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TOO MANY CHILDREN!



Until recently forecasts of demand for primary school places in Histon & Impington were pretty stable, consistent and within the capacities of our Infants and Junior Schools. Then last year we got the first signals of possible change when applications for places at the Infants School exceeded 90 and resulted in several 5 year olds having to start their schooling away from their home villages.

This year there have been 105 applications for places at the Infants School for local children and forecasts for future years have also increased.

What's going on? There's the underlying birth rate of course and this may increase as the economy improves and people get more confident in their ability to finance a larger family. There seem to be two other drivers. One is the visible driver of new houses, we have two small estates at Primrose Lane and Merrington Place, and new estates do seem to attract families with younger children. The other, maybe a particular Cambridge phenomenon, whereby young couples move to Cambridge to live and then relocate to South Cambridgeshire to start a family.

The County Council and the trust which runs the Junior and Infants Schools are looking at longer term options and have developed a solution for the short term. That involves building new temporary classrooms at the Junior School and relocating the third year of the Infants School to them. This enables the Infants School to be expanded from three to four forms of entry.

It's not a perfect solution but it has advantages. It does mean that all young children can go to school in their own community. And although the new classrooms are 'temporary' they are high specification and of the standard which parents would want for their children's education.

Update after the meeting on 2nd June

There was a good turnout at the open meeting at the Junior School. After short presentations from the County Council and the Trust a group of concerned parents made a statement. An open forum allowed other parents to express their views. There seemed to be agreement that communication had not been as good as it should have been and that the task of making the change in the time available was challenging. A small working group was set up to resolve the concerns. It was agreed that the minutes of the Trust meeting at which the decision was made would be made public, and the school agreed to set up a bulletin board to enable activity and progress to be posted in 'real time'.

David Jenkins

NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

At the May Elections Christopher Cross of 25 Rampton Road, Willingham was the successful Conservative candidate for South Cambs District Council. He joins Edd Stonham and Neil Davies as our third representative for Histon & Impington and Orchard Park.



District Council issues include housing, planning and environmental health and we are fortunate that our elected representatives attend monthly Parish Council meetings to report on District matters and take questions.

You can contact Christopher on 01954260790 or by email on cllr.cross@scambs.gov.uk

Our thanks are due to the retiring District Councillor Jonathan Chatfield who has represented our community well for many years, and we wish him well for the future.

Angela Young

AUSTERITY BITES ... AGAIN

We got enough debate about austerity during the election campaign and it seems it doesn't go away. Both our local councils are having to live off severely reduced grants and this means that they are looking at ways to save money: doing what they have to do smarter but sometimes not doing it at all.

Most recently CCC has announced that it is withdrawing funding for buses from Milton to IVC. It's said that it'll continue to run the bus



but that students will in future have to pay. It argues that, now that it has tidied up the footpath along Butt Lane by St Andrew's Way, the walking route from Milton to IVC is now safe and because it's less than 3 miles it is no longer obliged to pay for a bus.

Parents are not happy. The regulations themselves seem inappropriate because students will not walk the route, they will either cycle or be taken by car. Suddenly having to pay maybe £500 a year for a bus pass is a shock and if there's insufficient uptake of the paid for service it will be withdrawn and the extra car traffic will add to congestion at school run time, both mornings and afternoons.

It's a difficult one. If CCC does not save money this way where else can it save it? But is this particular decision misguided when you look at its unwanted consequences?

Parents are taking the decision to appeal and this is set for 30th June.

David Jenkins

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COPING WITH DIABETES

If you suffer from Type 2 diabetes there is a new scheme to help you cope. The leading diabetes charity, [Diabetes UK](http://DiabetesUK.org), has launched [Type 2 Together](http://Type2Together.org) which will connect you with other people near you who have diabetes.



The relaxed and informal sessions are led by trained volunteers who are helping to create a network of information and support hubs in local communities all across the UK, including Cambridgeshire.

What's in it for you?

- Share experiences and information
- Learn more about Type 2 diabetes and living with a lifelong condition
- Support each other and make new friends
- Discover classes, support and activities in your area.

If you're interested in meeting other people with diabetes and talking to people who really understand, you can [register your interest on-line](http://register.yourinterest.on-line) and be kept up to date as Type 2 Together gets started in your area.

Come along to a session or volunteer. To find out where your nearest Type 2 Together network meets, call 0345 123 2399 or email Type2Together@diabetes.org.uk to speak to your local team. They will be happy to talk through any questions you have about the service.

Are You Sure You Haven't Got Diabetes?

There are reckoned to be more than 40,000 in Cambridgeshire living with diabetes - and throughout the UK there are thought to be 3.8 million.

There are, however, many thousands of people who have developed Type 2 diabetes without being aware of the fact. The main symptoms of undiagnosed diabetes include:

- passing urine more often than usual, especially at night
- increased thirst
- extreme tiredness
- unexplained weight loss
- genital itching or regular episodes of thrush
- slow healing of cuts and wounds
- blurred vision.

A recent survey highlighted the importance of early diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes. Delaying treatment can increase the risk of serious cardiovascular complications such as heart disease and stroke according to Diabetes UK.

Although being overweight can be a cause of Diabetes 2, there may be other causes. For example, I developed Type 2 ten years ago - I

am relatively fit, have enjoyed a healthy diet for years and never been overweight - but something hit my immune system, causing my pancreas to malfunction, and diabetes was diagnosed.

I found out by accident that I had it- my GP took a blood test for a totally different reason but found that I had developed diabetes.

Diabetes results in your body not being able to process glucose properly. The danger is that if your glucose levels drop too low or soar too high you can end up in a coma.

Why should you be concerned about developing diabetes? Long and short term complications can impact on a wide variety of parts of the body including eyes, heart, kidneys, nerves and feet. In extreme circumstances it can lead to blindness or amputations.

If you notice you have any combination of the above symptoms, ask your GP for a simple blood test.

Bernard Stewart-Deane

THE MEMORY NOTES

The weekly singing group The Memory Notes has now been running for 6 months in Histon. We offer a warm welcome to people with memory loss challenges and early to mid stage dementia, and to their carers and supporters. Our exciting news is that the group has grown so much that we've outgrown our base at The Stable Room, and have now moved into the St Andrew's Centre on School Hill for our Wednesday morning sessions. We meet at 11am for refreshments, and sing from 11.30 -12.30. Sessions cost £5 per family group. All enquiries to Sylvia Dannreuther, coordinator on 01223 479343 or memorynotescambridge@gmail.com



Sylvia Dannreuther

Histon and Impington Village Society: Correction

In the previous edition of Hisimp News the Programme of Village Society events was displayed as if they take place under the auspices of Impington Village College. Though the Society holds its monthly meetings at the College, we have been asked to point out that it is an entirely independent organisation.

