



The Newsletter of Histon & Impington Parish Council

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COUNCIL TAX

There's nothing so certain as taxes, as the saying goes, perhaps that ought to be "nothing so certain as tax rises". And, regrettably, so it is this year.

County and District are both increasing their portion of the Council Tax by 1.99% - the maximum that they can without holding a referendum. Neither Fire nor Police are increasing their part of the Council Tax, the Fire service understandably so given the reduction in call outs to fires.

The results, at Band D, that's an extra £22.33 for County, and £2.44 for SCDC - a total increase of 48p per week.

The Parish Council has, after much consideration and with regret, also decided on an increase. The Council's own spending is under good control. However, it has decided to establish a "community services fund" to provide scope to reduce the impact of District and County changes on residents.

We know that both County and District Councils are under financial pressure. Reports from their Council debates on Council Tax rates added evidence for the Parish Council decision.

Cllr Ray Manning (SCDC Leader) said this year (reported in the Cambridge News): *"If you believe in localism, it does mean the parishes can set their own precept higher because we're no longer providing the services, but you can't have it both ways. You can have the district council providing the services and charging an awful lot of money, or you can let the parishes decide how to do it themselves."*

And at the County Council, Cllr Whitehead said (again reported in the Cambridge News): *"The children and young people's (CYP) committee has produced a balanced budget, but this has been achieved at great cost. I think I can speak for the whole committee in saying not one of us is happy with this*

budget. I cannot, therefore, say that I recommend to you the section of the budget concerned with CYP - I simply present it to you as the best we can do, to protect as many services as possible, under bleak circumstances."

The Parish Council's budget will be covered in the Council Tax leaflet that comes out with bills in the near future.

This is the same information, but presented differently - staff costs, and the cost of borrowing, have been allocated to the different areas, and income has been deducted to give nett costs.

| Committee | Nett costs |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Planning | £6,817 |
| Youth | £28,303 |
| Recreation | £119,610 |
| Highways | £10,157 |
| Environment | £46,631 |
| Kings Meadows | £7,889 |
| Finance & Legal | £19,099 |
| Community Support/Donations | £6,000 |
| Administration | £48,714 |
| Community Services fund | £3,415 |
| Total | £296,635 |

The Council intends that any savings identified will be used to increase the size of the Community Services fund, aiming for a target of £10,000

As a result of this planned spend, the Parish share of Council Tax will increase by 4%. For a Band D property that's an increase of £3.51 - under 7p per week.

The Council also has ambitious plans for capital spend, all of which will be reviewed in detail before any approval is given. These vary from potential improvements at the Recreation Ground (cricket nets, changes to the grass tennis courts), through to necessary fencing repairs, highways contributions, removing silt from the Brook ("Duck Pond") and, of course, the plans for ByPass Farm.

Denis Payne

VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL - IS IT FOR YOU?

There is a vacancy on the Council to be filled by co-option at the next opportunity. This casual vacancy has been caused by the resignation of one of our Councillors. If you may be interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the parish office to discuss the vacancy.

IT TAKES
ALL SORTS.



CLICK IT OR MISS IT

May 7 looks to be one of the most momentous days in British politics for a generation - but will you have a vote?

It's reckoned that several million people will not have a vote because they haven't registered.



February 5 was Voter Registration Day and more than 80,000 people clicked onto www.gov.uk/register-to-vote to sign up to vote. The process takes five minutes and you will need your post code and your NI number.

You can register once you are 16 although you will only be able to vote on 7 May if you are 18 or over on the day.

If you are a citizen of another EU state or Commonwealth country living in the UK, and unsure whether you are entitled to vote, [check the Electoral Commission website](http://checktheElectoralCommissionwebsite).

If you are unsure whether you are registered or want to update your details, contact the South Cambs electoral registration officer elections@scambs.gov.uk or 03450 455214

NB It's not just a General Election, one of the three District Council seats (currently held by Councillor Jonathan Chatfield) will be up for election.

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IVC ART SHOW SUCCESS

Impington Village College's 54th annual art exhibition was a resounding success with nearly £4,500 in sales. One hundred artists - with 20 well known professionals - submitted more than 400 works. Prices of paintings ranged from £20 to £800 and attracted over 400 visitors.

Mehboob Hamza, member of the organising committee, said, "This year, we saw the range and quality considerably better and



Lady in Red - Bernard Stewart-Deane

appealing, and the praise from visitors and artists was especially rewarding to the Committee for the hard work in staging such an event. This year is the College's 75th anniversary and the success of this event raises our aspirations to make the 55th event even better".



