

The Newsletter of Histon & Impington Parish Council

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

At the Annual Parish Meeting in May David Jenkins gave his Chair's report on behalf of the Histon & Impington Parish Council. A copy of the full text and an overview presentation are available online at <http://bit.ly/1kf2VAg>.

David began by talking about the Parish Council's role at the centre of the community, working both in its own right and also through its relationships with other councils, community groups and the community at large. He noted that it was a council of ambition and that he was proud to be associated with it.

He thanked those who'd been supportive during his year as Chair and especially:

- Ruth who organised the sustainability day;



Presenters and attendees at the Sustainability Day

- Marcus for setting up Speedwatch;

- Cedric for running the Big Tidy Up;

- Neil for his work to develop the Bypass Farm opportunity; and



- Pene who energises the Enviro Volunteers who do such good work.

He also emphasised the role that volunteers play in complementing what the Council does.

David summarised disappointments during

the year including the Mitre proposal for the development at the Bishop's site, the slow progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and the occasional outbreaks of graffiti but pointed to the many positive developments, many of which result from activity in previous years.

He highlighted the several highways schemes now coming to fruition including the 30mph speed limit north of the Green, the improvements at the Station Road/High Street junction and the funding for work at School Hill. He also mentioned the much acclaimed Christmas lights on the Green and at King's Meadows, the new gates at Homefield Park, the improved relationship with IVC, the clarity regarding the future funding of PCSOs and the willingness of the owners of both the Histon Station building and the adjacent yard to engage with the Parish Council regarding plans for their development. He noted in particular the work done to 'freshen up' the Council's visual identity and the launch of a new web-site (<http://www.hisimp.net>) which is now getting lots of visits from the community.

Looking forward to 2014/15 David talked about the opening of the St Andrew's Centre, the Flaming June half marathon, improvements to the A14 Girton interchange and the development of plans for Bypass Farm. He also looked forward to more events on the community's open spaces and to an improved relationship with Histon FC to complement the one with IVC.

David finished by referring to the Neighbourhood Plan, hoping that its development would accelerate during the year. He talked about the cross-cutting themes in the Plan which seem to characterise our community, the themes of 'heritage', 'sustainable community', 'digital village' and 'diverse and inclusive'. These are developed further in another article in this newspaper.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR (CPAD)

Life saving defibrillators (CPADs) are becoming visible in communities across the country, in March a CPAD was installed on the wall of Milton Parish Council office and in one Derbyshire village a CPAD has been installed in an old telephone box.



The CPAD unit contains an automated external defibrillator or AED which is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

The case for providing a CPAD is summed up as follows from the Community Heartbeat website; *'following a Cardiac Arrest the chance of survival decreases by 23% per minute. It is therefore very important medical treatment starts as soon as possible. The UK Resuscitation Council suggests an AED should be available wherever medical treatment is more than 5 minutes away. In practical terms this means the whole of the UK'*

The CPAD unit is vandal proof. When 999 has

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THE BIG VILLAGE TIDY UP

The quarterly Big Tidy Up will be held on Saturday 7th June, when we will be joined by The South Impington team, The Enviro Volunteers and WI ladies, to cover as much of the Village as possible including open spaces. Afterwards complimentary refreshments will be available at the Methodist Church, for all volunteers who fancy a drink and a chat.

We now have over 50 volunteers in the Group, although not all can attend every time, but would welcome new volunteers, to enable more of our Community to be covered to make an even bigger difference. If you can spare no more than 90 minutes on the 7th June, please contact Cedric Foster on 234156

or mail him at fosterfamily4@btinternet.com to record your interest.

All equipment is provided (Grabbers, bags and gloves) and any full bags may be left at strategic locations for collection later by transport.

Whilst on the subject, the Enviro Volunteers and WI Ladies are looking for more volunteers too for their monthly litter picks, which normally fall on the first Saturday of each month. If you would like more information, again please contact Cedric Foster who will forward your details to those organisers.

Cedric Foster

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ALL CHANGE AT THE COUNTY COUNCIL



It was all change at the County Council this month as the new constitution came into play and we moved away from the executive cabinet/strong leader model to a committee system. So what does that mean?

For the last decade or so and until the county council elections of 2013 the Tories have had a majority of seats in the Council and could therefore choose how it should be run. They chose the executive cabinet/strong leader model whereby the leader of the biggest party becomes the leader of the Council. He or she then appoints an executive cabinet which makes all the decisions. There were 9 members of the last cabinet (including the leader) which left the other 60 councillors with little to do.