We apologise for any misunderstanding or inconvenience this may have inadvertently caused.

DOGS AND MAD ENGLISHMEN

In a letter to The Times, an Oxford don described the dog as ‘That indefatigable and unsavoury engine of pollution...’ Whilst such an uncompromising judgement is probably not shared amongst many residents of our villages, it is nevertheless true that dogs arouse more heated feelings than most issues with which the Parish Council has to deal; and although there are concerns, such as the noise some make, which are serious enough, it is the problem of their poo which proves so intractable.

Few of us are unskilled in dodging the poo which fouls our footpaths, be they across the open country or part of the network that gets us from one place to another. Yet it is perverse to suppose that any sort of blame attaches to the poor creatures from whom this mess originates. Such blame has to be laid, fairly and squarely, at the doors of those who allow their pets to cause such unpleasantness for others.

Throughout the hours I have spent walking our footpaths, and the miles I have covered with Poppy, my border collie, never once have I seen someone standing idly by while their pet ‘does his/her business’; which convinces me that whoever these owners are who manage so easily to leave their responsibility lying in wait for others to step in - or even to clear up, as so many responsible dog owners do - must have some sense of their own failings; they simply cannot bring themselves to do anything about it.



It is not enough that either the Parish or District Council should address the poo problem by sticking up endless posters or bins, particularly within our finite budgets; these items have no more appeal than the poo itself. Nor is it acceptable, in some bizarre way, to bag the poo and leave it hanging from a convenient branch as a token to the gods! It should, whenever possible, be taken home for disposal; in that way, the prospect of rows of poo bins lining our footpaths and notices littering our lamp-posts can be avoided; and we can walk with our children, safe from the filth and disease that can so literally be spread.

Derek Marston

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

We are delighted to report that the Histon and Impington Community Car Scheme is now fully up and running. Our volunteer drivers are busy supporting local residents who find it difficult to use public transport when they want to attend medical appointments, go to group meetings and events, visit relatives or make other important journeys.

If you think you might be eligible to use this service, please contact the scheme’s coordinator. Our drivers are fully insured and police checked and it will only cost you 30p per mile with a minimum charge of £3.00 per journey.



The demand is growing for this, our valuable community service, and we are urgently seeking to recruit additional volunteer drivers. If you are able to occasionally take someone to that important appointment or meeting and if you can spare an hour or two now and then, we would love to hear from you.

To book a journey, or find out if you are eligible to use the service, please contact the Car Scheme Coordinator on: 07982 108927 (or 01954 252813)

If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer driver, please contact: Jane Johannessen, Community Development Officer, Care Network Cambridgeshire 01954 211919 or jane.j@care-network.org.uk

Edd Stonham

HISTON & IMPINGTON HEALTHY WALKING GROUP

This group has been in existence for about 10 years, when up until last summer we met at the Recreation Ground under the leadership of a qualified instructor, and generally confined our walking around the Recreation Ground and the Guided Busway paths. When the lady who took us decided to move away, the small group of walkers decided to “do our own thing” and vary the walks to include cross country walks to nearby villages.

This has proved very popular and our membership is now around 50, although on average we get 15 to 20 regularly each Friday.

We meet at varying locations for a pre-planned walk that members decide upon normally the previous Friday. These include across fields to Girton (three variations), Gunns Lane bridle path to Westwick, Buxhall Farm permissive paths and around Cawcutts Lake. We have also done a couple of quirky walks around the village, such as walking to

each of the five churches within an hour or so and doing the many cut through paths mainly for the benefit of new walkers to the village.

All walks are between 60 and 90 minutes and we always start at 10.00 am on Fridays from varying starting points, which are advised either the previous Friday or by email/ telephone prior to the Walks.

Apart from walking there is quite a bit of talking going on and friendships have been made as a result.

Although the walks are at a fairly leisurely pace a few members have found them a little too much, so we have formed a second “Easy Walking Group” run by Nan Hutchinson.

If you would like to know more or where we are meeting, contact Cedric Foster on 234156 or cedric.foster@hisimp.net so that you may be added to the group mailing list.

If the Easy Walking Group is more appealing, I will be happy to put you in touch with Nan.

Cedric Foster

HISTON & IMPINGTON BUSINESS NETWORK

This group is for any local businesses, freelancers & entrepreneurs. They meet on the first Thursday of every month for a relaxed breakfast networking session at The Geographer in Station Road.

I’ve personally found the group very useful for advice on issues such as web site design and the new VAT regulations. Individuals have also helped me with product feedback and survey information for my business plan. Other members have also found the group helpful for new business. Richard Merrill of Cambridge Executive Cars has

had numerous bookings via word of mouth from the group’s Facebook site.

If you’d like further details, their web site is www.histon-impington-businessnetwork.co.uk which includes an online business networking directory. The group can also be contacted via jon@cyberscribe.co.uk 07973 205543.

Ruth Moulder



A COMMUNITY TO BE PROUD OF

Roger Hovells, owner of Hovells Cleaning Services, says that he couldn't be happier living in Histon & Impington since he moved here in 1979: "You won't find another place like it for miles." With the calendar chock a block with events and the streets lined with pubs, shops and food venues, he comments, "We call it a village, but it's more like a small town - it's got everything you need."

The strong sense of community is what Roger says he loves best about our village. For the last half decade, he's been working to give back to, and strengthen, that community, by acting as Chairman for the Royal British Legion. He describes how the Legion was brought out of dire straits by the hard work and dedication of a committee of eight devoted individuals.

To make sure that the space was not wasted, Roger has made sure that the invaluable venue the hall offered was made known; it is available to hire for people of all ages for almost anything they wanted - from pilates to pantomimes. The Legion Hall is now a thriving place to be throughout the year "There's never a dull month!" Roger chuckles.

Roger harnessed the business expertise he garnered from running his own cleaning company since 1999 and turned the Legion into a thriving business. He's been working closely with people since he left school at 15 and says that the key to good business relations is

WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS TO NEWMARKET NIGHTS ON FRIDAY 17TH JULY

Here's how you can win a pair of tickets to Newmarket Nights on Friday 17th July, when Status Quo perform after the final race of the evening.

Q: Finish this Status Quo song title: Rockin' All Over The _____ ?

Email the missing word from the title to hisimpcomp@gmail.com - and include your name and home address. Entries close at noon on Saturday July 4th.

Please note, you need to be aged 18 or over to enter and must be a resident of Histon or Impington to be eligible. A winner will be drawn at random from all the eligible entrants with the correct answer and the winner will be notified by post by 13th July.

The tickets have been generously offered by Heart - read more about them on page 8.

simple - you just need trust, and respect.

Whilst some may think that the Legion is only for war veterans or older people - Roger strongly disagrees. Making the club a friendly venue for all generations is vital for its continuation and Roger is very proud to be associated with the Histon Hornets; a wonderful team where younger people can come together over a common interest and socialise whilst bringing pride to the community.

