

JUNE 2018

# THE Bridge

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**SPECIAL EVENT:**

## Freedom of St Ives



News, views, events and more from your Town Council

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### FRONT COVER

42 Engineer Regiment during Civic Sunday 2017. Image courtesy of 42 Engineers

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# THE Mayor's Message

## the proudest year of my life

Now that my Mayoral Year has come to an end, it gives me a chance to reflect on all of the special moments I have shared with the people of St Ives and its friends and visitors.

**Over the past twelve months I have attended over two hundred and forty events in our wonderful town and across the county - and in some cases across the country - and have met some truly amazing and inspirational people. I have attended more than 200 meetings during my term, meeting many like-minded individuals who have wanted to see St Ives continue to thrive and succeed.**

It hasn't been the smoothest year to be Mayor with elections and a number of staff changes at Town Hall but we have still managed to make some great progress overall.

In summer last year, we were bursting with excitement to see the newly refurbished Norris Museum open its doors to the public with a show stopping opening weekend that any venue would have been proud of. We were also thrilled within this last year to help the Huntingdon Volunteer Centre (HVC) - St Ives section by agreeing to give them emergency funding when their budget was cut

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by both HDC and CCC. HVC provides a vital service for many St Ives residents and we are happy that we could help to steer them through a turbulent time - particularly as this meets one of the objectives of our strategic plan.

We have recently carried out a full establishment review, which has highlighted that the council was overall working to best effect both in terms of its democratic makeup (the way it makes its decisions) and staffing to ensure that it continues

to work productively into the future. It did however flag up the need for an Amenities Manager to support the Town Clerk, who we look forward to welcoming to the team once the recruitment process is complete.

There are now a number of tasks ahead for the Town Council which include creating the Neighbourhood Plan for the town, to give you all a voice when it comes to building homes and other development and where you feel would be suitable. We must also see the Freedom of St Ives Parade through to completion on June 30 (see page 6 for more information).

With elections over we have a strong and excited council ready to build relations and work hard for the town and I look forward to working with them over the next four years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my two Mayors' Cadets: Flight Sergeant Matt Morris - '2331 (St Ives) squadron - Air Training Corps' and Corporal Eleanor Phipps - 'Army

Cadet Force - St Ives Detachment' for their service during this past year. I would also like to thank the Town Hall staff for all their support, especially my Mayor's Secretary Linda Scales who works hard to make sure I show up in the right place at the right time. Thanks must also go to the ground maintenance team and museum staff for their hard work as well as all the groups who have turned out to any of my civic events throughout the year. I would also like to personally thank the Centre Theatre

Players, the St Ives Rugby Club and the Momentum Theatre Company for holding fundraisers for my Mayor's charities. With your help and the help of everyone who has put their hands in their pockets to donate, we have raised nearly £8,000 for my charities and this would not have been possible without all of you. The Mayoral charities who will each receive a share of this money are: MAGPAS Air Ambulance; the Macmillan Woodlands Centre at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital; Acorn Cancer Support Group; 2331 (St Ives) squadron - Air Training Corps; Army Cadet Force -St Ives Detachment; St Ives Youth Theatre and the St Ives Rugby Club Youth Teams.

### My Final Thoughts

To all of the residents of and visitors to St Ives over the past twelve months, to everyone who has made me feel so welcome when I have attended their events, to everyone who has stopped me in the street for a chat and to everyone who has supported me and believed in me, I would like to say thank you. This truly has been the greatest and proudest year of my life and I am honoured that I have had the opportunity to represent St Ives as its Mayor and become part of its history. Thank you so much to you all and best of luck to Councillor Tim Drye as he takes on the prestigious role of Mayor of St Ives. I am confident he will do an outstanding job for the ensuing year.

All the very best,

Cllr Philip M Pope

St Ives went to the polls on Thursday, May 3rd, to vote in representatives for the Town Council. Here is an introduction to some of the new faces.



## Meet your new Mayor

Tim Drye

I moved with my young family from Barnsley to St. Ives in 1990, to pursue an academic career at Cambridge University. Coming from one of the country's poorest areas to one of the wealthiest, I am an economic migrant.

We didn't want to live in a university city and were helpfully advised that St. Ives was a town that was open and welcoming to newcomers – which we found from the very start.

All three of our children have grown up in the town, and been richly blessed – through the Ivo School, our local church and the wider community – with countless opportunities to participate in youth activities, sport, drama, dance and social events.

I have thoroughly enjoyed helping support the town's organisations in these areas.

As part of the management of the St Ives Youth Theatre, I was closely involved in the refurbishment of the Corn Exchange. So, it was a natural progression from my involvement in other community groups to put myself forward as a Town Councillor, which I did first in 2010.

Working alongside Phil during his time as Mayor has been great fun, Phil threw himself into the role with enthusiastic abandon. I believe he attended over 240 events and, on the few occasions I went along in his place, I became used to the question "Where's Phil?!"