Styx - Steve Ferris

The event is organised by the IVC Parents', Staff and Friends Association, a local charity, which raises money for the college.

January 7th saw Choir 2000 celebrate its 15th Anniversary with a large cake.

The choir was delighted that Grayston Burgess, its first Musical Director, was able to attend the event.

The cake was duly cut by him, Beatrix Bown, the founder of Choir 2000, and Peter Britton, its Musical director since 2007.

The choir has started rehearsals for its Spring

Concerts on March 20th and 21st at Histon Baptist Church.



The performances include Cherubini's dramatic Requiem and Beethoven's wonderful Egmont Overture.

Tickets will be available from the Histon Post office, from members of the choir and on the night. Full details at www.choir2000.org or on Facebook.

Beatrix Bown

COMMUNITY BIG TIDY UP GETS BIGGER

The 13th quarterly Community clear up got underway on Friday 6th March when volunteers that were unable to join the main event on Saturday cleared several areas. This included students from Impington Village College who undertook to clear around the college and surrounding roads. The Royal Bank of Scotland also provided volunteers to do other areas around the village.

On Saturday the main force of litter pickers were out and about clearing up large parts of the village, including the Recreation Ground and around Cawcutt's Lake (back of the Holiday Inn). The following day (Sunday) more areas were cleared including Guided Busway paths and verges.

Our Group now has over 75 volunteers of all ages, although not everyone is able to help every time. The quarterly Group joins forces with the WI Ladies and the South Impington Litter pickers both of whom regularly meet monthly.

If you would like to make a difference to His-

ton & Impington, and could spare 90 minutes of your time to join the monthly or quarterly groups, please contact me for more details.

Cedric Foster, 01223 234156

20 MPH - PLENTY FOR HISTON AND IMPINGTON?

The Parish Council's Highways Committee has started to investigate working towards a 20mph limit on all non-A and B roads in the villages; this would mean all roads north of the A14, bar the A14 and B1049 (Bridge Road, Water Lane, Glebe Way and part of Cottenham Road).

As you may well be aware, Cambridge City

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A NEW CLUB FOR H&I WITH ITS WHEELS SPINNING IN THE PAST

Last year's Feast commemorated life in the villages at the beginning of World War 1. In the process of researching that period we came across some wonderful photos of the vibrant local bicycle club that flourished in



the villages. They inspired a group of enthusiasts already organising informal rides in the area to come together in April 2014 and resurrect the Histon and Impington Bicycle Club from the ashes of history.



From a standing start the club is thriving with a varied menu of activities to appeal to all sorts of cyclist including:

- Two Sunday morning road rides going out for a couple of hours
- Occasional Saturday morning rides for the fit, heading out for 70 miles or so with a tea and cake stop
- Occasional family rides, and social rides that are a bit longer - usually to St Ives and back along the busway; nobody gets left behind and it's very chatty
- Early Wednesday morning mountain bike rides for those who want off road/muddy
- Holidays and tours - a group recently had a blast at the Afan Mountain Bike Centre in South Wales and in 2015 a group will go camping at Suffolk's Mildenhall Bike Rally
- Large events - the Friends of the Rec and the HI Bicycle Club are organising a cycling event this year on Sun 6th Sept. 'The Strawberry 50' will be open to all and there'll be a choice of three separate rides: 55 miles, 35 miles and a shorter 10 - 20 mile ride along the busway and back for children and others fancying a shorter trip.

HIBC is open to all so if you would like to find out more visit histonimpingtonbicycleclub.org.uk or see our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/histonimpingtonbicycleclub/?fref=ts

Nicole Barton

ENVIRONMENT GAINS FROM ELECTRICAL COLLECTION

Last year, kerbside collections of unwanted electrical appliances resulted in a cash benefit to Histon & Impington Parish Council of £116 which is being spent on the environment.

**NEXT COLLECTION
13TH MAY
DON'T DUMP IT
RECYCLE IT!**

UK Recycling Performance figures show that only 40% of material is recovered from Household Waste Recycling Centres, so 60% of electrical appliances still go to landfill.

