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The Mayor and Mayoress

Prior to being elected Mayor, I thought I had a reasonably good idea about the great work done in and around this town by the various groups, both voluntary and professional. Indeed, having had a hand in many of these groups myself, I might have been forgiven for thinking that I had seen most of what this town has to offer.

The first event that I was privileged to attend was an emotive one, both for myself and my Mayoress, Amy Sewell, as it was an awareness exhibition that shed light on the trials and tribulations of those who suffer with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and other similar conditions. This is a condition that I am familiar with, both in my experiences of a former Councillor who suffered from it, as well as Amy herself. The exhibition itself was fascinating, but greater still was the appreciation of the work being done at Time for Health (the hosts) in order to help people who suffered from it. With a mixture of yoga and exercise classes, specifically tailored to match the pace that attendees can achieve, it helps these individuals to grow in confidence and to spend time with other people who have shared their experiences and can give each other advice.

In a very different capacity, one event that I was particularly pleased by was the opening meeting held

FRONT COVER

Photograph by Annie Weaver, aged 14

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THE Mayor's Message

These first months have opened my eyes to whole new sectors of the town and its achievements, both great and small, as well as reinforcing my admiration for those groups that I was already aware of. Below are a few of the highlights.

by the new 'One St Ives' group. This group is made up of stakeholders from various different organisations, including the Town Council, the Town Team, SITI and a number of local businesses, aimed at improving the collaboration between them. There have been some fractious and divided approaches in the town in recent years, and this has been a real effort to help unite them for the benefit of all.

Not all of the events are based in St Ives, although they often have St Irian interests. In June, RAF Wyton played host the regiments from throughout the Royal Engineers for the Sappers Games. Our very own 42 regiment, who were granted the Freedom of the Town last year, were competing against their fellow regiments. To our great pride, they managed to win the overall tournament, as well as a number of the more prestigious contests, for which I convey our heartfelt congratulations.

Part of my role as Mayor is also to help welcome new groups to the town. One such group was the Huntingdonshire Speakers Forum. This group, which meets regularly in the town, is a part of Toastmasters International and helps to coach people to improve their public speaking ability. This is a magnificent resource to people of all ages within the town, whether they are practicing in order to develop their career prospects or simply trying to build up some self-confidence. It was a very warm, comforting and supportive space that I would recommend to anyone.



I also want to give a special shout-out to the St Ives Rangers grass-roots football club, who have gone from strength to strength in recent years. I was delighted to attend their football tournament, to which hundreds of children arrived from towns far and wide, and hand out a number of the medals (many of which went to St Ives teams!). They also gave a very committed performance during the Carnival Parade, which rightly earned them their trophy at the end of it.

The upcoming months are also looking like they are going to be busy, and I am greatly looking forward seeing more of what this town has to offer and lending my support to those whom I can. Particular highlights coming up include the Illuminated Boat Parade, the Jazz and Blues Festival and all of the Christmas activities, along with my own Mayor's Charity quiz night in September and Halloween ball in October.

We also look forward to welcoming a delegation of visitors from our twin town of Stadtallendorf in

October for the Michaelmas Fair. It is a part of my mission this year to help improve our links and relationship between the two towns and this visit will hopefully go some way to help achieve that.

Finally, I also want to make a very special mention of Sue Rawlinson within the Town Hall, who has this year celebrated the 20th anniversary since she started working here. She has always been polite, friendly and delighted to support you, her presence has outlived most of the Council, and she has been invaluable throughout that time. I wish to express my thanks to her and pass on my congratulations for reaching this milestone. Here's to many more years!

Councillor Daniel Rowe

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.R." followed by a stylized surname.

Mayor of St Ives

Powering up St Ives Park & Ride

With partner Bouygues Energies & Services, Cambridgeshire County Council is developing an energy project which will transform St Ives Park & Ride into a renewable energy generator.

The project will see solar panels installed on carports above the two central zones of car parking spaces. These panels will generate renewable electricity, powering not only the site, but also electric vehicle charging points and allow the sale of power to local businesses. The site will benefit from new energy-efficient lighting and enhanced CCTV, as well as the creation of a wildlife area.

The £3.6 million project is jointly funded by Cambridgeshire County Council and a grant to be secured from European Regional Development Funds. It will be one of the first of its kind in this country, paving the way for new business models to support future green energy projects.

The project will also include battery storage housed in shipping container-sized cabinets.



Alongside the construction of the clean energy project, Cambridgeshire County Council will be offering 40 small and medium-sized enterprises access to a Business Support Programme to share learnings from the project.

This project will prevent the release of nearly 2400 tonnes of CO₂ over 25 years. These types of projects are key if the UK is to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Cllr Kevin Reynolds, representing St Ives South and Needingworth, said: "This project will attract interest in St Ives both nationally and internationally and really put the town on the map as a forward-looking place to develop innovative projects. This project will provide benefits by providing clean energy, and support to local businesses and the wider community."

Construction is expected to start in late 2019 and will take 14 months to complete. During this time, the car park will remain open, with construction taking place in phases to minimise impact on parking. For nearby residents, there will be some unavoidable noise and an increase in traffic during construction, however this will be carefully managed throughout.

Councillor Josh Schumann, Chair of the Commercial and Investment Committee overseeing the project said: "The Council's vision is to secure renewable and resilient energy supplies and infrastructure that can support local needs. Cambridgeshire will do this whilst maximising commercial benefit for the Council."

Healthwatch: listening to patients

Patients in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough want to be listened to by health professionals – especially those with long-term conditions who are often experts in their own health.