His charming personality has really benefitted St Ives and helped foster a sense of togetherness in the town. He has made the Mayor's role relevant to groups of people here who otherwise might have dismissed the Town Council.

I see one of the biggest roles of the Town Council is as a focal point for all the different communities in St Ives. Through our everyday work and through the happy, and more solemn, events that take place here, I want these varied groups to feel like the Council and the Mayor represent them all. I want to celebrate the diversity of St Ives and the fantastic confluence of beautiful geography, rich history and great people this town has.

Some of my priorities include getting the whole Council working closely together as quickly as possible, after the arguments that inevitably happen during an election. I'd also like to work towards safeguarding the mental health of young males, which in some ways links with the admirable work carried out by Ian Jackson whilst he was a Town Councillor to make St Ives a dementia-friendly town.

I am very much looking forward to getting involved with events, and with the Freedom Parade just around the corner I will be starting work immediately!

**Tim Drye, MAYOR OF ST IVES**

## Meet your new Councillors

Angie Dickinson



I moved to St Ives when I was ten and attended St Ivo School before moving on to Huntingdon Technical College. My working life began at ARC Concrete in Meadow Lane.

After several years of living in other parts of the country, I returned with my family to run the family retail business, Dermal, now Honey Bee, in Crown Street.

I was first elected to the Town Council in 1989 and served as Chairman of the Planning Committee for a number of years. I have been a governor of Westfield School, a member of St Ives in Bloom, the St Ives Carnival Committee and the Town Team.

In 1992, I worked with a team of people, including my fellow Councillors Pree Newbon and John Davies, to bring back the Christmas lights – which, along with Christmas Market, I believe to be the jewel in the crown of St Ives.

I have also been Chairman of St Ives Town Initiative, which in the past has been responsible for the riverside regatta, lifestyle, continental, and Italian markets; and produces a bi-monthly magazine, SuggestIves.

As both a District and Town Councillor I am looking forward to working together to promote what St Ives has to offer and ensuring it continues to thrive.

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## Abid (Pasco) Hussain



I moved to St Ives from Bedford in 1970. I attended Westfield Junior School and then went on to St Ivo.

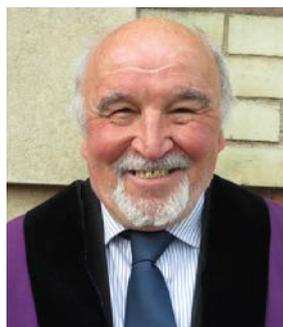
From an early age, it was my ambition to have my own business and at the age of 23 an opportunity arose to own a taxi company. I later went on to open Pasco's social club/nightclub, which I then converted into an Indian restaurant.

I am humbled and honoured to have been given the opportunity to serve the community and the wonderful town we live in.

I'd like to thank everyone that came out and supported me and has put their trust in me. I will always do my best to serve the town and do my best help our community to prosper.

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## Richard Bellamy



I have lived in St Ives for more than 30 years. I came to the town in 1986 after 15 years' military service and two years running a pub in London - which opened at 5am!

During my time in St Ives I have run the Royal Oak pub for five years; at this time I ran the St Ives Carnival and was also a part-time fireman. I have run in the London Marathon nine times, which raised several thousands of pounds for charity.

After I left the Royal Oak, I delivered milk while I trained as a financial advisor, a job I did for 25 years, and I ran my own company for a while. I have a wife, Sue, and a son, Richard. We had a second son, Luke, who we lost eight years ago, after 21 years living with disabilities.

I am now a retired fella, and it is about time I gave something back to St Ives; standing for the Town Council is my way of doing that. St Ives has a proud history that should be remembered.

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## Carla Pegoraro



I grew up in Italy and Oxfordshire and after I finished my PhD in Biomedical Science from the University of Sheffield and working as a Post Doc, I moved to St Ives in 2012.

For the last six years, I have worked in scientific journal publishing for an international publisher in Cambridge where I am currently an associate editor. I commute every day along the guided busway.

I became a community director of the Corn Exchange soon after coming to St Ives, with the aim of improving its amenities and visibility. I have helped host the delegation from our twinned town of Stadallendorf - I am very keen to see these ties strengthened.

In my spare time I am keen amateur painter and traveller, with an interest in history and communicating open science. This year, I decided to take the next step and to stand in St Ives' Town Council elections for the first time to hear the concerns of my community better.

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## Margaret King



I have been elected to represent Beech Ward on St. Ives Town Council. My other voluntary occupations include supporting The Town Team, working as a committee member of St. Ives In Bloom and the Friends of Huntingdonshire's Country Park at Hinchbrook, and a member of The Friends of The Sedgwick Museum.

