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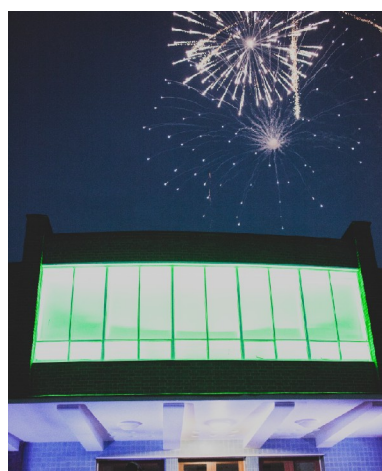
HISIMP NEWS

The Newsletter of Histon & Impington
Parish Council

Ninth Edition - December 2014

2015 We con-
tacted a
range of
people from
across our community and asked
them for their views, hopes and as-
pirations for the coming year for
our community.

2014 was a won-
derful year for
IVC as we
marked our 75th
anniversary in
true style with so
many members
of our commu-
nity. We hope
that weekend of
celebration
would have made
Henry Morris



proud of his vision for village colleges,
uniting young and old in learning and
leisure, 'the place in which life is lived'.
We continue our anniversary activities
into 2015 and hope all can continue to
enjoy the village college as we go from
strength to strength.

Robert Campbell



2014 has been
a desperately
poor year for
humanity and
my hope for
2015 is that
the world will
learn to peace-
fully co exist
far better. So
much more can

be achieved by working together posi-
tively at a local, national and interna-
tional level. Hope for the future is
needed particularly for the young to
have somewhere to live and have em-
ployment, and those suffering from de-
pression. I hope that 2015 provides an
improved sense of well being for us all.

Neil Davies



My hopes for
2015 are that
we could con-
tinue to make
Histon and
Impington a
good place in
which people
can grow up
and grow old;
a place where

all people can flourish; a place where
those who struggle in life can find a car-
ing, empowering and loving commu-
nity. I would like to see us move from
analysis to action, from knowledge to
personal encounter and from suspicion
to openness. (And I'd like to be able to
buy Krispy Kreme doughnuts on the High
Street...)

James Blandford-Baker



We live in a
wonderful
community and
must cherish
our village life.
2015 should be
a year when
we continue to
fight hard for
our area. Keep
supporting
those local

shops and village businesses. Remain
ever grateful for all the local volun-
teers. Press on for even safer routes to
schools and better pavements. A fairer
investment deal for our superb village
schools and stretched GP surgery. Build
ever closer relationships with family and
friends. May I take this opportunity to
wish you a great Christmas and happy
and healthy 2015!

Jonathan Chatfield

As Postmaster
and on behalf
of all our re-
tailers, thank
you for shop-
ping locally.
We wish all
our customers
and residents a
Happy Christ-
mas and a
Prosperous
New Year and look forward to another
year serving the community in these
special villages



*Harry & Rakhee
Serving the Community for more than
22 years !!!*



... that ebola,
ISIS and Putin
don't ruin the
global picture;
that the gen-
eral election
doesn't be-
come a contest
of right vs left;
that the High
Street in H&I
flourishes, that
we have a
community cal-

ender which contributes to the vitality
of the twin villages, that our various vil-
lage institutions are successful and that
people feel safe in our community; and,
finally, that our weather is not too ex-
treme: plenty of sunshine and not too
much rain.

David Jenkins

*With best wishes for a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year from the editorial team*

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HISTON BASE FOR CHILD SAFETY CHARITY OPENS

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) opened its new office on Vision Park, Histon, in November.

The IWF is the UK Hotline for reporting child sexual abuse content online, and has now officially moved into Discovery House, Vision Park, following a move from its previous office in Waterbeach. A one million pound investment from Google last year enabled the IWF to double in size, thus prompting the move into larger more modern facilities.

The new office boasts modern communal areas for staff including a 'chill out area', especially important for its content analysts, and a number of spacious meeting and function rooms. A total of 30 members of staff work from the IWF's new office in Histon, many of them from the surrounding area.

On Wednesday 5th November the offices were officially opened by Culture Minister, Hon Ed Vaizey MP, who is a long standing supporter and friend of the IWF. The event was attended by a range of local dignitaries includ-



ing individuals from Impington Village College, Cambridgeshire County Council and Histon & Impington Parish Council.

Histon & Impington Parish Council Vice Chairman, Councillor Denis Payne, said: "The day was a fantastic occasion, and I applaud the IWF's staff and their passion for the incredibly good work that they do. We hope the IWF enjoys its new space in Histon."

