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St Ives's new Mace Bearer takes up position

St Ives has welcomed a new Mace Bearer Phil Ganny, who follows in a long line of forebearers in this traditional post.

The Mace Bearer dates back to the Middle ages, attending civic formalities alongside a Mayor. The aim was to uphold and maintain the dignity, rights, privileges and traditions of the Mayor, or ensuring continuity of established ceremonial and Civic practice and the provision of a dedicated personal service to the Mayor. Today's role is purely Ceremonial, of course, but it is one that is still upheld.

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THE Mayor's Message

It is hard to know where to start with an article that summarises my first four months as the Town Mayor of St Ives, without falling into well-worn clichés like “unprecedented situation”, “difficult circumstances” or “challenging times”. So instead, let’s concentrate on how impressed I have been with what you, the people of St Ives, have done, to help family, friends and strangers alike; not just to make the best of the situation, but to connect with each other in new and, hopefully, enduring ways.

Firstly, I want to thank the St Ives Community Hub - a collection of volunteers, local health professionals, community representatives, Town Councillors and Town Hall staff who gave up their valuable time and came together to try to ensure that everyone in St Ives had access to the support and information they needed. One of their early conclusions was that access to reliable information was key, and that it was important that we found a way to reach residents who didn't have access to the internet. In response, the Hub produced a series of leaflets which provided important information such as pharmacy opening times and useful telephone numbers for local services. Thanks,

too, to the army of volunteers who delivered leaflets and patrolled their streets checking for the signs from the “red hand” scheme.

I also want to thank the St Ives Foodbank who faced unprecedented (there's that word again) demand for their services, but managed to secure, organise and supply nutritious food parcels to all those in need. Thanks must also go to all our key-workers - the NHS, Council, transport, emergency services, retail and teaching staff (and more) who all took significant risks to keep the country running in very difficult circumstances (and another).

Finally, I want to thank all of you. Whether it's VE day street parties,

or Carnival “House Floats” with your neighbours, or just taking to social media to share your experiences of suddenly adding “full-time teacher” to your CV, I've seen St Ives come together and face these challenging times (one more, sorry) together. None of us have found the past six months easy, but I see a town that should be proud of how it has responded, that is full of kind and caring people, and that can be confident that whatever future challenges await, we will we face them together.

Stay safe, wash your hands, and enjoy the issue.

Jonathan Pallant
Town Mayor of St Ives.

St Ives' Mace was made in 1954 at a cost of £300. Measuring 3' 6" (107 cm) in length and weighs 5 lbs 5 oz (2.42 kg), it is carried on all ceremonial civic occasions and rests on its stand before the Mayor at all Council meetings and civic church services and receptions. The mace is engraved with the coat of arms of the old St Ives Borough Council and a representation of the ancient town bridge.



Phill Ganny said: “I'm delighted to be able to serve St Ives in the role of Mace Bearer and look forward to engaging with this historic role. I bring skills I learned as a Guardsman in the Coldstream Guards, serving for over five years. I served in the

Gulf, Bosnia and Germany as well as in the Queen's guard at Buckingham and St James palaces, Windsor castle and the Tower of London. I was Left Hand Marker in the Trooping of the Colour, 1991. “After leaving the Army over 25 years ago, I have built a career in managing care

homes and providing supported living environments. I worked for the National Autistic Society for six years and now work for a charity called Fitzroy, managing services in Cambridgeshire.

“I moved to St Ives in 2003 to be closer to work. When I was looking around the Huntingdonshire area, I drove over the St Ives bypass - as soon as I saw the bridge and chapel, I knew St Ives was the place for me. Since living in the town, I have enjoyed canoeing and kayaking along the river, connecting with our wonderful countryside and town as well as supporting the town's FEST events group and acting as a Cub leader.”

The town's motto ‘Sudore non Supore’ which means “by Labour and not Sleep” is also engraved on the mace.

Huntingdonshire: Reopening for business



Following non-essential retail being given the green light to reopen from Monday 11 June, HDC's #ReopeningHuntingdonshire campaign was created to showcase to residents and businesses that our market towns were safe and appealing places to visit once again. We were keen to ensure that local businesses were in the best possible position to reopen and, with appropriate safety measures in place, to develop confidence from the general public and make sure that there were no impediments that could stand in the way of a successful, efficient and, most importantly, safe reopening of businesses across the district.

