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HISIMP NEWS

Feast Week 2018

It is said that 'variety is the spice of life'; well, the same can be said of Village Feast weeks and the Feast Week 2018 programme is certainly full of variety.

Feast Week kicks off on Saturday 30 June with an abundance of events, including the **Feast Flower Festival** in St Andrew's Church, Histon, with the theme 'flourishing and fruitful' - the fruit of the spirit in the community and the traditional **Saturday afternoon cream**



30th June - 8th July 2018

In the evening, we welcome back 'Music for a Summers Evening' with the Moonlight Mandolins and their special guests Django's Tiger playing Hot Club swing.

Additionally, on the Saturday evening, Dan Mace presents 'Echoes from the Somme: 102 years on' at the St Andrews Centre when Dan will be reading a selection of letters his great-grandfather wrote to his wife.

On the afternoon of Sunday 1 July the Friends of the Rec in partnership with Power 2 Inspire, host a **Community Feast of inclusive sport** for all the family at the Recreation Ground.

Histon & Impington Archaeology Group present a talk by David Oates on 'Life Around the Green, Histon' in the 1890s.

The Feast Adult Rounders tournament takes place on Tuesday 3 July and the Junior tournament takes place on Thursday 5 July - entry information available from Neil Davies 01223 232514.

The Village Society will be hosting a 'Heritage Walk' on the evening of Thursday 5 July and earlier in the day the Junior School will host a 'Musical Afternoon & Teas' for older village residents.

A popular feature of recent Feast Weeks has been 'Music on the Green' on the Feast Friday night (6 July), and this year the Feast presents 'Avalon in Concert', a high quality covers band playing hits from recent decades. A hog roast and licenced bar will be provided.

This year sees the return of the popular **Feast Market** on the morning of Saturday 7 July with local community groups and businesses providing information and fundraising stalls.

CHOIR 2000 will be hosting 'Come and Sing for All the Family' a singing workshop with Rowena Whitehead on the afternoon of Saturday 7 July at Histon Baptist Church.

Full information on Feast Week is provided in the Feast programme on sale in most village shops and also at www.hisimp.com/feast, also call Neil Davies 01223 232514.

A date for your 2019 diary is the Feast Festival on Sunday 30 June 2019.

Neil Davies, Feast Committee

Feast Beneficiaries

Local feasts have a long history going back hundreds of years, often connected with raising money for parish funds. The essential ingredients are celebrating the coming of summer, having a good time and supporting local good causes.

Beneficiaries this year will include H&I Archaeology Group, HICOM, Friends of the Rec, Salvation Army, Brownies, Motor Neurone Disease Association, Scouts and Power 2 Inspire.

We are once again indebted to the Feast Committee, chaired by Steve Cox, for their hard work in organising this year's events.

If you are interested in the history of the Feast, a Village Society publication is available.

Phil Whitehead

A14 Widening

We all knew it was happening. We might even have thought it would have some impact on us, sometime. But the scale of the works, and the lack of any form of warning has taken everyone by surprise.



See page 5 for information on what has happened, what is being planned and what you can do!



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New Councillors

Walter Davey

Walter moved to Histon in 1975 and worked

in a Histon-based vacuum engineering company for eleven years. After an interesting time with Clive Sinclair, he joined the oil industry, spending almost thirty years heading up an R&D department in Cambridge. Now a retired professional engineer with solid roots in the village.



Marcus Romer

Marcus is a theatre director and filmmaker. He was Artistic Director of the National



Touring Pilot Theatre for two decades directing many award-winning productions and developed the company and its International work. He is currently a Producer for Collusion in Cambridge, developing arts and new technology

projects. He set up and runs the HI Drama group in the village, and also created the pop -up micro-library in the phone box on Station Road. Earlier in his career he worked in the NHS as a dental surgeon.

Geoff Moore

Geoff and his family moved to Histon over twenty years ago when he worked for a local housing association. His children attended



the three village schools. He is a founding member of the Community Orchard Project and is very interested in housing issues.

Oliver Sellen

Born up North, brought up in Harston, Oliver

went to school at the Grammar, got a degree from ARU as an adult, and worked mainly in Construction. He enjoys literature and sports, especially golf. He tells us his concern 'is not the here and now, rather it is the quality of life of those starting Infants now, as they

approach young adulthood, say twenty years hence. What kind of Histon and Impington can we shape over the intervening years which will give them their best start as adults; that is my true interest.'



District Councillor News

The May elections saw three new District Councillors for Histon & Impington - Martin Cahn and Pippa Heylings, both of Impington, and Steve Hunt from Histon. We therefore

have had to say a fond farewell to Histon residents Neil Davies and Edd Stonham, who have worked hard for the villages over many years in so many ways, but who will both continue as Parish Councillors for the coming four-year term.





You can contact your new District Councillors by email at cllr.heylings@scambs.gov.uk cllr.cahn@scambs.gov.uk or <u>cllr.hunts@scambs.gov.uk</u>. For telephone contacts, see list opposite.

Matters dealt with by the District Council include:

- Waste collection and recycling.
- Council Tax collections.
- Housing: that's 'council houses' as we've always known it and not necessarily 'affordable housing.'
- Planning applications.
- Spatial planning: the planning of the mix of new housing and green space well into the future to ensure that there's the opportunity for sufficient new houses to be built to meet the needs of the growing economy.
- Environmental health: this includes air and water quality.

And farewell to ..

Tim Ewbank, Cedric Foster, Helena Perry and Nick Wood all decided not to stand for the Parish Council for the next four-year term.

Each has played an important part in the work of the Council and they will all be missed. They have all indicated a willingness to keep an involvement with the Council. Cedric, in



particular, will be continuing his invaluable role running the Big Tidy Up, the Road Adoption Scheme and the Weeding Group, as well as acting as a liaison for us between residents, the Parish Council and the County Council Highways Department. Cedric was presented with a certificate at the AGM for his 11 years' service to the Council.

Dennis Sadler (1934 - 2018)

Even if you didn't know Dennis Sadler you would have heard from him each November.

Thirty-five years ago he created, and has since edited, the essential Network Year Book which lists hundreds of local services, businesses and activities. Need a plumber? Want a dental surgery, check the Year Book.