Emma Hardy
IWF Director of External Relations

JOIN THE STOP SUICIDE PLEDGE

Twice as many people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough commit suicide each year as die in road accidents.

STOP Suicide is a suicide prevention campaign that seeks to empower communities and individuals across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to help stop suicides by being alert to the warning signs, asking directly about suicide and helping those who are feeling suicidal to stay safe.

This campaign is funded by NHS England and is being led by the charities Mind in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough & Fenland Mind and Lifecraft, supported by local NHS and Public Health teams.

It will involve general awareness raising about suicide, specialist training for non-mental health professionals working / volunteering within our communities and a public campaign to encourage sign up to the [STOP Suicide Pledge](#) for organisations and individuals.

Suicide is everybody's business. The organisation asks communities to please work with them to make Cambridgeshire and Peterborough a [suicide-safer community](#)



INDEPENDENT LIVING FUND (ILF) CLOSURE, JUNE 2015

The ILF aims to support long term independent living for severely disabled people by helping them to live at home instead of in residential care.

In March 2014, the Government announced that it will be closing on 30th June 2015 when the County Council will take over responsibility for meeting the eligible care and support needs of ILF users. The County Council and ILF are working together to make sure the transfer of responsibility for funding arrangements takes place as smoothly as possible.

The ILF site www.dwp.gov.uk/ilf has more information about the closure, or phone the County Council's Customer Services on 0345 045 5202 with any questions. The ILF is no longer accepting new applications.



DON'T BE LONELY AT CHRISTMAS

Burdett House, the Abbeyfield development in Station Road, is offering lunch on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and throughout Christmas Week for any elderly local residents who might otherwise be on their own over Christmas. Details from Christine on 236248.

ATTENTION ALL
DIY ENTHUSIASTS

Since the demise of Bishops the DIY and hardware materials supplier, several years ago, I like others were hoping another such retail outlet nearby would fill the void. Sadly this has not happened and people are forced to travel in to Cambridge to visit one of the multiple chains.



So after I retired from Travis Perkins earlier this year, I thought it would be good if I got TP to offer a discount to all people in Histon & Impington. This was agreed and so a Discount Card has been set up in the name of 'HI PEOPLE' with a number of W64703.

All the people of our community need to do when collecting or requiring a delivery is to quote the name of 'HI PEOPLE' and their systems will recognise you and you will get a 20% discount plus a free delivery (exceptions are items already on promotion).

Therefore for all your DIY needs including Timber products, Building and Landscape materials, Paint and Ironmongery, Plumbing and Heating items, plus Tool Hire, contact Travis Perkins. The nearest branch is at 50 High Street, Cottenham and their telephone number is 01954 250447. They are open Mondays to Fridays 8.00 am to 5.00 pm and on Saturdays from 8.00 am to 12.00 (mid day).

Cedric Foster

THE BIG TIDY UP
NOW IN ITS THIRD YEAR

The success of this is growing and now has over 50 adults and children who join in when they can.

We now cover virtually the whole village 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 prior to the event so that everyone knows what they are doing.

After each of the Saturday events the Methodist Church provide complimentary refreshments.

By the time this Newspaper goes to print the event on 6th/7th December would have taken place, but you can join in during 2015 and these are the dates for your diary:-

7th/8th March, 6th/7th June, 5th/6th September and 5th/6th December. We mainly carry out the BIG TIDY UP on the Saturday, but allow anyone to do their allocated area on the following Sunday if that suits better.

For more details contact Cedric Foster on 01223 234156 or cedric.foster@hisimp.net

Cedric Foster

WINTER FOOTPATH GRITTING

You may be aware that over the winter months, Cambridgeshire County Council grit our roads with salt to prevent ice forming. In addition to this we have volunteers from our local community that grit our footpaths to make it safer for us to walk.

Our volunteers have successfully been gritting our footpaths for a few years now. Cambridgeshire County Council continues to support this activity, but with only two volunteers remaining we are limited to covering a very restricted area for a few of our most vulnerable. But, with your help we can cover more areas and keep more people safe and able to access vital community services.

Volunteers are provided with the equipment, including highways winter coat, gloves, boots, shovel, and of course, the salt needed. The hand pushed gritting machines are available, but most prefer not to use them. Training is provided and required by Cambridgeshire County Council.



The volunteers are notified by email and SMS 24hrs before gritting is required, so the volunteers can choose when best to grit in their personal schedules. Gritting takes about 1-2 hours of walking and spreading depending on area covered. To be effective the salt must be spread before any snow or major ice event, therefore the volunteers are called just before these, which can amount from just a

couple of calls to quite a few calls depending on the winter severity (average over the past few years would be about 6 calls over the 3 months).