My first home was in Colne, Huntingdonshire, and I have spent most of my life in this wonderful county, thirty-five of those years in St. Ives. Thirty-six years of my working life were in the Civil Service; twenty-four of these with The Ministry of Defence and twelve with Customs and Excise.

As I approached my retirement I imagined I would have more than enough time to pursue hobbies and amusements. The reality has been that it has enabled me to take a wider view of this area, particularly the town. I have felt that as a member of the local community I have a responsibility to do what I can to maintain, improve and promote St Ives. Being a Town Councillor is another opportunity for me to do this.

DIARY DATE

Saturday  
**30th**  
JUNE



# St Ives' Freedom Parade and Armed Forces Day



Images courtesy of 42 Engineers

Residents and visitors to St Ives can take part in a double celebration on Saturday 30 June, as the town combines its annual Armed Forces Day festivities with the Freedom Parade by the 42 Engineer Regiment. This event will honour the Royal Engineers, which have been awarded the Freedom of St Ives by the Town Council.

Hailed by outgoing Mayor Phil Pope as "the biggest event in our town for years", the day's attractions are expected to attract up to 6,000 visitors into St Ives.

It will begin mid-morning when the 42 Engineer Regiment, on behalf of The Royal Engineers, parades through the centre of town, before arriving in Market Hill for the formal speeches, troop inspection and presentation of the Freedom of St Ives.

The afternoon will be dedicated to Armed Forces Day, which has taken place in St Ives for the last eight years.

Everyone can enjoy entertainment from the Candy Girls and Rocking Ukuleles while several service-related charities will also be setting up in Market Hill to promote what they do and collect much needed donations to support them in their work.

The Norris Museum will have on display more information about what the 42 Engineers do.

Watch out for a Hurricane aircraft, too, which will be performing a flypast of the town centre at some point before 3pm.

The day's fun spreads beyond the town to the home of the 42 Engineers. From 2.30pm, they will host a family day at their Wyton base, with many free attractions including a climbing wall, inflatables and fairground rides, as well as a parachute display and a demonstration by the 42 Engineers of what they do, how they do it and where.

The family day is open to everyone although for security purposes you must pre-register - see email address (right) to sign up.

Town Clerk, Alison Benfield says:

**"We are really excited about the Freedom Parade and Armed Forces Day in the town. With a programme that includes military parades and a flypast to lively entertainment and fantastic food and drink, there will be something for everyone. This will be a historic occasion for the town - and a thoroughly enjoyable day out in and around St Ives."**

**TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE FAMILY DAY AT WYTON, EMAIL:**

**[freedom\\_of\\_st\\_ives@mail.com](mailto:freedom_of_st_ives@mail.com)**

**Some roads will be affected from Friday evening - see map for details.**

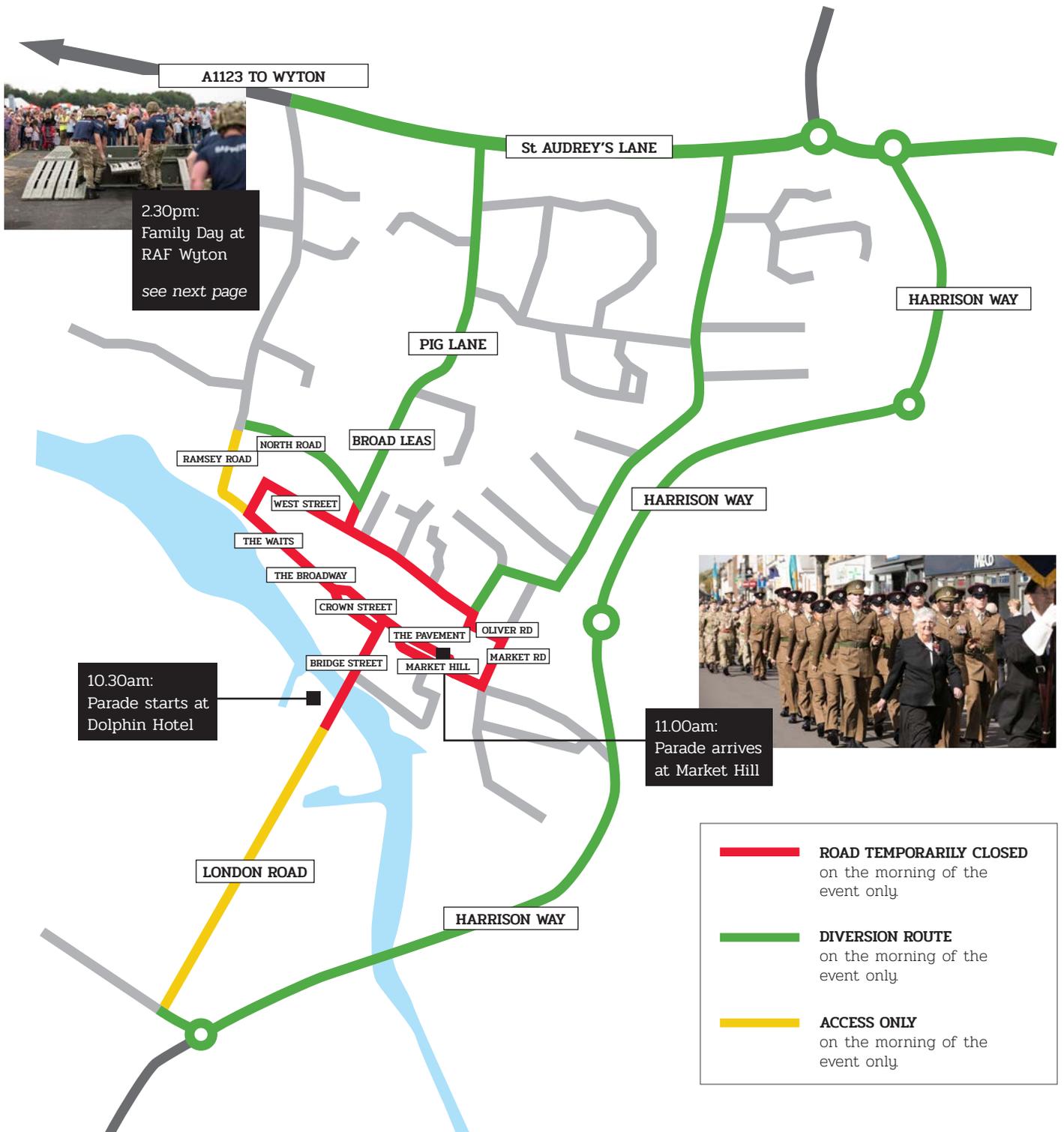


Photographed by Adrian Pingstone

12pm -3pm:  
RAF Hurricane  
flypast

**AT A GLANCE:**  
your guide to making the most of the day

10.30am:	Parade starts at Dolphin Hotel
11am:	Parade arrives in Market Hill
11am - 12pm:	Presentation of Freedom, speeches and inspection of troops
12pm - 3pm:	Flypast of Hurricane aircraft from Battle of Britain, Candy Girls, Rocking Ukelelies & Charity Stalls
2.30pm:	Family day begins at RAF Wyton.
6.30pm:	Finish at RAF Wyton.



2.30pm:  
Family Day at  
RAF Wyton  
see next page

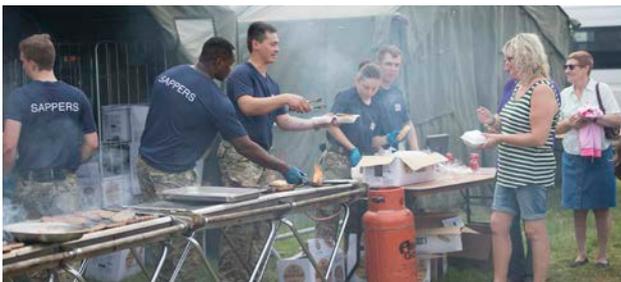
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Dolphin Hotel



11.00am:  
Parade arrives  
at Market Hill

## Who are the 42 Engineers?

The 42 Engineer Regiment is that part of the Corps of Royal Engineers which is specifically responsible for geographic support to the Ministry of Defence. It handles digital and paper mapping, geographic advice and surveying, among other services. The Regiment relocated to RAF Wyton in August 2014 as part of the Joint Forces Intelligence Group. Since then it has taken part in a number of civic ceremonies and other Town Council events.



## Family Fun at RAF Wyton

Come and see the Royal Engineers capability demonstration including: Armoured Engineer vehicles, combat bridging display, Search and Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Military Plant equipment, Royal Engineers Geographic, Royal Engineers Divers.

- Inflatables: Obstacle course, Bungee Run, Bouncy Castle, Toddler bounce
- Playbus - soft play
- Ark Farm petting zoo
- Raptor Foundation - static display and demonstration
- Climbing Wall
- Funfair roundabout
- US Airforce Fire engine
- MAGPAS
- Wyton Model railway club
- Royal Engineers Motorsport display
- Archery - interactive demonstration
- Parachute display (1545-1600hrs)

**Music** - several bands throughout the day



SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO!  
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From 2:30pm  
.....  
RAF Wyton  
PE28 2EA  
.....



**TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE FAMILY DAY AT WYTON**  
mail: [freedom\\_of\\_st\\_ives@mail.com](mailto:freedom_of_st_ives@mail.com)

# Clerk's Corner

Alison Benfield  
**TOWN CLERK**



It is that time of year again when as Clerk I have to provide a summary of the last year's achievements and financial standing and I am delighted to be in a position to do this. A very quick thank you to everyone who has made my return to the Council welcoming; I am looking forward to working with everyone, especially my newly elected Council over the coming year.

