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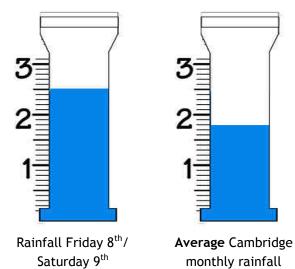
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RAIN, RAIN - AND MORE RAIN

Two days in August again saw very heavy rain - and whilst many residents were unaffected once they had got indoors, others suffered flooding to gardens, garages and homes.

What happened?

Over Friday 8th/Saturday 9th we got a total of 64mm of rain. Most of that fell on the Friday. That's a lot of rain - the average rainfall we get in a month is just 44mm.



The rainfall was very localised. We got a lot, but Swavesey and Bar Hill got more. Oakington got a lot as well, but Cambridge got about half what Histon and Impington did.

It's been called a "1 in 146 year" event.

So, how did the three drainage systems (see page 2) that cover the village cope?

Visible to most people was that the road drains did not cope. There was too much rain in too short a time - and the roads were awash in many places. Once the rain had stopped many of those areas drained away quickly. But several did not. Glebe Way, Narrow Lane and Orchard Road were worst hit, with water from kerb to kerb (and deeper still in Narrow Lane).

Regrettably, bad driving then made the situa-

tion worse, particularly on the B1049. Vehicles being driven too fast created waves that washed water into several houses - notwithstanding the efforts made by residents to get drivers to slow.



Glebe Way on the morning of August 9th

The main sewer system, according to Anglian Water, coped. They know that because all but a few of the village sewers go via a pumping station at Home Close (and thence to Milton). That pumping station, they say, was not overwhelmed.

However, residents in several places across the village reported problems - and particularly that they couldn't flush their toilets. If this happened to you please, even now, report that. Anglian Water keep detailed records of customer contact, and will act (eg to flush local pipes more frequently).

The open ditches/drains also appear to have coped. The Brook was above its banks - but

that's a natural flood area and no damage was done to property. By early on the Saturday



morning The Brook, late afternoon on 8th August it was high, but back within it's normal limits

And then it all happened again, just a week later. Half as much rain (just 34.5mm) but

again, almost a month's rainfall in very few hours - and the same problems recurred.

On both occasions, action was taken to sort the B1049 out. The Police closed the road and tankers sucked up and disposed of the water.

Sandbags were made available - but the short time that the rain fell in meant that the damage was



done by the time they arrived. The Parish Council has collected the spares, and they'll be available locally next time!

What next?

Clearly action was necessary on the road drains. The County Council has been ensuring that these are cleared - but if reports of tree roots being the cause are right, they'll be back and maintenance is going to be critical.

Concerns have also been raised about the level of the silt in the Brook. Again, this is part of regular maintenance, but needs to be agreed with South Cambs DC because this is part of their drainage network. When this is done it will be time consuming and expensive - the silt is regarded as contaminated waste, and has to be disposed of properly.

There are two longer term tasks - the Parish Council has a "task & finish" group that's been looking at drainage and talking to all the relevant people for some months. There's now much more to be done - and finishing is going to take some time. Coming up in a few weeks time is a joint meeting with County and South Cambs Council officers to come up with a clear action plan.

And, as part of its overall responsibility for flood management, the County Council has commissioned a detailed study by experts from Hyder. Their report is expected this month.

Denis Pavne

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MINIMISING THE IMPACT OF EXCEPTIONAL RAIN

5 ways in which we can all help to minimise the impact of exceptional rain on our villages.

1 check that the road drains are clear. The County Council cleans the drains once a year and ours are being done in September. If they have been done a coloured blob is painted on the kerbside. This year the blob is blue.

We can all check that the drains close to our houses and along our roads have been done. And we can all monitor their status and if it looks like they're full of water and not draining properly we should shout. But if they're simply 'blocked from above' with vegetation or washed up debris then it's maybe easier to simply clear them ourselves.

2 look at your own property. Under current planning rules front drives are not allowed to drain directly into the road. What should happen is that there's a soak away or similar on the property which ensures that rain that falls can be effectively drained within the limits of the property.

Older properties may not conform and when it rains they simply add to the water in the roadway. If you have such a property and if it's easy and inexpensive to do so please consider making arrangements so that this does not happen.

3 take precautions. We know if our specific properties are at risk. The events of last month would have given us a pretty clear message. If it is then it makes sense to prepare the property for flooding. The easy actions include flood boards which can be fitted across doors when flooding is imminent, covers to place over ventilation bricks and non-return valves on drains and other water pipes. If you know you've got an at risk property it may also make sense to invest in sandbags.

4 stay alert to the threat. The events of this year are likely to recur and to happen more often. It makes sense then to listen to the weather forecast and when it's likely that there will be heavy rains to pay particular attention. The Met Office (www.metoffice.gov.uk) is good for general information; Net Weather (www.netweather.tv) gives pretty specific information about where heavy rain is likely.

5 if it happens: be active. Obviously you'll look after your own property first but look around you. Check on your neighbours and see if they need any help. Go online and report what's happening. Check the parish council web-site (www.hisimp.net).

And if you're unfortunate enough to have been flooded despite your precautions above then note the checklist below.

- 1. Listen out for further flood information on radio and TV.
- 2. Put your mobile phone on charge upstairs in case you lose power.
- 3. Move your car to higher ground.
- 4. Move pets, valuables and other items to safety. (Upstairs if possible)
- 5. Alert your neighbours, particularly the elderly.
- 6. Put any flood protection products or equipment in place but make sure your property is ventilated.
- 7. Put plugs into sinks and baths.
- 8. Be ready to turn off gas and electricity. Unplug electrical items and move them upstairs if possible.
- 9. Cooperate with emergency services and local authorities you may be evacuated to a rest centre.
- Do as much as you can in daylight. Doing anything in the dark will be a lot harder, especially if the electricity fails.