This year we want to do better - to stop material going to landfill, and to raise more money for the Parish Council to spend on environmental improvements around the villages. So, **don't dump it, recycle it!**

Just put any unwanted or discarded electrical appliances outside your home early on the morning of 13th May for [Wiser](#) to pick up. We know that there were some problems with pickups last year - Wiser have promised to tighten up their collections!

Bernard Stewart-Deane

GOOD SUPPORT FOR ' HELP SAVE LIFE' CONCERT

Nearly 100 people attended the concert held on Saturday 21st February at the St Andrew's Centre in the High Street organised by Neil Davies to help fundraise for the new Community Public Access Defibrillator. The music was provided by jazz duo Blue Champagne and the Jon Kingsman Band.



The good news is that sufficient funds have been raised from the concert together with a raffle at The Boot Public House and matched funding from a Barclays Bank staff charity scheme to meet the £1500 cost for the actual access unit which is to be mounted on an external front wall at the St Andrew's Centre and a training event. The East Anglian Ambulance Service are donating the defibrillator which goes inside the access unit after seeing the publicity for the concert. Everything should be in place by the end of March.

Neil Davies

HISTON AND IMPINGTON WWI VETERANS

Family Photographs Wanted

As part of the Feast Week programme, H&I Village Society hope to put on a display featuring the names of all those who served in any capacity during the Great War. As well as those in the armed forces, many of our community worked for the Red Cross supporting the V.A.D.



1918 John 'Jack' Frost and family of Water Lane.



1915 Voluntary Aid Detachment Nurse Helena Moore.

convalescent hospital, which was based at The Firs and later School Hill. These volunteers included nurses, porters, cooks, cleaners and members of working parties.

Do you have any photos of local veterans the Society could use to illustrate our lists? If so please contact the Society at village.society@hotmail.co.uk; or ring Eleanor Whitehead 01223 234502 or Jane Gilmour 01223 234176.

A WWI Roll of Honour featuring local armed forces veterans is at is.gd/MpdR4M

Eleanor Whitehead

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has been introducing 20mph limits in a phased programme, as are many cities, towns and villages across the country.

The aim is to improve safety throughout the villages, encouraging other forms of transport, reducing the amount of braking and acceleration of vehicles and the consequent emissions.

There will be opportunity for all to comment, either for or against, as part of this process and the Parish Council will be holding events to gauge residents feelings.

We would be interested to hear from you if you are willing to be part of a group to support this initiative, please get in contact with the Parish Office by email clerk@hisimp.net.

David Legge





is based in the Red House, Station Road.



Since 1946, the IWC has had international responsibility for regulating whaling

and conserving whales. This global programme of work is managed and coordinated by the IWC Secretariat from their office in the village. Although international, the Secretariat has always been based in the UK. At first it was part of MAFF but it grew and moved to Cambridgeshire in 1976; partly to be near other scientific organisations, particularly the British Antarctic Survey, and partly because the Red House was owned by MAFF. A combination of circumstances made Histon the ideal location!

The IWC is made up of 88 different member countries. Their cultures, views and priorities differ widely and it is vital that each one has their interests addressed by the Secretariat in a neutral manner. Many priorities are conservation-based; entanglement of whales in fishing gear; collisions with ships and pollution etc. This has changed from the original purpose for setting up the Commission. In 1946 it was vital to get more nutritional fat into the post war diet and whales were an ideal target to supply this, so whaling was widespread.

Times change; only a few countries still eat whalemeat but the IWC continues to regulate the small scale subsistence whaling of today. For these hunts, sustainability is paramount. A robust programme of scientific work goes on in order to set sustainable whaling quotas. Regulations about whaling insist that it should be humane and the welfare of the animal must be uppermost in the mind of the whalers.

Every two years, the 88 members of the IWC come together at a major face-to-face meeting. A wide variety of issues are discussed, from many different perspectives. Agreement is not always possible for member countries but understanding and respect for different cultures is important, and diplomacy and perseverance are key to progress.

The Whaling Commission has 16 employees including one in Cape Cod, USA, but most at

A 40s style charity ball is being organised at IVC for Saturday, May 9th. The evening marks the 70th anniversary of VE day, the 75th Anniversary of Impington Village College and aims to raise some money for Menelik Education. The charity does amazing work supporting communities both in the DRC and in the UK. They rely totally on donations and voluntary help.

There will be a 16-piece professional big band (lots of Glenn Miller music) and the Haywood sisters (an Andrews Sisters tribute).



A professional, cash only, bar is being provided by La Razza with suitably dressed staff! It will offer themed cocktails for the evening as well as wine and champagne.