Saturday 4 July came quickly, as the Government announced that most businesses could once again open their doors to the public. Through the preparation of our campaign, we were ready to welcome this guidance change and had the requisite measure in place to deal with this reopening weekend. Agile, collaborative working with partners, including Cambridgeshire County Council, allowed us to deal with any last-minute issues, such as new licensing legislation, quickly and efficiently.

The first weekend passed with success, with all partner agencies communicating throughout to ensure any issues were picked up. We continued to work closely with local businesses, town councils, Federation of Small Businesses, Chamber of Commerce and many other partners to promote the businesses in the area and to encourage people to shop local where they can and support our local economy.

centralised directories for businesses; St Ives historically didn't have a single point of access for this information, so to support our 'Shop Local' campaign, the District Council stepped into this space by building an online directory for the businesses of St Ives. The business directory is constantly being updated, and local businesses can register to be included in the directory with their up-to-date opening information. Find out what businesses are open locally at: www.stivesbusinessdirectory.co.uk.

Leaving behind the rather hectic spring and summer months, we are now more than six months on from the very beginning of lockdown and we are starting to see many aspects of what can be described as normality return. The work that has been ongoing since June to help reopen our market towns again has been a vital part of this. We have seen a great amount of input and feedback from local residents, businesses and stakeholders, including a very successful local mini-campaign

to promote the Government's Eat Out to Help Out scheme during August, which was taken up by a pleasingly high number of local eateries.

Our second residents' survey is currently running and has been completed by more than 1,000 residents already, telling us how confident they are about our town centres.

We are a long way now from initially putting the safety measures into our town centres, from social distancing floor markings and the widening of pedestrian areas to informative signage and leaflets detailing latest guidance. But we now move forward into the recovery stage of Reopening Huntingdonshire. We will be launching a continuation of the #ReopeningHuntingdonshire campaign in the coming weeks and throughout the build-up to the Christmas period. We all have a role to play in making a difference, thinking local and supporting our high streets.

HDC PEAK COVID-19 RESPONSE

8,500 POTENTIALLY VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS CONTACTED PROACTIVELY



40,000+ EMAILS SENT TO LOCAL BUSINESSES OFFERING ADVICE, GUIDANCE AND PATHWAYS TO FUNDING



£500K AWARDED TO 3,652 WORKING AGE PEOPLE IN RECEIPT OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT



570 FOOD PARCELS DELIVERED



1,795 MEALS COOKED FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

7,024 BENEFIT CLAIMS PROCESSED

3,000 COUNCIL TAX DEFERRALS PROCESSED



OVER 1,000,000 BINS COLLECTED

£29M

OF BUSINESS GRANTS PAID TO 2,324 LOCAL BUSINESSES TO SMALL BUSINESSES AND THOSE IN THE RETAIL, LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SECTOR