This annual publication, a gift from St Andrew's, is delivered to every household and business in Histon and Impington. It contributes much to the identity of the villages and celebrates the great breadth of local activity. To allay any concerns, his wife, Elizabeth, intends to continue producing the *Network* Year Book.

If the size of the congregation at a person's funeral is a measure of their influence and friendships, Dennis was clearly well regarded. Some 250 people filled every corner of St Andrew's Church, Histon, on 21 March.

He lived in the same bungalow, built for his parents in 1934, for all of his 83 years. He attended the local primary school and IVC and he was a printing compositor by trade.

His Christian faith journey started when he joined St Andrew's, age ten. He later ran the church Pathfinder group for local young people - which is still active as 'Edge'. He invited Christian undergraduates from nearby Girton College to teach the older teenagers and inspire an appreciation of the wider world. Elizabeth, his wife of 45 years, was one such undergraduate.

Among Dennis' pioneering work was the setting up of the first ever Holiday Club for local children in 1973.

The Rev'd Canon James Blandford-Baker said: "It would be difficult to overestimate the contribution that Dennis made to the life of Histon and Impington. It was a contribution that was inspired simply and solely by his Christian faith and his life as a follower of the way of Jesus Christ.

"At St Andrew's he served on the PCC for many years and had a ministry of thoughtful and challenging preaching as a lay reader. Prior to that, his work with young people (alongside Elizabeth), inspiring them to put their faith and trust in Jesus, led to many vocations to the ordained ministry and lives spent in Christian service."

Dennis played a strategic role in the Intercontinental Church Society, an international Church of England mission agency supporting churches for English-speakers who live, study or work abroad, mainly across Europe. ICS also provides

seasonal ministry for English-speaking holidaymakers in European resorts, and so Dennis and Elizabeth for several years spent two or three weeks each summer in a different French resort holding the Sunday services in local chapels. Together they designed and typeset many ICS publications, including the herculean task of creating a directory of every English language church they could find worldwide.

A life well lived in the service of others - not least the people of Histon and Impington.

Bernard Stewart-Deane

Histon Library Easter Book Trail

Over seventy families took part in the Book Trail organised by HILF, Histon Library's Friends Group, over the Easter holidays. They braved the wet weather to follow a 1.5 mile trail from The ChopShop to The Geographer to find books that had escaped the library to seek new homes. There was Daisy the Duck behind the window of Daisy Chain, Giants at The Boot, a recipe book amongst the ingredients at Kitchensmiths, Hugh Shampoo at the hairdressers and The Lighthouse Keeper at the toyshop. And, in an upstairs window, was hidden - if you missed it - 'The Lost Words'. All participants were rewarded with chocolate eggs and there was a random draw for prizes from all of the completed entries.

The Friends Group are grateful to Buckingham and Stanley for the 150 eggs, to all eighteen local traders who incorporated the books into their window displays and for the lovely prizes. The event was so well received by parents and children, traders and library staff alike that the organisers hope to make it an annual event.



Pictured are the winners who received prizes. They also helped by unveiling the long-awaited new library chair and sofa. These are known as the Grandma Goldilocks chairs after the grandma who suggested the need for chairs that were 'just right' and 'not too low' for older people bringing children to the library.

Cath Pennington, HILF

Mad Hatters Tea Party

The HI Drama Group took to the Green on 13 May this year to perform their version of Lewis Carroll's 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' from Alice in Wonderland. Here the group created their own tea party for the audience of guests who sat at one of the four tables laid out with tablecloths, bunting, tea and of course home-made cakes. In this way they were able to share the Tea Party with the Mad Hatter, the Dormouse, the March Hare and Alice.



The fifteen minute show was performed three times during the lovely sunny afternoon, and we had full tables of guests each time. We played to over 85 people and there were plenty of tasty cakes to go round. It was a real village event with support from the Junior School for the cups, the Baptist Church for the tea urn, the British Legion for the tables, the Connections Bus Project and their amazing props and bunting, as well as the HI Drama members for their chairs, gazebo, bunting, baking and of course, their performing skills!



If anyone is interested in joining the HI Drama group, to either perform, offer backstage help or just to get involved you would be most welcome. We are working on new ideas and also towards a production at Christmas time. Please drop Cllr Marcus Romer an email on

Marcus Romer



marcus.romer@hisimp.net.

The Parish Council was delighted to support this new use of our special Village Green.

We hope to see more innovative projects introduced ..

Histon & Impington WI

Are you at a loose end on the third Thursday of the month? Would you like to join a local group of women and listen to a range of speakers, enjoy companionship and quizzes and even outings to places of interest?

If so, please come to one of our meetings to find out more. Visitors are always welcome. We normally meet at Histon Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm.

For further details, please ring me, Denise Brading, President, on 01223 232442

Future meetings:

19 July - Cambridge Folk Museum - John Flood

16 August - Music Therapist - Elaine McGregor

20 September - Basic First Aid and Defibrillator - Ann Sellwood

Denise Brading

The Village Older Persons Co-Ordinator is setting up drop-in help points for those that need assistance with laptop, iPad and mobile use.

If you feel you will benefit from this brilliant new scheme contact Jean on:

Fmail

jean.newman7@ntlworld.com

Tel: 07772 437789



Just a note to say ...

I just wanted to let you know how helpful my family have found advice from the Older Person's Co-ordinator, Jean Newman, whom we met for the first time last week. Without her, we'd never have known there is so much support and help for those who need it in the village (nor how to access it), especially for the increasing number of those, like my mother, suffering with dementia, who need specific care. Jean is a very knowledgeable and thoughtful person with a positive approach that was very motivating for my elderly parents.

Prioritising the funding of this role is widely appreciated - so just a vote for the continuation of such a valuable service!



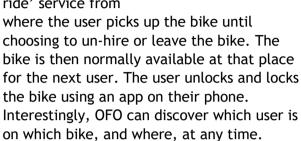
Knowing they have someone to call on for information has been a great relief to them in dealing with the demanding practicalities of everyday life.

Yellow Bikes from OFO

OFO started its first service outside of China in Cambridge in April last year. Residents

have often reported to us these yellow bikes as seemingly abandoned.