David Jenkins

DRAINAGE - WHO DOES WHAT?

It would be great if this was simple - one body, one phone call to fix it - but its not, there are three different sets of drains, and three different organisations involved!

The three systems are: road drainage, sewers and the open ditches and drains through villages and the countryside.

Road drainage - Cambridgeshire County Council are responsible for everything to do with the roads in the village (the Highways Agency is responsible for the A14 and M11). The visible drains, the pipes connecting those, and open drains going under the roads ("culverts") are maintained by the Council

Sewage - everything to do with what we flush down our toilets is the responsibility of Anglian Water (we get our water supplies from Cambridge Water, but Anglian dispose of it!). If you have a shared sewer connection (many homes do) Anglian Water are responsible for the pipes from where they join.

Open ditches and drains - the main ones (including the "Duck Pond" or Brook at The Green) are "Award Drains" and are the responsibility of South Cambridgeshire District Council. All land owners who have water running through (or under) it are "riparian owners" and have legal responsibilities for maintenance - see: tinyurl.com/ow76xbc

The Parish Council has **no** general drainage responsibilities, but is responsible for The Green.

Denis Payne

Neil Davies - Dwyer Joyce Close

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FREE ELECTRICAL WASTE COLLECTION THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

You may well have been one of the residents who took advantage of the kerb-

year?

vantage of the kerbside collections of unwanted (Household) Electrical Goods a couple of times in the last

Over the last two events, a total of over 6300kg was collected from households - ranging from large appliances like fridges, washing machines, TV's, and cookers.... down to small ones, such as kettles, toasters and irons. This has resulted in a payment to the Parish Council of £218 which will be earmarked for use towards improvement projects planned in the villages.

There will be another collection throughout the villages on Thursday 6th November, from 08:00 - Please place all your WEEE Waste 'kerbside' by 10AM on the day - please avoid putting it out the night before.

This is a great way to clear out your Electrical

('WEEE') Waste clutter without a major trip to the landfill/recycling site! All items will be taken to WISERs fully licensed treatment facility in St Ives for Reuse, Refurbishment or Recycling.

UK Recycling Performance figures record that only 40% (of Small Appliances) is recovered from the current waste streams, meaning 60% still go to landfill, so Histon & Impington Parish Council and WISER Recycling have succeeded in diverting material from landfill - which is exactly our aim!

Other items they are willing to collect also include all IT equipment, batteries, toner cartridges, and fluorescent tubes. (Furniture, Wood, and General / Industrial-Business Waste will not be collected).

The WISER Group are a local electrical recycler, based in St Ives who have been operating for over 10 years, employing local people, working with Charitable Organisations providing work for the long term unemployed and young people.

Angela Young



SCHOOL TRAFFIC AT THE GREEN

With the start of the new school term the Junior School has been leading an initiative to reduce the number of vehicles driving along the side of The Green at drop-off and pick-up time. The mix of young children, parents, scooters, bicycles, prams, push-chairs all using this section of road where vehicles end up having to do reversing manoeuvres makes a hazardous combination. And then there's the potholes.

This has been a perennial problem in the village for years, with many of the older generation commenting that it was the same in their time, however there is a determination to tackle this at the school.

There is no single solution to this and so there are a number of strands to the initiative and it is an ongoing concern with more ideas in the pipeline.

The most publicly visible strand of the initiative is to put a legal restriction on traffic using the road up to the school. This will be in operation for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon. Overwhelming support was in evidence for this from both parents, residents, the police and businesses including those who came along to the June Histon & Impington Parish Council meeting.

Although we would still encourage avoiding these times, exceptions will be in place for vehicles who have legitimate reasons for accessing properties, including public service and emergency vehicles and those visiting the school - but NOT just to perform a school drop off. The legally enforceable Traffic Restriction Order (TRO) is hoped to be in place for the new term on a trial basis

Other strands include encouraging the use of feet and bicycles to get to school, identifying available places to park or stop within 5 minutes walk of the school, gaining permission from businesses with available unneeded parking and producing a leaflet to explain these steps to new and existing parents. Finally the poor state of the road has been raised with the County Council who are scheduling the work in the near future.

David Legge

DARWIN GREEN

Development plans for a 50+ hectare site just south of the A14 known as Darwin Green (previously called NIAB) are under way. Working with South Cambridgshire Dis-

trict Council, the Parish Council's Darwin Green Working Group have been meeting with Tracy Mann, Principal Lead Community Infrastructure Officer, to discuss site boundaries and future governance options.

The development will be called Darwin Green and is split over two sites as shown on the

map, Darwin Green 1 and Darwin Green 2 with a further extension to Darwin Green 2, known as Darwin Green 3 in the pipeline.

Darwin Green 1 falls within the administrative boundary of Cambridge City Council and Darwin Green 2 is within the parish of Impington, South Cambridgeshire. Histon & Impington Parish Council has already agreed and confirmed with South Cambs DC that Darwin Green 2 should not remain as part of Impington Parish.

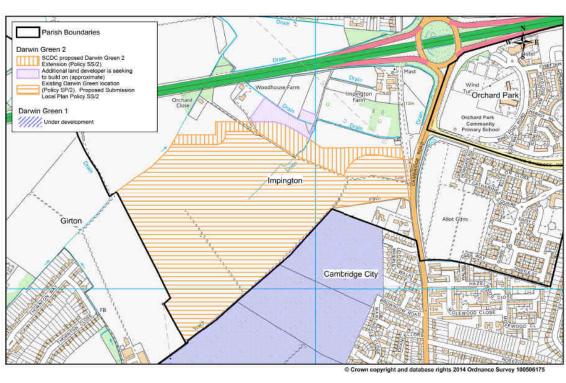
What does a Parish Council do?