1,650 PRESCRIPTIONS DELIVERED TO THOSE NEEDED

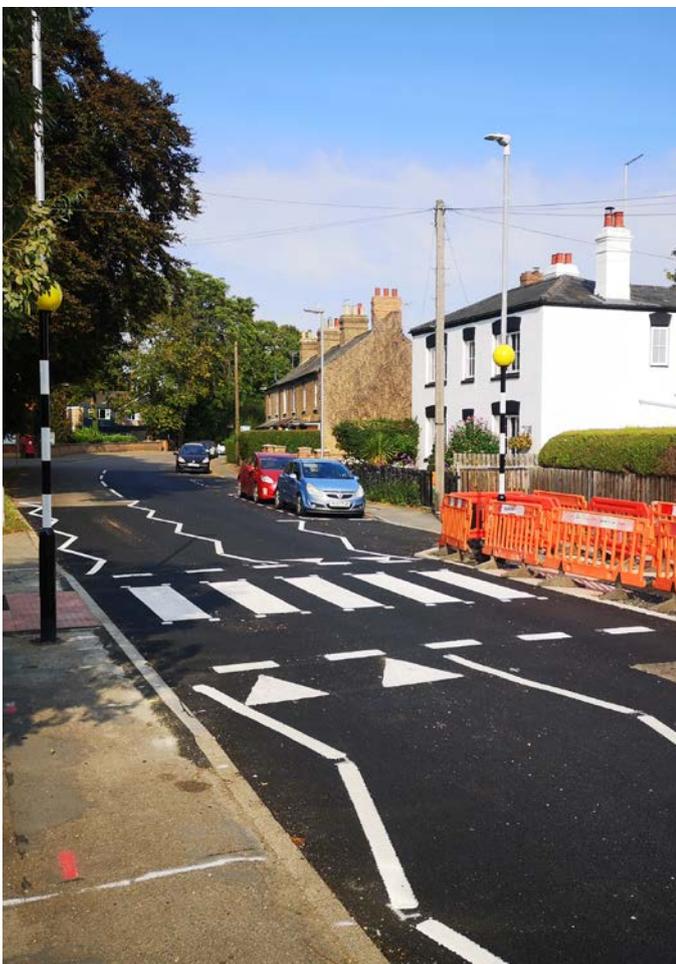


£1.6M DISCRETIONARY GRANTS PAID OUT TO OVER 200 SMALL BUSINESSES UNABLE TO ACCESS OTHER GOVERNMENT FUNDING

WeareHuntingdonshire

OVER 25,000 VISITORS TO THE WEAREHUNTINGDONSHIRE BUSINESS HUB

Needlingworth Road Crossing



St Ives Town Council is delighted to welcome the installation of a new zebra crossing in Needlingworth Road, as part of the Local Highways Improvement scheme in association with Cambridgeshire County Council.

Each year, the Town Council is able to submit two bids for highways improvements within the parish boundaries. These bids are then considered by the County Council, alongside similar bids made by other town and parish councils in the area. In 2018, this crossing in Needlingworth Road was one of the two proposals submitted, with a view to reduce the risk of accidents from speeding vehicles and to provide a safe place to access numerous local amenities such as the mosque, the catholic church and Warner's Park. As a joint effort between SITC and CCC, this is a great example of collaboration between the different levels of local government.

A further bid has also been approved from the 2019 applications for an improved pedestrian and cycle crossing on Erica Road, which is currently in the development phase. SITC have also just submitted their bids for the 2020 application, which consist of the installation of a safe crossing in the Meadow Lane area and improvements to the parking situation in Chestnut Road. The decision regarding these bids will be made in the coming months, once concrete plans have been put in place."

Annual Report 2019/20

Accounts

Our accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

The main source of income is the Precept which is collected by Huntingdonshire District Council as part of Council Tax locally. For 2020/21 this was £782,827. The tax base of 5920 Band D properties was used for calculating Council Tax to give a rate of £130.25.

Full details of the accounts, including our reserves, are available from the Town Hall. A summary of the Income and Expenditure account for the year ending 31 March 2020 follows on this and the next page. You will find a table of Councillors' attendance at meetings below.



Councillors' Attendance - Municipal Year 2019/20

For each Councillor we have indicated the number of meetings that they attended and the number of which they could have attended. This is to take into account where a Councillor has changed membership of committees. The numbers are shown as Attended/Possible so that 6/7 indicates that a Councillor was summoned to 7 meetings and attended 6.

* Ex officio as Town Mayor

** Resigned from Council in April 2020

Blank space = Not a Member of that Committee

	Full Council	Amenities Committee	Personnel Committee	Planning Committee	Property Committee
	9 meetings	7 meetings	4 meetings	18 meetings	3 meetings
Ayers Wilson	4/9				
Bellamy	8/9			13/18	2/3
D'Souza	7/9	6/7			
Davies J	8/9	6/7		14/18	
Dibben	8/9		4/4	17/18	3/3
Davies L	7/9	1/7	2/4		
Dickinson	3/9		3/4		
Drye	4/9		1/4	10/18	
Fuller	7/9	4/7			2/3
Hussain	9/9		3/4	18/18	
King	9/9	7/7	1/4		3/3
Luter**	9/9	7/7	2/4		3/3
Pallant	8/9	6/7		14/18	3/3
Pegoraro	7/9	5/7			1/3
Pope	3/9		4/4		
Rowe	9/9	3/7*	1/4	15/18	
Tiddy	7/9	6/7	3/4	14/18	3/3