To name but a few of the events coming up at the Legion: this September 9th is the next Open Day and Motorbike Show, where locals are welcome to meet members who will be hosting this fun, family event. Coming this Christmas, the Legion will be playing host to a pantomime version of *Jack and the Beanstalk*, for which tickets will be available soon. The Legion is completely self-running - all proceeds go back into the Legion to enable its continuing, happy presence within the Histon & Impington community.

Melissa Ward

TRAVELLING IN HISTON & IMPINGTON

We all know about the (mostly!) reliable Citi 8 and Guided Busway options for finding our way into the city centre and surrounding areas from Histon & Impington.

You may also be aware of two smaller services: the 110 to Ely and X8 to Cambridge. These buses run once-a-day; the X8 Monday to Saturday, and primarily intended for those working in the city - departing from Histon (near Orchard Road) at 08:00 and returning from Cambridge City Centre at 18:10. The 110 is for those who'd like to visit Ely on market days (Thursday and Saturday only) - leaving Impington Village College at 09:35, and returning from Ely Market Street at 13:15.

Less well known is the free service to Tesco at Bar Hill. The T5 runs Fridays (except Bank Holidays) leaving the Red Lion at 9:40 (and IVC and Histon Station a few minutes later) returning from Bar Hill at 11:30.

However, for those of us who may be less able to cycle, drive or use public transport, finding your way to other areas, such as Tesco or Morrisons, can be expensive and difficult to the point of being almost impossible.

The best known community travel option is HICOM, the Histon & Impington Community Minibus service. HICOM has provided travel options for older people or those within the village who have limited mobility since 1998. Each week, HICOM offers a shopping trip to either Milton Tesco, Morrisons, Aldi/Iceland and asks only for a small donation for the service. To enquire about HICOM, call Sue Hill: 07982106805 or Jean Newman: 07772437789, who can provide further help.

HICOM is run by volunteers and is a vital service for many living in Histon & Impington. If you think you can spare a few hours a week to help, please call Jean Newman as above, or jean.newman7@ntlworld.com.

In addition to HICOM, the Histon & Impington Community Car Scheme is now fully up and running (see article on page 3).

Melissa Ward

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PARISH COUNCIL CHANGES

After some 17 years in the guise of Chair or Vice Chair of both Impington Parish Council and the newer grouped Council, Denis Payne has reluctantly decided to step down from that office. Denis has guided each Parish Council in an exemplary manner over the years and on the way has gained the greatest of respect from those who have served under his leadership and residents and community groups he has worked with.

Highlights of his time in office include the huge amount of time spent on development of a Community Council at Orchard Park, being part of the original group who started the planting of daffodils in Impington, and endless hours spent on Local Plan consultations and the like to help protect our village identity. He will remain on the Parish Council and, we hope, continue to give his expert input into many of the challenges the Council faces in the coming years.

Denis continues on Planning, Finance and King’s Meadow Committees, two of the “Task & Finish” Groups (Drainage, Public Art) and will continue to edit Hisimp News and take a hand in the website. He will, of course, continue to offer any advice or support needed, particularly to his successor in the role of Vice Chair, Cedric Foster, who was elected at the recent Annual General Meeting.

David Jenkins was re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council for his third year.

Angela Young

AGA CAHN

(Co-opted March 16th)

Impington based Cambridge University graduate, also studied Literature and Theatre Studies in Kraków, environmental specialist with experience in EU funded international cooperation between local authorities.



Worked as fundraiser and project manager for major environmental organisations in Kraków, Poland. Dedicated to renewable energy and environmental education. Deputy head of a local cultural association since 2000, involved in building bridges between local communities, interested in multiculturalism, religious dialogue and international relations.

Teacher and educator, currently at Cambridge Beth Shalom Cheder.

In private life wife and mother of two sons, both attending Impington Village College.

Aga Cahn

HIGHWAY MATTERS

Residents have been asking why it has taken so long to get the Zebra Crossing installed at the Green. The Parish Council was originally told that because the crossing is within the Village Green area, it needed permission from the Secretary of State. After months of waiting, it emerged that the Crossing did not this approval, but just needed all parties’ agreement. So we are now in the hands of the County Council and the Contractor. The good news is it will be installed during this summer and before the new School Term in September.

Good news regarding resurfacing of roads within our village. After past Parish Council Walkabouts with County Council Highways Officers, Homefield Close, Roselea, Youngman Avenue and Youngman Close were all resurfaced in recent months.

The improvements outside the St Andrew Centre have been completed. Part two at the other side of the island in Windmill Hill will be carried out once funding is in place. This involves widening the existing narrow path and installing a drop kerb with tactile paving to complement the other side of the road. But widening the path will need taking the same amount off from the Island side to compensate without affecting the Oak Tree roots.

I will be carrying out the first of the 2015 Walkabouts later this month and will show the Officer from County Council my concerns. We have many roads and paths that are below standard as do other villages, but will stay on their case and hopefully steadily get more done in the coming years.

Cedric Foster

THE QUARTERLY COMMUNITY BIG TIDY UP GETS EVEN BIGGER

The success of this Group is growing! It now has more than 75 adults and children who join in at the quarterly events when they can. It is also good to have teams from Impington Village College, The Royal Bank of Scotland, Oakington Rotarians, the Women’s Institute and South Impington Litter Picking Groups.

We now cover virtually the whole of H & I Community, and if you feel you would like to join us, you will be made welcome.

All equipment is provided and we allocate an area to everyone before the event so that all volunteers know what they are doing. After each of the Saturday events the Methodist Church provide complimentary refreshments.

The recent event on 5th/6th/7th June was another great success. The next quarterly events are planned for 4th/5th/6th September and 4th/5th/6th December. We mainly carry out the Community BIG TIDY UP on the Saturday, but allow volunteers to do their allocated area on the preceding Friday or the following Sunday if that suits better.

In between the quarterly events, The South Impington Litter Picking Group and the Histon WI Litter Pickers Group meet the first Saturday of each month, who are seen tidying up main roads and The High Street. At the quarterly Community Big Tidy Up, both of these Groups join forces to make a big difference in our Community.

For more details, contact Cedric Foster on 234156 or cedric.foster@hisimp.net

Cedric Foster

WILD GARDENERS

A dedicated group of children and their parents have been working together to sow seeds in Homefield Park. As part of the Grow Wild campaign run by Kew Gardens in London, they approached the Parish Council for a small plot of ground where they could sow native wildflower seeds that would, in turn, stimulate the numbers of bees and butterflies there. One of the mums taking part, Juliet Cavanagh, had already experimented last year with a small patch in her own garden: ‘The results were really good and the children enjoyed every moment of it.’