OFO provide a 'pay whilst you ride' service from



But OFO's licence is only for the City of Cambridge, so if a ride finishes outside the City boundary, the bike is prevented from being hired again from the GPS tracking and a defined virtual "Geocentre" area of operation. Hence OFO has to collect these bikes and return them to the City. This is often done by a van collecting at night when traffic congestion is minimal.

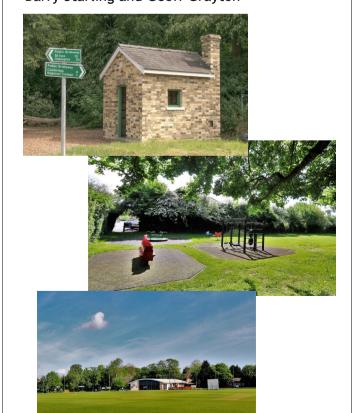
If you have concerns over a bike not being collected, badly parked or being abused you can phone them on 0808 101 7141, email on cs_uk@ofo.com, or by Twitter at twitter.com/ofosupport. OFO users can also report via the OFO app.

facebook.

Brian Ing

Recent photos from resident photographers

photographers
Barry Starling and Geoff Grayton





The High Street and Beyond

Our focus has been on the visual aspect of the High Street, trying to make it a more inviting space. You will have noticed numerous troughs and baskets of greenery; a total of 13 in all. These have been funded by the Parish Council and the shops themselves, and many will be maintained and planted by talented local landscape designer Erika Hunt.

The planters are made locally at Cottenham Sawmills and then fitted out with an experimental, rather Heath Robinson style self-watering system. A huge thanks for their hard work to Cedric Foster, Erika Hunt, Paul Jones and the WI.



Barclays has allowed us to put up local children's artwork to transform two blank windows into a public gallery space; the display changes once a month. If you are interested in helping with this (it takes about 20 mins once a month) please email helena.perry@gmail.com and let me know!

Q- How will they be maintained?

A- Each planter has its own arrangement; some are planted and maintained by the shop where they stand, some are taken care of by the WI and many are planted and maintained by Erika Hunt.

Q- Who's idea was this?

A- This was part of the vision of 'the High Street Redrawn', the art project that was in the library last summer, where I drew all the suggestions given by you (on the HIPeople Facebook page) for improving the High Street. Planters and greenery on the High Street came out top so we decided to make it happen. We formed a working party and many people, including myself, have given up a lot of time to design, help customise, approach shops and write to landlords, install and donate plants and kit for the watering mechanism.

Trying to keep the High Street busy and buzzing is also high up the priority list. The new landlord at School Hill, (which includes the empty Les Ward shop) has kindly allowed us to utilise the space as a mixed-use venue. Perfect for pop-up events, a regular art/creative space or for small business to stretch their feelers. If you know someone who could use this space please get them to email me, or better still get them to request to join the Facebook group 'Les Ward Takeover'.

We hope the planters brighten your trip down the High Street!

Helena Perry

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A14 Widening (see front page)

What's happened so far:

- A major unannounced clearance of trees around the A14/B1049 junction starting at the end of March so that work on electricity, gas, water supplies can be started.
- Works on the A14 to move the central reservation.
- Alleged breaches to the construction code and conditions, such as night-time noise and air-quality, which have caused huge distress and anger.
- A lot of people have been logging formal complaints.
- We had a brief public meeting with a few A14 staff.
- We had a much larger public session on 10 May followed by a key meeting with senior-level A14 and District Council staff.
- Residents have met with Lucy Frazer (our MP), and are meeting with her again later this month.

There's a Core Group of residents, together with County, District and Parish Councillors, meeting regularly, gathering information, and pressing relevant bodies - District Council,



Highways England (HE) for action.

And there's a weekly A14 meeting with senior staff at SCDC led by Cllr Pippa Heylings, looking at complaints and concerns, and the role of SCDC as an enforcement authority, following up on necessary actions.

What's happening:

- The A14 is going to be 3 lanes up to the Milton/A10 junction, but there isn't the land to expand it on both sides, so the extra build is on the north (Histon & Impington) side.
- Not only will the road "move", but the off slip road from Girton will be widened.

And what have we found out:

- There's a Development Consent Order (DCO) in place - the equivalent of planning permission - that gives the goahead to HE for this all to happen and sets out the conditions.
- The District Council has the responsibility to ensure that the DCO conditions are met. These include: noise mitigation measures (such as the temporary acoustic barrier), night-time working conditions, air quality monitoring etc.

What's being planned:

- Cllr Pippa Heylings has organised regular meetings to improve communications and ensure that all of the obligations in the DCO are followed.
- To work with HE on the landscaping and planting scheme, so as to get the best possible results to recover the green gateway to the village.
- To get night-time noise under control, particularly during future exam periods.
- To reduce, as far as possible, the impact of noise and air pollution once the new road opens in 2020.

What you can do:

Join the Histon and Impington A14 Action Group on Facebook - and keep in touch with what's happening, what you can do.

If you've thought about registering a formal complaint and haven't done so yet - it's not too late! One of the reasons that HE is changing its approach is the number of such complaints from our community - so do complain!

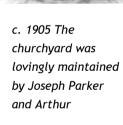
Denis Payne

Village Society

A Guided Walk around Impington St Andrew's Churchyard

This year's Feast
Heritage Walk, led by
Eleanor Whitehead of
the Village Society,
will take place on the
evening of Thursday 5
July starting at
7.00pm. As usual, a
bucket will be rattled
on behalf of Feast
Charities at the end of
the walk.

A short service will take place at 6.45pm to loving dedicate the newly installed Ethel Jamson and Amemorial bench, led by the Reverend Blandford-Baker.



The churchyard is old - the current church building dates from the 12th century. The recently renovated wall holds its own secrets. Generations of ancient village families lie interred. Some stories are heart-breaking. Some leave you in total admiration of their toughness, undoubted abilities and long-term achievements.

We hope to see you there.

Geoffrey Smallwood

Police News

Form 5 May 2018 to present date, we have had 21 crimes reported to Cambridgeshire Constabulary from residents and businesses.



The crimes indicated below relate to: burglaries, thefts, criminal damage, shoplifting, assaults, threats, harassment, racially aggravated, stalking, possession of controlled drug and fraud etc.