The 2017/18 financial year had some significant highs for the Council, such as the reopening of the Norris Museum in July following the refurbishments, and some lows such as two changes of Clerk within 12 months. But overall, it's been a very positive year with much achieved as always.

The new ground maintenance depot was completed so that the team are now based on the allotment site. This purpose-built depot is larger than the previous rented premises and is proving to be an asset already with more storage space and better access around the town.

We are delighted that St Ives in Bloom achieved a gold medal again and this is a fantastic tribute to the teamwork that goes on in the town - some of it often

happening quietly behind the scenes. It was another great year of events with all of those who represent differing community groups working hard to promote the town in their individual ways. If I start naming names and forget any I will be in trouble, so a big thank you to everyone involved in the myriad of events. Equally important are all those people who work for the voluntary groups in the town - who quietly work away to support groups and individuals whose quality of life is improved by all that they do. One of these groups that the Town Council supported significantly last year is the St Ives Volunteer Centre, without which the invaluable Huntingdonshire Car Scheme would not operate. This support links directly to the Councils' five-year strategic plan that was adopted in 2015.

So, moving on and looking forward I feel very positive for the coming year. With a newly elected Town Council consisting of 11 re-elected members and six new members it is going to be busy. We start work with the annual celebration of Armed Forces Day in two weeks, which this year will begin with the Freedom of the Town Parade and presentation to the Royal Engineers.

## Council plans anniversary development of St Ives' Farmers' Market

St Ives' award-winning Farmers' Market turned 15 years old in May of this year, and the Town Council is making changes to improve the twice-monthly market.

Started in 2003, St Ives' Farmers' Market has been a National Farmers Retail & Markets Association (FARMA) Farmers' Market of the Year finalist several times and won Best Farmers Market in the country in 2015.

Now, in addition to the farm stalls, specialist food traders have now been invited onto the market to add choice, variety and vibrancy to the experience. There will be added emphasis on ready-to-eat food and drink stalls and entertainment for shoppers at the market.

The core Farmers' Market will continue to run as a FARMA-accredited market.

Town Clerk, Alison Benfield, says: "We are very proud to serve as a trading post for local farmers, growers and producers and this has been, and will continue to be, our primary aim. However, the way people shop is changing, and the Town Council's developments will help give them more options to come to the farmers' market and more reasons to stay in and around Town. This is a positive move for existing and new traders and for the town overall."

Markets have been a part of life in St Ives since at least 1100, with the town's cloth and cattle markets once being two of its best known.



Huntingdon District Council runs regular market slots on Mondays and Fridays in Market Hill and the Sheepmarket. The Farmers' Market runs on the first and third Saturday of every month between 8.30am and 2.00pm; other themed markets are run in the town on Bank Holidays and other times of the year.

**If you have suggestions for entertainment for St Ives' Farmers Market, or would like to perform, please email the Town Clerk, Alison Benfield at: [clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk)**

# Annual Report 2017/18

## 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 2017/18 this was £713,866. The tax base is 5,859 Band D properties used for calculating Council Tax to give a rate of £121.84.

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 2018 follows on the next page.



## Councillors' Attendance - Municipal Year 2017/18

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.

\*Note that the Town Mayor is able to attend any council meeting ex-officio and where he/she is not a normal member of the committee this is indicated with an asterisk.

	Full Council	Amenities Committee	Personnel Committee	Planning Committee	Promotion & Publicity Committee	Property Committee
	12 meetings	5 meetings	4 meetings	23 meetings	5 meetings	5 meetings
Ayers Wilson	10/12			18/23		
Davies	11/12	4/5		19/23		
Dibben	10/12		4/4	22/23		5/5
Dobson	8/12	4/5	3/4	14/23	4/5	5/5
Drye	12/12	2/3			4/5	
D'Souza	8/12				5/5	
Fuller	8/12	4/5				4/5
Hunt	2/12	2/5				
Jackson	11/12				5/5	
Kuch	10/12		5/4	21/23		5/5
Luter	12/12	5/5	4/4			5/5
Pallant	11/12		3/4		5/5	5/5
Pope	12/12	1/5*	1/4*	13/23*	2/5	3/5
Rowe	11/12	5/5	4/4	22/23	5/5	
Spencer	6/12	3/5			2/5	
Tiddy	11/12			20/23		
Townsend	12/12		3/4			5/5