The evening will be professionally compèred and there will be a 'swing dance' lesson at the start of the evening so that everyone can join in. The event is a 'costume' party but of course smart dress from other eras will be acceptable too!

Tickets can be bought via Eventbrite ([is.gd/c1QiU1](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-ball-2024-tickets-758544412127)) and those wanting to reserve a table for a group should email Teresa Weston on 40scharityball@gmail.com. A cold buffet supper will be served at tables and there will be some fun activities during the evening that people can choose to take part in.

If any local business would like to sponsor the event or offer raffle prizes or 'spot' prizes these would be most welcome and they can contact Teresa Weston as above.

John Walker

the Red House are local to the area. A wide variety of scientists and policy makers from all over the world also work under the IWC umbrella on particular issues. The work of the IWC continues to expand. Whale Watching is a growing industry all over the world and the IWC is now working to support this industry and help make sure it grows in a way that does not impact on the habitat or behaviour of whales.

As well as managing whaling and conservation of whales, the IWC holds an extensive historical and scientific archive which is internationally renowned and regularly accessed by scientists and researchers all over the globe.

The International Whaling Commission is proud to be doing what they do and also being part of the village community.

Josephine Teague

Recent rumours about the possible closure of Histon Library prompted the first meeting



about a Friends Group.

On 24rd
February
several
passionate
members
of our lo-
cal com-

munity, including Red Lion owner Mark Donachy and County Councillor David Jenkins, came together to exchange ideas about starting a Friends Group. The meeting looked at how this group could support and promote the library, and also potentially raise the funds that would give important improvements.

Library Operations and Development Manager, Lynda Martin, confirmed that there are no plans for closures of any Cambridgeshire libraries at present.

Attendees and library officials Marjorie Smith, Wendy Law and Lynda, agreed that in order to raise more money, more events should be held in the venue. It is available to local groups to hire for meetings and events. In order to better equip the library to host events, the group talked about their first possible plan of action: new shelving that can be moved easily to allow for more open space.

Due to the funds raised by the Red Lion's beer festival, a large potential pot exists for His-ton Library already. Over the next few months, the Friends Group have great hopes that this can be used to increase potential for income, in order to keep our local library well looked after and an enjoyable place to visit for years to come.

The next meeting will be held at the library at 7:30pm, Thursday 23rd April. Attendance from all enthusiastic local people is warmly welcomed and it is expected that the Group can be formally launched after this. To coincide with World Book Night, organisers plan to provide wine, cheese and other treats.

A volunteer advice drop-in has started at Histon library every week. It provides support for people who want to access on-line advice and also helps them make appointments with Cambridge Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) if needed. The volunteer has previous CAB experience and this should be a real asset for Histon & Impington.

This service runs Mondays 10 a.m. - 12 noon

It is being provided by [Care Network Cambridgeshire](#) in partnership with Cambridge CAB.

Melissa Ward

Young People's Noticeboard

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

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

Teenage voices need to be heard – Join our Youth Forum

The second youth forum was held on 22nd January and we heard from Neil Davies about the plans for a Community Park. This would provide more open space for family enjoyment and creative play and specific provision for young people. Discussion followed about the location of the site and some new suggestions were made. All young people are encouraged to take part in the consultation when it is launched later this year. Andrea led a discussion about requirements for a new youth club for young people aged 15 and over. The feasibility of starting this after Easter will be investigated. If you would like to be involved in this please get in touch – contact details at top of page.

The final topic for the evening was Histon Library – a newly formed group who want to see the library thrive and develop asked the young people to visit the library and feedback ideas of what needs to change to make it a place that they would use.

Tell us what you think.
Join the discussion!

Look out for the next meeting.

Kings Meadows – we're here for you too

If you are a young person living in King Meadows and want to know how you can access youth activities organised by our Youth Worker or want something set up in your area – contact Andrea using details above.

H&I Youth Film Competition – and the winner is....

Young people were encouraged to be creative around the theme of 'past, present, future' and to enter original films into the competition. Two groups of film makers will get their short films shown at IVC on Wednesday March 18th as part of the IVC@75 Film event. The 2 films showcase different sets of skills and a lot of creativity.

The first film, “A Question of Time” by Martha Vigliotti, Ella Craddock and Anabel Alderson is a “time travelling school” animation.