**Income and
Expenditure
Account
for Year Ended
31st March 2020**

31st March 2019		31st March 2020
£	INCOME SUMMARY	£
721,293	Precept	757,358
721,293	SUB TOTAL	757,358
	OPERATING INCOME	
36	Administration	150
13,961	Finance	28,580
107	Civic	0
47,734	Council General	97,193
13,411	Amenities General	15,088
0	Street Furniture	1,200
38,299	Playground/Open Spaces/Cem.	56,899
5,948	Allotments	6,317
33,567	Town Hall	36,810
3,050	Ground Maintenance Depot	933
19,816	Capital - Council	185,877
897,221	TOTAL INCOME	1,186,403
	RUNNING COSTS	
26,149	Administration	15,069
70,699	Finance	66,602
16,849	Advertising & Publicity	14,945
30,583	Civic	12,290
89,334	Grants	87,185
16,821	Council General	24,884
435,829	Staff	470,985
74,855	Amenities General	289,013
5,175	Street Lighting	3,239
309	Street Furniture	896
5,323	Machinery	9,580
34,414	Playground/Open Spaces/Cem.	109,342
750	Allotments	1,200
35,516	Town Hall	33,129
23,069	Corn Exchange	4,754
551	Norris	0
0	Warners Park Pavilion	130
1,177	Ground Maintenance Depot	0
0	Community Centre	1,584
867,405	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,144,827
	GENERAL FUND ANALYSIS	
21,437	Opening Balance	(309,980)
897,221	Plus : Income for Year	1,186,403
918,658		876,423
867,405	Less : Expenditure for Year	1,144,827
51,253		(268,404)
361,233	Transfers TO I FROM Reserves	(110,800)
(309,980)	CLOSING BALANCE	(157,604)

St Ives Tabletop gaming group

St Ives Tabletop is a tabletop gaming group for the area around St Ives. We play tabletop board games, card games, and role-playing games (RPGs), and welcome players with all levels of experience.

Each gaming session normally involves a few tables playing board or card games, with movement between tables as games come to an end, and one table focussing on an RPG for the evening. The blog on our website gives an overview of each in-person session including the variety of board and card games (www.stivestabletop.uk/Posts.html) and RPGs we have played so far (www.stivestabletop.uk/Sessions.html).

We normally hold our sessions on Wednesday evenings (fortnightly)

at the St Ives Corn Exchange, but since restrictions related to COVID-19 have been introduced, we have been holding virtual gaming sessions online instead. If you would like to join in for virtual gaming, then please join our Discord server.

To find out more:

- Visit our website at: www.stivestabletop.uk
- Join our Discord server at: discord.gg/bScV82f
- Email us at: stivestabletop@gmail.com
- Follow us on Twitter: [@StIvesTabletop](https://twitter.com/StIvesTabletop)
- Like our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StIvesTabletop



What a year it's been, so far! Who would have thought when we gathered together, under the roof of the Methodist Church on that chill misty night in January in the wake of the devastating Australian bush fires, that our world would have experienced the jolt that it has from coronavirus!? During this time, I wonder how many of us have been thinking about what life would be like in St Ives with an even stronger, more sustainable and healthy community which prioritises people, protects the environment and reduces our carbon emissions, the main cause of climate change - the greatest threat to life on earth.

Since that first meeting in January, we have amassed a community membership of over 100 people, and a steering group has met every two weeks focussing on strategy and programme development. Community Open Zoom meetings are held every two weeks, where anyone is welcome. These meetings are an opportunity to raise your interests and concerns, to connect with likeminded people, to contribute ideas and suggestions, and to help to make things happen. In between meetings there are regular email updates containing information reflecting our many interests.

A Call to Eco Action

Ongoing projects relate to enhancing biodiversity, minimising waste and energy consumption, promoting sustainable transport, and we are working with schools and special interest groups.

You may have noticed the introduction of wildflower planting in various parts of the town; next year we'd like to extend that to gardens and green spaces around our homes and businesses, and need your help to make that happen, creating a healthier and happier environment, and a home for wildlife.

Who cannot have noticed the litter that has proliferated as our world has opened up again? So, we'll be working with the Town Council and other groups not only towards regular litter picks, but also towards developing a campaign to minimise our use of plastic, specifically, single-use plastics. 'Reduce, Recycle and Repair' is one of our mantras!

We'd like to see improved cycle routes, and safer cycling and

walking routes for all, including to schools. Choosing active travel has threefold benefits of keeping us fit and healthy, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels alongside improving the quality of the air that we breathe.