Incidents/Crimes	Histon, Impington
Incidents	65
Non-crime investigation	0
Crimes	21

If you have any concerns that you would like to bring to my attention, please email me: bujar.mani@cambs.pnn.police.uk or call 101 and ask to be put through to my extension: 7113152

Kind Regards

PCSO 7009 Bujar Mani

Safer Neighbourhood Team, Histon Police Station

Strawberry 50 Update

The Strawberry 50 Community cycling event established in 2015 has become a successful mass participative sporting event with nearly 800 people taking part last year.

The event is organised by Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation



in partnership with Histon Bicycle Club. It should be stressed that the safety of riders taking part is of overriding importance to the organisers.

All residents in the County will have seen the deterioration of our road surfaces, especially over the last winter, and the failure to ensure that at least the potholes are repaired.

Over recent weeks, both Strawberry 50 routes have been ridden by members of the organising group and regretfully the state of the roads is of concern to us and consequently the safety of riders.

The 2018 event has therefore been cancelled, including the family Strawberry 14 ride.

The organisers very much hope that the 2019 event can place.

Neil Davies

Chair's Annual Report 2017-18 from Andy Butcher

This is my first report as Chairman and it will look to discuss the previous year's activities and some of my thoughts for the future.

It's been an interesting 2017/18 but one that has been busy out in the community and here are some of my highlights (or lowlights in some cases):

Firstly, seeing our community on national television in Channels 4's Village of the Year programme. It was a very proud moment seeing how beautiful the villages looked

during the summer time and, of course, making the semi final was a bonus.



It was a great

advert for community spirit and togetherness with the Feast event rightfully taking centre stage. Like some, I felt it only showed off a fraction of what we have to offer and what goes on and we could have had the whole programme to ourselves.

This has resulted in a greater enthusiasm within the community for improvements, particularly with the High Street. With the support of the business owners, planters are and will continue to be added to the High Street, which I'm sure will make a great visual impact.

Secondly, the widening of the A14 has caused another very visual (negative) impact on the entrance to our villages resulting from the overnight felling of the tree line adjacent to the A14. This issue does have an impact on local houses, businesses and residents in close proximity to the road with an increase in traffic noise and potential increase in pollution levels as the levels of traffic increase. The expansion of the A14 between Girton and Milton (the stretch which directly affects HI) is part of a £1.5 billion project



being implemented to meet the demands of tomorrow (and some would say today). This may be seen as

essential in supporting the future growth of Cambridge, but at what cost will it have to our community and way of life?

For me, communication is key in these types of situations; unfortunately, in the first instance this does not seem to have happened. However, I was pleased to have been present at a meeting with Highways England (HE) and a large resident turn-out, which allowed a number of questions to be answered and issues aired. Following the

meeting a resident lead group was set up, with support from Parish, District and County Councillors to help keep the pressure on HE, ensuring communication is maintained, environmental issues addressed and noise concerns fixed. The A14 Action Group has brought together not only residents whom this directly impacts, but residents who have professional expertise in areas of concern, and that's something I like about this community - people just want to help make our villages a better place to live.

Thirdly, construction has started on the junior school extension, and it can now be seen appearing over the hedgerow. These are exciting times, knowing the children of the future will have access to the latest facilities for many years to come. Apart from the planning process, access issues to the site were highlighted and as a result the path

along one side of Station Road will be widened to make walking safer and more convenient.



Fourthly, the

Community Park project has moved onto the next stage within the process. In November, the PC agreed to enter into an agreement of understanding with the land owners and Flagship Homes. This now allows the PC to work with the other stakeholders to understand viability of the project and potential community facilities. This project is an exciting opportunity for this community to address a number of key issues which we face, including the lack of affordable housing and open community space.

Finally, the Neighbourhood Plan has progressed this year and has seen the draft report reviewed by South Cambs District Council. This is a critical part of the process and one that will hopefully see it approved by the Inspectorate and accepted by the community. This document will provide guidance on planning and land use within the community, which will ultimately help control the types of development we will see and want.

Looking forward:

Regarding the proposed new school on Buxhall Farm, concerns within the community exist over access and additional traffic on the B1049 and smaller side roads; these will, of course, be raised and addressed during the planning and consultation phase.

We still have a problem with anti-social parking in and around our villages, typically around our schools and amenities. These are often experienced during peak times and result from a "Just a minute" culture. It's that mentality which will be hard to break or change. Commuters and work traffic also play a role in causing local traffic issues. The

Highways Committee will be developing a parking policy/strategy which will seek to address the current known issues and reduce future problems.

To conclude, it has been a busy year with a number of projects gathering pace, in particular the school developments and Milton Road Community Park and with the Neighbourhood Plan and A14 work continuing through 2018 and beyond. Seeing the enthusiasm and energy created within the community (mainly on social media) resulting from the Village of the Year processes, and the passion shown by residents resulting from the A14 work. However, it does encourage me to think that we live in a village with residents who care about not only their own issues but those of the whole community. This will ensure that facilities, amenities and environment are sustained or improved now and for future generations. I now see it as a task for the PC to work out how best to harness this spirt so the service we provide or support can flourish in the future.

This is also my chance to say a big thank you to all Councillors for their hard work and dedication over the last two years of this Council. I would also like to thank their families and friends for providing support (often unseen) during this period as the time given up by Councillors sometimes goes beyond the call of duty.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those Councillors who are leaving (not standing): namely Nick Wood (joined May 2014), Tim Ewbank (joined May 2016) and Helena Perry (joined May 2017) for their hard work and dedication to the role. However, I would like to single out Cedric Foster, who has chosen to stand down after 11 years' service. I personally owe Cedric a lot as he is the person who introduced me to Council life and I will personally miss his support and enthusiasm. His work with Highways and Environment will be certainly missed, but I'm reassured that he will be continuing with a number of his roles and voluntary groups that he manages so well.