A new report from Healthwatch into people's views on improving local NHS services, shows that good communication is really important to people.

People want health professionals to acknowledge their own knowledge and experience of their condition and to listen.

The advice that arises from the report includes: "Please be honest about what the options are and do not use clinical expressions when talking to a patient. Encourage the patient to ask questions if they do not understand."

Eight hundred people across the region gave their views to Healthwatch. Most want face-to-face meetings and they also want emails and letters about their health in simple, plain English with no complicated medical jargon.

One heart and lung patient said: "... the letter of the report could have been written in language a normal person could understand and not in medical terms. A lot more care could go into explaining the results."

Share your views too

Would you like to give your views on local NHS services? Healthwatch is the independent champion for people using health and social care services - and wants to hear from you. Need information about health or care services?

Healthwatch can help you find:

- Health or care services near to you
- What to do if you have a concern or complaint
- Organisations that can give you help or advice

Get in touch with Healthwatch

www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk/feedback-on-care/

www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/content/have-your-say

Call us on 0330 355 1285
(local call number)

Email us at:
enquiries@healthwatchcambsboro.co.uk
Read more about the What would you do? report on the Healthwatch Peterborough or Healthwatch Cambridgeshire websites.

what
would you do?
It's your NHS. Have your say.

RAF launches campaign to find veterans in need of support

The RAF Benevolent Fund has launched a new campaign: Join the Search. Change a Life, to encourage the public to get thousands of RAF veterans and their families 'back on the radar' and to help them access support if they need it.

£1M on mobility aids

£439K on care home top-up fees

£457K on disability equipment

£2.6M providing respite and care services and wellbeing breaks

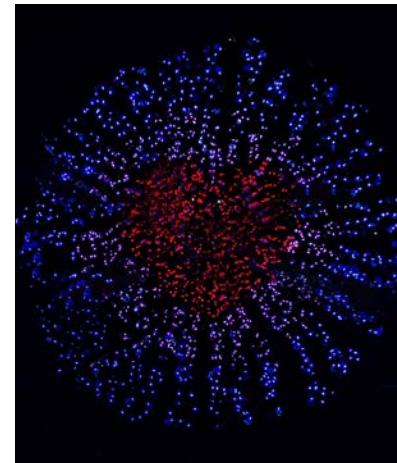
£500K supporting veterans living outside the United Kingdom

The RAF Benevolent Fund has launched a new campaign: *Join the Search. Change a Life*, to encourage the public to get thousands of RAF veterans and their families 'back on the radar' and to help them access support if they need it.

The initiative was marked at the beginning of Armed Forces Week with a 'Human Radar' lightshow created by 1,000 serving and former serving RAF personnel, Air Cadets and their families. It was also timed to coincide with the Fund's centenary, was photographed from above by a drone, and

choreographed to the Band of the RAF Regiment playing an uplifting rendition of the Royal Air Force March Past. It included a display by the Queen's Colour Squadron, who also performed a lightshow.

The RAF Benevolent Fund offers a wide range of support for serving and former serving personnel and their families, from financial grants for one-off and day-to-day costs, respite breaks and emotional support. Last year it spent £21M on welfare support for the RAF Family. In Cambridgeshire, the Fund spent almost £200K supporting 90 RAF



veterans, serving personnel and their families.

Research carried out by the Fund estimates that the RAF Family is made up of 1.4 million people who are either serving or who have served in the RAF and their spouses, partners or dependent children. Three quarters of them are aged over 65 and, in total, research shows that at least 300,000 need support.

To refer someone to the RAF Benevolent Fund, go to www.rafbf.org or call 0300 102 1919.

Cycling in St Ives by Councillor Jonathan Pallant



Cycling is a wide-ranging pursuit. Some take it very seriously, putting great effort and outlay into achieving ever greater speeds. For some, it's welcome exercise and a chance to de-stress in peaceful surroundings. For others, it's merely a means to get from A to B and bypass the traffic. Trying to satisfy "cyclists" as a general group is therefore much like trying to satisfy the needs of racing drivers, truck drivers and commuters all at the same time - not an easy task!

That said, the Town Council has recently been asked to look at what it can do to improve the provision of cycle racks, and to encourage cycling generally. The Town

Council currently maintains the cycle racks on Market Hill (around the statue of Oliver Cromwell), but could we do with some more? Certainly, the ones in town are often very full, but how do we find out what journeys you are undertaking by bicycle, and where could we install a new cycle racks that might encourage you to cycle a little bit more?

There was a suggestion that it would be useful, for example, if you were able to securely lock your bicycles near some of the town's bus shelters -but unfortunately, that gets a little difficult as the bus shelters are often not on Town Council property.

Would bicycle stands in Warner's Park encourage you to take a ride down and enjoy the upgraded facilities once they have opened? Should we install some stands up at Burleigh Hill, so you don't have to try and lock your bicycle to a

nearby lamppost? What about outside the children's play areas dotted throughout the town, or do you just lean your bikes against the fence?

Once we've worked out where to put them, we have to work out what sort to buy! It can be difficult to lock bicycles to the stands in Market Hill, especially when using short, high-security "D" locks. Do you prefer this 'ornate' black-and-gold style of bicycle stand, or would you prefer to see some more of the simple tubular design (known as 'Sheffield' stands), like they have at Morrisons? Or do you prefer the ones that grip your front tyre, like at the Co-Op and outside the Spar? And are any of these practical if you're towing small children around in a cycle trailer, or using a big cargo bike?