Encouraged to take the project further, the children cleared and prepared the soil over a number of days, so that they were, when all was ready, able to enjoy the fun of sowing



the seeds. Now all they have to do is to wait patiently and see what grows!

Children and parents were supported in their efforts by the Envirovolunteers, led by Pene Nudds, who generously gave their time and energy to supplying and laying over the plot a dressing of topsoil which will provide the right conditions for the seeds to germinate.

The ‘mini-gardeners’ included Ella and Jack Fensome, Oscar Shaw, Billy and Anna Donovan, Emma and Lucas Pirrie; they were supported throughout by grown-ups Helen Shaw, Sara Donovan, Jessica Hawkins, Richard Fensome and organiser Juliet Kavanagh. Thanks also go to several others who, from time to time, simply popped over and helped.

So, green fingers crossed!

Juliet Cavanagh

HISTON & IMPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL: CHAIR'S REPORT TO THE 2015 ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

It's been a very full and generally positive year for Histon & Impington. And consistent with what I said last time about the Parish Council being at the centre of the community but not the centre let me look at some of the highlights. The Parish Council applauds them all but was occasionally just an interested but supportive observer.

The St Andrew's Centre opened. In fact it was just in the process of opening 12 months ago when we had our last annual meeting there. But it is now fully functional and has rapidly become a key part to village life.



In June we saw the first running of the Flaming June half marathon organised by the Histon Feast. It was a warm summer's day but there were still 650 successful finishers. This event builds on H&I's reputation as being a sporting community and will be repeated this year.

September saw the start of a year of Impington 75 celebrations recognising 75 years since IVC opened. It resulted from a coming together of people with vision: the educationalist Henry Morris, the architect Walter Gropius and local benefactors, the directors of Chivers & Sons Ltd.

We also saw two highways schemes in the High Street, finally. The first was the improvement to the Station Road junction which will be completed later this year with a crossing to the Green. And the second saw improvements to the School Hill area adjacent to the St Andrew's Centre. We still hope to be able to continue this project to improve facilities for pedestrians on the other side of the island.

And then just last month Histon FC had a good second half to its season and secured its position in the Southern Premier Division 12 points clear of the drop zone. The club's been through some tough times but is now reorganised and we trust that it now has a platform to improve its position. The Parish Council has started to meet the club regularly and we are exploring ways to better work together.

Good news was like buses towards the end of the year because we also heard from the In-

spector that he or she had rejected the Mitre appeal relating to its proposed redevelopment of the Bishop's site. The Parish Council fought against Mitre's proposal but now that it has succeeded it has met the developer to explore ways in which it can bring forward plans better suited to the site.



And finally the library was saved. When it came to renewing its lease it came under threat at the turn of the year as the County Council sought savings but a vigorous response from the Parish Council and our County Councillors resulted in the lease being renewed. A Friends group has now been set up and we will be looking at ways in which this facility can be used further within the community.

The focus within the Parish Council has been on delivery, using the money which we've collected via the precept and which we get through developer contributions to add value to our community, and on planning, being deliberate about our budgeting and making sure that we can continue to add value in the years to come. We do this through the council's committees and I'd like to tell you what each of them has been doing and will do.

There are five main budget holding committees which deliver services, Planning which is largely regulatory and two resource committees for finance and employment. Finally there are several task forces and working parties which come together when needed. Note that all committees meet in public and information about their meetings is on our website.

The Environment Committee looks after our less formal open spaces, allotments and footpaths. In addition to its ongoing operational tasks last year it installed the splendid gates



at Homefield Park. It's very much aided and abetted in its work by the Enviro Volunteers to whom again I give a big thank you. And this year has seen the emergence of the sustainability group which is also contributing to environmental work in our villages.

Highways is responsible for improving the roads and pavements in the community and delivered the two schemes in the High Street. This year it will look to finish these off and to start on other projects in the villages for which it already has funding.



Formal open space, the Rec and the children's playgrounds, is looked after by the Recreation Committee. The Rec is an important asset for H&I and in 2014/15 takings were steady at about £35,000. Activity was up significantly: 7 new groups used the pavilion, the Hornets played 230 games, up from 176 in the year before and there were 78 cricket matches played on the two cricket pitches. The Rec is a first class facility and to ensure that it is appropriately maintained an apprentice has been taken on to replace previously unsatisfactory arrangements. This year there are plans to replace the cricket nets and to invest in new all-weather tennis courts.

The Youth Committee finds ways to support young people in the community and in 2014/15 agreed with the County Council for the dedication of one senior youth worker to H&I. It is intended that this become a direct employment in 2015/16.

King's Meadows is that part of Impington south of the A14. In fact it's south of King's Hedges Road and not naturally a part of this community's life although its residents contribute to our precept. It therefore has its own committee. Last year it challenged those residents to consider alternative governance arrangements but there was insufficient interest to justify a change so we will continue as we are.

Planning is a regulatory committee which comments on all planning applications relating to the community and responds to consultations about proposals elsewhere. It was instrumental in pulling together opposition to the Mitre application. It will be keenly watching Mitre's reworked application and those relating to the Histon Station site and the Clark Brothers Yard which are expected to come forward in 2015/16.

We have two resource committees. FL&A

looks after finance and Employment looks after people. It's best when these committees do not generate headlines although I can note that the parish council recorded a surplus in 2014/15 of £76K and that it has increased its headcount by one as it has taken on an apprentice groundsperson.

But before we leave people let's celebrate. Firstly Chelsea Presland has passed her exams and is now a fully qualified council clerk. And secondly Trevor Smith will shortly complete his 30th year with the Council.

It all sounds very positive but let's be alert to the bad stuff. Last year we experienced very heavy rain twice which closed the B1049 and some people's homes were flooded. We got good support from the County Council and Anglian Water and although what we experienced are said to be one in a hundred year events we need to be wary. Today we need to ensure that gullies are clear and houses at risk can be protected. And longer term we need to find a way to fund the improvements which the Environment Agency says we need. That's a challenge approaching £1million.



And also, and very recently, uncertainty has crept in as the County Council has apparently reneged on a deal to lease ByPass Farm to the Parish Council for recreation space. It has cited the need for land to build a new infants school because it's now forecast that H&I will need an extra form right through the primary schools. Of course an alternative to ByPass Farm is Buxhall Farm which South Cambs had rejected as a development site but is now up before the Inspector for reconsideration. We will need to tread carefully. An infants school in the north of the community makes sense but we also need the open space and the reasons for objecting to the Buxhall Farm development have not gone away.

So we need to address these issues but we can also look forward to other positive developments in 2015/16.

There should be investment at the Rec as highlighted earlier: new cricket nets and all weather tennis courts. Both will provide more opportunities for younger people and the latter will enable H&I people to play tennis year round and more hours/day. But they will be costly and we need to be sure that such investments are necessary and will payback.

Let's remember however that these investments still must go through due process.