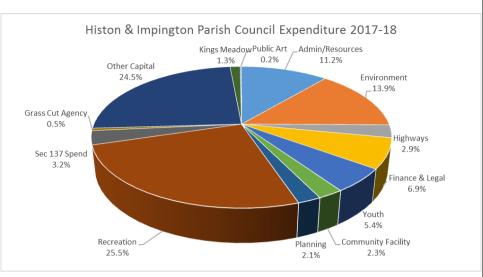
Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Angela Young for her support and guidance in my first year as Chairman; they are very much appreciated. I would also like to say thank you to Lynda Marsh, Chelsea O'Brien and the ground staff, Steve Campin, Trevor Smith and Alex Hale for all their hard work and dedication to the job and our community. Further to this, congratulations to Chelsea for her promotion to Deputy Clerk and Alex for completing his apprenticeship and becoming a full time member of staff.

Andrew Butcher Chairman, Histon & Impington Parish Council

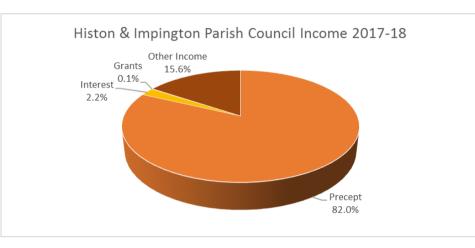
Parish Council Accounts 2017-18

The precept this year for Histon and Impington is for £348,101 and has increased by 9.4%, an extra

17p per week on the Parish element of the Council Tax on a Band D property. Our revenue budget largely matches the amount requested for precept. The Council's plans for capital projects may need to be part-funded from the general reserves amount. Of course, these may not all come to fruition and a policy is currently being implemented on Capital Spend processes.



Our main sources of income are from the Parish Precept (the parish part of the Council Tax bill provided by South Cambs District Council), facilities charges including the Recreation Ground, Burial Ground fees, allotment fees, grants and hire of open spaces (shown as other income). We are also keen to obtain grant funding where available, and



are lucky to be recipients of donations from the H&I Friends of Rec, who run a variety of community events and fundraisers in the village, as well as an ever growing choice of classes in our Community Room such as the Stroke Recoverers' Group and Chair Based Activity Class, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Memory & Co-Ordination Group and Dance & Fitness Class.

The Parish Council increasingly realises 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 already have an

earmarked budget heading under "Community Services" for this purpose.

S137 spend is a power for the Council to make provision not otherwise authorised for the benefit of some or all of its parishioners. A financial constraint is in place of no more than £7.57 per elector and the Council must ensure that the benefits must be commensurate with the expenditure. During 2017-18, payments of donations or grants (3.2% of overall expenditure) were made to the organisations in the table.

The Parish Council is transparent and open about its business representing the community. One component of that is an obligation to make our accounts (as part of the audit process)

Histon & Impington Warden Scheme	£1,000
Older Person's Co- Ordinator	£4,500
Day Centre	£350
Mental Health Well Being Worker	£7,000
Total	£12,950

Royal British Legion £100

open to inspection. Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them.

Inspection period: 4 June - 13 July

The Internal Audit Report for the year ended 31 March 2018 gives assurances that the Parish Council is totally compliant in all the key areas of financial control. This report was presented to the Parish Council at its June meeting following which the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements were signed for presentation to the external auditor.

Special mention was made of the professional manner in which the office team carry out their duties.

Chair and Vice-Chair

At the AGM, the Council re-elected Andrew

Butcher as Chair for his second year in the post. Elaine Farrell was appointed as Vice-Chair, being the first female in this role for the Council since it was grouped in 2012.



Whilst Denis Payne has stepped back from the Vice-Chair position, he has not got away scotfree as he is now Chair of the Finance Committee as well as Planning.







Echoes from the Somme

The First World War - it's not even a distant memory. Few of us have spoken to people who remember it.

And yet how different was life 100 years ago? True, there was no internet, and no A14. But like today, ordinary people had their friends, family, and neighbours and, like today, everyone had their challenges and successes.

In 1915, my great-grandfather, Alfred Bland, was just an ordinary man working in the Public Records Office. But when War came to Europe in 1914, he turned down a job offer in Australia and he signed up to join the military. He was posted to Northern France, to the Western Front, and from there wrote letters back to his wife, Violet.

His letters have survived and provide a fascinating insight. A first-hand account of his life that describe the great events as well as the trivia - when you send thousands of men into rural France, how do you find somewhere for them all to sleep? What did the French villagers make of this friendly invasion? And how long does it take to drain a trench with two buckets and a leaky pump?

I find the letters funny, moving, and inspirational, and I'll be reading from a selection on Saturday 30 June at 7:30pm in the St Andrew's Centre. The event is free; there will be a collection in aid of Feast Week and the Personnel Recovery Centres that help wounded, injured and sick servicemen recover.

Dan Mace



Impington canine resident, Buck the Bulldog, asks if he looks good in blue?

Have you a favourite pet photo to share?

Making Wildlife Count

We have a few precious green areas within and around Histon and Impington, which are the refuge and habitat for both common and endangered wildlife species. There are people in the village who are keen birdwatchers and wildlife enthusiasts. There are many of us who just love that magical moment when we pause for a moment because we have caught sight of a muntjac deer, heard an owl or bat, or revel in our children's delight at lizards and hedgehogs.

Did you know that there is a special website where you can upload your photographs and wildlife sightings and make them count? It is run by CPERC, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Environmental Resource Centre. It is a "one-stop shop for local biological records" and the go-to place for construction companies, developers and the South Cambs District Council to find out information on wildlife and biodiversity in particular sites in which they are interested.

Recording your natural history observations for posterity is straightforward. All you need for a basic record are the four WWWW's - the who, what, where and when you have seen something. You can upload photos, too. In this way, developers and the District Council

will know from the outset whether a place has special value, even before preapplication



phase, and this makes your information and knowledge count. This is not aimed at stopping all development but means that we can shape development where it needs to happen - and challenge it where it isn't appropriate.

https://www.cperc.org.uk/about-us/

Pippa Heylings

Wheels still turning after 50 years - A profile of Buckingham and Stanley.

The mantra 'local, friendly and experienced' neatly summarises Buckingham and Stanley; 'local' in being at the very centre of our villages; 'friendly' in accepting all makes of vehicle and 'experienced' in that some members of staff have been with the firm for over twenty years. In fact, one of the founders of the business in 1968, Mike Stanley, still lives in the village and regularly pops in to keep an eye on the old place.