31st March 2017

31st March 2018

<b>INCOME SUMMARY</b>		
695,425	Precept	713,866
<b>695,425</b>	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>713,866</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>		
0	Administration	3
0	Civic	0
0	Grants	0
1,030	Council General	1,529
13,878	Amenities General	13,076
30,864	Playground/Open Spaces/Cemetery	25,714
4,602	Allotments	5,491
24,685	Town Hall	27,481
1,000	Norris	0
70	Warners Park Pavilion	40
3,050	Ground Maintenance Depot	3,050
0	Norris	0
0	Other Income	0
6,228	Capital - Council	61,556
463,092	Capital - Norris Museum	760,228
<b>1,243,924</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,612,033</b>
<b>RUNNING COSTS</b>		
15,502	Administration	15,314
0	Solicitor	0
8,997	Insurance	6,636
64,517	Finance	64,371
7,684	Advertising & Publicity	11,230
8,540	Civic	10,087
31,918	Grants	47,700
15,569	Council General	14,013
357,090	Staff	355,289
50,770	Amenities General	47,510
3,616	Street Lighting	2,645
0	Street Furniture	0
4,858	Machinery	7,932
17,344	Playground/Open Spaces/Cemetery	13,006
763	Allotments	913
32,751	Town Hall	38,292
7,817	Corn Exchange	8,794
24,144	Norris	34,013
79	Warners Park Pavilion	0
10,428	Ground Maintenance Depot	4,241
4,657	Community Centre	0
0	Norris	0
24,680	Capital - Council	19,835
4,633	Capital - Amenities	12,598
46,311	Capital - Property	42,041
502,667	Capital - Norris Museum	795,908
<b>1,245,336</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,552,366</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND ANALYSIS</b>		
408,793	Opening Balance	468,103
1,243,924	Plus : Income for Year	1,612,033
1,652,717		2,080,136
1,245,336	Less : Expenditure for Year	1,552,366
407,381		527,770
-60,722	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	106,333
<b>468,103</b>	<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>421,437</b>

**“Why buy a car  
when you can buy a  
rare book”.**

HERBERT NORRIS



Images courtesy of the Norris Museum

## The library at the Norris Museum: treasures from the local area



The Norris Museum's Library was established with Mr Herbert Ellis Norris's personal collection. Mr Norris was born in 1859 and when he died in 1931, he left the collection in his will, and money to build the Library and the Museum itself.

Herbert's collection consisted of books, including many rare titles; bound and unbound manuscripts; newspapers dating back to the early 1800s; interesting cuttings; printed papers; journals; periodicals; magazines; and photographs.

The collection was vast at the beginning, and it has grown with further additions since the Museum opened in 1933.

The collection in all its forms is focused on the old county of Huntingdonshire, covering such diverse subjects as agriculture, almanacs, the Fens, folklore, history, natural history, religion, sport and topography. You can find books written in or about

every town and village in the county, with a plethora on the county's four major towns: Huntingdon, Ramsey, St. Ives and St Neots. There is, for example, a large section on the Gorham Heresy of 1847 – about the last heresy trial in Exeter of the Rev A Gorham of the Gorham's of St Neots in Huntingdonshire.

All our local authors are represented in the collection: Allan Akeroyd and Caroline Clifford, Bob Burn Murdoch, David Cozens, Jack Dady, Bridget Flanagan, Noel Hudson, Sybil Marshall, Herbert Norris and C.F. Tebbutt, to name a few.

Since the end of July last year, the Norris Museum's library has been housed in a purpose-built, air-conditioned, humidity-controlled room. The collection is kept on modern library shelving and protected from natural light.

Because of the nature and age of this fantastic collection, the Library is not

open for casual browsing. Instead, researchers can visit the Museum's website to see the Library catalogue and request the items they want to see. They should then give the Museum 24 hours' notice of their request by e-mailing

**[info@norrismuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@norrismuseum.org.uk)**

The research room at the museum is open from Tuesday to Thursday each week, between 10.30am and 3.30pm.

The staff and volunteers at the library are extremely proud of the collection and many hours have gone in to caring for, cataloguing and making the contents accessible.

Mick, Norris Museum Assistant and Volunteer says, "I am a bit of a Rottweiler when it comes to the Library! I work in there every week to make sure the listings are correct and the items used for research are taken out and returned to their proper place. I totally agree with Herbert Norris, who said 'Why buy a car when you can buy a rare book'".



# The Royal British Legion Drop In

The East Anglia and Essex Advice & Information team of the Royal British Legion are working with The Norris Museum as part of the Legion's work to support serving personnel, veterans and their families in their own communities.

Every fourth Monday of the month, between 2pm and 4pm, The Royal British Legion Drop In takes place at the Museum.

The Royal British Legion Drop In is there for beneficiaries to get advice and information on topics such as finance, housing, employment, independent living and other issues.

To be eligible for assistance from the Royal British Legion you must have received seven days' pay as a member of the British Armed Forces, including Reserves. Dependants – including spouses, carers and school-aged children - and widows of former service personnel, who have not remarried, are also eligible for assistance.

The Drop In is also a place for beneficiaries to come and meet other members of the Armed Forces community.