We will see a new fence at Homefield Park. The existing one is in poor repair and a new one will open up the park enabling it to be more visible from outside. This investment has already been approved and work should start shortly.

We are very fortunate to have received substantial funding for new highways schemes and we hope to see progress to improve traffic flows on Cambridge Road and New Road, to improve the Holiday Inn junction and the road up to the B1049/A14 roundabout, and to raise the capacity of the traffic lights at the Green. We should also see a new zebra crossing to the Green.

We are excited by the impact of 'our' youth worker and expect to see more opportunities to offer to young people. There are several sources of youth provision in the villages and we will expect to pull these together to enable them to be more effective as a result.

This year has seen good progress on the Neighbourhood Plan. There is a core team which mixes councillors and non-councillors and a set of priorities and enabling actions has been developed and is being tested. There is an exhibition/consultation which will go into the library later this month. The plan is to go through the various steps and to put

the Plan to the vote next May.

Before I wrap up let me raise one note of caution about the future. Austerity. We don't know what the financial climate is going to be like for the district and county councils but it's not likely to be any kinder than it is now. That means we've got to think about how we should respond. It's hardly appropriate for the Parish Council to replace other councils spending £ for £ but we may decide to do some. More importantly though we might energise the community so that there can be more self help. Whatever happens decisions must be made and action taken.

- And finally thank you to all those who make this community such a super one to live in and who contribute to the effective working of this Council:
- The many volunteers and groups within the community
 - Our County and District Councillors
 - The Parish Councillors who put in so much valuable unpaid time
 - Our staff who keep us legal and make it all work.

Thank you.

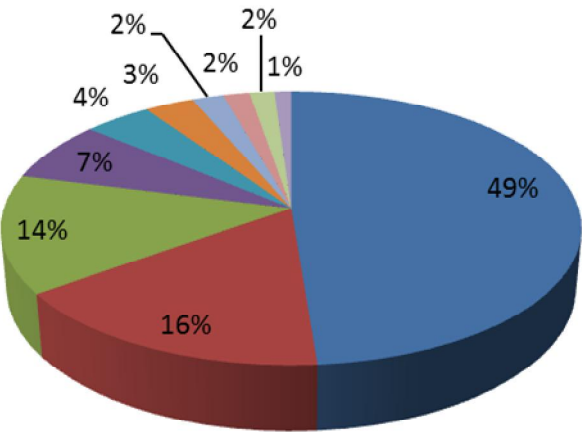
David Jenkins

ACCOUNTS 2014-15

March's issue carried a detailed breakdown of the budgets for the coming year, together with news of the increase in the Parish part of Council Tax being requested.

Spend for last year was:

Recreation	£150,863
Admin/Resources	£50,333
Environment	£43,092
Finance & Legal	£22,103
Youth	£13,448
Highways	£9,802
Planning	£6,270
Public Art	£5,262
Sec 137 spend	£4,946
Kings Meadow	£3,330
Total expenditure	£309,449



§137 spend is a power for the Council to provide other things not otherwise authorised for the benefit of some or all of its parishioners. During 2014-15 payments of donations or grants were made to:

Kings Meadow Garden project	£250
Reading week at the Library	£200
Royal British Legion	£100
Histon & Impington Car Scheme	£150
Histon & Impington Warden Scheme	£1,000
Older Person's Coordinator	£2,896
Histon & Impington Day Centre	£350
Total	£4,946

The Council's income mainly comes from Council Tax. It has also had "Sec 106" income which are sums arising from developments in Histon & Impington. Money that the Council gets this way can only be spent on capital items - such as new land or buildings, and if not spent, has to be returned.

Sec 106 income has now stopped because of changes to the planning system. Once the Local Plan Inquiry completes, this will be replaced by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) but at a much

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AT THE HEART
OF THE VILLAGES

Did you know, Histon and Impington is home to Cambridgeshire’s biggest local radio station?

With nearly a quarter of a million listeners a week, Heart Cambridgeshire is based on Vision Park, and covers the area from Stamford in South Lincolnshire, all the way down to Saffron Walden.



Breakfast Show hosts - Ros and Kev

Heart is part of the Global group, Britain’s biggest commercial radio company, which also operates the Capital, LBC, Classic FM and XFM brands.

The station’s morning show is presented by Kev and Ros, who are on air from 6am. Kev Lawrence explains: “On Heart Breakfast, everything is centred around the word ‘fun’. We always have an entertaining spin on the silly things happening in our own lives - and the observations we make. If it’s not real or funny, it doesn’t go in!”.

At 10am, former TV presenter Toby Anstis takes over and later in the day, Gareth Wesley presents the Drivetime Show from 4pm until 7pm, providing regular traffic information, music and local news.

Other regular broadcasters are former Spice Girl Emma Bunton, original Neighbours star Jason Donovan and TOWIE’s Mark Wright.

More than 20 people are housed in Heart Cambridgeshire’s offices and studios in Vision Park, including presenters, journalists, sales staff, engineering support and administration.

Heart Cambridgeshire is firmly rooted in the local area, as Managing Editor Freddie

Scherer explains: “We support a number of local events including Cambridge’s Christmas Lights switch on and Bonfire Night display, helping to raise awareness of them and providing our presenters as hosts.”

Heart’s charitable activity includes support for Cancer Research UK’s Race For Life, as well as the station’s own appeal - *Global’s Make Some Noise*. Within the last month, the station has granted nearly £5000 to Anna’s Hope, the charity based at Addenbrookes Hospital, which provides support for children and young people who have been diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Special events have included coverage of the Tour de France in Cambridge last year, which included a live broadcast from the start point on Parker’s Piece and a team of reporters anchored along the route through Essex into London.

On St George’s Day this year, Heart sent one of their presenters to loop-the-loop over Duxford in a Tiger Moth to mark the occasion, with the soundtrack provided by Ely Cathedral Girls’ Choir singing “Jerusalem”!

The station has also featured children from Histon and Impington Junior School singing the famous “Sleep Til Santa” song during the lead up to Christmas.

One of Heart Cambridgeshire’s most popular on air quizzes is *Big Town Showdown*. Won by Fenstanton last year, listeners are invited to represent their town or village by answering 10 general knowledge questions against the clock. At present, Histon and Impington are a lowly 48th on the leader board, so why not register at www.heart.co.uk/ to see if you can improve the village’s score!

Listen to Heart Cambridgeshire on 103 FM, digital radio and online at heart.co.uk.

Bernard Stewart-Deane

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA WITH
CHOIR 2000

On Saturday 27 June 8.00pm Choir 2000 and the Choir 2000 orchestra will present an exciting operatic concert at the Histon Baptist Church. It will also feature six soloists from the Birmingham Conservatoire and the Cherterton Singers Youth Choir.