One of the greatest contributions we can make towards reducing emissions is through domestic energy consumption. So, we'll be looking at ways to educate and advise about how we can make our homes more energy efficient and become more water aware.

Our young people will inherit the earth that we leave them, and so we are working with schools and the Town Council to set up a young person's Eco Council, to ensure there is a platform for young people to contribute to shaping the world they would like to see.

There is also an active Eco Faiths group, who have begun to convene regularly, to explore the benefits of living a spiritual life in these challenging times.

If strategy is more your thing, we will be working with the Town Council to feed into the development of the St Ives Neighbourhood Plan, and I encourage you to get involved in that if you can.

We are delighted that St Ives Town Council have included the theme of Climate Change in their Strategic Plan for 2020-2025, and we look forward to working with Councillors who are leading the way towards a net zero St Ives by 2030.

There are already some amazing initiatives in the town, and we'd like to strengthen the network so that we can achieve more together. We'd also like to look at ways to set up new projects. Volunteering will be lifeblood of our activities, and we endeavour to provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment in which everybody's contribution is recognised and valued. We already have some fabulous people involved, but we'd like and need more. Together, we can shape the vision for a positive, climate-friendly future for our town and local area!

*St Ives EcoAction
Steering Group
L to R :
Founder-chair,
Helen Dye,
Dr Roger
Mitchell,
Izzi Monk,
Chris &
Dr Simone
Fryer-Bovair,
Revd. Barry Pate,
Paul Rumball
and Karen
Paterson*



If you'd like to join us in helping to shape a positive net zero future for our community, or have any questions about the group and ways to get involved, please email ecoactionstives@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page [facebook.com/stivesecoaction](https://www.facebook.com/stivesecoaction)

Clerk's Corner

Following on from the thanks expressed by the Town Mayor in his opening comments, I too wish to pass on a heartfelt thank you to everyone in the town and working to support the town who have pulled together so well in the last six months.



Alison Benfield
TOWN CLERK

I especially want to say thank you to all Town Council staff – Ground Maintenance, Town Hall and Norris Museum who continued to work throughout in some challenging circumstances. They all managed to appear to be beautiful swans: calm and serene on the surface whilst battling against all manner of obstacles out of sight.

At the time of writing (end of August) 110 addresses in St Ives had been supported through the work of the Community Hub, with more than 160 people receiving support of one kind or another. A number of these individuals received ongoing support from Time Bank members and our Street Wardens who carried out shopping, prescription collection or befriending on a regular basis from early April to the end of August - with some support still ongoing into September.

Although we continued to work throughout as a team, we were all very much committed to supporting the community overall and whilst everyday work continued in the background a number of projects and specific aspects of Council life were put on hold. You will see in the article (see pages 12-13) by our new Museum Deputy Director that the Norris Museum is back up and running with some fabulous plans in the pipeline. My focus, and that of the admin team, is picking back up on the adopted Strategic Plan with its Carbon Neutral agenda, including working with the St Ives Eco Action group, implementing the Knights Way play area (see page 14) and proceeding with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Having completed an Eco Audit to establish the Council's carbon footprint from April 2019 to March 2020, we are now able to progress with initiatives to reduce it going forward. A couple of positive offshoots from the Covid lockdown has been proving

that democracy can continue without the need for face-to-face meetings and printed agenda packs (decreasing paper consumption by a minimum of 12,500 sheets of paper or 25 reams annually) and that a continuing mix of remote and office working for office-based staff not only cuts travel to work mileage by more than 700 miles a month it also reduces staff stress levels and improves their work/life balance whilst having no negative impact on service delivery. Energy consumption in the Town Hall will go down now with the secondary double glazing having been installed and the LED lights replacement scheme scheduled in the next few weeks. We are also working very closely with St Ives Eco Action Group to support it in several initiatives to reduce the carbon footprint of the town overall.

Planning for the future of the Town through the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is also progressing, with the Steering Group starting to meet again regularly again. So far, they have identified several policy areas that the NP could cover and have started to develop these in more detail. Some of the main themes include: zero carbon housing, protection and enhancement of green spaces, active travel plans and policies for the town centre. Once these ideas have been developed, the NP will arrange a community consultation to gauge support for these ideas and other matters we may have missed.