Please send us your comments on cycling in St Ives, marking your email "Cycling in St Ives": clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

Clerk's Corner

Autumn in Local Council world is all about budgets and forward planning. Back in 2015, the Council adopted a 5-year Strategic Plan and so over the summer we have been working hard to put together a new plan for 2020-2025.

Whereas in the last plan the focus was on volunteering, this time the focus is on the climate change agenda and looking to be carbon neutral by 2050. One of the first things that is happening is the commission of a carbon energy audit to establish baseline data so that we can track the changes we make and ensure that they are moving in the right direction.

Specific actions we are looking at are:

TOWN COUNCIL:

- Form a Climate Change Action Group and engage with other authorities to establish and support joint initiatives
- Ensure that all policies adopted in the Neighbourhood Plan consider the climate change agenda to reduce carbon emissions
- Investigate energy saving measures in Council-owned and operated buildings and switch to renewable energy suppliers for all energy supplies

IN THE TOWN HALL AND NORRIS MUSEUM

- Review the use of single-use plastic and aim to reduce to zero by 2023
- Commit to using LOAF (local, organic, animal friendly, fairly traded) ingredients at Council functions and to using re-usable, biodegradable cups, plates and cutlery at Council functions
- Actively work to reduce energy consumption in all activities and look to become a low-use recycled paper organisation and use environmentally friendly cleaning products

AMENITY SPACES

- Investigate the impact of reducing the use of weed killing sprays by 2023
- Investigate the feasibility of reducing emissions on GM equipment
- Introduce natural planting within the Town Council areas of responsibility where feasible
- Set aside areas of Town Council land for the planting of wild and natural flowers that support wildlife
- Adopt a policy to replace all trees felled on Town Council land within a 12-month period
- Investigate the feasibility of introducing a policy that includes the planting of at least one tree annually on land within St Ives. With regards the projects that I have reported on in earlier issues of The Bridge, everything is either moving forward or has been completed.

The work on refurbishing the play areas unfortunately overran for a number of reasons outside our control. However, the feedback we have received on the new equipment and safety surface has been positive.



Alison Benfield
TOWN CLERK

The next play area project we are working on now is a brand-new play area on the Knights Way estate now that the Town Council has taken over responsibility for the open space. As part of the s106 agreement a sum of £114,300 has been transferred to the Town Council to provide facilities. If you live on the estate (or anywhere else in town) we would welcome your input into this – especially if you have children who will be using it once provided.

Plan for the Pavilion refurbishment have continued over the summer, with two surveys circulated with a good response rate. We sought the views of individuals and groups using Survey Monkey and hard copy questionnaires. In addition, members of the working party were out and about in various places around town gathering the views of the community on what you think should be done with the current building for the future.

Following the article in the last edition of The Bridge a local company, Varsity Consulting Ltd, made contact and in order to assist this project being delivered cost-effectively, they undertook to complete the initial design discussions on a pro-bono basis together with providing a detailed cost, estimate and project delivery programme to inform the consultation and funding process.

As a company, Varsity are keen to encourage tree planting wherever feasible and operate their 'Varsitree initiative' where they plant a tree in the vicinity of any projects they work on and encourage other companies involved to do the same. In this instance, they have kindly funded the cost of a replacement horse chestnut tree in Warner's Park that will be planted this year. In addition, three other trees will be planted at the same time – a Tulip Tree, a Turkish Hazel and a Sorbus Majestica.

Up at Ramsey Road Cemetery the mausoleum is now finished. If you or anyone you know wishes to reserve a chamber please do make contact with the Town Hall.

Meanwhile, consultants have been appointed for our Neighbourhood Plan. I hope to provide more details on what has been happening in the next issue of The Bridge.

Plans are progressing well for the Needingworth Road Crossing - this is now likely to be installed in between January and March 2020.

So, there's plenty going on - despite the days getting shorter. I'm looking forward to updating you on these projects and more in the months to come.

Alison Benfield, Town Clerk, St Ives Town Council

Farmers Market goes from strength to strength

The market has an average of 20 stalls consisting of local farmers, growers and producers. A year or so ago we introduced "specialist food traders" onto the market, which are those who do not meet the criteria to trade as a "farmer", "grower" or "producer", but can offer a wider choice of provisions to the market's customers.

We therefore have Rob, who started up his company "Olive Olive" some years ago, who imports fantastic olive oil and delicious halloumi direct from his family farm in Cyprus; and an Italian coffee specialist, who sells hot coffee to go and also a great selection of fresh ground and coffee beans from Italy.

On the third Saturday of every month, we have Colin the Norfolk Sharpie join us; he's on hand to sharpen your kitchen tools - and he will also sharpen scissors, including the dress making kind, and all garden tools. Colin has been very well received on our market and is a great asset as effective tools make a job a joy.

Our farmers, growers and producers include Mayfield Produce from Littleport, Cambridgeshire. Simon of Mayfield has a huge range of veg and salad crops, which are almost always harvested on the morning of the market or certainly the night before. A personal favourite of mine is the root veg and squashes when they come into season in September/October, either alone or added to casseroles - the depth of flavours is phenomenal!

Chris Tirrell is our other veg, salad, soft fruit and chilli specialist grower on the market, bringing his produce to St Ives from Oakington.

We have eggs from Royston, bread from Cambridge, pork (cuts and sausages etc) from Deeping St James, Lincs; Cam Cattle, whose beef is sometimes grazed on Midsummer Common in central Cambridge; and fresh chicken and duck from Pastures Poultry in Bedfordshire.