Parish and town councils can be responsible for, but are not limited to: setting the precept (part of your council tax), burial grounds/cemeteries, community centres/village halls, common pastures, public open spaces, sports facilities, bus shelters, allotments, footpaths, bridleways, litter bins, parking places, roadside seats and shelters, litter and have the power to acquire land.

The parishes of Histon and Impington are long-established rural villages in the District of South Cambridgeshire while the Darwin Green developments will be new communities that are urban extensions to the City of Cambridge. People moving in to Darwin Green are likely to feel much more that they live in Cambridge City than in a rural village and, similar to Orchard Park, will have different needs and expectations to those of people living in long established rural villages. It is for these reasons that Histon & Impington Parish Council agreed, therefore, that it would be in the best interests of the new community at Darwin Green, to have its own new parish council.

To find out more about the possibility of setting up a new parish council for Darwin

Green, please come along on Thursday 27th November at The Recreation Centre, 6.00 - 8.30 pm. Both Parish Councillors and South Cambs Officers will be present to answer questions you may have.



A further public drop in will be taking place on a Saturday morning at the St Andrews Church Centre, look out for further details.

Archaeological digs took place on site from December 2007 to February 2008. Findings included Roman coins, a fully intact Roman pot, selection of iron and Bronze Age objects and a few human remains. These items have been extracted from the site and sent to various experts.

Outline planning permission for Darwin Green 1 was granted on the 18th December 2013 proposing:

- 1593 homes, including 40% affordable homes
- Primary School
- Six small mixed retail units
- Centrally located park with open space for informal and outdoor sport with community rooms
- Allotments
- Vehicular access from Huntingdon Road and Histon Road
- Cycle network
- Health Facilities
- Library
- Bus routes
- Community Cafe

At the Joint Development Committee 18th June 2014, site wide phasing and infrastructure reserved matters application was approved. Following that an application for a temporary haul road was approved by South Cambs on 1 August 2014.

It is thought infrastructure works on site will commence later this year.

Darwin Green 2 is still at planning stages but is thought to include:

- 1100 homes, including the provision for affordable housing
- Secondary School
- Formal and informal public open space
- Cycle and footpath links to Histon, Impington, Girton and Cambridge
- Equipped play areas
- Buffer zone and landscape bounding separating from A14
- Green Corridors
- Country Park
- Primary School
- · Recycling facilities
- Bowls Green
- Public Art
- · Community building

Darwin Green 2 extension (also known as Darwin Green 3) is in very early stages, but has the potential to provide a further 450 homes or a mix of 300 homes (that's a total of 3000 - 3150 homes - about the same number as in Histon & Impington) and 2.9 hectares of commercial space.

Chelsea Presland

DRIVING THROUGH FLOODS



There's plenty of advice on the web about driving through floods, e.g. RAC - <u>is.gd/Esjf6q</u> AA <u>is.gd/lzzrhl</u> - here's a summary:

- Don't, unless you're sure its safe, and only if you have to
- Drive slowly even if you've a 4x4 at speed:
 - you might aquaplane and lose control
 - you can push water into the engine bay and engine (even on a 4x4) - expensive!
 - you can (and some drivers did) push water into people's homes or you might catch a pedestrian or cyclist that's a fine and 3 to 9 penalty points
- Use 1st gear, drive steadily at 4mph (max), and if possible on the high part of the road
- Be sure to have a clear route do not stop in standing water
- If your engine cuts out do not try to restart it - leave the bonnet down and call your recovery service
- Out of the flood water? Test your brakes!

Denis Payne

ANDREA CRAMP - YOUTH WORKER

By the time you read this I will have been in my new post for almost a month. From September 1st have been seconded from Cambridgeshire County Council to work solely for Histon &



Impington Parish Council. I am now based in the Parish Office at the Recreation Ground.

This move will allow me to concentrate on delivering and managing youth activities appropriate for residents between 12-19 years.

In the next few weeks all young people at IVC will be asked to complete a questionnaire prepared by the Youth Committee in order to collate interests and requests for future projects. To take part visit the Youth page on the Parish Council website www.hisimp.net . This information will then be used to help plan future activities and projects.

NEW PROJECTS

What: Histon & Impington Junior Youth

Games; arts and crafts; meet up with friends; sewing corner; cooking; refreshments; quizzes; trips; sports; fundraising events; disco!

When: Mondays 4pm - 5.15pm, starting Mon-

day 22nd September

Who: Years 7 and 8 only

Cost: 50p per week or £5 per term

Where: The Community Room, Histon and

Impington Recreation Ground

How: Pick up a leaflet and membership

> form from G6 and bring along to the opening session on Monday 22nd Sep-

tember or simply turn up!

Babysitting Course What:

A tailor made course to help you gain basic level of knowledge, understanding and learning in looking after other people's children. As well as offering practical and hands-on experience, you will create a portfolio of your work and receive a certificate on successful completion of the course, including First Aid.

Where: The Ideal Base, IVC

When: A course of 10 weeks on Tuesday's

from 3.45-5.15pm., starting Tuesday

30th September 2014

Who: Open to young people aged between

14-16 (13 if you will be 14 by January

Cost: £10 per person - to include a Certi-

fied First Aid Course

Some free places available - please get in touch with Andrea to discuss if payment is difficult.

Collect a form from G6 at IVC or contact Andrea Cramp.

Forms to be returned to myself at either IVC or via the Parish Council Office at Histon &

Impington Recreation Ground.

Alongside these two projects I will be working with Chris Farmer (Histon Baptist Church Youth Worker) to run a Transitions Programme at IVC for Year 7s and will continue to drop-in to IVC each Monday lunchtime, along with Chris, to meet up with students and talk about youth activities; issues and

Working with the Youth Committee, future projects being considered are:

help students seeking general advice.

Histon and Impington Senior Youth Club - for those in years 9, 10 and 11; Cookery; Drama; Youth Council; Sports clubs.

