only to return later, when their lives afford a bit more leisure time. If it were possible to offer astroturf surfaces and floodlit courts, then that would increase the available playing time and thereby attract new members, while hopefully still maintaining all the positives of being a village-based club.

Information about the club, the sessions and timings, teams can be found on the club's website at [www.histontennisclub.co.uk](http://www.histontennisclub.co.uk)

For more details about the club please email [info@histontennisclub.co.uk](mailto:info@histontennisclub.co.uk)

*Tim Ewbank*

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

[hi-news.editor@hisimp.net](mailto:hi-news.editor@hisimp.net)

**Quacky Races at The Green**  
— 24th September

**Mental Health Wellbeing Week** 7th—14th October, see page 2 for details

**Connections Bus Project AGM** 23rd October, 7-9pm St Andrew's Centre

**Fireworks Extravaganza** 4th November, gates open 6pm at IVC

**Bonfire Burn** 5th November

**Histon Handmade** 25th November at St Andrew's Centre

**Deadline for articles for next Hisimp News**  
5th December

Look out for details on our website of seasonal events taking place at the Crossing Keepers Hut

**Santa's Grotto** 2nd December at Crossing Keepers Hut



## Council & Committee Meetings

See website for details: [www.hisimp.net](http://www.hisimp.net)

**Full Council** - Recreation Centre 7.30pm - Monday 16th October, 20th November 2017

**Planning** - Parish Office 7.30pm - Tuesday 26th September, 17th October, 31st October, 21st November 2017

**Highways** - Parish Office 7.30pm - Thursday 9th November 2017

**Finance, Legal & Administration** - Parish Office 7.30pm - Monday 23rd October 2017

**Environment** - Parish Office 7.30pm - Tuesday 3rd or 10th October (TBC), 14th November 2017

**Recreation** - Recreation Centre, 7.30pm. - Monday 13th November 2017

**Residents are welcome to attend all Council meetings**

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