There were other committees including scrutiny but these gave their members little influence in the running of the Council. Furthermore because the minority parties had no role in running the Council their natural response was to act as an opposition. This resulted in continual challenge of the Cabinet which was good but an almost total confrontational environment which was not.

With a committee system the Council is run by five service committees and a general purposes committee. There are 17 councillors on each committee and membership is proportional to the make-up of the council. That means 8 Tories, 3 Lib Dems and 3 UKIP, 2 Labour and 1 Independent. All decisions will now be made by committees and every councillor is on at least one committee which means that every councillor is now actively involved in the running of the Council.

The arrangement means that no single party can drive through what it wants. Even the Tories need the support of at least one councillor from another party to win a vote in committee. You might think that the UKIP and the Tories would make natural bedfellows with both being right wing parties but

there is

no love lost between them in Cambridgeshire. Strangely it's often the Labour Group which gives the Tories the extra votes which it needs.

This means that the groups have to talk together, to form alliances and to make compromises. Without this decisions will not be taken and the Council will stagnate. The challenge is for the pragmatists to step forward and for the debate not to be dominated by political purists.

Anyone who expected this change to result in an end to political tribalism at the Council will however be disappointed. We have already seen elections for chairs of minor committees going along party lines without regard for who might be best for the job. It remains to be seen whether or not this will carry over into the day to day business of the service committees.

So where does this leave me? I'm on two service committees: Economy & Environment (my comfort zone) and Health. I shall be using the latter to push for improvements in the 'patients' experience' at Addenbrookes. Mike Mason, my fellow Cottenham, Histon and Impington County Councillor is on the Highways & Community Infrastructure Committee. I'm also on the Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee and the Planning Committee. Most committees only meet every other month but nonetheless there's still plenty there for me to get my teeth into.

County Councillor
David Jenkins

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BABY SITTING COURSE

Interested in babysitting or a career in child-care?

Funded by Histon & Impington Youth Committee, working alongside Youth Worker Andrea



Cramp, a tailor-made course to gain a basic level of knowledge and understanding in how to look after other people's children. The course offers practical and hands on experience, and includes a certified first aid course. On completion you will receive a certificate and have a portfolio of evidence of learning.

Courses are currently held 3 times a year in the Ideal Base at Impington Village College and are open to young people aged between 13-16 - you will need to sign up quickly as they are always oversubscribed.

The next course is scheduled for September. Information and application forms will be available on www.hisimp.net/wp/committees/youth/ nearer the time or you can contact Andrea directly on 0789 990 4959 or mail andrea.cramp@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

YOUTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Last year, Histon & Impington Youth Committee created a questionnaire which was distributed to young people and parents via Youthoria, Parentmail, HISIMP Chat, and our own website.

The data received from this survey helped the Com-

mittee sets its budget for Youth projects and activities for the coming year. From this survey the Committee has budgeted for an additional babysitting course (due to over subscription), IVC lunchtime drop in sessions, an additional film project, cookery classes and a variety of short courses.

The Committee will be re-running this survey in the summer term to give everyone a voice and keep the data up to date and fresh - be sure to take part, it really does make a difference.



FILM COMPETITION

Following on from the success of the last film project based on the Jubilee events in 2012, Histon & Impington Youth Committee, working with Steve Wallis, have agreed to sponsor a short film competition.

The winning entries will be shown at Impington Village College as part of the celebrations for IVC's 75th Anniversary. The themes for the competition will be **School** and **Community**. Throughout the competition you will learn creative techniques and have access to editing equipment. Look out for posters and news updates over the summer term!

If you are interested please email Steve Wallis on stevenjwallis@googlemail.com or Hooda Abdullah on 01223 235989



ANDREA CRAMP

Andrea is a Young Peoples Worker, employed by Cambridgeshire County Council and funded by Histon & Impington Youth Committee. During the summer term Andrea will be doing a college walkabout on Monday lunchtimes at IVC so look out for her! You can talk to her about youth activities you would like to see taking place, groups/ classes you may be interested in attending or if you are just seeking general advice.



HEDGES

Many of us have hedges which border onto footpaths. Not all of us realise that we are responsible for ensuring that such hedges do not encroach on the footpaths and so obstruct their use.

The Parish Council does its best to ensure that the various footpaths through the villages remain passable and safe to use and cuts back nettles, brambles and other vegetation when it's necessary. It depends on the co-operation of residents to keep their hedges under control, at the same time.