The first half of the programme consists of a number of opera choruses and solos, including such favourites as the 'Chorus of Hebrew Slaves' from Verdi's *Nabucco* and the 'March of the Toreadors' from Bizet's *Carmen*, as well as the hugely popular 'Nessun Dorma' from Puccini's opera *Turandot*.

The second half of the programme is a concert performance of Act 1 of *Turandot*. This tells the dramatic story of the cold and cruel princess who will only marry a man who can solve three riddles. So far, many have tried and failed, and have been executed as a result. Such an execution is taking place, despite the pleading of the crowd. Among the people, and pleading for mercy with them is an unknown prince, his father and a young slave girl. But when he sees *Turandot* appear, the prince is totally smitten by her beauty and, despite severe warnings from *Turandot*'s ministers and all others around him, he strikes the gong to announce his desire to solve the riddles and marry the princess.

Tickets cost £10.00, conc. £9.00, students £5.00 and are free for under 16s accompanied by an adult.

They are available from the Histon Post Office, from members of Choir 2000, or on the night. They can also be reserved by contacting info2000@choir2000.org.

Choir 2000 will perform the same programme at West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge on Sunday 28 June at 8.00pm. Please visit www.choir2000.org for details or find us on Facebook.

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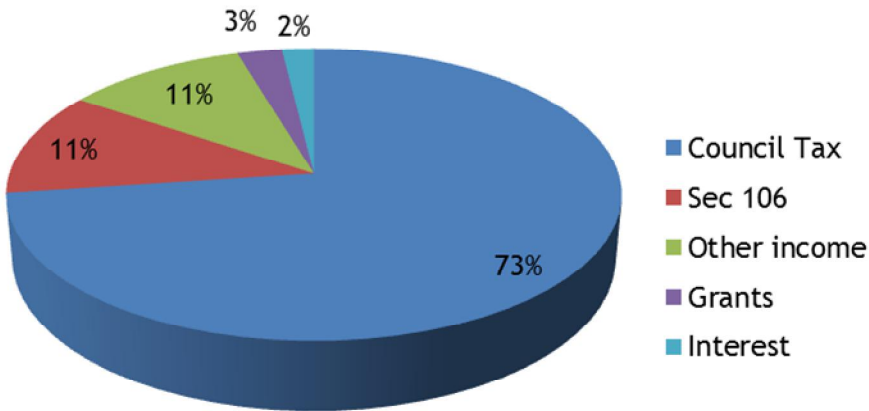
lower rate.

Income also comes from facilities charges including the Recreation Ground, Burial Ground fees, allotment fees, grants and hire of open spaces

Income for last year was:

Council Tax	£282,488
Sec 106	£44,519
Other income	£42,552
Grants	£10,500
Interest	£7,485
Total income	£387,544

The Sec 106 and grant income came to just



over £53,000, being the major part of the surplus for the year of £75,960.

The remainder of the surplus arose from pro-

jects (such as tree works) that were not completed and paid for by the year end, and because of ongoing delays to the Council’s plans for ByPass Farm.

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

Denis Payne

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Now on
Facebook
"HI Youth
Noticeboard"

All news, activities and events will be posted here. Like us to get the information you need



Kings Meadows Youth project

- Wanted:** enthusiastic young people based in Kings Meadows
- What for:** to get involved with setting up a new local project
- Why:** to enable you to create a fun, interesting club where you can meet with and make new friends; learn new skills and make use of local facilities.
- Ideas:** cooking; arts and crafts; sports; film; health and well-being.
- How:** Contact Andrea Cramp and she will help you 'get it off the ground'!



Youth Work Volunteers

There are always new projects and activities to be set up in Histon & Impington. If you would like to be part of the Youth Work team and can offer your time free of charge, we would love to hear from you. In return we can offer you: Level 1 Youth Work Training; Basic First Aid Training and the opportunity to work with the best young people in the country!



Crafternoon

We are a fortnightly group that meets to be creative and make money for Charity

For more information please contact Andrea Cramp (see above) or Lorna Wood, St Andrew's Youth Worker 07725 692785 or email: lorna.cawood@googlemail.com

Histon Feast Look out for the CRAFT-NOON stall at the Histon Feast on Sunday 5th July from 12-4pm. We will be selling a range of handmade goodies to raise money for our chosen charity EACH. Please support us.



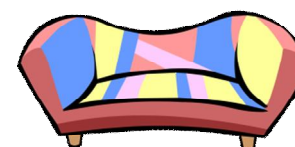
Put your Mind at Rest

Yoga and mindfulness classes for teens have a number of benefits:

- Develops strength, flexibility and stamina
- Reduces tension, stress and anxiety
- Raises self-esteem
- Improves motivation
- Develops focus, clarity and concentration
- Creates awareness of emotional responses
- Encourages self-management of behaviour
- Promotes social, mental and emotional health

Spread over a period of 6-10 weeks; classes lasting 60 minutes.

Come and give it a try for FREE, with a view to joining a course in September, on Monday 29th June from 7-8pm. At The Community Room, Histon & Impington Recreation Ground.



Youth Lounge (15+)

A **NEW** project will be running for 5 weeks over the summer term.

Where: St Andrew's Church Hall, **Impington** (not the one opposite Tesco!)

When: Thursdays 6.30 – 8.30pm from 11th June for 5 weeks

Who: For those aged between 15-20 years

What: a chance to relax and meet up with friends; do some baking; listen to music; watch films; work on small craft projects etc. The programme will be put together by the young people attending.

How: simply turn up!



Learning to protect yourself – Teenage self-defence bootCamp

What Team games, fitness drills, learning some simple and effective self-defence moves and anti-bullying techniques

Why develop confidence, leadership skills, team building skills, fitness levels and teach discipline it will also be great fun!

Where Histon & Impington Recreation Ground

When dates to be arranged
How contact Andrea Cramp to register interest



Junior Bowls Club

Histon & Impington Bowls Club are keen to teach the next generation the skill! A fun, sociable, challenging and sometimes frustrating game awaits you.

Tuition is available to families and groups of young people to try their hand

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BUSY INTRAY FOR RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parish Council Recreation Committee is responsible for the operation of the Recreation Ground and equipment at the village play areas and is currently progressing a number of major initiatives to improve facilities.

The current cricket nets at the Recreation Ground urgently need replacing and the Committee are working with Histon Cricket Club to provide two new self contained cricket net bays which will be fully accessible. The Parish Council will be making a decision on whether to fund the project in late Autumn and it is expected that the cricket club and community fundraising will finance a third of the cost of the new cricket nets expected to be about £30k.

The Committee is also considering the need for safety netting around sections of the cricket boundary and some members have visited a College cricket ground in Cambridge which provides a good practical example.