If you would be willing to join this dedicated team, and enable more of our local pathways to be covered, please contact the parish office on 01223 235906 to register your interest or email clerk@hisimp.net.

Shaun Lindsay

CHANGES TO YOUR BIN COLLECTION

Starting in December, for the winter months (December, January and February) your green bin will collected monthly. Research conducted by South Cambridgeshire District Council shows that during these months half the amount of garden waste is collected.

From March to November your green bins will revert back to being collected fortnightly.

South Cambs are expecting these changes to contribute to savings of around £400,000 a

year, essential to respond to government funding reductions and rising costs.



Below is a handy cut out of the collection dates throughout the Christmas period. Look out for more information on our website www.hisimp.net or the Winter Edition of South Cambs Magazine

Black Bin	Blue Bin, Paper Caddy	Green Bin
2014	2014	2014
Tuesday 23 rd December	Tuesday 16 th December	Tuesday 16 th December
2015	2015	2015
Tuesday 13 th January	Tuesday 6 th January	Tuesday 6 th January
		Tuesday 3 rd February

REPORT YOUR MISSED BIN COLLECTION ONLINE

If [South Cambridgeshire District Council](http://www.scambs.gov.uk) fail to collect your bin, which can happen sometimes as most villagers will know, then they now have a new way of reporting this on their web site - www.scambs.gov.uk/content/report-your-missed-bin-online

It also offers advice of how to ensure your bin is collected (they now collect from 6am to 6pm so your bins really need to go out the night before).

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan has made steady progress through the year. A core Neighbourhood Plan team has been formed and this works subject to the guidance of a steering committee which ensures that the work it does is on track and addressing what's seen as important by the community.

Following a recent meeting with the steering committee (Oct 14) a list of 5 top level priorities has been published. There's a short report of that meeting at bit.ly/1vMPhIP

We are still interested in people's opinions of these so if you go to svy.mk/15SLQYJ you can tell us (1) whether or not you agree with them; and (2) if you think we're missing something really important.

The next steps will be to:

- explain broadly how we will address these priorities
- be specific about what this means in terms of actions
- where appropriate, develop these actions into planning policies

After that we'll have a Neighbourhood Plan which we can publish and begin the process of getting it signed off by the community, by South Cambridgeshire District Council and by the inspector.

Finally: please don't think this is a closed process being undertaken by a limited group of people. Practicalities mean that this is sometimes the case but we are very open to anyone contributing to the development of the Plan. If you want to join in please contact Nick Wood (nick.wood@hisimp.net)

David Jenkins

TENNIS ALL YEAR FOR ALL

The Parish Council at their November meeting received a presentation from a Recreation Ground project group looking to develop tennis playing facilities on the rec.



The group are looking into the possibility of replacing the present four grass courts with four new all weather floodlit courts to create a unique shared club / public accessible community sports facility and encourage tennis participation for all ages which is affordable.

The meeting heard members of Histon Tennis Club talk of their fondness of the excellent grass courts but of the real limitations of the five month playing season, the 20% weather related loss of playing time, players wanting certainty of playing time and breaks between playing seasons leading to a club membership drift of 30% each year.

The new all weather floodlit courts would provide all day and evening tennis facility for the community and Histon Tennis Club. The courts would provide a great opportunity to grow the sport and participation through new coaching sessions, a continual 12 month playing period, outreach with schools, new age related ways to play tennis, encouraging play especially in the 16 - 25 age group and the village tennis club becoming a beacon club.

Histon Tennis Club presently has about 100 adult members and 80 children/young people members. It is hoped that club participation could increase by at least 50%.

The project cost is in the region of £200k with the real possibility of external funding of about £85k being available and the Parish Council needing to fund £115k to complete the funding package.

Continued below right.

NEW SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

For those of you interested in environmental issues, there is a new Parish Council Sustainability Group. It is currently a temporary working party but if it is successful, well supported and a benefit to the villages and residents, it may become a permanent group within the Parish Council. The group comprises local residents and two Parish Councillors who are interested in Environment and Sustainability issues. The group's activities will be based on a government recommended, sustainability framework. These recommendations include a review of the communities transport, use of resources (water, consumer goods) recycling opportunities, food (production and consumption) and energy use. Our first meeting was held in December but here are some of the ideas so far:



- Holding a village 'Family Planet Day'
- Introducing wildflower verges (safety issues will apply)
- Habitat protection opportunities and events
- Edible landscapes (you can see an example at Todmorden, a village in Yorkshire)
- Supporting village cycling initiatives
- Exploring alternative energy sources
- Reducing village waste
- Talking to businesses about key issues
- Reducing the use of plastic carrier bags

The group's activities will be based on the interests of individuals and the time they are able to commit to the project. We have enough people in the group for now (14 people including the Councillors) but if you'd like to be involved in the future if the team is enlarged or would just like to be involved in an initiative or two, contact Councillor Ruth Moulder at ruth.moulder@hisimp.net.