Because it's the nesting season now is not the best time to cut back hedges but shortly the Council will be writing to residents asking them to take action.

So: please, if you do have a hedge which overhangs a footpath check it out. And if it's

ANNUAL WALKABOUT -2014

The first part of the Annual Village Walkabout was completed on the 8th May when I met with the Cambridge County Council Minor Highways main man. We inspected areas of most concern, such as roads, paths, renewing a notoriously bad junction, looked at drainage issues and the clearance of vegetation/ overhanging hedges onto public footpaths. I was pleased with the progress made and the commitment to undertake the work to make our community a safer place.

There is data on all outstanding issues reported by the Parish Council, but this does not include issues raised by residents themselves direct with the County Council or via the FixMyStreet website. This is an excellent way of reporting such matters and the Parish Council encourages residents to continue reporting in that way, even if someone else or the Parish Council may have already reported the problem previously. However it is better to use the County Council's own website rather than FixMyStreet website.

www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/HighwaysReports/Highways/ReportProblem1.aspx

Or ring CCC Highways on 0345 045 5212

The second part of the Walkabout will be during the summer, by when it is hoped the issues raised previously will be rectified

If residents prefer to raise issues through the Parish Council they may do so by contacting me at cedric.foster@hisimp.net or, if not on line, leave a message at the PC Office on 01223 235906.

Cedric Foster

causing an obstruction or likely to do so please cut it back.

One final related point: I referred above to nettles and brambles. They are especially a problem for children because they are at



their height. Anyone who sees any growing which they suspect might cause a problem should feel free to cut them back immediately. Let common sense prevail!

David Jenkins

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There are four cross cutting themes being developed as a part of the Neighbourhood Plan. What do they mean and how might they have a role in shaping our community?

Theme number 1 is 'heritage'. We are what we are because of where we came from. We don't have quite the number of fine buildings that Cottenham has but we do have a heritage of food, both primary production and manufacturing. I'm pleased that we still have the Hain Daniel factory in our community and we're fortunate to have 6 pubs, 3 restaurants and 3 coffee shops.

Perhaps food is in our DNA and given its importance to health perhaps food and healthy eating can complement sport in characterising our community. At a recent Neighbourhood Plan meeting the idea of a Histon & Impington healthy eating/ Mediterranean diet week was suggested. Would that be a natural contribution to the vibrancy of our community?

This heritage theme is being led by Geoffrey Smallwood of the Village Society.

Theme number 2 is 'sustainable community'. It's easy to think of this in terms of cycling and recycling but it's broader. It includes the balance of employment with employees in the villages, it includes our

ability to provide lifetime education to all of our residents and it embraces clubs and businesses being able to survive and prosper and not to simply survive short term.

Ruth Moulder is leading the sustainable community theme.

Number 3 is 'digital village'. Like it or not we are in a digital age and being close to Cambridge (but not part of it) we have more than our fair share of people either driving or using the digital economy. We need to enable this to take place (sustainably!) in both technical (wifi and broadband availability) and social (communal work spaces and supportive networks) terms.

Edd Stonham is leading the digital community theme.

Both Ruth and Edd are parish councillors

And finally theme number 4: 'diverse and inclusive'. We do not have a high score when it comes to ethnic diversity but we do have a community with old and young people, with a range of social backgrounds and occupational skills. And we also need to remember that some of them are not engaged 'digitally'. We welcome them all and we do our best to make sure that they can all enjoy healthy and active lives in Histon & Impington.

At present there is no leader for this theme.

THE BUTCHER, THE BAKER AND THE CANDLESTICK MAKER ...

We don't have a candlestick maker in the High Street, although I suspect you can buy candles at several outlets including rather fancy ones at Daisy Chain, but we do have a butcher and a baker. And a greengrocer, a florist and two convenience stores. Plus a bike shop, a toy shop and a barber. And more. And it is in the process of acquiring a new coffee shop at the St Andrew's Centre.

So it seemed appropriate as a part of the Neighbourhood Plan exercise to see what people thought of the High Street and how they'd like it to develop. We ran a survey in March and April and the results, as often happens with surveys are a mix of the predictable and the surprising.

140 people completed the survey and most gave answers to every question. All of them said they used the High Street for shopping which I guess means that those who don't didn't bother. As would be expected very few use it for their major shopping but only use it for either special purchases, for incidentals or for filling in the gaps during the week.

There is no one preferred time or day for shopping and I guess the High Street is fortunate in having several different markets

which shop at different times of the day: parents on the school run morning and mid-afternoon, commuters early morning and later in the evening, retired people and home workers during the day.