Newsletter to include details of all activities and projects being run locally for young people.

If you would like any further information, I can be contacted on:

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Andrea Cramp



DANCE FOR FITNESS DANCE FOR FUN DANCE FOR HEALTH **DANCE FOR LIFE!** Dance for Fitness for the over 55's re-starts in the Autumn @ Histon Recreation Ground Community Room. New members are welcome to join this fun class which includes different dance styles guaranteed to keep you on your toes!

Please wear comfortable clothes and trainers/dance shoes

Starts: Monday 13 October

Time: 2.30-3.30 pm

Try it for FREE then pay £4

per session

For further information contact qualified instructor Cathy Middleton on 01223 232187
An event organized by Histon & Impington Recreation Ground

THE BIG TIDY UP -6TH/7TH SEPTEMBER 2014

We held the 10th quarterly BIG TIDY UP on the 6th/7th September, when for the first time we virtually covered the entire villages of Histon & Impington. Some 40 adults and children joined in to make it the biggest one to date.



A small selection of the volunteers on the Big Tidy Up

As usual we were joined by the WI Ladies group, the New Impington Group and the enviro.volunteers. We were also joined by a small group from Oakington Rotary Club, who undertook to clear litter in Gatehouse Road.

We would welcome more to join us for The December BIG TIDY UP on 6th/7th December and anyone interested are asked to contact Cedric Foster (cedric.foster@hisimp.net) or by ringing him on 01223 234156.

Cedric Foster

HISTON CRICKET CLUB 2014-15 SEASON REPORT

There was no doubt that the 2013 season was going to take some beating: with both the first and third teams going up and the second team missing out on promotion, the likelihood of that repeating itself was slim.

So our objectives for 2014 were to keep the first and thirds up in their new divisions and get the seconds promoted!

To facilitate that, we brought in an external coach to get our adults into shape and had the floor of the nets refurbished so that they could train safely. We also arranged for head coach Joe Uttridge to start some serious preseason training of our younger youth players, courtesy of our friends at IVC.

Overall the club now has around 80 adult (16 and over) players, drawn mainly from the villages and the surrounding area. We also have about 45 colts - mainly from the villages - who this year played in three youth teams: under 11, under 12 and under 14. Once again these were run by our wonderful team of dads, who are happy to give up their time, energy and petrol to get the teams together (and often across Cambridge at rush hour, ready for a 6pm start).

One of the ongoing objectives of the club is to train our youth players to the point where they can easily feel at home in our adult teams, and we now have very many players who have recently left the colts team and are now playing regularly in our third, second and even first adult teams. Some are even playing at county level. This is certainly something we want to continue - indeed, enhance - next year. Without a constant flow of new youth players, the club will not survive long term.

We also fielded for the first time this year a midweek team, with the aim of assisting this transition into adult cricket by getting younger players to play alongside first team and other senior players in a midweek 20/20 format. This team proved to be very success-

Simon Andrews, manager and sponsor of the midweek side, holding the Pye cup

ful, doing very well in the league but also winning the Pye Cup in spectacular style.

Indeed, at the time of writing I can confidently claim that virtually all of our 2014 season objectives have been met: the first and third teams have easily stayed up and the second team... well, the second team are in a good

position to challenge for promotion next year!

Most importantly, a lot of people have had a lot of fun, the weather has been generally kind, and the Club continues to



Ben Leach bowls and James Mynott keeps against Warboys in the Tucker Gardner premier league divison 1

go from strength to strength.

Our grateful thanks go to the Rec Committee and the Parish Council staff for their unfailing support, as well as to our indefatigable groundsman and Club Captain, Steve Campin, without whom we would be on a very sticky wicket indeed...

If you want to know more about Histon Cricket Club see: histoncc.play-cricket.com or mail us at histonCC@gmail.com.

Martin Wilde - Histon CC Chairman

FIRING UP FOR THE BONFIRE BURN

The fourth Bonfire Burn 10k takes place on Sunday 2nd November and has developed in its

short history to be one of the most popular sporting events in the area.

The 10k run again features a route including two iconic regional landmarks; the Cambridge Guided Busway and the Cambridge Science Park.

The Bonfire Burn is a charitable

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 Davies enthuses on how the run has developed; "The Bonfire Burn seemed to catch the imagination of the running community immediately it was launched three years ago, we had over 700 runners in 2011 and last year this increased to 950 who actually ran on the day. This year for we are introducing a team competition to stimulate further interest'

Online race registration is available at; www.bonfireburn10k.co.uk

The entry fee is £13 for adults, and Under 18s £6 (the minimum age for entry is 14).

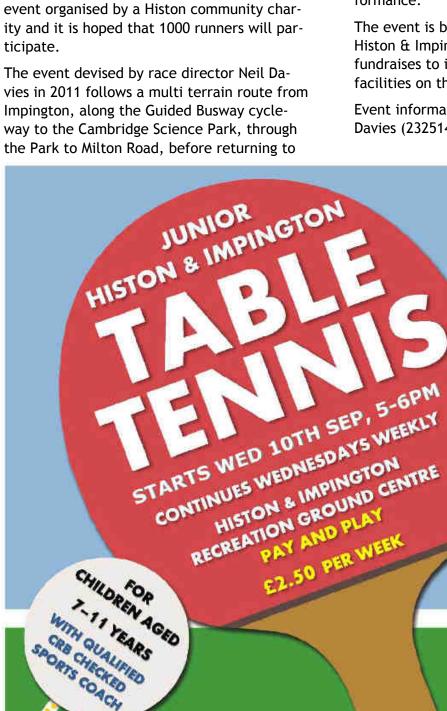
Organised and staffed entirely by volunteers, the event is sponsored by Impington Sports Centre, Tucker Gardner and Advance Performance.

The event is being organised by Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation a charity that fundraises to improve leisure and sporting facilities on the village Recreation Ground.