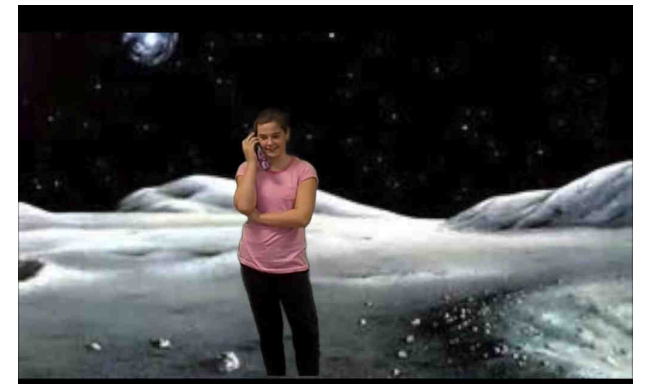


The second film “Stop Calling Me!” created by Stefania Papadokonstantaki, Kelda Smith, Madeline Norris and Ciara Calver is an “epic adventure where the main character keeps getting telephone calls at the worst possible moments”.

All the young people involved in the making of these films received a gift voucher for the Arts Picturehouse Cinema in Cambridge.

For more info: impington75.org.uk

Or contact hello@stevenjwallis.com



Chill out at the Twilight Youth Club

For years 7,8 and 9 on Monday from 4.00 – 5.15pm in the Community Room at the Histon & Impington Recreation Ground. Activities for March are

| Monday 2 nd March 4 – 5.15pm | |
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| Café | Fruit |
| Challenge | Doughnut Challenge |
| Quiz | Who looks after you? |
| Activities | Thank you card and decoupatch |
| Sport | Gym equipment and games outside (weather permitting) |

| Monday 9 th March 4 – 5.15pm | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Café | Your chance to cook: Popcorn |
| Challenge | Sugar cube challenge |
| Quiz | Red Nose Day |
| Activities | Film night and thank you cards |
| Sport | Skipping/running races and dodgeball |

| Monday 16 th March 4 – 5.15pm | |
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| Café | Hot cross buns |
| Challenge | Chocolate biscuit challenge |
| Quiz | Keeping fit |
| Activities | Arts and crafts/foot spas |
| Sport | Assault Course Challenge |

| Monday 23 rd March 4 – 5.15pm | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Café | Your chance to make: Easter Biscuits |
| Challenge | Human Hungry Hippos |
| Quiz | Healthy Relationships |
| Craft | Arts & Crafts |
| Sport | Table Football and Table Tennis |

IVC EVENTS

March

Tuesday 24th in the Pavilion, IVC Ellee Seymour: The Shop Girls: a true story of hard work, friendship and fashion in an exclusive 1950s department store

April

Saturday 25th - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Lecture Day: The Legacy of Walter Gropius

Tuesday 28th - Dr Simon Poole: The Mediterranean Diet

June

Tuesday 30th - Susan Woodall: “Sin, Sex and Sympathy”

WHY SHOULD I BE INTERESTED IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

When you talk to people about the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) it's sometimes a little difficult to generate enthusiasm.

Part of the problem is the name but if you talk to people about securing the future of our community they perk up. But what's meant by 'securing the future'? Why bother? There are three big reasons:



Money: government planning rules levy a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on new developments and normally 15% of that is passed on to Parish Councils. Those with a NP get 25%



Developers: if there's a NP then it adds rules that control development in the community. For example, if our NP says no new housing somewhere then developers have to take note



Capital planning: the Parish Council is ambitious to add to the amenities of the community but it can't afford to do everything. With a NP it will have the mechanism to set priorities and plan accordingly

The current NP activity has been running for about a year and in that time a set of community priorities has been developed and subject to validation. The five priorities are summarised in the panel right.

In addition to the support given for the priorities many residents have made specific comments.

Going forward we have our collective eye on May 2016 when we plan to bring the NP to the

RESIDENTS' FEEDBACK

- Doctors surgery and NHS dentist need to expand to cater for growing population
- Ensure village doesn't become too big and lose the community feel
- Would like to see a network of safe cycle routes within the village especially leading to schools
- To be an environmentally friendly and sustainable village to maintain health and welfare of the local environment and residents
- Pedestrian safety. Generally motorists park any place they want, blocking pavements, on zigzags, yellow lines. PCSO not visible or active
- To ensure that there are opportunities for people to volunteer and contribute to their local community

Community for it to be approved in a referendum. That's required by planning rules to enable it to take effect.