People are aware of the weekly farmers' / craft market at the Methodist Chapel but it's only used by about 20% of the respondents.

Surprisingly people did not rate parking as that important for increasing their use of the High Street with a little more than 50% saying it would have no impact. Perhaps this reflects the fact that most respondents live in the village although clearly some do not and clearly identified themselves. It seems that people would shop more if there was more: a weekly street market (Over 80% said they would shop more) or more events on the green (65%).

There were lots of useful and constructive comments. Many were simply complimentary about the High Street but there were other themes which are being analysed. These include the need to be able to cross the High Street more easily both at the green end and the church end, some sort of deli and more variety than is offered by the 5 pubs.

A fuller analysis will go on www.hisimp.net shortly.

David Jenkins

The Neighbourhood Plan development is not the preserve of the Parish Council and the more broad community involvement there is the better it will be. If you feel that you'd like to be involved please make contact. It's maybe easiest to mail the clerk@hisimp.net

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS (CFRS)

The East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust is looking for volunteers to come on board as community first responders who live or work in Histon and Impington.

Community first responders (CFRs) volunteer in groups, and are activated by the Ambulance service to attend 999 emergency calls within the community they live or

work in. They receive free training to help them provide vital basic life saving skills which can make the difference in a life or death situation before the arrival of an ambulance resource. Volunteers take it in turn to be 'on call' and carry basic first aid equipment and a simple-to-use automated external defibrillator (AED). The emergency operations centre sends them to the scene of category A (immediately life threatening) 999 calls.

The present group coordinator is Angus Macaulay, one of the founder members and the Histon Feast in 2007 helped fund the initial set up costs. In 2013 the group contributed 1154 hours of cover and attended 18 incidents in the local community.

Angus comments: "Even when the situation you go into isn't life or death, you can make a big difference by being an extra pair of hands to an ambulance clinician who is at scene on their own, or providing reassurance to family or friends of the casualty who are present. And it's great experience if you are interested in a future career in the Health-care sector. Think of it this way - whatever time you are able to give as a volunteer could save the life of a member of your local community"

For more information on the group, contact Angus Macaulay 01223 526616 (after 7pm) or the responder admin office on 01954 712400 (9am - 5pm) or email responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk.

See also : www.eastamb.nhs.uk/get-involved/community-first-responders.htm

The Community First Responders will also have an information stall at the Rec Festival event on Sunday 29 June



CAMBRIDGESHIRE ENERGY SWITCH

The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch is a scheme that builds on the strengths of Cambridgeshire County Council and its residents and brings them together in order to get cheaper energy for you.

Taking part in the Cambridgeshire



Energy Switch is free and without obligation. The more people that participate in the scheme; the more likely we are able to achieve cheaper energy prices.

The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch holds its next energy auction on the 10th of June. The supplier who offers the cheapest tariff in the auction gets to offer you a new energy contract. From the 20th of June you will receive your personal offer and will be able to see straight away how much money you could save on your annual energy bill. You decide if you want to accept the offer or not.

We are working with iChoosr to provide the energy auctions. iChoosr is an independent and completely impartial service provider. They aim to provide you with a better energy deal and also ensure that your switching experience is convenient and carefree.

iChoosr does not supply energy but might be able to help you save money in a simple and transparent way. Across the country iChoosr have successfully switched over 40,000 families who have saved nearly £6 million, making a difference to their household budgets.

In February 2014, over 400 Cambridgeshire

families switched energy suppliers through this scheme and between them made savings of over £89,000, saving each household an average of £224 a year.

How can I sign up for the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch?

- Go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch
- Find your annual energy statement or recent set of energy bills
- Click on the button "Sign up now"
- Fill in your energy details and confirm your registration

There are a number of advantages with the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch:

- Signing up is free and without obligation.
- You decide whether you wish to accept the offer or not.
- You can count on the assistance and support of our Customer Care team before, during and after your switch.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions about the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch. You can call us on 507164 or email energy.switch@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Editor's Note: The law has changed since the last round of bids, and now suppliers will be able to offer a further tariff specifically for schemes of this nature, so there should be even better prices available.

SPEEDWATCH

Do you have a few hours to spare each month?

Do you want to do something good for the community?

Histon & Impington Speedwatch group is a



police approved & run group of local people carrying out speed checks on vehicles within the village. All volunteers are

fully trained by the police.

Speeding is one of the Fatal 4, and we are here to try and make drivers think about their speed.