A project group has been looking at the possibility of replacing the current grass courts with four new artificial grass floodlit courts. This would provide year round play for all and resolve the over use of the grass summer courts which currently restricts playing opportunities for Tennis club member and general public use. Reference to the project was made in last December's edition of HISIMP News following presentation of a Business Plan at last November's Full Parish Council meeting. In March the Council agreed to engage professional consultants to look at the detailed costings of the project and the drainage implications for the immediate court, car park and play areas. Their report is expected in July after which the Council will decide if it is willing to commit to help fund the project and if positive grant applications will be made to help fund the remainder of the cost. Based on present information the potential cost is about £200k and it is hoped that grant plus community fundraising will finance about 40% of the cost with the Parish Council possibly funding £120k.

It is now five years since the redevelopment of the Recreation Ground play area was completed and opened in June 2010 which provided a wonderful new play facility which has been used by thousands since and is frequently full at weekends and in the school holidays. Over the last few months it has become evident that the general wear and tear of use is beginning to take its toll plus some of the basic equipment needs replacing. Over the next two months the Rec Committee will have a thorough review of what needs to be done and produce an action plan to implement to ensure the Play Area is fit for business for the next five years.

Neil Davies

DAISY CHAIN

It must be true that time flies when you're having fun. This July, Daisy Chain is celebrating its 10th birthday!



The owners of Daisy Chain, Lesley & Alison, are both local girls. Lesley grew up in Histon and her parents still live in the village. Alison moved from Cambridge when she was 13 and has lived in the village ever

since. Both have a retail background, Lesley worked at Robert Sayle in Cambridge and Alison worked at Miss Selfridge before opening a shop in Cottenham. Long-time friends they had dreamt of opening a shop together and jumped at the chance when their current premises became available. They felt its lovely position overlooking the Green and in the heart of the village would be ideal.

On their first day, little did Lesley and Alison imagine that 10 years later and the business would be thriving. Daisy Chain attracts people from far and wide as well as local customers, many of whom have now become friends. The shop always reminds me of those I used to visit while living in New England, America. Daisy Chain has built a strong reputation for lovely and out of the ordinary gifts and a great range of cards. Regulars know that new stock arrives frequently and enjoy popping in for a chat and a leisurely browse. Lesley and Alison love being at the heart of the village community, proudly sponsoring the girls U10 Hornets team, the Feast week, Red Lion beer festival and the Flower Festival. They also support school events and a wide variety of local fundraising activities. As part of their birthday celebrations they have had fabulous village coasters made to celebrate our community and will donate all of the profits from each purchase to the Feast Fund.



Their celebrations will be on Saturday 4th July and they will be donating 10% of the day's sales to the Feast Fund. Look out for delicious Daisy themed treats made by Kristen at 'Eat the Rainbow' and limited edition chocolate bars. Just like Willy Wonka's fa-

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The art of Croquet

Ever wondered how to play croquet? Well now's your chance to find out!

Histon & Impington Croquet Committee are offering young people the opportunity to learn all about it.

By attending an 8 week course of 2 hours – you will be introduced to the sport; lent all the appropriate equipment and receive teaching from 'the experts'.

Families welcome too

Youth Club

Come and meet the youth workers at Twilight Youth Club.

- When: Every Monday during term time from 4-5.15pm
- Where: The Community Room at the Histon & Impington Recreation Ground
- Who: All young people in years 7, 8 and 9
- What: weekly café; challenges; quiz; sport; arts and crafts and the chance to meet with and make new friends.
- How: Just turn up; fill in a membership form and you're part of the club!

STOP PRESS

Year 6s are able to attend during the summer term. No need to book, just come along to one of the sessions!

mous bars, some of them contain £10 gift vouchers hidden inside the wrappers! The Daisy Chain ladies look forward to seeing you soon and the next 10 years of being part of our village community.

Ruth Moulder

RETURN OF THE 78 RPM BIG BAND TO THE FEAST

Two years ago The Green was the location of one of the best Feast events of the last



twenty five years when the fifteen piece 78 RPM Big band led by Band leader Julian Landymore went down ‘a storm’ playing a varied two hour programme to the five hundred strong audience on a glorious summers Saturday evening.

A memorable feature for many was the Band members roaming around the audience whilst still playing their instruments.

The Feast Committee are thrilled that Julian Landymore and his 78 RPM Big Band return to the same venue on Saturday 27th June and we are promised more of the same great music in 2015.

The 2015 Big Band Night is again sponsored by Thomson Webb Corfield and our thanks to TWC for their support.

There will be Hog Roast and Licensed bar on The Green and please come in plenty of time to enjoy before the music starts at 7pm

As we all know the English Summer weather cannot always be guaranteed and to ensure that village residents are still able to experience Big Band night should it pour with rain the St Andrews Centre will be used as a wet weather contingency venue.

Details: Saturday 27th June, 7pm - 9:45pm
Voluntary adult donation £6, under 18s £2, family £12 payable on the night. Some seating available.

Neil Davies

HISTON & IMPINGTON - FEAST FESTIVAL 2015

This year the Festival returns to the High Street on Sunday 5 July for the first time since 2012 which many will remember as a unique and special occasion.

The Festival which is free will run from mid-day until 4pm with the High Street closed between 10am and 5pm and is again sponsored by Tucker Gardner supported by the Boot Public House

Festival activities will use many of the facilities on the High Street including the Methodist Church, St Andrew’s Centre and the Pubs.

A Feast of Entertainment to enjoy !

Music

Festival stage (located outside Printout) with line up as follows

- 12-12.30 - Stormdreamer
- 12.45-1.30 - Major Rat Run
- 1.30-2pm - Jazz Dance with Jennifer Housden
- 2.15-3pm - Glue
- 3.15-4pm - Moses Carter Band

Concerts with village choirs (in Methodist Church)

- 1to 1.20 pm with Histon Junior School Choir
- 2 to 2.45 pm
- Choir 2000 performing Opera Choruses
- Tensing Youth Choir

Dance with Manor Mill Morris at 2pm & 3pm

Songs of Praise in Methodist Church 3.30pm

Family Story telling with Malcolm Busby at 12.15, 1.15 and 3pm in Hall 2 at St Andrew’s Centre

Historical theme

- Talk with Mike Petty on Elizabethan Cambridge 1952 onwards at 2pm in Hall 2 at St Andrew’s Centre
- Village Society 1914-1918 veteran photo display

Attractions & activities

- Face painting and balloon modelling all afternoon
- Scalextrix display- mega sized display in main hall at St Andrew’s Centre
- Circus workshop with juggling, plate spinning, ride fun wheel bikes & walk on stilts
- Busker stage
- Period Street organ
- Family game stalls
- Bouncy castles at The Boot
- Under 5s activity area
- Fun Fair on the Green from 2pm

Stalls along the High Street including some special interest stalls including: Histon Cajon drums, Village Bicycle Club, and Cambridge-shire Bee Keepers Association

Food & refreshments

A variety will be available throughout the afternoon

Festival info available hisimp.com/feast/ and Neil Davies 232514

Neil Davies

APPRENTICE GROUNDSMAN

We are delighted to announce that Mr Adam Backshall has started an 15 month apprenticeship with the Parish Council as a Grounds Operative.