A recent newcomer is Brooks & Conquest Cyder from Somersham, which makes great cider from orchards just down the road from us. We also have Rob from Heath Fruit Farm in Bluntisham, who sells punnets (decanted into brown paper bags to save dishing out plastic) selling freshly harvested cherries, plums, greengages and in time, September/October, lots of apples and pears.

We have lots of other produce to compliment the staple foods on this great market, including curry sauces, cut flowers, nursery (beautiful plants), beer from St Botolphs brewery in Colchester, sweet and savoury pies, honey, jams, chilli sauces, cakes (George's bakery is easy to find as he always has a long queue at his stall). We host two fantastic cheese makers, one from Lincolnshire, making cheeses from cows' milk and one from Hertfordshire making cheeses from their herd of milking goats.



From August we have had Bedford sweet makers "Sweetie Love" on the market with a sweet list of; peanut brittle, chilli peanut brittle, fudges, lime toffee, chocolates, macaroons, salted caramel, marshmallows and others.

With all this great produce in one place we will be celebrating British Food Fortnight on St Ives Farmers and specialist Food traders market on Saturday 5th October from 8.30am to 2pm.

In addition to our usual stalls, the Council will also have a "taster" stall, which will feature examples from across the market. There will be a Market Hamper to be won – it's free to enter – just let us know why you enjoy/support the market and how could we improve it. Ideas are welcome.

There will also be entertainment. We are inviting local chefs to cook with produce from the market and sell on at affordable prices to the public. We already have a Thai chef on board, and it will be interesting to see how she incorporates local produce into her delicious range.

We look forward to seeing you on the market to try some food, shop, exchange ideas, have a go at winning the hamper and talk to traders and learn more about the food that is right here on your doorstep.

For more on British Food Fortnight, go to:
www.lovebritishfood.co.uk

Roz Scott.

LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

Notice is given that St Ives Town Council has on the 26 September 2019 applied to Huntingdonshire District Council as the Licensing Authority for a Premises Licence for the:

Farmers Market, Sheepmarket, St Ives, Cambs, PE27 5AH

For the sale of alcohol (on and off the premises) on the first and third Saturday of each month between 08:00 and 14:00.

Anyone wishing to make representations concerning this application should do so in writing to:
Huntingdonshire District Council, Licensing Section, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE29 3TN

Representations in respect of this application must reach the Licensing Authority by 24 October 2019.

Persons wishing to inspect the register or the record of this application may do so by attending the office of the Licensing Section, during office hours, Monday to Friday inclusive. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application, the maximum fine for which on summary conviction is £5000.

All the fun of the fair



Above: The opening of the Michaelmas Fair by Mayor Councillor George William Robb in 1947/48. [reprinted by kind permission of the Norris Museum]

Right: Former Mayor, Tim Drye, enjoying a nice cuppa at last year's Fair.



It's that time of year again. The leaves are falling, nights are drawing in and St Ives' town centre comes alive with neon, music and children's laughter – the Michaelmas Fair is back in town!

The historic Fair will be here from 14-16 October inclusive and will be opened by the Town Mayor at the dodgems in The Broadway on Monday 14 at 3.30 pm.

There has been a regular fair held in St Ives since Henry I granted a charter to the Abbot of Ramsey in 1110 to hold one at Easter each year. The ancient fairs were very different, however, and specialised in dealing in imported cloth brought by boat up the Great Ouse.

The Fair at Michaelmas dates from a charter granted in the 14th century.

Each year the Fair is officially opened by the Town Mayor, who processes through the stalls led by his Macebearer and followed by fellow Councillors in their ceremonial robes. The Charter is read aloud and is invariably followed by a mad scramble of youngsters keen to get their hands on the newly minted coins tossed to them by Councillors.

This is followed by another mad scramble, by Council members and children alike, to ensure getting a seat in the dodgems...

Although very unlike the Fairs of Henry I's day, the Michaelmas Fair is an acknowledgment of our town's ancient heritage and a pleasurable way of preserving our past.

Twinning visit



Above: Members of the original Twinning Party

Right: Former Mayor, Tim Drye presenting Mayor of Stadtallendorf, Christian Somogyi with the ceremonial scroll.



2018 marked the 30th anniversary of the twinning of St Ives with Stadtallendorf in Germany. The Town Mayor and several councillors paid a visit to commemorate this milestone.

Twinning began in the 1960s with educational visits between St Ivo School and the Georg-Buchner School. These exchanges were expanded when various groups in the town also began to conduct their own exchange visits.

In 1988 a formal Charter of Twinning was agreed and signed.

This year, St Ives will be hosting a party of visitors from Stadtallendorf, who will be arriving in good time to enjoy the Michaelmas Fair.

Sadly in 2014, the founding Twinning Association was dissolved, and the Town Council has taken over to keep links alive and flourishing.



2016 visit to Stadtallendorf

St Ives Town Council supports a number of volunteer-based organisations. Here are two of them, St Ives Time Bank and Hunts Society for the Blind.

St Ives Time Bank celebrates its sixth year

St Ives Time Bank celebrates its sixth anniversary in October and continues to attract new members and organisational partners.

The 150+ members are spread throughout St Ives and surrounding villages and have earned and spent 7,000 hours. Credits have been given for activities including dog walking, baking, proofreading, companionship, furniture removals, design work, hairdressing, sewing, dog nail clipping, gardening, IT support, marketing advice, decorating, card making, maths tuition, ironing, and many more. There is an endless list of ways members can help each other and so many have become firm friends.

As well as banking hours for when you need some help, you can also cash them in for time credit vouchers. These can be used nationwide for activities as diverse as a visit to the Tower of London, Adult Learning &

Skills courses, local cinema, theatre or swimming trips, beauty treatments and visiting historical buildings or garden. Visit www.timecredits.com.