It's about educating not fining, and making people aware of speed limits, in order to ensure a safer environment for everyone.

If you would like more information please contact either via Facebook group "Histon & Impington Community Speedwatch" or Twitter @HISpeedwatch or through Neighbourhood police team, Tony Martin Antony.Martin@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Or check www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch/ for more info.

We are in need of more volunteers to allow us to run more regular sessions. This in turn will provide more data allowing us to obtain better signage and make our village safer.

Andrew Boylett

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been dialled, the ambulance service operator will provide a code to the caller to access the unit and the AED is available for immediate use. An untrained person can use the AED with guidance from the 999 operator or instructions within the unit.

The Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation Ground have agreed to fund the cost of £2,000 for a CPAD unit to be installed on the side of the Recreation Ground Centre building.

This will mean that a resident within the village would be able to access the unit and the emergency services operators are aware of the community locations of units.

It is hoped that the CPAD at the Rec will be unveiled at the Rec Festival event on Sunday 29 June.

Neil Davies - Friends of the Rec

NEW COUNCILLORS

Kevin Andrews

Kevin was born and raised in Histon and worked within the village for many years. Although Kevin moved to Ely in 2006 he moved back into the community in 2011.



Kevin runs a commercial window cleaning company which provides services to business and residents of the village and beyond.

Kevin joined the council in early 2014 and has a keen interest in preserving the history of the village yet embracing new and innovative ideas. He has a young family and hopes to be able to assist in creating a safe, sustainable and exciting community for the next generation.



Nick Wood

Nick moved to Impington from Cambridge in 2005 with his heavily pregnant wife. He now has 3 children who attend the Junior school, Infants, and Little Owls.

He works at Red Gate, a Cambridge based software company. He was the first employee and no-one's entirely sure what he does.

Interests include chasing his kids up mountains, geocaching, travel, and keeping an eye on the tech start-up scene. He's also been known to play badminton, socialise and was a founding member of the Parsnip Club.

Nick has been a councillor since early 2014. He is very keen to help shape and give something back to the community that his family will grow up in. Interested in most areas, he especially likes provoking others with new and different ways of doing things. He hasn't been refused entry yet.

CRIME: HAVE YOUR SAY AND DO YOUR BIT!

The statistics will tell you that South Cambs is one of the lowest crime districts in the UK and those with experience of living in some of the others would say that they can believe it. However we also know that South Cambs is a bit of a magnet for cross border crime and that's why burglaries seem to be relatively frequent and maybe it's why we seem to see so many in Histon & Impington.

There's no one single magic bullet to reducing crime but there are several components to an effective low crime strategy and these seem to include:

- Visible policing and nowadays this means PCSOs. We are fortunate in Histon & Impington in having a PCSO who's been around for some time and when it was rumoured that the budget for PCSOs was under threat the Parish Council lobbied hard and successfully for it to be retained.
- Vigilant residents both individually and collectively. When there's suspicious behaviour it should be immediately reported by dialling the non-emergency police number 101 (or if it seems like it is an emergency then call 999). Chat about it on Facebook by all means but report it on 101 first.
- But what does collectively mean? It means some form of organisation for the sharing of information and support of each other and that is Neighbourhood Watch. In Histon & Impington our Neighbourhood Watch network is sparse and we'd like to see it rejuvenated. If you're in a street which is not covered by Neighbourhood Watch (or if you don't know if it is) then please contact the Parish Office for advice on how to set it up. Neighbourhood Watch operates through street co-ordinators and a community co-ordinator and **Histon & Impington needs volunteers** for these roles.
- A supportive and responsive Police Force. This is essential. We need to know that when there's a perceived problem we are listened to and action is taken. We've got good recent experience in this regard when residents from one street thought that they were being targeted. The police were advised and immediately responded. And as a follow up the **inspector responsible is coming along to the June Parish Council meeting to meet the Council and residents and will be available to answer questions.**
- A little common sense to lock doors and close windows and to not leave easily stolen higher value items on view.

Like all aspects of the good life a safe and secure neighbourhood takes work and we can all do our bit.

David Jenkins

RUNNING AND CYCLING

A visitor to Histon & Impington or anyone driving through might be forgiven for thinking that it's a community obsessed by physical activity but it's easy to understand why. As you come off the A14 roundabout and over the railway bridge you see the football club and then the Rec. The latter is home to the Histon Hornets, a highly successful community youth football activity, bowls, croquet, tennis and cricket. And as you travel through the villages you see cyclists, both Lycra clad and more normally dressed, and runners of both sexes and all ages. It seems that people in our community are always on the move and engaged in some form of exercise.