As this picture shows, the layout is largely unchanged, workshops at the rear with the offices at front right with a flat above. The most conspicuous difference is the cars on



forecourt, which definitely look dated. It was the early days

of the company's long and successful association with Saab; along the way it was also a Subaru dealership.

As is to be expected, over fifty years there have been considerable changes, not just in the cars themselves. The company's fortunes have mirrored those of Saab, expanding to

three sites then contracting back to focus on Histon following the General Motors' takeover of Saab. Throughout that time, the company



has been closely involved with various village activities, sponsoring the Histon Hornets, The Red Lion Beer Festival and providing prizes for village raffles, such as free MOTs.

The manager, Luke Gordon, and his team have had to deal with some unusual service requests, such as disassembling an entire dashboard to retrieve a slipped credit card; and finding mice nests in dormant engines!

Ongoing developments in vehicle technology present a continuous challenge in keeping upto-date. Where their technicians cannot provide the specialist support themselves, they offer advice on where best to get the problem resolved - so much better than using an internet search. The future of fully electric and driverless cars remains exciting but unclear. In the meantime, the firm continues to invest in the equipment necessary to stay abreast of current regulations, such as recent MOT changes.

Tim Ewbank

GARDENER'S WORD

The long late winter lulled us into repose and now Nature is bucking us up, sending armpit-high weeds where a mere month ago there were none. It is



astonishing how quickly the nettles, garlic mustard and goosegrass shoot up in a quiet corner. However, if I want to grow sweetcorn, French beans and more yet more cosmos and verbena (or even just fight my way to the bins) then they will have to go. Digging out roots is best for brambles; weedkiller is a labour saver but seldom wins as a permanent solution - and takes a few weeks to work well - besides, not a great idea on a vegetable patch. The most effective weed control is management, which in the wild means grazing and in a garden is usually a lawnmower. Use it to go right to the edges and cut down the bindweed and ground elder. Do it every week and you will get the upper hand. In fact, just cutting regularly as clockwork is the best way to get a lawn. You can faff about with fertiliser, watering and selective weeding. Or just cut it. As my grandfather said, 'if it's green, it's a lawn'.

Jobs to do:

- Harden off tender plants before planting out. You know it makes sense.
- Insert plant supports before they need it, so it will be less obvious.
- Continue to sow salad, carrots and sweetcorn to extend your harvest period.
- Group pots together, using larger pots and using part-shade rather than full sun.

Easy-care winners - Festuca glauca (bluegrass), hardy Geranium Rozanne, Stachys lanata (lamb's ears).

Alice Jackson Steggles

To learn more about open spaces in Histon and Impington join the newly formed Facebook Group



Histon and Impington Green Spaces.



Hope Again Bereavement **Support Group**

We have established a small steering group to launch a support programme in September 2018 for the newly bereaved in our Community. This offers a 6-week course; if successful, this programme will be run twice a year thereafter in Spring and Autumn. Hope Again is part of HICOM, right at the heart of our community.

Bereavement is a journey to be travelled and not an illness to be cured or a problem solved. The programme is designed to provide useful information for the newly bereaved. We will not be able to offer individual support, but can refer people.

It will be overseen by Margaret Nimmo-Smith who has over 20 years' experience in bereavement counselling, training and supervision. We are fortunate to have her expertise available to us.

It is important to point out that this programme will not affect any immediate help people can receive from Cruse Bereavement Care who offer 1:1 support services in this area.

If you are recently bereaved and would like to come on the programme, please do not hesitate to contact Jean Newman or Peter Garside who will be happy to answer any questions, and give you further information. There is no charge for this service.

Jean Newman

Email jean.newman7@ntlworld.com

Tel: 07772 437789 Peter Garside

Email peter@pgarside.co.uk

Strictly Daylilies

We would like to announce our Open Garden

days for 2018 which will be July 12,13,14,15 from 10am to 5:30pm. We hold a



National Collection and have extensive display beds. Plants available for sale. Refreshments available. Dogs on leash welcome. No onsite parking.

If you need more information, please don't hesitate to call on us.

2 Primes Corner, Histon, CB24 9AG 01223 236239

www.strictlydaylilies.com info@strictlydaylilies.com

Histon & Impington Town Charity

Histon and Impington Poor's Land Charity, founded in the 17th Century, has been renamed Histon and Impington Town Charity.

"Poor's Land" itself refers to part of the site in Cottenham Road owned and currently used as allotments by the Charity, which takes its former name because the land was close to Poor's Close - a road that has long since disappeared and its main remaining reference today is in the name of the Charity.

The Charity exists to provide help and support for those in need in the villages of Histon and Impington. The Charity is able to support individuals as well as provide funds to support projects in the village which fulfil the Charity's aims. The funds are not extensive but can make a significant difference to people's lives.

In recent years, it has been felt that the name of the Charity may be unhelpful in attracting applications for help; so the decision was taken to review this, and the new name has now received the approval of the Charity Commission. Our hope is that those in need in Histon and Impington will consider making an application for support to the Charity.

The trustees are, by the constitution of the Charity, three representatives of the two St Andrew's Churches and three appointed representatives of the Histon and Impington Parish Council. The 1806 Enclosure Act refers to the charity's lands as "Histon Town Land" and in East Anglian tradition many villages had or still have Town charities. The trustees took the decision, therefore, to rename the Charity as The Histon and Impington Town Charity.

Trustees, Histon & Impington Town Charity

First Time Outside London

On Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2018, the Friends of Histon and Impington Recreation Ground partnered Power 2 Inspire, helping to host the first Super Sensory 1k event outside London during their annual May Day Running Festival.

The event was inspired by a lack of inclusive 1k events for all. The event was

open to young, old, disabled, non disabled, walkers and runners - which on the day attracted 132 participants who ran, walked, wheeled or were pushed around the route. Sensory stations were placed along the route including smell (sourced by Lush), sight, touch, hearing and taste, mostly from Burwash Manor. Sally Gibson, Operations Manager of Power 2 Inspire said, "It was a fantastic display of inclusion, young, old, disabled, parents, siblings and carers coming together, breaking down barriers to prove that everyone could participate together".