In the meantime we have developed a set of enabling actions to underpin the priorities. We plan to share them in May and then to build on them through the summer so that we might be able to complete a draft plan sometime in the autumn of this year.

We continue to check that our thinking reflects the cross cutting themes which are important to our community.

We also continue to check back with the Histon & Impington Vision which we developed in 2013.

The NP process is being driven by a core team with guidance from a steering committee. The former has frequent but short meetings. The latter meets once every couple of months or so.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

- To encourage the growth and success of the retail, leisure and other commercial businesses of the villages
- To ensure the villages' social infrastructure (clubs and societies, open spaces and events) develops and adapts to their emerging and changing demographic
- To ensure a sufficient supply of sustainable and high quality housing (including affordable homes and small and larger units which address changing demographic demand) within the villages
- To support the community in continuing to make the villages safe, secure, supportive and welcoming for all
- To develop a network of sustainable and accessible transport links within and around the villages to create safe and inviting routes for all and especially for pedestrians and cyclists

If you'd like to join either of these groups please contact us.
David Jenkins

PCSO UPDATE

Cambridgeshire Police are not reducing the number of PCSOs in the County. And there are no plans to move our current PCSO Tony Martin away - he will remain the named PCSO for Histon and Impington.

However, PCSOs are supporting each other, and supporting areas that are struggling - that will mean that Tony is not always in Histon or Impington.

PCSOs are also spending more time with the most vulnerable - working in schools or with the elderly.

SCDC LOCAL PLAN: INSPECTION PROGRESS

The South Cambs Local Plan has been developed over a couple of years and the final version submitted by SCDC to the Planning Inspectorate for their assessment.

The Inspector appointed (for the SCDC and the City plan together) has read all of the thousands of submissions and decided with her team the major areas for more evidence, and the topics she wants to hear more about. In the jargon these are called the "matters" and the "issues".

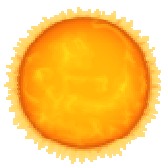
Each of the matters are subject to hearings at which the Inspector decides who she wants to hear. Those opposing the proposals are called in person, and for the arguments in favour of the proposals only the SCDC and CCC representatives are permitted to speak. The hearings started last November and the programme may well continue at intervals until late this summer. The matters and issues have been published for the hearings up to May. Two of the hearings to date are of interest to Histon and Impington. Histon and Impington Village Action Group (HAIVAG) were called to both.

Hearing 2: Overall Strategy - whether the entire plan was developed on sound principles. HAIVAG complained that one of the priorities was for development to be concentrated in "Rural Centres" (Histon and Impington are one) with an assumption that the necessary infrastructure would be provided without any indication that this would happen. HAIVAG reported that the individual assessments of proposed sites were often "woefully inadequate" and wrong. Like many others, HAIVAG demanded that the plan should be modified to first develop brownfield sites.

Hearing 6: Green Belt usage: The Inspector opened by saying that the demand for housing did constitute an "exceptional" circumstance to allow development on Green Belt. Despite this many giving evidence (including HAIVAG) pointed out that the Green Belt use was proposed very early in the Plan's generation, long before both SCDC and CCC could be sure it was needed. HAIVAG noted that most of the Parish Councils had included in their submissions a presumption to retain the Green Belt. A more detailed account can be found on the HAIVAG web site is.gd/9NlfmS.

The future hearing of April 28th is on large development sites including "Darwin Green 2" (the area south west of the A14 junction which is entirely within the Impington Parish boundary) where up to 900 houses are proposed. Histon and Impington Parish Council have been called on two objections from their submission: the drainage plans (all the water run off will pass by drains to the Brook

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THE FLAMING JUNE HALF MARATHON - SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

After a successful first year the Flaming June Half Marathon returns on the first Sunday in June being 7th June together with a couple of new additions ; a special training evening on 22nd April and a special Blue Smile Mile run.

In 2014 more than 650 runners enjoyed running through South Cambridgeshire rolling countryside in the multi terrain half marathon in glorious sunny weather.

The event organised by Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation follows a 13.1 mile route from the start in Impington following the Guided Busway support track to Histon before crossing country to Girton and then to Oakington.

Runners reach the halfway point at Reynolds Drove and the homeward stretch is along public footpaths back to Histon, with the finish line at Histon & Impington Recreation Ground.

The entry fee is £22 and registration is at www.theflamingjunehalf.co.uk

Proceeds from the event will be used to improve community leisure facilities in Histon and Impington, and help develop sports and exercise activities for all ages.