Ruth Moulder

CHRISTMAS RECYCLING TIPS

Christmas Trees - can be cut up and put in your [green bin](#). You can also take trees to Milton Recycling Centre for composting

Wrapping Paper - as long as it made of paper (not foil or plastic) this can go in your [blue bin](#). Please do not put in your paper caddy

Christmas Cards - can be recycled in your [blue bin](#). Please do not put in your paper caddy

Food Waste - can go in your [green bin](#)

Cardboard - flattened boxes can go in your [blue bin](#)

Glass bottles and jars - rinsed out then can go in your [blue bin](#)

Newspapers, magazines, papers - can go in your [paper caddy](#)

Plastic packaging - washed and squashed then can go in your [blue bin](#)

Cans and foil - rinsed out then can go in your [blue bin](#)



TENNIS ALL YEAR FOR ALL contd

The importance of the project to the village community was discussed and the provision of the courts would help activity and fitness health objectives. The point was made that vibrant clubs and societies provide community cohesion and village identity.

Parish Councillors will consider the project over the next few months and how the project fits in with the overall Council priorities.

Neil Davies - Recreation Committee

Young People's Noticeboard

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

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

Lorna Wood, St Andrew's Youth Minister: 07725 692785; lorna.cawood@googlemail.com

Teenage voices need to be heard – Join our Youth Forum

We would like to hear from young people from aged 11-19 who would be interested in joining others to make a difference in their local community!

The Parish Council Youth Committee has a significant budget to spend on activities and projects aimed specifically at young people aged 11 to 19. It is important that this money is spent to the greatest effect and reaches the widest group of young people.

- ♥ How would you spend the money?
- ♥ What are the important things to provide?
- ♥ Tell us what you think.
- ♥ Join the discussion!

The next meeting is on 22 January 2015 at 6.30pm at the Recreation Centre, New Road, Impington

Looking after other people's children - Did you miss out?

This is a tailor made course to help young people gain a basic level of knowledge, understanding and learning in looking after other people's children (babysitting). As well as offering practical and hands-on experience, each participant will complete a portfolio of work and receive a certificate on successful completion of the course, which includes First Aid.

The course of 10 sessions is run at the Ideal Base, Impington Village College and is open to young people aged between 14-16

Histon & Impington Parish Council provide the funding for this programme to be run each term. Courses scheduled for January and April are already full. However, if you are interested in completing this course please get in touch with Andrea Cramp, so she can keep you informed of future course dates.

Giving something back - Volunteer as a Youth Worker

Youth workers help facilitate personal, social and educational growth in young people to help them reach their full potential in society. At its core, youth work is about the relationship and conversations built up between a youth worker and a young person. Youth workers generally support the 11 to 25 age group and work with young people in a variety of settings.

If you are interested in supporting local projects and young people in Histon & Impington, please get in touch with Andrea Cramp, Youth Worker for Histon and Impington Parish Council.

Speilberg or Tarantino ? - You have to be in it to win it ☺



Keep Calm and Carry on - Basic emergency first aid course

First aid can be a life-saving skill, and you never know when you may need to use it. Come along to one of the following 2 hour basic emergency training courses and ensure you have the skills and knowledge to know how to help. The courses are available to all young people (aged 11 to 19) in Histon & Impington, maximum of 15 to a course.

When: Monday 23rd February 2015 -
Course 1 - 4.00pm – 6.00pm;
Course 2 - 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Where: The Community Room, Histon & Impington Recreation Ground

What: The course covers : Calling for Help; Dealing with Emergency Blocked Airway; Bleeding; Basic CPR Procedures; Provides the candidate with a 1 Year Attendance Certificate

How to take part:

- Complete a registration form (available to download from www.hisimp.net/wp/committees/youth/), enclose payment of £5 cash or cheque made payable to Histon & Impington Parish Council.
- Pass registration form and payment to Andrea Cramp, via The Finance Office at IVC or at The Parish Office, Histon & Impington Recreation Ground.