The relocation of the Farmers' and Specialist Food Market to the Station Road car park whilst social distancing has been in place has also had a positive reaction. Shoppers and traders agree that the additional space has resulted in a much more relaxed feel to the market, with people tending to be less rushed and frenetic when visiting so taking time to wander and look at what is on offer. If you have not yet visited, I would urge you to do so - and do please take your time while you are there.

St Ives Town Council Supports Local Cricket Club



St Ives Town & Warboys Cricket Club has been awarded a grant of £500 from St Ives Town Council towards the training of its volunteer coaches who provide such an essential service to the local children of St Ives & the surrounding area.

The cricket club which has one of the strongest junior sections in the area, provides coaching to age groups at under 9, 11, 13 & 15 as well as 'All Stars' cricket for those aged 4 to 8.



Club Chairman, Martin Croucher said: "As a club that strives to provide cricketing opportunities to children of all ages and abilities, such funding makes a huge difference in ensuring that our coaches are properly trained, and in attracting new volunteer coaches. Our aim is to provide the best experience for all our juniors, and we hope that many of these juniors will progress through junior cricket and into adult cricket and, who knows, maybe into the professional game. This funding is magnificent, so many thanks to the local Council."

The club plans to send new parents to take part in coaching courses. This includes one mum, who will help the club with its aim of getting more girls into playing cricket.





Life after lockdown: get involved with the Norris Museum

Lockdown may have closed the doors to the Norris Museum, but the team have continued to be hard at work behind the scenes. Our social media pages have been packed with fun activities to keep you occupied as well as showcasing our wonderful collection and local history information.

We have been busy ensuring that when we reopen in September, we have made the museum as safe as possible for all our visitors and staff, so you can enjoy it once again. Have a look at our website for up-to-date information about our opening hours and precautions we are taking, following government advice.

Our latest exhibition, which will run until December, is called Covid 19: Your Voices, Your Experiences and focuses on how the local area has coped and adapted to the pandemic. We have some beautiful artwork and craft created over lockdown and feature local voices on how they are adjusting to the huge changes to our everyday life. We would love to document your experiences too, so please come along and add to our story.

If you are missing the museum's craft-packed family event days, visit our YouTube channel. Throughout lockdown, our Learning and Community Officers enjoyed having a go at lots of museum-themed craft activities and

created a great selection of "How to Make..." videos. These include mammoth haircuts, hanging decorations, moving scenes, a Roman-inspired honey cake and more.

You can also purchase our Curious Creations craft packs from the museum. As well as materials and instructions to make a range of fun crafts at home, these also include curious fact cards, stickers to colour in and a mystery gift from our museum shop. Keep an eye out for autumn-themed packs arriving in October half term.

Before lockdown, the museum was about to launch a youth panel - this has had to be put on hold for the time being. The Norris Museum Youth Panel is for young people aged 14-18 and aims to help ensure the museum's exhibitions, events and marketing strategies are youth friendly. This means the Young People's Programme is planned by and for young people, reflecting their interests, desire for skills development and creativity.

If you would like to find out more information please get in touch with Susan Bate at communities@norrismuseum.org.uk

Living Sport grant

We are really happy to report that we have been successful in securing a grant from Living Sport. This means we are now able to offer, in partnership with The British Gymnastics Foundation, twice weekly online Reminiscence and Love to Move sessions. If you are interested in taking part in either of these sessions please contact Susan Bate, Community Officer, communities@norrismuseum.org.uk

Our YouTube channel also hosts a range of videos that will trigger some memories and conversation.

The museum is excited to now be able to offer local primary schools a new range of artefacts loan boxes. These include a selection of artefacts, information cards, images, books, games and a craft activity based on the school visits



Rachel Walmsley,
new Deputy
Director at the
Norris Museum

we offer. These are a great way to introduce your class to a new topic and can also be used to prepare your class for visiting the museum to take part in one of our exciting, hands-on workshops. You can find out more about our schools programme on our website or by emailing Hannah, learning@norrismuseum.org.uk

Finally, we are pleased to announce the arrival of a new member to the museum team - Rachel Walmsley joins us as our new Deputy Director. With 10 years of experience in the sector, Rachel will be looking to relaunch our programme of lectures, workshops, walks and community talks as soon as it is safe to do so.