This image is reinforced by the regular running events: the fun runs in May and the Bonfire Burn 10k (www.bonfireburn10k.co.uk) in November being joined by the Flaming June half marathon (www.theflamingjunehalf.co.uk) this year.



Flaming June Half Marathon Course

There's also going to be a cycling event in July as a part of Cambridgeshire's celebration of the Tour de France.

The formal side centred on the Rec is very visible and it's easy for anyone interested to connect with the relevant clubs but for runners and cyclists there's no apparent base although clubs do exist and are active.

For a long time it's seemed that organised running was limited to the Histon Hobblers (www.histonhobblers.co.uk). Its members are

easily visible with their pink tops and there are regular runs on Sunday mornings and



throughout the week. Check out the web-site or contact Jan Watt (running@histonhobblers.co.uk or 01223 513243).

Recently the Hobblers has been joined by the

Histon & Impington Runners led by Neil Marsh. Neil graduated in sport and exercise science where he studied the science of endurance based training and coaching. He leads runs on Wednesday evenings for both beginners and the more experienced. Contact Neil (sweat@neilmarshpersonaltraining.co.uk or 07902 031765) for more information.

There was a bicycle club in the villages some time ago and this has been resurrected this year as the Histon & Impington Bicycle Club. It's intended that this will organise rides for cyclists of all abilities and there will be more publicity shortly. Contact Peter Forster (peter@forster.co.uk) or Chris Sidell (chris.sidell@me.com) for more information.

I'm one of those who spends a little too much time running and cycling and being a bit of an obsessive I use www.mapmyrun.com to track what I'm doing. In addition to tracking your own activity this application also measures your performance on defined courses.

This means that when I do my standard cycle ride to St Ives along the guideway I can compare my performance against others who've done the same route (I'm slower but not too slow). I've also used it to set a few standard running courses in Histon & Impington. There's a 5k (bit.ly/1nZ8Z2j) and a 10k (bit.ly/1ggYr0D) and neither requires you to cross the B1049.

Of course one of the great features relating to running and cycling round here is that it's flat. Superficially that makes cycling easy but the problem is the wind. No matter where you go it seems that it follows you around and it's always against you. And the absence of hills does make for a less than challenging run. When I was preparing for the Grafham 5 mile race last year which has a nasty hill after about 3 miles I had to resort to repeated runs over the railway bridge on Bridge Road!

And finally for those who find cycling and running a little tame there's Insane Terrain (www.insaneterrainrunning.com) based in Histon which runs more extreme cross country events. Good running everyone!

David Jenkins

PUBLIC ART

A survey carried out earlier this year asked what kind of public art would be supported if money were available. The survey- online and in the library- completed by a significant number of people showed clearly that some kinds of artwork were favoured over others, plus lots of helpful comments and ideas shared which show the kind of thing residents would enjoy and approve.

The public art projects receiving most votes were; street furniture - having artist designed and manufactured functional items that furnish our streets - this might be benches, cycle racks, way finders, gates, fencing, flags/ bunting, for example; and a land mark feature somewhere in the village - this could be a sculpture but could also be something functional like a fountain or a clock for example.

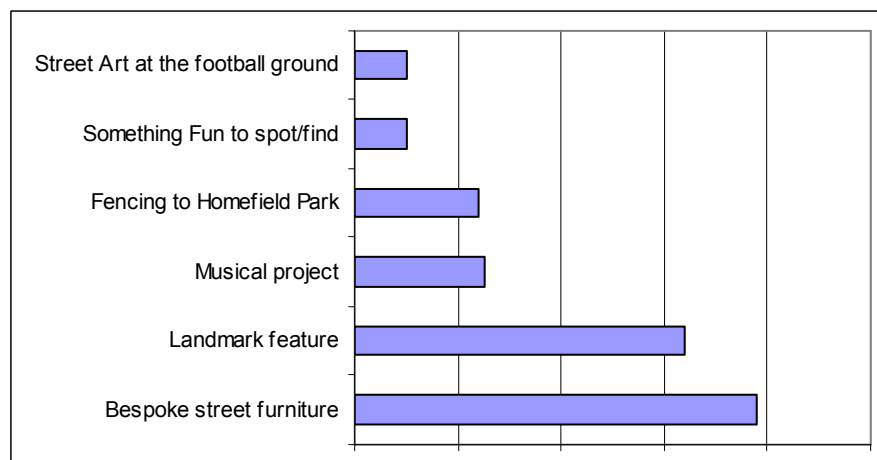
The survey also showed that people were keen on artwork that is fun, has a function, and for it to be accessible and tactile.