New Years Resolution - Crafternoon

Andrea Cramp, our village youth worker and Lorna Wood, St Andrews Youth Minister, are working in partnership to provide this **new** opportunity for young people to learn both crafting skills and how to develop a small business or social enterprise based around those skills. Crafternoon will hopefully start in the New Year and sessions will cover:

- ♥ Completing applications for funding bids
- ♥ learn crafting skills, maintaining quality
- ♥ product design, planning, budgeting and production

- ♥ how to build a small business/social enterprise
- ♥ to invest time, energy, ideas and profit;
- ♥ profit margins, marketing and selling skills
- ♥ transferable skills
- ♥ potential to complete young enterprise award (www.young-enterprise.org.uk/award/)
- ♥ potential to complete Arts Award

This is an exciting new project for creative young people currently at secondary school who would thrive in the environment being offered. Andrea and Lorna would be very interested to hear from people in the community who have knowledge and skills they would like to share or otherwise be involved in the project. Seed-funding will also be required for the project in order to buy resources and equipment.

Please get in touch with Andrea Cramp or Lorna Wood to express an interest in:

- ♥ Being part of the group
- ♥ Offering expertise
- ♥ Funding opportunity

Chill out at the Junior Youth Club

For years 7, 8 and 9 on Monday from 4.00 – 5.15pm at the Community Room at the Histon & Impington Recreation Ground

Cafe



Come in out of the cold and sample our 'Twilight Cafe'. Serving hot chocolate, tea, coffee, squash and a weekly 'special' snack – see programme for details and it's all included in your 50p entry fee!

Challenge



A challenge which might involve strawberry laces; tower of sugar cubes; tallest tower of newspapers! You get the idea!

Quiz

Enter our quiz for a chance to win a prize! You've got to be in it to win it!

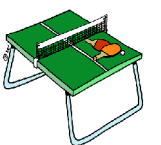


Craft

Feeling creative? Need a birthday card? Present? We provide a 'craft corner' for you to discover your hidden talent or showcase your skills. The best bit is you get to take it home with you!

Sport/Activity

Including: table tennis; indoor bowls; team games; box games; special one-off activities. See programme for further details.



Raffle



To be in with a chance of winning all you need to do is display good behaviour, respect for each other and the building, take part in activities and challenges!

A FEAST OF FUNDRAISING
(AND FUN).....

I think that most people in our villages would agree that Feast Week is an event that sums up summertime in Histon and Impington. I hope that we can look back at the events of Feast Week 2014 at this time of year and recall some great memories. It featured two main community events, both organised through partnerships with Friends of the Rec and the Junior School PTA.

It's important to remember Feast fundraising during these dark winter days because it doesn't hurt to be reminded how the generosity of local people and businesses helped us to raise and distribute over £5000 this year.

We are extremely grateful to sponsors of our events this year and other local businesses who value the community - Tucker Gardner, Thomson Webb & Corfield, Cambridge Building Society and Histon Village Fryer. These businesses all provided funds for the organisation of events. We received financial assistance from the Parish Council, along with a generous donation from The Red Lion Beer Festival. The Flower Festival also donated their proceeds. Thank you to all of these people.

Our main fundraising item is the Feast Magazine. I hope that even in this technology driven age, local residents continue to be happy to spend a couple of pounds on a local magazine which provides the main fundraising revenue for the Feast. Thanks for buying it too!

This year, we've been able to support the following local organisations:

- St Andrews Youth Club
- Orchard Park Primary School
- Motor Neurone Disease Association
- Homefield and Hereward Close Residents Association
- Histon Council of Churches
- Histon and Impington Day Centre
- Camtrust
- 1st Histon Cubs
- Blue Smile
- Older Persons coordinator
- Histon and Impington Archery Club (being formed at the moment!)
- Minibus replacement scheme

If you want to apply for funding for next year, please use the application form from the website - www.hisimp.com/feast

The Feast Committee is small and dedicated,

FARMERS MARKET & CRAFT
FAIR AT IMPINGTON VILLAGE
COLLEGE

I recently read a report that, as a nation, we are moving away from the large frenetic impersonal supermarket chains to shop more locally at Farmers Markets, with their mix of great tasting, quality, local produce.

I for one hope this is the case. For several years now, I have done precisely that. This is made so much easier due to the fact that we have such a great Farmers Market and Craft fayre on our doorstep at IVC which I have the pleasure of helping to organise.

I love to chat to the stallholders who grow, rear, bake, craft and produce for the markets. Knowing where my food comes from and how it is produced is very important to me as it is to a growing number of others. The love and care that is given by the producers really comes through in the flavours and quality of their produce and crafts.