Rachel said: "I couldn't be happier to be joining The Norris Museum. Although it's been the strangest start to a job - not actually meeting the team in person for the first few weeks - I'm really looking forward to us being able to open the doors to the public once more."

The Museum Needs YOU! Are you aged 14-18?

Looking for something new?

Then why not join The Norris Museum's Youth Panel?

Have your say!

Be creative!

Learn new skills!



Get Involved and:

- **Produce** youth events
- **Help** with exhibitions
- **Create** resources
- **Learn** about how museums work



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The Royal British Legion



The Royal British Legion is the leading charity for the welfare of serving and former members of the UK Armed Forces and their dependants.

The St Ives Branch of the Legion is here to help members of the service family, whatever their needs.

You can contact us at our monthly Pop-In centre in the St Ives public Library, from 11:00 to 13:00 hrs on the third Monday of every month. If you are, or you know of, a service veteran who might need our help, please pop in and see us.

Alternatively, you can call our contact centre on 0808 802 8080. Calls are free from most landlines and there will be someone there to talk to you 7 days a week from 08:00 to 20:00 hrs.

Finally, you can email us at stives.bcs@rbl.community We'd love to hear from you.

Joint Statement from the Showman's Guild and St Ives Town Council

It is with regret that the Showman's Guild and St Ives Town Council have come to the joint conclusion that it will not be possible to operate the Michaelmas Fair this October in the town with the current social distancing restrictions in place. Although a number of options were considered no workable solution could be found that would allow everyone to enjoy all the fun of the fair whilst keeping everyone safe. We are now all looking forward to starting to plan for 2021.

Knights Way

Proposed new Play area for Knights Way Public Consultation.

The Town Council is embarking on an exciting new project to provide a much-needed play facility for the residents and families of the Knights Way development. A play area site was outlined in the developers' plans and we are now pleased to report that the land transfer to the Town Council has taken place and funding for the project has been received.

The Town Council has received £114,385.96 funding and is proposed that this is apportioned roughly as follows:

- £90,000 for the provision of play equipment, fencing, two gates, a bench seat and a litter bin
- £20,000 for the groundwork, edging and wet-pour surfacing
- £4,000 for two paths leading from the play area to the pavement

The funding must be wholly used for the purpose for which it was intended i.e. developing the play area.

At the end of July 2020, the Town Council issued a tender request on

the Government's Contract Finder website for the play equipment contract, with quotes requested by 7 September. A healthy response has been received with ten play equipment providers undertaking site visits during August.

We expect the receipt of proposals to be varied and have asked that every quote submitted includes an illustrative concept board which we will use to undertake our public consultation exercise during October. We will be holding consultation mornings at the site on Saturday 17 and 24 October, when Council officers will be available to discuss the proposals in more detail. The concept boards will also be available to view at the Town Hall offices during normal working hours throughout October.

On 25 November 2020, the quotes, together with all consultation comments received will be put before the Town Council Amenities Committee and the successful contractor will then be appointed. The appointment will be based upon a variety of factors, including price,



quality, delivery, flexibility, layout, the range of equipment provided for the varying age range, maintenance, DDA compliance/inclusivity and the ability to comply with our tender process.

It is hoped that the project will be completed in February–March 2021.

Any comments can be sent by e-mail during October to the Amenities Manager: Amenities@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk marked 'Knights Way Consultation response'.

What's on?

St Ives Town Council will list activities on its Facebook page as they resume over the coming weeks.

Please also check relevant websites for information:

Burgess Hall
www.oneleisure.net

Corn Exchange
www.thecornexchange.org.uk

HDC Healthwalks
www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks

Norris Museum
www.norrismuseum.org.uk

St Ives Gardening Club
www.sigc.weebly.com

Town Team
www.theoldriverportstives.co.uk



Now Online LOVE TO MOVE and Now Online

The Norris Museum Reminiscence Session



Reminiscing with The Norris Museum

Do you enjoy reminiscing and sharing stories from the past to stimulate memories and conversations.

A fun, interactive session that will use museum objects, general chats, quizzes and discussion topics to stimulate meaningful conversations.

Love to Move exercise programme.

Demonstrable benefits in the physical emotional and cognitive aspects of older people especially those living with Dementia.

A fun, age and dementia friendly seated movement programme to music.

Physical, emotional & cognitive benefits designed to get you moving more and having fun.