Dan Francis, Advice and Information Officer for Cambridgeshire and Norfolk

who set up the Drop In says: "It has been great to be able to set up a Drop In in St Ives. We have been welcomed by the Armed Forces community from RAF Wyton as well as receiving support from the local Royal British Legion branch. We have a growing number of attendees at the Drop In and are keen to welcome more people as well as other agencies who support our beneficiaries."

The Drop In takes place on the **fourth Monday of the month** between **2pm and 4pm** at the Norris Museum. Refreshments are available.



Image courtesy of the Norris Museum

# A Mausoleum for St Ives. What do you think?

The Council looks after the cemeteries in St Ives and as part of this work is currently progressing plans for a mausoleum in Ramsey Road cemetery.

A mausoleum was first suggested by the Italian community in 2012 and has been discussed several times since then.

We are now looking for the views of the people of St Ives before finalising this project. Here are some key considerations:



Image courtesy of Leighton Linslade Town Council

## What is a mausoleum?

A mausoleum is a free-standing building, a monument that contains the remains of deceased people.

This photo shows a mausoleum that has been built by Leighton Linslade Town Council following a similar request to that received by St Ives Town Council from the Italian Community.

- A mausoleum will give additional internment space so the current provision in Hill Rise and Ramsey Road cemeteries will last longer
- Purchase of space will be open to anyone who is interested in this form of internment
- The building of the structure will be self-funded from the reservation fees in a similar way to the pre-purchase of current burial spaces
- It is likely that the plots may be secured with a 50% deposit with the remaining sum being payable at internment
- The Town Council already caters for Muslim burials, internment and/or scattering of ashes and traditional burials so the introduction of mausolea will be meeting the needs of another section of the diverse community that live in the town.

Please let us know what you think about the mausoleum by emailing the Town Clerk at [clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk) or contacting us on

 [facebook.com/StIvesTownCouncil/](https://www.facebook.com/StIvesTownCouncil/)

## Get paid to be an on-call fire fighter

Do you live within five minutes of St Ives fire station and want to make a difference to people's lives and your community? If yes, this could be the role for you!

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking on-call firefighters to join the team in St Ives.



Image courtesy of Cambridge Fire & Rescue Service

On-call firefighters are not based at a fire station. They carry a pager and respond to emergency incidents as and when they happen. They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights (one evening a week for two hours). On-call firefighters are men and women who may have other jobs and are able to provide evening, daytime or weekend cover. When they are on-call they may be at home, working for themselves or for a nearby company or out in their local community (staying within a five-minute travel time of the fire station). On-call firefighters are a vital part

of today's fire and rescue service, and respond to a range of incidents, from fighting fires, attending road traffic collisions, or animal rescues to promoting fire safety, and so much more.

## Are you up for the challenge?

Anyone who is interested in becoming an on-call firefighter can pop along to the station on drill night, which is every Wednesday from 7pm until 9pm. They can learn about the role and speak with current on-call firefighters based at the station about their experiences.

**Do something amazing, and join #TeamCambsFire**

You can also find out more by visiting [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) or by calling 01480 444500. Keep up with the latest news on Facebook and Twitter.



Stay safe, stay connected

# What's on?

## TOWN COUNCIL, CIVIC AND RELATED EVENTS

### JUNE

- 2 Farmers' Market**  
The Sheepmarket  
8.30 - 2.00pm
- 3 Civic Parade and Service**  
All Saints Church  
11.30 am
- 7 Screen St Ives  
'A Canterbury Tale'  
(1944)** 7.30 for 8.00pm  
start, The Corn Exchange
- 7 St Ives Town History Tour  
'Back Streets'**  
6pm, £5 pp Book via  
the Norris Museum  
01480 497314
- 10 Tigger Bounce-a-thon  
and Fun Day**  
Broad Leas Centre  
9.00 am
- 12 'The Roman Kitchen'**  
St Ives Library  
Free tickets available  
from the Library or  
reserve on 0345 045 5225
- 15 Screen St Ives  
'The Darkest Hour'  
(2017)** 7.30 for 8.00pm  
The Corn Exchange
- 16 Farmers' Market**  
The Sheepmarket  
8.30 - 2.00pm
- 17 Picnic in the Park,  
Warner's Park**  
10.00 - 7.00pm  
Free Admission
- 17 St Ives Town History Tour  
'Bridging the Centuries'**  
2pm, £5pp Book via  
the Norris Museum  
01480 497314
- 28-30 'Booze in the Pews'  
Beer Festival**  
5.00pm to 11.00pm  
(11.00 am to 11.00pm  
Saturday), All Saints  
Parish Church, Church  
Street, St Ives. Entry £5  
including souvenir beer  
glass. 3-day pass can be  
bought for £12.
- 30 Freedom of the Town/  
Armed Forces Day**  
Market Hill. Parade at  
10.30 am followed by  
Ceremony in Market  
Hill. Entertainment in  
the afternoon from The  
Candy Girls and the  
Rocking Ukeleles.