Event information also available from Neil Davies (232514)

Neil Davies





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A PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY BETWEEN HISTON AND IMPINGTON
JUNIOR SCHOOL AND FRIENDS OF HISTON AND IMPINGTON
RECREATION GROUND

ROAD GULLIES

The County Council has an annual program of 'gully clearing'. This is the activity whereby the gullies underneath the visible drains in our roads are cleared of rubbish. When it's been done the operator who's done the job puts a coloured blob in the drain or close by. This year the coloured blob is blue.

If there's no coloured blob the gully hasn't been cleared. This may be because the cover is broken or cannot be opened, in which case it will be reported for repair, or because there was a parked vehicle in the way, in which case the operator should return on another day.

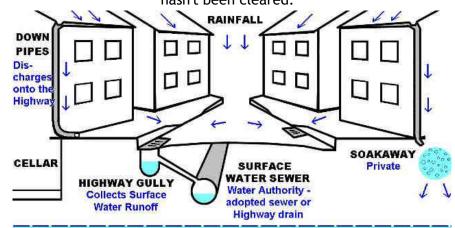
Our gullies in Histon and Impington are being cleared this month (September) and we can all help to quality control the process:

 if you see a gully without a blue blob report it to the parish council. Please give a precise location and it helps to send a photo.



 if you see a gully with a blue blob but you suspect

that it hasn't been cleared please report that as well. Again give a precise location and a photo and tell us why you think it hasn't been cleared.



(Normal Conditions)

How rain water drainage works, and the role of road gullies

We can also help at other times. If it rains, nothing exceptional but enough to create some puddles on the road, keep an eye out for drains which are not draining (!). That's a pretty good indication of a blockage. This time it's best to go onto www.fixmysteet.com and report it directly.

And finally: sometimes there's clutter on the drain which would appear to prevent water going down it. Feel free when you see this to take 'citizen action' and kick it away or in some other way clear it.

David Jenkins

HISTON FC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Histon FC is committed to finding and developing young players and bringing them through

the "system" to ultimately represent the club at Senior First Team level. Our Academy takes players from as young as 8 and from the Under 11 age group onwards our teams compete in the NERF Junior Premier League.

The next stage of progression is our flourishing Scholarship Programme which takes players for two years from the age of 16. Each years' intake is taken initially from our own Academy and "topped up" as necessary through the recruitment of talented players from elsewhere. Our Scholarship Lead Co-ordinator (and First Team Manager) Brian Page has an extensive network of



Danny Sparkes

contacts with professional clubs in the area and players are invited to taster days at Bridge Road to assess their suitability as possible Histon FC Scholars.

Currently our annual intake is 18-20 Scholars giving us a total number of about 36 and these boys become full time at the club. Each day is split 50/50 between academic study (in our own class rooms) and football training and whilst in the class room Scholars study for a BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport. This course includes modules such as coaching, refereeing and sports administration amongst others whilst on the footballing side we run two Scholars teams. The first years, although still in the Under 17 age group, compete in the Thurlow Nunn Eastern Counties Under 18's Youth League, a competition that the club has won for the last four years. The second years, although still only in the Under 18 age group, compete in the Football Conference Youth Alliance, a competition for Under 19's in which we have been very successful.

There is also the FA Youth Cup, The FA's flag-ship competition for Under 18's that gives the young Histon Scholars the opportunity to go up against professional teams. We have reached at least the First Round proper in three of the last four years and two years ago created national headlines by reaching the 4th Round, an unprecedented achievement for a club at our level. That run came to an end at The Glass World Stadium against mighty Liverpool, live on TV and in front of 1,600 spectators after the boys had already seen off Football League opposition in the form of Crawley Town and Bradford City.

It is vital that there is a clear pathway into the First Team if we are to be able to continue to attract and develop the kind of players that can regularly achieve success such as this and to that end our Management Team are committed to ensuring that opportunities exist for our young players to progress on the field. There are numerous examples of Histon Scholars past and present in our current First Team: Ashley White,

Eugene Libertucci, Peter Clark, Nick Freeman, Salim Relizani and Matty Waters to name just a few and the club are proud of the fact that many more have gone on to bigger clubs higher up the league levels: Danny Sparkes (Braintree Town and now England "C"), Jim Stevenson (Luton Town), Zak Mills and Jay Dowie (Boston United) and Jack Uttridge (Brentford) are all fine examples of the good work done by our Academy and Scholarship Programmes.

One problem the club faced until recently was how to keep our young Scholars at the club at the

end of their studies as not every player is able to play for the First Team immediately. To solve this a new Under 21's side has been set up from the start of this season competing in the United Counties Under 21's league. This gives the club the ability to offer our young players "somewhere to go" at the end of their course at an age (18) at which their careers are at a critical phase. This has allowed us to retain many of our talented youngsters and as their development continues opportunities will open up for them in the First Team under Brian's watchful eye.

In the future the club expects to expand the Academy and the Scholarship Programme as we grow and to do this we need community support. Under 19's games are on Wednesday afternoons whilst

the Under 18's usually play on Monday or Thursday evenings and these games are often thoroughly entertaining affairs. They also offer supporters the chance to see our latest crop of youngsters in the flesh.

The club are delighted to have received financial backing from the supporters trust (HIST) who are sponsoring the Under 18's side this year. That



Nick Freeman

support is invaluable as we look to improve our programme further but we are still on the lookout for similar sponsorship deals for both our Under 19's and Under 21's. Anyone interested in being a part of the Histon FC Youth Development plans of the future should contact Paul Shadrack (07967 471292) to find out more.