You will find everything you require from organic fruit and vegetables, organic bread, meats, eggs, cakes, pies, honey, game, Indian & Greek produce, seafood, chocolate ,marsh mallows to cards, stained glass, jewellery, hand knits, hand crafted pens, Fairtrade gifts, skincare and more.

We have a Christmas Market on the **20th December**, with a great range of stalls and The Salvation Army, face painter and magician to entertain whilst you shop. It's a time when you certainly will want the best of food you can get, and I believe you will find it here.

You can find the Farmers Market each month at Impington on the 3rd Saturday, 9am - noon

Web site www.farmersfayres.co.uk, or contact us on farmersfayres@gmail.com

*Karen Broad
For and on behalf of Farmers Fayres*



but struggling to cope with the demands of organising the events and profile that the Feast demands. New members are always welcome. Contact me at any time.

Our next public meeting is the AGM,

on 29th January at the Rec Pavilion, starting at 8pm. Please come along if you have a comment or contribution towards keeping the Feast as relevant and varied as possible. Feast Week next year runs from Saturday 27th June to Sunday 5th July.

Steve Cox (Feast Chair)
stevecox.histon@gmail.com

HISTON AND IMPINGTON
FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

This year's Histon and Impington Fireworks Extravaganza was attended by a crowd of 2900 - about a third of the village - who braved the slightly inclement weather to see the show.

The proceedings were started with our fantastic com-pères from the IVC 6th



form, Africa and Adam, who did a stalwart job entertaining the crowd. Eleanor Whitehead lit the new beacon, jointly purchased by the Fireworks and the Community Orchard. After waiting for the last of the crowd to arrive, our three lucky winners pushed the Big Red button to set off the first firework.

We live in a great community and the event couldn't go ahead without the help and support of many of our local businesses and groups. We'd like to thank [Tucker Gardner](#) (Lead sponsor), [Limetree Financial](#) (Sponsor), [Precedence Technologies](#) (Sponsor), [The Red Lion](#) (Sponsor), [Enterprise rent-a-car](#) (free loan of 2 vans), David Robinson (hog roast + BBQ and making a donation from proceeds), [Ely Tool Hire](#) (Discounted price on Lighting), [Travis Perkins](#) (Donated fencing pins), [Essex Pyrotechnics](#) (Our suppliers), [the Air Training Corps, 2524 \(Oakington\) Squadron](#) (Car park marshalling and field patrol), [British Red Cross](#) (First Aid), [Histon Scouts](#) (selling novelties), IVC, the shops who sell advance tickets ([Daisy Chain](#), [Tucker Gardner](#), Station Stores, [Chop Shop](#), The Geographer), [Carlo Verrecchia](#) (Ice cream sales and donation), Frankie Harris (Fairground rides and donation).

Financially the event was also successful, with £1400 being raised for each of the three village schools and smaller donations made to the ATC, Scouts and Choir 2000.

Finally thanks must also go to the organising committee who ensure the show runs smoothly and safely, this year's 7 firers (just 7 'ordinary' people from the village who planned, set-up and fired the show - it isn't done by 'paid professionals'), and the volunteers (over 100) who do everything from sell tickets, marshal, run the coffee stall, and litter pick. The show couldn't happen without them.

Next year's show will be on Saturday 7th November. If you'd like to get involved as a firer or playing a part with the organisation get in touch with me - dan.r.mace@gmail.com

*Dan Mace
Histon and Impington
Fireworks Extravaganza Chairman*

PROMOTING VILLAGE PRIDE

"The more people know about the local area, the more they will value it," said Eleanor Whitehead, former physics teacher at IVC and custodian of the local history archives.



One of the reasons that there is such a high level of community involvement in Histon and Impington is doubtlessly the part the Village Society plays in organising or sponsoring local activities and projects. - and of which Eleanor is a longstanding member.

She is probably best known for the Heritage Walks, talks, publications and events she has been associated with over the past 25 or more years locally. One of the most recent books she has been involved with is "Cheers! The history of the Pubs of Histon and Impington." Originally researched and written by John and Monica Allen in 1989, it has been updated and enlarged by Eleanor and colleagues to a 104 page book, containing a wealth of fascinating photographs.

After the publication earlier this year of "The Way We Were" (an anthology of information and images about the Home Front in 1914), she has just handed over a manuscript of a

book based on Impington Hall for next year. Talking to Eleanor about local history is like viewing the past through a kaleidoscope which is constantly shaken - to reveal even more riveting and absorbing anecdotes and facts - about a local 19th century wheelwright driving to John O'Groats, revelations about ancient buildings, unique breeding locally of Percheron horses, unearthing hidden pathways....!