The organisers would like to thank the volunteers, promotion by Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire and other invaluable

sponsors, including ASDA and the Yarnbomber, Camilla from Knitting Kneedle Lane.

The Festival also attracted over 500 runners including over 250 children and young people in the other 4 running events held.

Thanks are due to all the volunteers and supporters that made the event so special.

Brian Ing

Appreciation from Narrow Lane ..

Received by our County Council Highways Co-Ordinator Cedric Foster:

We just wanted to say thank you for your assistance regarding the resurfacing work near us in Narrow Lane, which was finished last Friday.

It has certainly improved both the condition of that piece of road and therefore the safety of those using it, which in turn enhances the general area for all residents.

Your involvement in getting this work scheduled and completed is appreciated.

Planning News

Permission has been granted for restoration and re-development of the former Station House site in Histon; this will include a ground floor commercial unit, 12 residential units, landscaping, car and cycle parking.

For more details visit the South Cambs website www.scambs.gov.uk using the reference number: S/0783/17/FL.



Royal Connection

Many of us will have watched the televised Royal Wedding in May and hopefully enjoyed the spectacle at

Windsor.

Senior Gardener at Windsor Castle is Adam Scott, who was brought up in Histon and attended local schools. Whilst training at Agricultural College, Adam



worked for the Parish Council for a few years, tending to the War Memorial rose gardens and also the gardens opposite Histon ChopShop. He did a great job, even going the extra mile above his contract to make sure the war memorial site was free of leaves and safe for those attending before the service in November. He left to work at Windsor 5 years ago.

Adam's family have a long history in the villages, with his grandparents running a village shop; and his parents, who have had a long involvement with the Feast Committee over the years, still live here along with other extended family members. Adam's uncle and cousin are John Pollard & Son.

On the morning of the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Adam was featured on Sky Television lovingly preparing the wonderful grassed area in front of the Castle. The lawn with its precise stripes was highlighted by the BBC commentators and all credit given to the grounds staff!



Well done Adam!





New Mental Wellbeing Worker

As part of the project to improve the mental wellbeing of the community, Histon & Impington Community charity HICOM, has appointed

Sefanit Inquai as the new Mental Wellbeing Worker. After pursuing a first profession in finance, Sefanit is now about to qualify as a Counsellor and has worked in a clinical role both with adults and children.



Additionally, she gives some of her time to volunteering with Age UK.

Sefanit says, 'I am excited to be able to take up the position as 'Mental Wellbeing Worker' with HICOM. We can all do something to improve our mental health and my role with HICOM is to help to raise awareness of issues which can impact mental wellbeing in the community and to provide information about the available services. I feel very strongly that raising awareness of mental wellbeing and normalising our various experiences is an important part of the process of helping those in the community who are struggling with their mental health to feel heard and supported.'

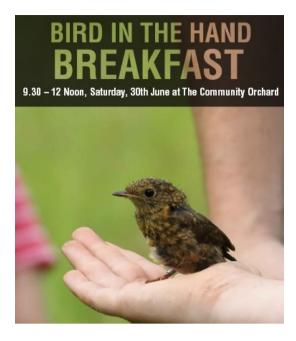
Initially Sefanit has concentrated on working with students at both Impington Village College and Histon Junior School to help them with their wellbeing and resilience for the last two months.

In the community, we are forming a group of people interested in mental wellbeing and running a number of events and workshops offering advice and education for anyone wishing to develop a greater understanding. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Sefanit who is very much looking forward to meeting some of you there and working together to improve our general wellbeing in Histon and Impington. She will be on the HICOM stall at the feast market on Saturday 7 July.

If you would like to contact Sefanit her email address is sefanit.inquai@hicom.org.uk

Chris Cox





This is your chance to find out more about our local wildlife in the lovely setting of our apple and pear Community Orchard.

The RSPB will be holding their annual bird-ringing demonstration - a great opportunity to see some of our village birds up close and personal. The ringers check the bird's health, weigh them, and if you're lucky you might be the one to release them. Data collected is added to a national database held by the British Trust for Ornithology. And we never know which species will be caught on the day. We'll also have a moth expert on hand, and plan to show you a range of moths local to the village.

The local Hedgehog Gardens Histon Impington and Orchard Park group will be joining us and will advise on small steps that you can take to help reverse the decline in hedgehog numbers. They'll tell you how you can make your garden and street wildlife friendly and can also lend you a 'super hedgehog hole cutter' drill piece to make a hole in your fence to help hedgehogs travel between gardens so they can get the food they need. Did you know that hedgehogs need to travel up to a mile each night to forage for food?

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust will also have a stall where you can learn about their work and the reserves they run in the local

Phil and Wayne will be serving their famous cooked breakfasts, including bacon and sausage rolls (meat from the ChopShop) and vegetarian options. There will also be a range of croissants and pastries and hot and cold drinks.

The event is free but there will be a charge for the breakfasts.

If you would like more information about the orchard or would like to help, then please contact us via our website:

www.hicop.info/contact

Dan Mace



Young People's Noticeboard

Contact Andrea Cowley for further details on all youth projects detailed below

P.O. Box 344, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9WZ

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The Generation Game



This is a 10-week course helping you gain the basic level of knowledge, understanding and learning to be a safe and caring visitor for older people.



Here's some feedback from students:

"It's definitely improved my social skills and my confidence".

"I am now a Dementia Friend and have a greater understanding of older people".

"I can now help others in the community".

Parents:

"The portfolio was great and subjects covered were varied and thorough. e.g. first aid and even a confident hand shake. All vital skills they can use in the future!!"

"My daughter feels more confident to talk to elderly people now that she has increased awareness of some of their issues regarding loneliness, sociability, health and welfare. I am extremely pleased that she now possesses these skills, as they will greatly improve her interactions with the elderly people in our own circle of family, friends and neighbours".

Wise Words passed on by the older generation:

"Love the people around you".

"Enjoy life; it's short!"

"Never leave something until tomorrow, do it today and if you like it, you can do it again tomorrow".

The next course in Histon & Impington will run in January 2019. To register your interest, please email andrea@connectionsbusproject.org.uk

As part of The Department of Education's "Essential Life Skills Programme", The Connections Bus Project have secured funding to run The Generation Game in 18 locations across the Fenland area.