These sessions are FREE and take place online via zoom.

If you would like to take part please contact Susan Bate, who will send you a link to the session.

When?
Reminiscence with the Norris Museum:- Weekly on a Monday and Wednesdays at 10.30am*
Love to Move:- Weekly on a Monday and Wednesdays at 2.30pm*
**days and times are subject to change*
For more info:
 Susan Bate, email:- communities@norrismuseum.org.uk, phone:- 01480 497314
 Phone:- Jane 07731097236 or Polly 07721068606 or
 Email:- jane.thomas@britishgymnasticsfoundation.org

COUNCIL MEETINGS DIARY

Council and Committee meetings will resume, virtually, from 9 September. The agenda and links to the Zoom meetings will be published on our website one week before the meeting.

October

- 14 Council Meeting and Planning Committee
- 28 Planning, Amenities and Property Committees

November

- 11 Council Meeting and Planning Committee
- 25 Planning and Amenities Committees

December

- 9 Council Meeting and Planning Committee
- 16 Planning Committee

January

- 13 Council Meeting and Planning Committee
- 20 Personnel Committee

- 28 Planning, Amenities and Property Committees

February

- 10 Council Meeting and Planning Committee
- 24 Planning and Amenities Committees

Contacts:

Burgess Hall www.oneleisure.net

Corn Exchange 01480 496454 info@thecornexchange.org.uk

Crossways Christian Centre 01480 454220

HDC www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks

Norris Museum 01480 497314 info@norrismuseum.org.uk

St Ives Gardening Club www.sigc.weebly.com

Town Hall 01480 388929 clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

Town Team 01480 383612 www.theoldriverportstives.co.uk

Who does what?

YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Has your local street light gone out? It is sometimes difficult to remember which level of our local government – Town, District or County Council – is responsible for which service area. We hope that this guide steers you in the right direction. We take this opportunity to also list which of your local Councillors serve on which council.

ST IVES TOWN COUNCIL

Telephone **01480 388929** or visit www.stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

Responsible for:

- The Waits
- Warner's Park
- Slepe Hall Field,
- Children's play equipment
- Allotments
- Burleigh Hill Community Centre
- Seats
- Cemeteries
- Corn Exchange
- Town Hall
- Norris Museum
- Public toilets

Statutory consultee for planning matters.

Actively supporting the economic development and community well-being of St Ives.

SITC is currently composed of 15 Councillors (2 vacancies) who represent four wards. The composition of the Council is: Independents 13, Conservatives 2.

Your Councillors:



Angela Ayers-Wilson



John Davies



Lynn Davies



Nick Dibben



Angie Dickinson



Tim Drye



Rianna D'Souza



Ryan Fuller



Abid (Pasco) Hussain



Margaret King



Jonathan Pallant



Phil Pope



Carla Pegoraro



Daniel Rowe



John Tiddy

Please note that all Town Councillors' email addresses are in the following style Angela.Ayers-Wilson@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Telephone **01480 388388** or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Responsible for:

- Rubbish collection
- Street cleaning
- Planning and planning enforcement
- Housing improvement grants
- Environmental health
- Licensing
- Elections
- Parks and open spaces
- One Leisure Centre & Burgess Hall
- Housing
- Economic development
- Car parks
- CCTV
- Council Tax
- Wilhorn Meadow & The Thicket
- Building control
- Voluntary sector

HDC is composed of 52 Councillors who represent 29 wards across the District. The current composition of the Council is: Conservative 29, Liberal Democrat 7, HDC Independent Group 10, Labour 4, Independent 1.

Your Councillors:

John Davies

John.Davies@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Angie Dickinson

Angie.Dickinson@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Ryan Fuller

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Adam Roberts

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Telephone **0345 045 5200** or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Responsible for:

- Education
- Roads and traffic
- Footpaths,
- Libraries
- Social Services
- Park and ride
- Recycling
- Street Lighting
- Trading standards

CCC is composed of 61 Councillors who cover the five District Council areas across Cambridgeshire.

The current composition of the Council is: Conservatives 36, Independents 1, St. Neots Independent Group 2, Labour 7, Liberal Democrats 15.

Your Councillors:

Kevin Reynolds

Kevin.Reynolds@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Ryan Fuller

Ryan.Fuller@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Gold Award Winner 2016, 2017 & 2018