There are a few other projects that were popular and which could be achieved with very little funding and someone to co-ordinate them. For example, one idea was to

have musical events where different groups and choirs could perform together. This doesn't need a lot of funding, but someone to bring the groups together to create an event.

The Parish Council have a public art working party that are given the job of making this happen. There is money from the Bellway (Primrose Lane) development that has been secured and can only be spent on public art. The working party are also going to apply for grants from other sources, to increase the budget available.

Here is a graph showing all the project ideas included in the survey and the results. If you would like further information or would like to be involved please contact the parish council office and they will put you in touch with the relevant person.



Survey results - top scorers, difference between "yes" and "no"

CONGRATULATIONS - MACFARLANE CLOSE HAS 2 TOP CLASS FOOTBALL RISING STARS!

IMPINGTON RESIDENT AMBER GAYLOR SIGNS FOR WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE TEAM LONDON BEES



Congratulations to ex-IVC student and Histon Hornets player Amber, who having been in the Arsenal set up for 7 years has now signed for London Bees, a brand new franchise which was welcomed into the Women's Super League fold for 2014.

According to their website a senior player at

the club has said new signing Amber Gaylor will bring a fresh approach to the side as she brings something totally different. Head Coach Tom Donati also states that Gaylor is a player to look out for this season.

Former secretary Gill Jones can hardly believe how women's football has changed for the better since it started up some four decades ago. "It was massively different when we first started," she added. "It's now a lot more professional, and the massive change really is that girls can play football."

"When we started playing there were no girls playing, so if you were 12 you could play in an adult woman's football side and that was it. It's really good, it's good to think that over the years we've moved on so much and that women's football is so much more widely respected."

AND CARLTON MORRIS ALSO OF IMPINGTON HAS SIGNED A 2½ YEAR PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT WITH NORWICH CITY

Carlton is also from Macfarlane Close and an ex-IVC student and Histon Hornet. The 18 year old signed his first professional contract in December 2013 as a Striker for the Canaries and was a powerful forward in the successful 2012/13 FA Youth campaign.

BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT

Impington-based, professional musician Jan Payne is celebrating the news that a song she wrote in 2009



was performed again this May at Chelmsford Cathedral, in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

In 2009, the Diocese of Ely celebrated 900 years of its founding and Jan was commissioned to write the lyrics and music for a new song, to be sung by children from primary schools in the Diocese. Over 1000 children finally led the first performances of the song in Ely Cathedral that year.

Now, five years later, young singers from Chelmsford Cathedral School Choir gave voice again to the words and music, as part of their celebrations to mark the centenary of the Chelmsford Diocese. The song, entitled "This is our world", tells of the world in which we live, for which present and future generations have the care.

Commenting on this latest performance, Jan said that it was an enormous thrill to learn that the song had been used again in the presence of The Queen. "It's not every day that you get to have your music performed in a Cathedral, let alone in front of royalty, nor have your name on the same Order of Service as Her Majesty." Jan added, "I feel very honoured that this has happened and equally rather humbled that the song was thought appropriate for such an auspicious occasion".

Jan has now been commissioned by the school to write further music for them to sing, which she hopes to have ready for the start of 2015.

Carlton has pledged his future to the club until 2016 after impressing at academy level. He has also scored goals in a number of England Under-19 appearances this season.



Congratulations to both young people and their families!

Congratulations too to Histon Hornets who have been awarded Cambridgeshire Community Club of the Year

HI PEOPLE

When I created HI People on the social media site Facebook back in June 2012, my aim was to round up a small group of local friends who had children at the schools in the two villages. I thought it would be useful to put us all in one group where we could source the answers to those everyday questions that parents regularly ask but nobody else has any interest in! I had no idea at that time just how widespread and useful a resource the group would become.

Now, two years down the line the group stands at 753 members and requests from new members wishing to join are received daily. Group members are wide ranging and knowledgeable. We can count amongst our membership local parents, grandparents, teenagers, councillors and many of the villages' business men and women.

The group is a closed one meaning members can only be added upon approval of the Admin team. This keeps the group free from people who may wish to use our page for illicit purposes. The group ethos is as follows:

Histon & Impington chat and discussion group. Closed group for people in, or closely connected with, Histon and Impington. Post local events here as well as positive 'gossip' or news about our village. We aim to be a fun, clean, community site celebrating the great place we all call home. Please avoid posting material which could be considered offensive to other users.