Signing up is very straightforward. For more info, call Zoë on 07887 894100 or email stivestimebank@yahoo.co.uk We run free, friendly gatherings at the Corn Exchange.



St Ives Town Council was instrumental in setting up St Ives Time Bank, and still offers continued support, advice and an annual grant that pays the public liability insurance and membership to Timebanking UK, both of which keep members protected and up to date.



**St Ives
TIME BANK**

Timebanking is simply a means of voluntary exchange, bringing individuals, communities and organisations together, where the only currency is time. Unlike traditional volunteering, you bank time credits when you help someone and claim your time back when you need something in return. Everyone's time is equal, irrespective of whatever you need or can offer.

Hunts Society for the Blind supports local members and carers

Hunts Society for the Blind has 600 service users across the district. The charity holds monthly meetings in the four market towns – the St Ives event being held at The Methodist Church on (usually) the third Wednesday of each month. Members and carers enjoy a range of activities including music afternoons, quizzes, safety and awareness talks and afternoon tea. In addition to the meetings held at the church, the group enjoy outings – this year to Carriages in Fen Drayton, ten pin bowling and lunches out.

The grand finale of the year's events is a Christmas Party for approximately 180 members and carers held at Wood Green Animal Shelter. The Society's team of volunteer drivers can provide door-to-door transport, ensuring that everyone can access the activities they wish to.

St Ives resident Robert Overall has been a member of the Society for the last five years and makes full use of the activities the charity offers. He says: "The monthly group meetings are varied and very enjoyable. My wife and I also attend the regular walking group, which is supported by volunteers to help guide anyone on their own; the sports and social club; and the theatre group, which involves trips to the Cambridge Arts Theatre for audio described performances. The Society organises an annual holiday to a hotel with good accessibility for people with sight loss as well as mobility problems."



In addition to the events and activities the Society provides, a team of outreach workers can assist members with benefits applications, Blue Badge applications, bus pass applications as well as practical information and advice. The Society has a resource centre at its base in St Mary's Street, Huntingdon.

For more information, call 01480 453438, visit the Society's website: www.huntsblind.co.uk or Facebook page @huntsblind.

A new park for St Ives

In early 2018, Huntingdonshire District Council's Cabinet supported the St Ives District Councillors' long-held ambition to establish a new public park in St Ives, with the project becoming a manifesto pledge for last year's district-wide elections.

I am pleased to say we are now delivering that promise and St Ives is set to receive a new eight-hectare public park (that's an equivalent area to approximately 10 football pitches) on the former golf course.

The new park is being delivered as part of the District Council's planning strategy for the west of St Ives and will eventually be part of a much larger area of parkland. We have worked to secure this land from the housing developers as part of the planning obligations associated with the new homes that are allocated in that area by the Council's Local Development Plan to 2036.

Residents will be aware that the development on the old golf course has been ongoing for some years. The latest phase of the development started in 2016. During the planning negotiations for the scheme, it was recognised that there was a unique opportunity to deliver a new park for our town to enhance the route along The Thicket and the existing



surrounding green spaces that residents already enjoy.

The new park, which is just the first parcel of a larger park to come, was negotiated and secured through the planning permission for Barratt's 'The Spires' housing development. Discussions with the District Council's Planning and Countryside Services officers in respect of the design and the layout of this element of the park commenced in 2018 and it is expected to be open to the public in the early part of 2020. This will allow time for the laying out of the park with new planting and paths during this autumn's planting season.

Huntingdonshire District Council will assume responsibility for maintenance and future enhancement of the new park upon successful completion of a contractually-agreed maintenance period by the current housing developers who are funding the initial works.

With the old Poultry Research Station on Houghton Road being the final site allocated for development to the west of St Ives, once a planning application

is received for that site there will be further planning-led discussions about another expansion of the parkland.

Huntingdonshire District Council recognises the importance and value of parks and green spaces in providing vibrant locations for our local communities to enjoy, and how this can contribute to health and general wellbeing. Furthermore, local sites such as this that are rich in wildlife are an essential part of our natural heritage, which should be protected for future generations and not lost to development.

At a time when councils across the country are having to do more with fewer resources, I am proud that here in St Ives, District Councillors had the vision and the foresight to work creatively to deliver an impressive new asset for the town and its residents.

Ryan Fuller, District Councillor for St Ives West, Deputy Executive Leader, Executive Councillor for Housing, Planning and Economic Development; Huntingdonshire District Council

Since I took office in May 2016, there has been a great deal of progress made against the priorities outlined in my Police and Crime Plan. This has been against a backdrop of challenges, including increased demand for policing and emerging crime types such as cybercrime and human trafficking – crimes we were not even talking about ten years ago.

As elected Police and Commissioner, it is my job to listen to local residents, businesses and partners to make sure my policies are informed by their needs. The last few months have been no different, as I continue to do everything I can to meet the needs of local people living, working and visiting our county.

With the population in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough set to rise by 20 per cent by 2031, it is vital that our police service is as effective and efficient as possible.

One of the biggest challenges we face in our county is that our police force continues to be one of the lowest funded in the country in terms of expenditure per head of population, resulting in a constant risk of under resourced policing services. (42p per day per person, compared to the 51p national average). The police budget is made up by a central government grant (54%), with the remaining coming from the policing part of the Council Tax (precept). I continue to press government for a fairer funding formula and thanks to your support with last year's precept increase, the impact of the Constabulary's new local policing model and this year's increase, which came into force in April 2019, I am very proud to say we will have record numbers of officers by the end of March 2020.