Histon FC's reputation for developing high (Continued on page 9)

Thought your footballing days were over? - Think again

Enjoy a slow- paced version of the beautiful game aimed at over 50s

With coach Phil Mullen for the first month First week free, £4 per week after.
Continuing Every Friday

Now for something completely different - senior football development! (Ed)

On Histon & Impington Recreation Ground Multi Use Games Area For information call Neil Davis 01223 232514 or Phil Mullen 07948 407950

(please wear suitable footwear)





An activity organised by Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation and Cambs FA

September 2014

THE PROBLEM WITH DOG MESS!

The subject of dog mess left on public thoroughfares causes concern to many of our residents and is not pleasant for both visual and health reasons. You may not be aware but Councils have a legal duty when it comes keeping public areas clear of dog mess. You can be given an on-the-spot fine of up to £80 for not clearing up after your dog. If you refuse to pay the fine, you can be taken to court and fined up to £1,000.

The main reason for these laws is the health hazards, which can include parasitic and bacterial infections, associated with dog faeces. Dogs are hosts to a particularly nasty parasite called Toxocara (also called Roundworm) that in extreme and rare cases can cause blindness in humans. Eggs are released in the faeces of infected animals and contaminate the soil. Children are most at risk because they are more likely to put things into their mouths

and less likely to wash their hands properly. There are other parasites we can catch from dogs that can cause acute or chronic diarrhoea. There are also bacterial infections such as Salmonella and Campylo-



bacter that can be passed onto humans from dogs and can cause severe gastric problems.

There are precautions that can be taken to avoid or reduce the risk of these problems:

- Prevention avoid letting your dog foul in areas frequented by humans. Many dogs can be trained to defecate in a certain area such as a home doggie loo.
- Disposal pick up and dispose of the mess in the proper receptacle. The village has many dog mess bins and there are some new ones put there at the request of residents. People who leave the bags on bushes or by the side of the road can be fined for leaving litter.
- Hand washing especially important for children who may have been in contact with soil.
- Worming responsible pet owners worm their dogs for both the pets' health and to reduce the risk of disease to themselves and other people.

People who do not clear up after their dogs can cause illness and distress to their neighbours. However, it should be remembered that the majority of dog owners are responsible and ensure their dogs are not a nuisance to others.

Ruth Moulder

BIN YOUR DOG DIRT - DO YOUR BIT!

Recently the Parish Council carried out a full review of dog and litter bins in the villages and applied to the District Council for additional bins in new locations. Only South Cambs District Council can decide to install these bins as they are responsible for the weekly collection.

We are really pleased that the Council has allocated 3 new dog litter bins at the Manor Park bridleway entrance, Cottenham Road end of Gun's Lane and the Park Lane footpath route near to the Guided Busway leading to Westwick.



We are also hopeful that a fourth will be installed at South Road Play Area in Impington, although we still await confirmation of suitability.

One extra litter bin has also been agreed along Cottenham Road, near to the Parlour

Close bus stop.

Our Environment Committee is looking to purchase some signs to be placed at known problem areas for dog fouling to help keep our footpaths free of dog dirt.

Angela Young

Histon FC Youth Development

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quality young players is gaining more and more recognition within the game. Our managers and coaches have been invited to Liverpool, Millwall, Peterborough United and Northampton Town recently to see for themselves how things are done at professional academies that operate on huge budgets. We learn a lot from visits such as these and use it to further improve what we do here at Histon.

The future for Histon FC is bright, our Academy and Scholarship Programmes are growing and flourishing with tangible results for all to see. Be a part of it in whatever way you can, we would love you to get involved and see how we do things "The Histon Way".

Howard Wilkins

INDOOR SPONGE TENNIS FOR OLDER RESIDENTS



Wednesdays 3-4 Starting Wednesday Sep 10th

In the Recreation Ground Community room Coach and equipment provided

For information contact:

David - 07974 455735 davidnation@hotmail.co.uk OR

Jean - 07772 437789 jean.newman7@ntlworld.com

An activity organised by the friends of Histon and Impington Recreation

WARHORSE RIDES TO THE REC

Over 240 people enjoyed the first outdoor film screening in the village at the Recreation Ground on Friday 5th September.

The Steven Spielberg epic 'Warhorse' was shown on a giant 8 metre by 5 metre screen



in front of the Recreation Ground Centre.

The event organised by Friends of the Rec attracted an audience aged 8 to 80 and the reaction through social media has been extremely positive.

There are plans to organise an outdoor film screening in September 2015.

Neil Davies

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GROW YOUR OWN FRUIT & VEG?

Then why not rent an allotment plot?

Get a healthier lifestyle and exercise for all the family! Know that you're eating fresher & tastier food.

There are currently small, medium and large plots available on two sites. Choose from a central or village fringe location.

Don't miss our "Pick you plot" and "Meet your Allotment neighbours" event working party at the Glebe Way site, on Saturday 4th October from 9:30am

Glebe Way

Allotment Plots available on small convenient site. Rare opportunity to acquire an accessible, compact plot in a near central location.

Situated opposite Junior School playing field beside the Cemetery. Annual Ground rent only £10

Gatehouse Road

Allotment Plots available on a large tranquil site. Opportunity to acquire immediate possession of a medium or large plot in a village edge location.

Situated just beyond the Guided Busway, towards Girton, opposite the new Community Wood

Good vehicular access. Annual Ground rent only £10

To arrange a viewing of either site call Chelsea on 235906

Pene Nudds

THE MYTHICAL MAZE

Every summer libraries all over the country run a reading challenge, encouraging children to read six books over the summer on a suggested theme - this year 'The Mythical Maze'. The Cambridgeshire Library service organises the challenge in all the County libraries. Our library has always taken part very enthusiastically, and the Parish Councils of both our villages and now, our joint Council, have supported this enterprise financially for several years.

This funding has helped to provide extra staffing hours and enabled the library to offer a range of very well received and well attended events and activities. At least two hundred children participated in our library this year and ninety seven completed the Challenge. Evidence of their activities can be seen around the walls of the children's section of the library.