Youth Zone



When: Mondays 3.45 – 5.15pm Where: The Community Room

Histon & Impington Recreation Ground.

Who: young people in year groups 7-9 What: A safe environment alongside Youth Workers. Offering a wide variety of activities each week including: sports;

cooking; crafts; table tennis; pool; team challenges and the opportunity to meet with friends in a safe and friendly

environment.

Admission is free!



Yoga & Mindfulness for teens and preteens - £5 per term

Yoga and mindfulness can help you relax, focus, keep calm and

have fun. It's great for helping you feel energised, improving health and balance, increasing strength and stamina. The classes include yoga postures, mindfulness and breathing exercises and relaxation. Learning techniques to use at home and/or in the classroom to help you focus, stay calm and most importantly relax.



Sessions are held from 5.30pm to 6.30pm on Mondays at The Community Room, Histon & Impington Recreation Ground. Why not come along to a class and find out for yourself? For further information or to book please contact: Pauline on 07985 947328 or Email paulineyoga@gmail.com

Connections Youth Bus

Visiting Oakington every Monday 7-9pm on Queens Way Recreation Ground, including summer holidays. All year 7 upwards welcome to join us for football; games consoles; quizzes; crafts;

internet access; and much more.



As well as teaching young people new skills – we

Aid at Work Training sessions.

The Babysitting Course

This is a 10-week programme training young people to become safe and confident babysitters.



Over 600 young people in

Histon and Impington have completed this course over the past 10 years and we are keen to keep this number growing.

Our next course is scheduled to start on Tuesday 2nd October from 6 – 7.30 pm at The Ideal Base, IVC. Register now by downloading an application form from our website.

www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk



Pictured above are the babysitters who graduated in June 2018. Our First Aid course is such fun and very 'hands-on' as you can see!



News from the Morris Education Trust

The Morris Education Trust (MET) is a multiacademy trust founded in November 2016 to preserve and enhance, through widening partnership and membership of the Trust, the distinctive ethos and values of Impington Village College. In April 2017, Witchford Village College joined the Trust and the Department for Education approved the opening of a new special school for children with autism, to be called The Cavendish School, on the site at Impington.

Over the course of this year, Robert Campbell has been working at Witchford Village College (WVC) as Interim Principal, following the departure at Christmas of the Principal, Chris Terry. It has proved to be an excellent opportunity for Robert to develop stronger links within the Trust. Leaders from IVC have been supporting staff at WVC on their improvement journey, including introducing Vertical Tutoring, which has made such a positive impact at IVC since its introduction in 2015, and a new curriculum for September. With a new Principal, Dan Baxby, arriving on 25 June, the East Cambs college is very well placed now to achieve, in time, similar successes to IVC.

IVC

IVC remains committed to providing a wider education for its students and not just

focusing on exam results. For September 2018, IVC is launching a new, timetabled enrichment programme,



'iCAS' or Impington Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), which all students will participate in on a Wednesday afternoon. This will provide their students with the chance to try out new and exciting opportunities, offered by IVC staff. Current 'Creativity' choices include pottery, weaving, calligraphy, dress making, photography, rapping, song writing, illustration and numerous other activities offered by our Arts specialist staff. This provision is just one of the things that makes the experience at IVC a totally unique one!

The focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing at IVC continues with:

Time to Change Pledge - IVC signed a public commitment to tackle the stigma of mental health and registered this pledge with the campaign led by MIND and the NHS. IVC joined over 700 organisations in making this public commitment to support staff and student mental health.

IVC marked **Mental Health Awareness Week** (14 to 18 May) with the following events on the theme of Stress:

- Staff 1:1 one-hour counselling sessions, with an external, fully accredited counsellor.
- Shared resources on recognising and managing stress.
- Curry and Chaat the wonderful canteen team produced a range of curries for staff prior to Year 7 parents' evening and staff were encouraged to enjoy some fab hot food and catch up with colleagues before the appointments started.
- College coffee on Friday an extended break for staff with coffee and cakes to encourage as many people as possible to meet and mingle.

IVC is now recognised for championing work in this area and is increasingly the focus of attention from other schools as to how it can combine the achievement of academic excellence within a caring climate.

The Cavendish School

Work continues to prepare for the construction of The Cavendish School (TCS), our new special free school for young people with Autism Spectrum Condition. We have completed the feasibility study with the DfE and are now awaiting approval so that we can move to the next stage - design and planning permission! The project will first see the removal and relocation of the current buildings on the proposed site at the end of Park Drive. We hope this work takes place during 2018-19 with the new school build commencing in the summer of 2019 in time for opening in September 2020.

Rob Campbell, CEO of MET

Highways News

Two initiatives agreed at May Full Council

Funding for speedwatch equipment with multi-use possibilities of speed surveys throughout the village, road users' announcements and speed awareness.



Additional funding to enable instigation of County Council works to improve footpath networks and install cycle racks. Works on the footpaths are due to commence on Monday 16 July; look out for details on our website www.hisimp.net

If you have any events you need to promote in our quarterly newsletter let the editors know full details at:



hi-news.editor@hisimp.net

Next newsletter deadline: 10 September, contact above with any ideas!

Wyatt's Funfair on The Green

29 June - 3 July



Histon Hornets Tournament

8 July, Impington Village College



Red Lion Beer Festival:

3 - 7 September



Village Society Programme:

25 September - Tony Kirby: Transport in Cambridge from 1900

For further information please contact the Village Society Secretary Wendy Doyle village.society@hotmail.co.uk or 01223 513016

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Council & Committee Meetings

See website for details: www.hisimp.net

Full Council - Recreation Centre 7.30pm-Monday 16 July, 17 September

Planning - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 3 July, 24 July, 14 August, 4 September, 25 September

Highways - Parish Office 7.30pm - Tuesday 26 June, 31 July, 11 September

Finance, Legal & Administration - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Monday 23 July

Environment - Parish Office 7.30 p.m. - Tuesday 10 July, 28 August

Recreation - Recreation Centre, 7.30 p.m. - Monday 6 August (TBC), 24 September

Residents are welcome to attend all Council meetings

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

Meeting dates may be subject to change; please check our website calendar for any updates