Adam will be working with the current grounds team both at the Recreation Ground and helping to look after our other open spaces in and around the villages.

He will be working with the College of West Anglia to complete the apprenticeship process and we wish him well in his studies

Be sure to say hello and encourage this young man, who we are sure will have a positive impact on our work in Histon and Impington.

Angela Young



B1049 IMPROVEMENTS

The County Council has started on two projects to improve traffic flows along the B1049.

Project number 1 is to open up the junction at the Green so that there’s more capacity. This will mean that east-west travel, Station Road to Impington Lane, becomes much easier and is intended to reduce queuing through the village. Residents can rest assured that no land will be taken away from the Green for this project.

The second project is to tidy up the exit from Cambridge Road onto the B1049 and the road up to the A14 roundabout. We know that the lights on the roundabout give priority to traffic coming off the A14 so it’s important that when the lights are green for the B1049 from Impington as many vehicles as possible can get through. We should therefore see two lanes running from Cambridge Road up to the roundabout making it safe for drivers to use that outer lane.

These projects are being financed by section 106 funding from the Northern Corridor Growth Fund financed by housing developments along the A14 north of Cambridge.

David Jenkins

LOCAL PUBS OFFER A SUMMER OF FUN

Six lively pubs must show Histon and Impington as fun loving villages. You could visit each one of them in the course of a week and enjoy a different menu, atmosphere, entertainment and clientele.

I undertook a pub crawl in May - mainly by phone - to discover what is on offer over the summer. While the Histon Feast in July provides some common focus for the pubs, each of them has something different to tempt you out.

Starting with the newly refurbished Railway Vue, Dean Hall described the theme as “modern take on traditional English food.” The pub has had a major make-over and is appealing to a wide range of customers - from local workers to Cambridge families.

Apart from regular evening events - darts on Monday, quiz on Tuesday, steak night Wednesday and so on - the Vue is musically active with blues nights, soul, folk and much more.

For the Feast period, there is an American Theme for 4th July with ‘Shoot the Cowboy’, banjo music and super food. Over the August Bank Holiday there is a Beer Festival, Family Funday and live music. Also, there is poker every Sunday evening. More details at: www.therailwayvue.co.uk.

Another pub that has been revamped is the Rose and Crown. The menu has been given a major upgrade as a result of Amanda Wright and Vic Firth taking over the pub. They ran the food franchise at the nearby Red Lion for some years, so they know what the villages like.

Amanda described the pub as being “a comfortable place to eat, with good quality home cooking.” The menu is classic English and European, with substantial portions, freshly made on the premises. It seems to be a winning formula as the pub is doing well. Check out the pub at: www.everards.co.uk/our-pubs/rose-crown-histon.

The Boot is under the management of Kevin and Renata Bridges and features a Mexican themed menu full of fajitas, burritos, chimychangers, quesadllas and Cajun chicken, plus traditional English dishes to suit all tastes.

Fishy Friday offers fish, chips and peas for £5.

Quiz night is every Thursday, bingo on Tuesdays and live music Sunday evenings, and much more. To keep abreast of events click onto: www.thebootinnhiston.com.

The Red Lion features quality British food using the freshest ingredients, and a large variety of real ale and bottled Belgian beers and many wines.

The pub has a busy summer coming up with a Feast Curry night on Monday 29th June and the Petanque challenge. On Saturday 4th July there is a set menu and live music from Jazzitation.

One of the highlights is the Red Lion’s famous Histon Beer Festival from Monday 7th September till 11th September - this will be the 17th time the event has taken place, raising nearly £50,000 for charitable causes and served more than 500 different beers.

This will be followed on Saturday 12th September by the Red Lion’s German Night. A few weeks later, on Thursday 5th November, is the Explosive Curry Night, complete with an excellent firework display.

More details on the Red Lion website at: www.theredlionhiston.co.uk/

The King Bill is hosting a quiz on the Tuesday evening of Feast Week, again with a donation to the Feast. But the main event is the Billfest on Saturday 18th July with a mix of live music from mid-afternoon to late evening, with a BBQ, outside bar and, as usual, free entry.

Susie Lee reports that the £1.50 Wednesdays are still going strong with chicken, chips and gravy with side orders and desserts available (at extra cost). Sunday lunches are very popular so pre-booking is advisable and the King Bill is also able to cater for groups that are pre booked with a set menu for lunch or dinner at any time and for any occasion. Check out the King Bill at: www.facebook.com/pages/King-Bill-IV/43790696672.

The Barley Mow is a traditional pub, offering a great range of beers, soft drinks, wines and fresh coffee, and a fantastic menu specialising in Thai food - you can even collect your take-away to eat at home.

They also cater for weddings, christenings and all manner of family events, and their fantastic garden is completely enclosed to keep your family safe. More details at: www.barleymowhiston.com.

So, you can’t say there’s nothing to do in Histon and Impington - the place is buzzing.

Bernard Stewart-Deane

COMMUNITY PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS

Histon and Impington now have two operational community access defibrillators.

The first was installed at the Recreation Ground in June of last year and was totally funded by Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation.

Following the fundraising concert organised in February the second defibrillator unit was

purchased and is now fully operational on the front external wall at St Andrew’s Centre in Histon High Street.

There will be a Community Defibrillator training session at St Andrew’s Centre on Tuesday 23 June at 7pm on the use of defibrillators and how the equipment works helping to save precious minutes in the treatment of cardiac arrest. The training is open to all and please do attend. For further info contact Neil Davies 232514 or neilsdavies12@gmail.com



The community defibrillator unit contains an automated external defibrillator (AED) and is vandal proof with a keypad. When 999 is dialled the ambulance service operator will provide a code to the caller to access the unit and the AED is available for immediate use.

Remaining funds raised after the defibrillator unit purchase are being given to the Histon & Impington Feast.

Neil Davies

Council & Committee Meetings

See website for details: www.hisimp.net

Full Council - Recreation Centre from 7 p.m. Monday ; Monday 15th June, 20th July, 21st September 2015

Planning - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 23rd June, 14th July, 28th July, 11th August, 25th August, 8th September 2015

Highways - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Thursday 18th June, 17th September 2015

Finance, Legal & Administration - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 13th July, 14th September, 12th October 2015

Environment - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 7th July, 1st September 2015

Recreation - Recreation Centre, 7.30 p.m. - Monday 6th July, 7th September, 28th 2015

Youth - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 22nd June 2015

Kings Meadow - Wherry Housing offices 7.30 p.m. - Wednesday 1st July, 9th September 2015

Residents are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

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