On Tuesday September 9th the library was abuzz with excited chatter as those who had completed the challenge gathered, with a good many of their parents, to receive their certificates and medals. As they received these, the pride and pleasure on their faces,

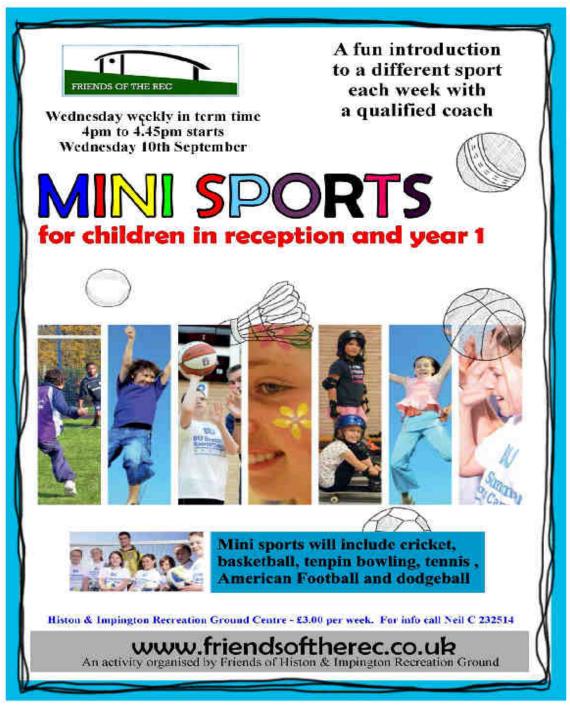
especially the very youngest ones, was a delight to see.



Parents and carers commented on how much their children had enjoyed and benefitted from the challenge in terms of keeping them reading during the summer holiday and in boosting their self esteem, encouraging them to try new authors and titles. It is difficult to find data on how many new children this challenge attracts to become regular library users in Histon, but the steady growth in numbers each summer and, in fact, throughout the year would suggest that its value is on-going.

As a Parish Councillor attending the award ceremony is one commitment that is no chore to undertake!

Marian Cleaver



ENVIRO. VOLUNTEERS

The enviro.volunteers are a small enthusiastic group trying to make our environment a better place for everyone. We are a very mixed bunch ranging in age from 8 to 80+ and with varying skills, sharing what knowledge or experiences we do have. The type of tasks we tackle are tree and hedge planting, creating woodland paths, selective sycamore & ivy clearance and improving access to our public open spaces, whilst also trying to encourage wildlife and litter picking.

Most of us work so we tend to meet up on an adhoc basis on Saturday mornings. We make arrangements via email/text about where we'll be meeting and when. We usually start at 9:30am, breaking for tea and biscuits at about 11am and then finish up about 12ish. There are always a variety of tasks to undertake so there's usually something to suit everyone whatever their abilities or interests are. Tools are provided so all you need is a sense of humour and some sturdy shoes -come and join us sometime!

Simply contact enviro@hisimp.net to join our mailing list hisimpenviro.wordpress.com/

We also rebuilt the Crossing Keeper's Hut and organise a variety of events there at various times throughout the year, including St. George's Day, Easter, Halloween and Santa's Grotto.

Pene Nudds

NEW COUNCILLOR - MEET SHAUN LINDSAY

Shaun was welcomed onto the Council in June having lived in Impington since 2011, moving here from Oakington because his young family seemed to spend a great deal of time in Histon & Impington. A vol-



unteer winter gritter keeping our paths clear from early on, Shaun wishes to do more to support the community his family enjoys.

He works for the University of Cambridge in computing, but is also a trained and experienced engineer.

Shaun's interests include community, energy, transport and the environment. He cycles to work mostly, but also has a fully electric car for those days when more is needed!

He has already been co-opted onto the Parish Council's Highways Committee at a very busy time for that group.

SANTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

In early December we'll be creating a little bit of Christmas magic. We would love some help! There are many different ways you can contribute. There are the preparations needed beforehand, setting up on the night, decorating the Hut and helping Santa or helping with the entertainment itself.

All elves please mail enviro@hisimp.net with any ideas or offers of help

Pene Nudds

CREEPERS, ROSES & SHRUBS

Now that Autumn is almost upon us many will be attending to those end of year chores, like cutting hedges and pruning trees. When doing this, please take a moment to consider the outside of your property as well. People often forget that, in the eyes of the law, footpaths (as well as bridleways and byways) are minor highways. So it's worth remembering that any unruly vegetation growing from your front garden needs to be managed on the highway/pavement side too!

So often, we tend not to realise that our favourite fragrant creeper, prized rose, pretty shrubs or shady trees aren't always quite so pleasant for others; especially when they spill out onto the pavement or highway. People on mobility scooters, children on scooters or in push chairs or those with poor eyesight are all vulnerable. Please take a moment or two to consider just how hazardous your property frontage is! Is it easy for pedestrian to pass by unimpeded? Is it even possible for an adult with a toddler, or a carer with a patient to walk past your property side by side?

Check that your nicely clipped hedge isn't in fact two feet over the pavement! Do over-hanging branches mean that people have to limbo dance under them especially if it's raining and they have a brolly up? Don't forget too that tall branches or fast growing creepers can shoot up lamp posts at an alarming rate also causing problems, especially as the evenings draw in.

So now is the time to get out those secateurs, pruning saws or loppers and get that offending overhanging vegetation trimmed back.

Remember owners are liable for any accidents caused by or involving overgrown vegetation and Cambridgeshire County Council Highways has the power to ensure that any obstruction or hazard is cleared. If you have any concerns please contact them on 08450 455212 or for obscured street lights contact street.lighting@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Pene Nudds

DISCOVER HISTON & IMPING-TON COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The Histon and Impington Community Orchard Project (HICOP) was founded in 2011 with the aim of establishing an orchard to preserve local and endangered fruit varieties and to act as a haven for wildlife. The orchard, covering one acre, is positioned between Somerset Road and the guided busway.