The 2015 headline sponsors are [Tucker Gardner](#), [Holiday Inn at Impington](#) and the [Spirit Health Club](#) plus Advance Performance.

Their generous support has helped the Friends provide 20 charity places to three charities: [Blue Smile](#), [Motor Neurone Disease Association](#) and the [Brainbow](#) charity at Addenbrookes. Charity runner registration forms are available at the event website.

New for 2015 is a special Flaming June Half Marathon training evening being on Wednesday 22nd April organised by HI Runners and Advance Performance. Starting at 7pm at the Recreation Ground a training run will start proceedings followed at 8pm with presentations on training, running equipment, injury prevention and prep for race day.

The Blue Smile Mile first held last June will be held on the Recreation Ground at 10.30am on the morning of the half marathon, the fundraising event for Blue Smile the Cambridge based children's counselling charity is open to families and children can run, walk or toddle around the mile course.

Neil Davies

CREDIT UNION UPDATE

[Impington and Histon Savers](#) continues to progress. Although the newest branch in the Cambridge Area (the other two are at Mandela House and in Sawston), we already have a third of the total membership.

South Cambs District Council have written to their tenants advising that with the advent of Universal Benefit the Credit Union offers a great way of managing the single payment into the various pay outs, including rent. To encourage tenants, SCDC will pay the small Membership joining fee.

Particular interest has been shown by members in:-

- Junior savings accounts to encourage the saving and budgeting habits needed in adult life
- The debit card for members that is used like a normal debit card up to a limit of total spend set by the member (great for both ensuring control over spend and for travellers not wishing an unlimited exposure if the card is lost).

The branch is open at The St Andrews Centre every Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Brian Ing

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SCDC LOCAL PLAN: INSPECTION PROGRESS

and onwards to Westwick) and the junction design for Histon Road (a new set of traffic lights 50m south of the Kings Hedges Junction onto Cambridge Road).

So far the Buxhall Farm site has not been included in the hearings lists.

The Inspector is to issue a final inspection report, probably by the end of the year. Interim reports may arise if there are serious shortcomings in the Plan (as has happened to the Uttlesford Plan). The Inspector's report may require SCDC to propose changes to the Local Plan and these changes will need full consultation locally. This would happen in 2016.

The Parish Council and the Village Action Group will keep residents informed of progress and outcomes.

Sue Lee/Brian Ing

BROOK UPDATE

The Parish Council's contractors have been tidying up the planting at the edge of the Brook (many call it the *Duck Pond*) - as with any plants, this is part of regular annual maintenance. It will, of course, regrow!

Later in the year, more works are planned to remove much of the silt, combined with planting improvements supported by SCDC with funding coming from the County Council and Parish Council reserves.

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www.hisimprec.co.uk
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Availability Calendar for
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VILLAGE CAFÉ SOCIETY

We are well served by a surprisingly wide range of cafés within Histon and Impington. Each of them has a unique character and a varied menu and ambience.



One of the newest is [The Geographer](#) at 103 Station Road, a family-run, independent café/deli and store. Open 8.30am - 5pm in the week and 9am - 5pm on Saturdays, serving breakfast, lunch, coffee or cake; and a selection of food and travel inspired gifts, cards, continental biscuits and wine, as well as daily staples like bread, milk, eggs, sliced meats and cheeses. I often enjoy a cappuccino and biscotti on the forecourt when the sun shines.

New for 2015 - enjoy Afternoon Tea at The Geographer, with a selection of delicate mini sandwiches, cakes and scones with a pot of loose leaf tea or even a glass of Prosecco for that special occasion! It also hosts supper nights. For more details, or to book, call Caroline on 01223 233228

As mentioned in the last issue of HISIMP News, the [St Andrews Centre café](#) is thriving and offers an early birds' special from 9am till 10am Monday to Friday and a cream tea special from 2.30pm till 3.45pm Monday to Friday. One of their special offers is a senior citizen lunch special on Monday lunch times - consisting of a meal and hot drink for £4.95.

Emma, the manageress, is planning some Easter activities - colouring competition and decorating ginger bread Easter chicks etc.