She first got involved in a serious way when Impington Village College planned to carry out a geological field study around the villages. This morphed into a study of weather erosion on local ancient buildings for which she was 'volunteered'.

Progressively, Eleanor has been drawn into a number of important projects. These have included chairing the Millennium Country Trek and 2002 Jubilee Committees, and organising the popular Feast Heritage Walks.

In the space available here it's not possible to expand further on Eleanor's wide interests. Sufficient to say, that through the Village Society she has played a very active role in raising the community's pride in the villages of Histon and Impington. The chairman of the Village Society, Geoffrey Smallwood, summed it up with: "If you want to know almost anything about our local history, then ask Eleanor."

Bernard Stewart-Deane

DR TONY HILLIER - SCULPTOR AND UNIVERSITY FELLOW



On the corner of Cottenham Road is an unmissable landmark - a collection of metal sculptures of animals and people. These are the work of Dr Tony Hillier who died on 5th November aged 72 - sculptor and former Fellow of Selwyn College.

A highly talented man, Tony created these amazing metal sculptures in his workshop, amid showers of sparks, blow torch in hand. His wife Joan told me: "It was strange that he should die on the day of bonfire night as he too produced lots of sparks and flashes."

Thanking everyone in Histon and Impington for the many cards and messages she received, Joan said that it was important to celebrate his life and that visitors, especially children, should still feel free to visit the garden and marvel at Tony's work. "I want them to be seen and enjoyed."

Examples of his work were distributed free to many schools around the county and beyond, including the local junior school and IVC.

Born in Birmingham, Tony moved to Cambridge to study at Trinity College where he was a Research Fellow, and later moved to Selwyn College where, as a teaching Fellow, he continued to lecture in physiology. Joan explained: "He was so popular and would have up to 400 students in his lectures, regularly filling the Babbage Theatre."

Tony Hillier took early retirement in 1999 in order to concentrate on his passion for art and metal sculpture. His eccentric collection is a lasting tribute to a very talented man.

Bernard Stewart-Deane

APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY IN HISTON & IMPINGTON EARN WHILE YOU LEARN!



The College
of West Anglia

The Parish Council is about to start the search for an Apprentice Grounds Maintenance Operative, to start in January 2015 or soon thereafter. The position is for 30 hours per week initially, based primarily at the Recreation Ground, and would suit someone wanting to qualify in Sports Ground Care and Horticulture, whilst providing a wide range of experience and opportunities

This will soon be advertised on the College of West Anglia website <http://www.cwa.ac.uk/app-vacancy.html>

If you would like to know more, contact Cindy Baldry on LBALDRY@col-westanglia.ac.uk

Angela Young

NEW COUNCILLOR - CHRISTINE HERTOEGHE



I was co-opted to the Parish Council at the end of October. I have been residing in the village since 1997 and am enjoying living here. I am originally from Bel-

gium but resided in Spain for 14 yrs before my arrival here with 2 kids, who have since flown the nest!

I am now a property investor and run my business from home. I also run the monthly Cambridge PIN - Property Investors Network - meetings where local investors meet up to increase their knowledge of investing and property management: 4th Thursday of every month at the Holiday Inn Impington. You are welcome to join us for a taster meeting from 6pm.

Aside from my business, I am an enthusiastic 'recycler' and believe strongly in the importance of green issues and the protection of nature: the actions we do matter even if they are very small in the grand scheme of things. We CAN make the world a better place!



I joined the planning and environment committees ... of course and I am all ears....

Christine Hertoghe

HI PEOPLE

It is now nearly two and a half years since the formation of HI People; a community facebook page created to share news and events throughout the villages of Histon and Impington. The group is a closed one which means membership is restricted to those residing in or holding close links to the villages of Histon and Impington.

In September this year, the group reached its 1000 member mark and, at the time of writing, membership stands at 1,138. Membership of the group is diverse and includes students, parents, grandparents, charitable volunteers, members of the village churches, councillors and many of the villages' business owners. The benefits of a community page such as this are numerous; it can advertise and promote local events, share promotions in local village shops and pubs, allow us all the opportunity to sell and recycle our unwanted items and, possibly, even give us answers to those miscellaneous questions we all have from time to time. In these days of networking, HI People is definitely the place to see and be seen.