The services provided by this community page are numerous and invaluable. Some of the things achieved by HI people in its short lifetime are:- reuniting lost cuddly toys with their distraught young owners; providing free advertising for local events; delivering local knowledge to those moving to our villages; warning other villagers of suspicious activity; allowing members to swap or sell unwanted items; reuniting missing pets with their owners; recovering lost mobile phones or jewellery and, on one occasion, even ascertaining the source of a stylish coat that someone was spotted wearing in the village! ☺

If you are not already a member and wish to join, you can send a request via Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/126371950739274/>

I hope to see you soon!

Amanda Borrill

Has something special happened for you or a group you belong to? Why not tell *HisImp News* about it. We'll be pleased to consider more "good news" stories from our community in future publications.

Histon & Impington Parish Council



CHEERS! THE GOOD NEWS.....

Cheers! The history of the pubs and people of Histon and Impington from 1686 to the present day was published last year by the Histon and Impington Village Society and has found many good homes locally.



Now Cheers! the publication has won a Book Award from the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History for its exceptional quality, as it clearly enhances our knowledge of our local history.

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

There are plans underway for setting up a new Community Car Scheme to support the residents of Histon and Impington.

With the help and support of the Care Network Community Development Officer and Cambridgeshire County Council we aim to provide friendly, door-to-door, affordable transport to those people in Histon and Impington who struggle to use public transport when they want to attend medical and hospital appointments, or for social journeys such as getting to group meetings and events, visiting relatives, hair appointments etc.

To enable us to expand this project we urgently need more voluntary drivers. If you have even just a few hours to spare every so often, we would love to hear from you. No qualifications are needed; just a suitable car and a desire to help people who might otherwise struggle to get out and about.

Whatever time you can offer will be much appreciated whether it is every day, or just occasionally. In return we offer training, pay mileage and all the support you need.

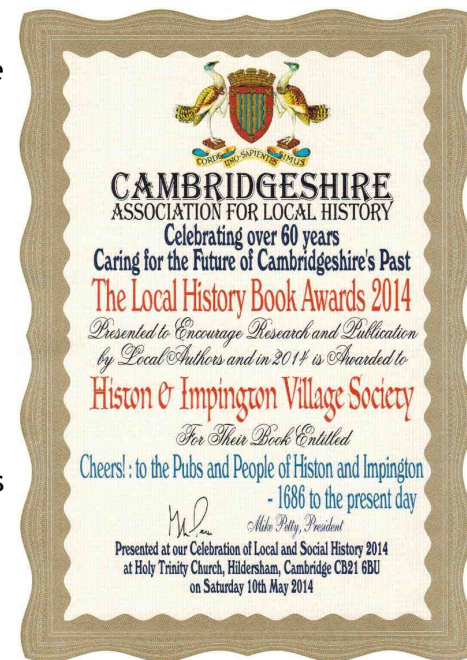
Even a small amount of time can make all the difference!

If you are interested and want to know more or if you know of someone who would benefit from this scheme, please contact:

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jane.j@care-network.org.uk

www.hisimp.net

The award Certificate was presented by Mike Petty, M.B.E. on Saturday 10th May 2014 at the Association's prestigious Awards Ceremony held this year at Hilder-



sham. It was received by Barbara Parr (secretary) and Ann Fletcher (treasurer), representing the Histon and Impington Village Society, and Andrew Oliver, the designer of Cheers!

Well done!

Note: Cheers! is on sale at the Histon Village Library and Histon Post Office or via Joyce on 232744 at £11.99.

Barbara Parr

Council & Committee Meetings

See website for details: www.hisimp.net

Full Council - Recreation Centre from 7 p.m. Monday 16th June; Monday 21st July; Monday 15th September 2014

Planning - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 10th June; 1st July; 15th July; 29th July; 19th August; 2nd September 2014

Highways - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Thursday 24th July; 4th September 2014

Finance Legal & Administration - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 30th June 2014

Environment - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 17th/24th June (tbc); 26th August 2014

Community Park Project - Parish Office 7.45 p.m. - Thursday 5th June; 18th September 2014

Recreation Ground - Recreation Centre 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 8th July; Monday 1st September 2014

Youth - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 2nd June; 14th July 2014

Kings Meadow - Wherry Housing offices 7.30 p.m. - Wednesday 2nd July 2014

Residents are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

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

June 2014