### JULY

- 1 Music on The Waits  
Somersham Town Band**  
2.30 - 4.30pm
- 7 Farmers' Market**  
The Sheepmarket  
8.30 - 2.00pm
- 8 Music on The Waits  
Ouse Valley Jazz Men &  
Angela**  
2.30 - 4.30pm
- 12 St Ives History Tour  
'Law, Order and Disaster'**  
6pm £5 pp book via  
Norris Museum  
01480 497314
- 14-15 St Ives Carnival and  
Music Festival**  
Hill Rise Park
- 14 COSI Concert with FEST**  
7.30pm, Free Church,  
Market Hill Tickets £8  
from Just Sharing
- 8 Music on The Waits  
Acoustics Anonymous**  
2.30 - 4.30pm
- 17 St Ives History Tour  
'Bridging the Centuries'**  
£5pp book via Norris  
Museum 01480 497314
- 20 Screen St Ives  
'Night Moves'**  
7.30 for 8.00pm  
The Corn Exchange
- 21 Farmers' Market**  
The Sheepmarket  
8.30 - 2.00pm
- 22 St Ives Town History Tour  
'A History of St Ives'**  
2pm £5pp book via  
Norris Museum  
01480 497314
- 22 Music on The Waits  
Manea Silver Band**  
2.30 - 4.30pm
- 28-29 Craft Beer Festival**  
The Sheepmarket
- 29 Music on The Waits  
Bedford Town Band**  
2.30 - 4.30pm
- ### AUGUST
- 4 Farmers' Market**  
The Sheepmarket  
8.30 - 2.00pm
- 5 Music on The Waits  
So Eighties**  
2.30 - 4.30pm

- 9 St Ives Town History Tour  
'Back Streets'**  
6pm, £5pp Book via the  
Norris Museum  
01480 497314
- 12 Music on The Waits  
Hensley & Newman Trio**  
2.30 - 4.30pm
- 18 Farmers' Market**  
The Sheepmarket  
8.30 - 2.00pm
- 19 Music on The Waits  
Upwood Ukulele's**  
2.30 - 4.30pm
- 19 St Ives History Tour  
'Bridging the Centuries'**  
2 pm £5pp book via  
Norris Museum  
01480 497314
- 26 Music on The Waits  
Deeping Dixilanders**  
2.30 - 4.30pm
- ### SEPTEMBER
- 1 Farmers' Market**  
The Sheepmarket  
8.30 - 2.00pm
- 6 St Ives History Tour  
'Law, Order and Disaster'**  
6pm £5pp book via  
Norris Museum  
01480 497314
- 8 Illuminated Boat Parade**  
on the river from 7pm  
The Old Riverport
- 15 Farmers' Market**  
The Sheepmarket  
8.30 - 2.00pm
- 16 St Ives Town History Tour  
'A History of St Ives'**  
2pm £5pp book via  
Norris Museum  
01480 497314
- 20-23 The Old Riverport**  
Jazz and Blues Festival
- 29-30 Food and Drink  
Festival**  
The Sheepmarket

### COUNCIL MEETINGS DIARY

#### JUNE

- 13** Planning Committee and  
Town Council Meeting
- 27** Planning and Amenities  
Committees

#### JULY

- 11** Planning Committee and  
Town Council Meeting
- 18** Promotion and  
Publicity and Personnel  
Committees
- 25** Planning, Property and  
Amenities Committees

#### AUGUST

- 15** Planning Committee

#### SEPTEMBER

- 12** Planning Committee and  
Town Council Meeting
- 26** Planning 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.oneleisure.net](http://www.oneleisure.net)  
**Corn Exchange** 01480 496454 [info@thecornexchange.org.uk](mailto:info@thecornexchange.org.uk)  
**Crossways Christian Centre** 01480 454220  
**HDC** [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks)  
**Norris Museum** 01480 497314  
**Town Hall** 01480 388929  
**Town Team** 01480 383612 [www.theoldriverportstives.co.uk](http://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 – deals with each particular responsibility. 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](http://www.stivestowncouncil.gov.uk)

#### Responsible for:

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

Statutory consultee for planning matters.

Sponsor of the Town Team, actively supporting the economic development and community well-being of St Ives.

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

#### Your Councillors:



Angela Ayers-Wilson



Richard Bellamy



John Davies



Lynn Davies



Nick Dibben



Angie Dickinson



Tim Drye



Rianna D'Souza



Ryan Fuller



Abid (Pasco) Hussain



Margaret King



Brian Luter



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](mailto:Angela.Ayers-wilson@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk)

correct at the time of print

### HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Telephone **01480 388388** or visit [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk](http://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
- 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:

##### Jason Ablewhite

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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](http://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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