As with all online forums, the page has not been without controversy in its short life but thankfully these, sometimes quite heated, exchanges are rare and resolve themselves fairly quickly. For the vast majority of the time the page reflects the wonderfully generous community spirit that exists in Histon and Impington and which makes it such a great place to live. For example, when the group hit its 1000 member milestone in September, that newest recruit was offered a celebratory dinner in The Boot's new steak room with their compliments. How great is that!

On those rare days when I've struggled to maintain the peace and harmony on HI People, it takes just one person to tell me they can't remember how they managed before it existed and that makes it all worthwhile. Thank you everyone for helping to make it such a great community resource!

If you are not already a member and wish to join, you can send a request via Facebook at: [is.gd/gfMzQG](https://www.facebook.com/hisimp)

I hope to see you there 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.



St Andrew's
Café in the
St Andrew's
Centre is a

SAINT
ANDREW'S
Café

community café employing volunteers and paid staff. Our aim is always to be a friendly place *for anyone* to enjoy our food and facilities. Come in and be made welcome!

We offer quality food to eat in or take away, made with ingredients sourced from local suppliers (e.g. Histon Chop Shop). Most of our menu is baked and prepared on the premises and includes tasty soups, panini, baked potatoes, children's lunches and all-day breakfasts. Don't forget to check out our lunch specials board! Hot drinks include Fair-trade coffees, hot chocolate and great loose-leaf teas served in our unique glass tea-pots.

Café Manager Emma brings all her baking experience from working over 20 years in the industry, including Auntie's Tea Shop and Madingley Hall (where she baked the afternoon cakes) the Arboretum Community Café and Willingham Auctions Café. So treat yourself to a luscious cake or delicious scone; we regularly sell out! We aim to provide gluten and dairy free alternatives where possible.

The Café can cater for your event at the Centre either with a buffet or a self-service tea / coffee stand with sandwiches and cakes. We also cater for children's parties. For more details mail cafe@standrewscentre.org.uk

There's seating for around 40 - 50 people, with a cosy sofa area which is always popular. We are baby / child friendly, having high-chairs and buggy space inside. Free WIFI access is provided for a working lunch; or newspapers if you want to take things easy. Peruse the community events notice board to see what's on, or view the local artwork on display and for sale. Whatever the reason for your visit, we want you to feel better for it.

Alternatively, join as a volunteer; it's a wonderful way to get to know people and to learn new skills. Ask at the Café for details - we'd love to have you join us!

Need a Christmas gift? Our tea pots and loose leaf teas are for sale and are cheaper at the Café than online. We also have a range of Christmas cakes, jams and chutneys for sale.

Coming soon: Special OAP offers, 'early bird' promotions and afternoon cream teas.

Find us at the end of the High Street, diagonally opposite Tesco. We're generally open Mon - Fri 9-4, Sat 9-2.

www.standrewscentre.org.uk/cafe/

Ingaret Faulkner



HAD A GOOD READ LATELY?

An unusual book club set up locally earlier this year - and which is looking for new members - concentrates on non-fiction. Rather than trying to unravel the plots of romantic novels or analyse the characterisations of imaginary people, this book club deals with the real world and has a lot of fun.

We aim to read a wide range of topics without taxing the brain too much. Recent books have included Patrick Leigh Fermor's [*Between the Woods and the Water*](#), an account of his pre-war walk across Europe. This was followed by *The Morville Hours* by Elizabeth Swift which plotted the progress of her unique garden with lots of local history thrown in.

Next was *The Almost Nearly Perfect People* by Michael Booth which took a light-hearted view of why the Scandinavians seem to have such a different lifestyle to the rest of us.

We meet within the HisImp area, usually once a month and in one of our homes. If you would like to join this lively and not-too-serious group of avid readers please contact Keith on 563487 or Bernard on 232091, and widen your reading list!

Bernard Stewart-Deane

Council & Committee Meetings

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday 24th December 2014 - Friday 2nd January 2015 inclusive, re-opening on Monday 5th January 2015.

See website for details: www.hisimp.net

Full Council - Recreation Centre from 7 p.m. Monday ; Monday 19th January 2015, 16th February, 16th March

Planning - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 16th December 2014, 13th January 2015, 27th January, 10th February, 24th February, 10th March

Highways - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Thursday 12th February 2015

Finance, Legal & Administration - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 15th December 2014, 12th January 2015

Environment - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 3rd February 2015

Recreation - Recreation Centre, 7.30 p.m. - Monday 26th January 2015

Youth - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 2nd February 2015

Kings Meadow - Wherry Housing offices 7.30 p.m. - Wednesday 4th March 2015

Residents are welcome to attend all Council meetings.

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