Whilst it is the Chief Constable's responsibility to allocate officers, the St Ives and Ramsey Neighbourhood Policing Team is about to welcome a new police constable with plans for a second to join in the New Year. Both officers will be working closely with the local community and local partners to focus on issues concerning the local community, such as anti-social behaviour and

by Police and Crime Commissioner, **Jason Ablewhite**



anti-social driving, which comes with unauthorised car meets.

We can all play our part in keeping our communities safe. I am therefore pleased to see volunteers in the town getting together to set up a Speedwatch scheme. Designed to educate drivers, Speedwatch allows volunteers to monitor the speed of vehicles. All volunteers are trained and supported, running sessions in approved and safe locations. If this is something you are interested in, please contact speed-watch@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

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As well as setting the force budget, I also have far wider responsibilities, including delivering community safety and reducing crime, commissioning, or buying victims' services. I have invested more than £2 million in victim support services over the past two years, funding specialist services for survivors of sexual violence and the Victim and Witness Hub. Last year, I also launched a new website

for victims and witnesses of crime to make sure that anyone who finds themselves a victim of crime has clear access to support when they need it.

I continue to award grants to organisations that contribute to crime and disorder reduction, including supporting the county's Offender Hub, which helps tackle the root cause of reoffending. I fund a Casualty Reduction Officer to help tackle serious injury and death on our roads, and Drive iQ, an online platform to help educate young people about safer driving. Additionally, my Youth Fund continues to support young people, encouraging them to move away from criminality and into positively contributing to society.

I strongly believe that we have a fantastic police force in Cambridgeshire, which is working hard to tackle the issues we all care about. I would urge you all to keep reporting issues and concerns to the police, either by 101 or for emergencies, always 999. There are a number of ways to contact the police via the Constabulary's new website: www.cambs.police.uk/report/crime



Norris Museum:

Getting the best from our collections

The museum's collections are at the heart of what we do. As well as the permanent displays, the collections enable us to do so much more than having objects gathering dust in cases or in storage. We use the objects to stimulate the imagination, to weave the stories of Huntingdonshire's past into our modern and fast paced lives; to give a sense of place to people moving into the area, and help locally born residents to connect with their families' roots. The collections inspire creativity, which gives the museum team a dynamic forward thinking and inclusive approach to their work.

It is not just the displays and temporary exhibitions that visitors come to look at and enjoy. One area of the museum that has featured in many people's holiday photos this year has been the museum's garden. Although the wisteria is no longer in flower the other plants in the garden have attracted a lot of attention, including the lavender bushes and hollyhock. The garden looks fantastic because of the hard work that Bob, one of our volunteers, has put in to keeping the weeds away, the grass cut and the flowers looking their best. Just the other day Bob and his wife spent all day in the museum's garden making sure that it continues to look perfect for visitors to enjoy.

Visitors always notice the two Roman coffins in the garden but take little interest in the odd shaped piece of stone next to them. In fact, The Hurstingstone once stood on a hillside where RAF Wyton is now. The stone was moved to the Museum when Wyton's runway was extended in the 1950s for V-bombers to land and take off. The stone has also acquired the name of The Abbots Chair because of its shape but it was actually the square socket for the base of a wayside cross. The cross was probably pulled

down during the Reformation, which wrenched the socket on to its side. Maybe before it ended up at the museum travellers over the centuries stopped and used the stone as a seat to rest awhile.

If you are in St Ives on the second Thursday of the month, come and have a look at The Hurstingstone and stay for a cuppa in the afternoon between 2pm - 3.30pm. The museum hosts a pop up café in partnership with the charity Sense - all proceeds from the selling of hot drinks and cakes go towards supporting the museum's work with Sense.

The pop up café is organised by the museum's Community Officer. Susan Bate works with community groups in and around St Ives developing a wide range of projects using the museum's resources and collections as inspiration. Susan's role means that the museum can reach a wider audience. Alongside her projects, Susan runs three groups that are aimed at bringing people together in a friendly and relaxing museum environment. Do contact her if you would like to know more about the groups and the projects she undertakes (01480 497314 / communities@norrismuseum.org.uk).

Did you know that you can book members of the museum team to give a talk or a guided walk to a group you're a member of? Our talks cover a wide range of subjects and the walks provide a fascinating insight to St Ives's history and architecture. For more information please contact Hannah Vandridge the museum's Learning and Outreach Officer (01480 497314 / learning@norrismuseum.org.uk) for more information.

Hannah is in the process of redesigning what we offer schools in order to make our education programme even more accessible and engaging, as well as creating some brand new sessions of subjects such as Herbert Norris, the man behind the museum, The Great Fire of St Ives, Life in Roman Huntingdonshire and more. To find out more please see our website - www.norrismuseum.org.uk or get in touch with Hannah

Have you heard of the museum's Pebbles Club? Hannah runs a monthly Saturday morning session for children aged between 3 - 6 years. Each month, in a safe environment, there is story time and a craft session for the children accompanied by parents/guardians.



REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS:

Pebbles Club – for 3 – 6 year olds

Saturdays, once a month -10am to 12pm (10:30am Story time) - Drop in for crafts and family fun - £2.00 per child - next sessions: 14th September, 12th October & 9th November

Reminiscence at The Norris Museum

A group for those who live with dementia and their carers. Reminiscing, sharing stories and handling objects from the past. 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month – 10:30 to 11:30am

Coffee, Cake and Culture Friendship Group

First and third Tuesday of the month; 10:30 – 12 noon. Contact info@norrismuseum.org.uk for more information

Pop Up Café with SENSE

Every second Thursday of the month 2pm – 3:30pm. Drop in for a cuppa. All proceeds go towards supporting our work with SENSE.