Probably not widely explored by residents is [d:licious](#) which is based on Vision Park, off Station Road. Very popular with office workers on the estate, it offers a wide range of choice for breakfast, lunch and snacking, with baguettes, pastries and jacket potatoes all freshly baked on-site. For example, start the day with a bacon roll and coffee, or croissants of various types for £2.60. Or pop in for mid-morning coffee and sit, when weather permits, on the boarded terrace overlooking the ornamental lake and landscaped gardens. Maybe even feed the ducks. One of their specialities is Chilli in a Panini. Open Monday to Friday, 7am till 3pm. Well worth a visit.

Then there is the Methodist Church with its [Community Coffee Shop](#) on Wednesday from 9am to 5pm and on Saturday, from 10:30am to 11:30am. There is the added attraction on Wednesday of lunchtime table tennis!

Also in the High Street, [Barkers Bakery](#) offers a wide range of treats throughout the day, particularly their own freshly baked cakes and buns.

Plenty of options to explore and enjoy, come rain or shine.

Bernard Stewart-Deane

FULL HOUSE AT THE KING BILL

Maybe you don't expect to find a Baby Club in the lounge bar of a pub, take in neglected dogs, or even start your own mini-Glastonbury in a carpark - but then, you're not Susie Lee, landlady at the popular King Bill.

Located at the top of Histon village, near St Andrews Church, the King Bill has been Susie's terrain for the past eight and a half years. These days she reckons that with her partner Mark Belfield they have three full time jobs - running the pub, Mark working full time as an electrician and bringing up three children.

The stray dog was found by the owner of the Indian Ocean, curled up in a heap of leaves on the grass near the restaurant. Aware of Susie's big heartedness, he phoned her for advice. Susie explains: "We told him to bring the dog to us. It was petrified, with matted fur, filthy and stinking to high heaven. We tried to locate the owner but, clearly, they had neglected and abandoned her. So we took her on once the vet had looked her over. We named her Indie and our own dog, Jake the Jack Russell, has taken her under his wing, and slowly she is recovering."



While the St Andrews Centre was being renovated in the High Street, Susie provided the lounge bar for the local Baby Club once a week for nearly a year. She said: "We pushed the furniture back to the walls each week, laid blankets in the floor and enjoyed the change of atmosphere in the pub. It's important for local communities to work together in whatever ways they can."

Susie's career before arriving in Histon was unusual. She started out in the leisure industry as a lifeguard and fitness trainer. This was followed by a number of years in the aircraft industry, firstly handling cable assemblies for planes and helicopters, and later as an aircraft wirer.

Contracting the debilitating condition Lupus, she was forced to give up work for a time. Subsequently she came back doing part time work, eventually ending up behind the bar of The Plough in Radwinter, Essex. From part timer she progressed to landlady, starting her current career behind the bar.

Her arrival in Histon was the start of a new phase in her life and she is a vital part of our village life.

Bernard Stewart-Deane

SUMMER EVENTS TIMETABLE

An exciting calendar of summer events this year in Histon and Impington, including:

March

Thursday 19th - Sunday 22nd - Pinders Circus - Homefield Park

Sunday 29th - Duck Race on The Green (Histon Hornets U11s)

May

Monday 4th - Impington 5K / Running Festival

Saturday 16th - Impington Opportunity Group Stall on The Green

June

Sunday 7th - The Flaming June Half Marathon + Blue Smile Mile

Sunday 14th - Open Gardens

Saturday 27th - The Green Big Band Night

Sunday 28th - Feast of Sport - Recreation Ground

July

Friday 3rd - Tuesday 7th - Feast Fun Fair on the Green

Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th - Feast Flower Festival - St Andrews Church, Histon

Sunday 5th - Histon & Impington Feast Festival - High Street

Saturday 18th July - BillFest - Live music festival at the King Bill

September

Friday 4th - Rec Film Night - Mamma Mia

Sunday 6th - The Strawberry 50 (cycle rides of 55 & 35 miles + Family ride 12 miles)

TBC - Red Lion beer festival

Council & Committee Meetings

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

Full Council - Recreation Centre from 7 p.m. Monday 16th March, 20th April, 18th May 2015

Planning - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 10th March, 24th March, 5th May, 19th May, 9th June 2015

Highways - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Thursday 30th April, 18th June 2015

Finance, Legal & Administration - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 13th April 2015

Environment - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 31st March; 12th May 2015

Recreation - Recreation Centre, 7.30 p.m. - Monday 23rd March, 1st June 2015

Kings Meadow - Wherry Housing offices 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 24th March 2015

Residents are welcome to attend all Council meetings

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