Over the last two years about fifty fruit trees have been planted, mainly apple, pear and gage varieties. Many of the trees have strong local links such as Histon Favourite and Cottenham Seedling. A further twenty trees will be planted early 2015 in an area designed to recreate a commercial orchard as would have been grown in the area 100 years ago. The varieties chosen were those grown by Chivers. To encourage wildlife the orchard been planted with a boundary hedge and a wild-flower meadow is being established

This year picnic tables and a bench were purchased and installed due to kind donations from the Feast Committee and from the British Legion. The position of the orchard makes it a quiet and safe place to explore or to enjoy a picnic

The orchard also acts as a place for education, with local schools involved in planting trees and wildflowers. Earlier in the year a wassailing event was held in conjunction with the Junior and Infant Schools with the chil-

dren learning traditional songs. Events such as birdringing in conjunc-



tion with the RSPB and moth viewing have proved popular and an ideal way to see wildlife close at hand.

Now the tree planting is nearing completion we are looking for new ways to encourage groups young and old to use the orchard. In particular we are looking for ways to encourage and document wildlife. We are also keen to promote traditional orchard skills through workshops enabling the opportunity to learn and develop skills such as pruning and hedge laying.

If you would like more information then please visit the website www.hicop.info or contact Simon Goddard on 07748 751695.

Simon Goddard

MEMORY NOTES

The Memory Notes is a new weekly singing group especially for people with memory loss challenges, & early to mid-stage dementia - and their carers &



supporters. We meet in the lovely Stable Room, next to St Andrews Church, every Wednesday morning at 11am - 12.30.

Led by Rowena Whitehead, the sessions are open to all, regardless of previous singing experience. The Memory Notes is about inclusion, building friendships & sharing the joy of music. Singing has proven benefits for health & well-being, particularly for those with dementia.

We sing favourite songs for all tastes, from English folk songs to ABBA, with the aim of providing a relaxing, uplifting and supportive environment. The session starts with refreshments and the chance to chat and meet others from the group. Tea, coffee, biscuits and laughter are a major part of the morning! You are welcome to come along and join us we're there every week (including school holidays). We ask for £5 per family.

For further information contact: Sylvia Dannreuther on 01223 479343

or: thememorynotes@gmail.com

Sylvia Dannreuther

WONDERFUL VILLAGE PLACES

Many residents, and in particular some of the younger ones, will have enjoyed the play opportunities in the refurbished area at the Rec. Some will have noticed that the sail cover over the sitting area set amid the sensory garden has been missing.

With help from the Friends of the Rec, a replacement has been funded, designed and fitted. It seems that the mechanics of such a sail shelter are challenging, indeed too challenging in the winter so the sail will be taken down soon and returned in the spring. In the

meantime, with many of the sensory garden flowers in bloom, it is a beautiful spot.



The editorial team knows there are many such wonderful places in our villages, just that not everyone is aware of them. You are invited to send photographs to editorial.committee@hisimp.net for featuring in a regular item "Wonderful Village Places"

CREDIT UNIONS - HERE TO HELP YOU MANAGE YOUR

MONEY

From Friday September 26th, Impington and Histon Savers, a branch of the Rainbow Saver Credit Union (which covers East Anglia) will open at St Andrews Centre and be open every Friday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

A local Collection Point

It will be a place for people to join Rainbow Savers - membership costs £3 - pay in savings, request a withdrawal and apply for loans. Impington and Histon Savers aims to provide a friendly service staffed by local trained volunteers.

Save when you can, borrow when you need

There are around 400 Credit Unions across



wales. Rainbow Saver has thousands of members across East Anglia who save who to. It is a financial co-

operative which is owned and managed by its members. Rainbow Saver charge a maximum of 3% per month (42.6% APR) but this rate drops when members have been saving. Still a much better alternative to payday loan companies.

Some of the special benefits of joining are:

- People who have been refused bank accounts are welcome
- Jamiar budgeting accounts help members save for bills and special occasions
- A pre-paid debit card is available for a small charge
- People with poor credit rating can still request a loan as long as a savings record is built up first.
- Free life insurance is available for most members

Safe and regulated

No interest is paid on savings though occasionally a dividend may be paid. The Credit Union

though provides a safe place to save as well as low cost loans. Credit Unions are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, and savings are fully covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. You can be sure your money is safe and protected by law.

For details visit www.rainbowsaver.co.uk/ or come along on any Friday.

VILLAGE PROFILES -WHO'S WHO

The editorial team have received a suggestion that the newsletter should include profiles of prominent members of our community.



We think its a great idea, space permitting. We would like to hear your views so please comment to editorial.committee@hisimp.net or even better please suggest the names of people you feel would be ideal candidates for such a profile.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS **NEWSPAPER?**

We are looking for a reliable and conscientious resident to be on the editorial team responsible for compiling this quarterly newspa-

If you are interested and would like to know more, mail Ruth at ruth.moulder@hisimp.net

Council & Committee Meetings

See website for details: www.hisimp.net

Full Council - Recreation Centre from 7 p.m. - Monday 20th October; Monday 17th November 2014

Planning - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 7th October; 28th October; 11th November; 25th November; 16th December 2014

Highways - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. -Thursday 16th October; 11th December 2014

Finance, Legal & Administration - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 6th October ; 15th December 2014 (TBC)

Environment - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. -Tuesday 4th November 2014

Community Park Project - Parish Office 7.45 p.m. - Thursday 27th November 2014

Recreation - Recreation Centre, 7.30 p.m. -Monday 14th October; 24th November 2014

Youth - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 13th October 2014

Kings Meadow - Wherry Housing offices 7.30 p.m. - Wednesday 1st October; 10th December 2014

Residents are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

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