Men's Group

An opportunity for men to meet and socialise with like-minded people and take part in an activity (talks, crafts, handling objects etc). 4th Tuesday afternoon of the month: 2 – 4pm; next sessions for 2019: 24th September, 22nd October and 26th November

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 7 September: Talk – History of Wedding Dresses

2.30pm in the Community Room – tickets £5 (£4 Friends of the Norris Museum)

Saturday 28 September: 2 half-day screen printing workshops inspired by the lace exhibition.

For adults and children age 13+ - for more information pick up a leaflet from the museum

Saturday 12 October – 21 December: When Boney Comes – Huntingdonshire and the Napoleonic Wars

New exhibition in the temporary gallery about the men who signed up to be members of the Huntingdonshire Militia when Napoleon threatened to invade Britain in the late 18th century

Saturday 12th October: Pebbles Club: Where's Wally? The Big Museum Hunt

Pebbles Club is excited to be launching 3 weeks of hunting for Wally at The Norris Museum, part of an exciting project run by Kids in Museums and Walker Books. Where's Wally related crafts and activities – Pebbles, Minnie and Harry have joined in the fun too! , 10am to 12pm – £2 per child

Thursday 24th October: Heading to Hibernation: Family Event Day (10am to 4pm)

Ready to snooze the winter months away? So are our local hedgehogs, dormice and bats. Join us for a fun-filled family day to discover more about these amazing animals. Crafts, quizzes, refreshments and more! £1.50 per child to drop in

Marshall Aerospace – our new neighbours?



Image: Hugh Venables

In May this year, Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group announced that they planned to relocate from their Cambridge base to enable further expansion and development of their business. Three possible sites were shortlisted, Cranfield, Duxford and RAF Wyton. During the summer, representatives of the company, provided a briefing to local councils including St Ives Town Council.

In addition to retaining the runway, the company would need around 30 hectares of the site to build their offices and workshops. This is around a quarter of the available area. This would

allow other development to take place on the site, including an expansion of the existing RAF base, new housing or industrial use. Up to 1,500 Marshall's employees could work on the site. Many existing employees live west of Cambridge, so would find it easy to access the new site.

The company say that use of the runway, averaged over a year, would be no more than one take-off and one landing per day. As the runway is not currently in use, Marshall would have to repair and then operate the runway. Engine testing bays would be housed in special acoustic enclosures to reduce the noise impact to the surrounding area.

The company expect to make an announcement on their preferred site in 2020. The decision would be based around the best fit to the company's business needs, cost of the development, impact on staff retention and comments from local people. Once the site is chosen, there would be public consultation before an outline planning application was made. Construction on the chosen site would start in 2025/26 with site operation starting a few years later.

Residents wishing to comment on these proposals should contact the Town Hall or Marshall directly via community@marshalladg.com

Prospectus for Growth

As Councillor Fuller wrote in the previous edition, work is going ahead on the St Ives Prospectus for Growth. This work looks at the unique opportunities and challenges facing St Ives and will bring in support from the Combined Authority to develop St Ives as a market town fit for the future. This is about building on what is great about the town to make it work better for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Metro Dynamics has been appointed by Huntingdonshire District Council to support this work, by leading on the analysis and development of proposals. We were involved in the production of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Economic Review (CPIER),

and in-depth review of the entire Combined Authority area for the Mayor, James Palmer. This argues that market towns need a much greater focus. You can read the review in full at www.cpier.org.uk/final-report/.

Our first step has been to look at what the data are telling us about St Ives, and we have spoken with representatives from different walks of life within the town. Some key points arising from this include:

- The river is central to understanding many of the opportunities and challenges in St Ives. It brings leisure opportunities, supports biodiversity, and creates attractive spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy.

- St Ives benefits significantly from good connectivity to Cambridge through the guided busway. There are signs of some businesses clustering in St Ives – and new facilities like The Desk Club show the town is attractive for the self-employed. But more could be done to strengthen our links.

- Footfall has grown in most of the town centre – but there are opportunities to improve the feel of the town centre and make more of the architecture and river access.

Our task now is to keep improving our understanding by talking to more people and to develop the best ideas to take the town from strength to strength. We will be launching an online consultation shortly – please get involved to make your voice heard.

clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

What's on?

TOWN COUNCIL, CIVIC AND RELATED EVENTS

OCTOBER

5 Saturday Workshops,

St Ives Adult Learning; cookery, astronomy, flower arranging, art, jewellery, makeup for mature skin and more. www.aclearing.org.uk or 01480 495717

9 St Ives Tabletop:

A new club for fans of tabletop board games and role-playing games. 7.30-11.00pm, Corn Exchange. Entry £5. www.stivestabletop.uk

14-16 Michaelmas Fair

Market Hill

15 Poetry Folk

Nite: Local Poets presenting their work, 7.30pm – Bridge Chapel. Entrance £5 www.theoldriverportstives.co.uk

23 St Ives Tabletop:

A new club for fans of tabletop board games and role-playing games. 7.30-11.00pm, Corn Exchange. Entry £5. www.stivestabletop.uk

23 Keith Pearson

Quartet, 7.30pm Bridge Chapel. Tickets £10 www.theoldriverportstives.co.uk

24 St Ives & District

Flower Club, Talk: 'Ode to Autumn' by Diccie Lofting, Burgess Hall, 2.15pm, Admission f7.

26 Mayor's Charity

Halloween Ball, Corn Exchange [further info on 01480 388931]

NOVEMBER

6 St Ives Tabletop:

A new club for fans of tabletop board games and role-playing games. 7.30-11.00pm, Corn Exchange. Entry £5. www.stivestabletop.uk

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21 St Ives & District

Flower Club, Talk: 'All Shapes and Sizes' by Jo Pouter, Burgess Hall, 2.15pm, Admission f7.

30 Saturday Workshops,

St Ives Adult Learning; cookery, astronomy, flower arranging, art, jewellery, makeup for mature skin and more. www.aclearing.org.uk or 01480 495717

DECEMBER

4 St Ives Tabletop:

A new club for fans of tabletop board games and role-playing games. 7.30-11.00pm, Corn Exchange. Entry £5. www.stivestabletop.uk

6 Charity Christmas

Concert, with RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band, Free Church, 7.30pm further info on 01480 388931

REGULAR EVENTS

Dementia Friendly Events

(for those living with dementia and their carers)

MEMORY LANE SINGING CAFÉ

every 2nd Monday each month, 10am-12noon. Crossways Centre, Ramsey Road. Contact: George 07725 588 145.

LOVE TO MOVE GYMNASTICS

1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Mondays each month, 10.30am-12noon, Crossways Centre, Ramsey Road. Contact: Kim 07853 199 185.

CRAFTS AT THE CORN EXCHANGE

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month, 2-4pm. Contact: Sandra 07913 346 845.

DEMENTIA LUNCHES

1st Wednesday of every month, Slepe Hall Hotel. Contact: Heather Jones 01480 841043.

DEMENTIA CAFÉ

3rd Thursday each month, 10am, The Free Church, Market Hill. Contact: Pauline Meakins 07710 964 969.

Regular Events At The Norris

contact info@norrismuseum.org.uk for further details

Coffee, Cake and Culture Group

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month, 10.30am-12noon

Reminiscence at the Norris

Museum 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month 10.30-11.30am

Pop Up Café with SENSE

Every 2nd Thursday each month. Drop in for a cuppa. Proceeds to our work with SENSE, 2.00-3.30pm.

Men's Group

4th Tuesday of the month 2-4pm. Where men can meet and socialise and take part in an activity. £5 to cover refreshments and materials.

Farmers' Market

8.30am-200pm in the Sheep Market

September - 7th and 21st

October - 5th* and 19th

November - 2nd and 16th

December - 7th and 21st

January - 4th and 18th

*Taster Day and celebration of British Food Fortnight - cookery demonstrations, entertainment, the chance to win a Market Goodie Hamper and more, check our Facebook page for regular updates

Regular Community Group Meetings

COPE (Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise) Every 2nd Friday each month, St Ives Free Church 10.30am-12.30pm. Speaker/free refreshments/raffle.

f2 entry charge. Contact: gerald.collins1@ntlworld.com, 01480 370808.

St Ives in Bloom

Regular work parties on Saturdays 10am-12noon, 1st Saturday of each month. Check for details www.stivesinbloom.co.uk, email siibinfo@gmail.com.

St Ives Choral Society

Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.30 Crossways Centre during school term time. All Welcome. www.stives-choral.org.uk

Music on The Waits

Sundays from 7 July to 25 August, 2.30 – 4.30 pm.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

September

11 Planning Committee and Council Meeting

25 Planning and Amenities Committees

October

9 Planning Committee and Council Meeting

16 Personnel Committee

23 Planning, Property and Amenities Committees

November

13 Planning Committee and Council Meeting

27 Planning and Amenities Committees

December

11 Planning Committee and Council Meeting

18 Planning Committee

January

8 Planning Committee and Council Meeting

15 Personnel Committee

22 Planning, Property and Amenities Committees

PLEASE NOTE

You are welcome to address any Council or Committee Meeting as long as you are on the Electoral Register for St Ives. Meetings normally start at 7pm in the Town Hall. You may speak for up to three minutes, subject to the maximum provision of 15 minutes for all speakers.

Your questions at meetings must be relevant to matters in which the Town Council has powers or duties, or matters relating to the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the town.

Contacts:

Burgess Hall www.onelisure.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

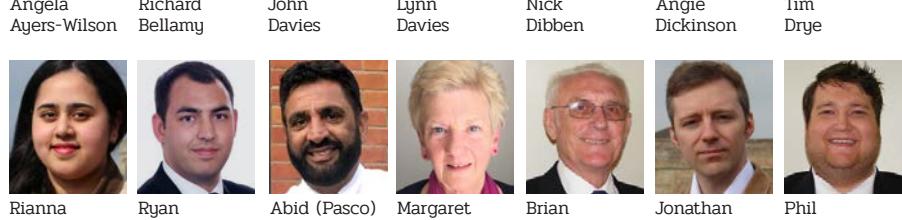
- Seats
- Cemeteries
- Corn Exchange
- Town Hall
- Norris Museum
- Public toilets

Statutory consultee for planning matters.

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

SITC is currently composed of 17 Councillors who represent four wards. The composition of the Council is: Independents 15, Conservatives 2.

Your Councillors:



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

correct at the time of print

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 30, Liberal Democrat 7, HDC Independent Group 10, Labour 4, Independent 1.

Your Councillors:

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John Davies

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Angie Dickinson

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Ryan Fuller

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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

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Ryan Fuller

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Farmers Market
of the Year
Winner 2015



Gold Award Winner
2016, 2017 & 2018

