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The past four months have reinforced for me how much our town's distinctiveness is a combination of warm and welcoming people, pleasant places and a fascinating past. I thought I would mention a few of these that spring to mind.

Firstly, a couple of people who have served our community faithfully. It is with regret that on September 17, I heard the news that John Smoothy had died. Our thoughts and prayers are with Veronica and her family at this sad time. Within the council we have been indebted over the last couple of decades for the services John provided in his role as Mace Bearer. Mostly behind the scenes, but also during our civic events, John's organisational capabilities and clear instructions helped St Ives gain a reputation for providing events that are a credit to our town, and a pleasure to attend. Much of this is with thanks to John's dedication and I, and the current Council - and also I am sure my predecessors and previous Councillors - are hugely grateful for his service.

As a final demonstration of our gratitude we have honoured John with the status of a Freeman of the Town, and we hope this is a small comfort to his family at this time.

Sergeant Street of the local constabulary retired from the police force over the summer. Over many recent years, Sgt Street, has fought the corner for policing resources within St Ives. At these times of financial constraints this has been hard fought. I am sure some of you have felt let down by the availability of the police that we currently see around, but I am confident though that what we have received has been more than would have occurred in Sgt Street's absence. We wish him a restful time with plenty of opportunity for fishing.

Secondly, places it has been a delight to discover more about. I cannot fail to mention

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Anglia in Bloom award presentation © Carol Street

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THE Mayor's Message

It is a delight and honour to be your Mayor for this year, but alongside that it is fascinating and surprising. I have been asked along to many new places and events that have passed me by since 1990 when I arrived in the town. It has been especially enjoyable to meet many of the characters who make St Ives such a special place to live in.

the Market Square, decked out for the parade at the end of June. The weather was glorious, the visitors grand and the 42 Engineer Regiment (GEO) looked and sounded spectacular as they received the Freedom of the Town and exercised that right by marching through the streets with bayonets. It was a great honour to be at the centre of that occasion - although the success of that event had little to do with me, but rather the hard work of many staff within the town hall and organisation within the squadron. I am very grateful for all that was achieved that day and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the Royal Engineers.

I am also keen to ensure that as many of the population of St Ives as possible feel associated with the Mayor, so it was a delight to be invited by Needingworth Road Mosque to attend their Friday prayers at the end of Ramadan. I was made most welcome and given the honour of speaking to people attending just before the community prayers began at 10am. It was great to see how the community there had developed the buildings together and were thriving as a vibrant and supportive group. I take this opportunity to thank members of the Mosque for their dedicated service over decades to the thriving life of St Ives.

Lastly, I want to recall some of our past, but also to look forward I have been introduced to much of the great work that is being done within the Norris Museum. Since the redevelopment, there is a lot being done to work with outside bodies. I urge you to take a look at the different pieces of art that are appearing around the town. You will find some new reed sculptures and murals in the bus station and the

standing men decorated by different groups that adorn the Waits. I also enjoyed being introduced to the original documents containing the detailed maps and survey of the town by Edmund Pettis back in 1724. The precision is engrossing and demonstrates how much of our current town centre was already set in place.

Nearer to our time, coming up this autumn is the opportunity to remember and celebrate 100 years since Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. I hope this is a time when the whole of the town can come together and remember the many sacrifices that were made by previous generations, to give us our town and country as we experience it today. Following the lead of the British Legion, we want to make the day both a solemn moment to remember and give thanks for the end of grief and distress, but also a time to recall that this day 100 years ago was a huge celebration with parties happening spontaneously.

Today, we can be thankful for the past both abroad and at home; and will join together around the War Memorial during the morning but then find different ways to celebrate in the afternoon, during our "Beacon Bash", leading up to lighting a beacon on the parish church roof in the evening.

Thinking about the people, place and past of St Ives has inspired my selection of charities to support. I am raising money to help renovate the paths around Holt Island Nature Reserve, the schools' outreach by the Norris Museum, and support to help the growth of the Volunteer Drivers scheme run by Huntingdonshire Volunteer Scheme. I also want to find ways to support the mental health of us all locally, most particularly for young men.

Throughout my year, I have committed to undertaking twelve different challenges. So far, I have completed eight, including walking the 46-mile Pathfinder March, walking the Yorkshire three peaks (25 miles and over 1,500m climb), cycling 80 miles for the High Sheriff Bicycle challenge from Peterborough to Cambridge. I have a few more to come during the year, and if anyone has more ideas to challenge me with please let me know; I particularly like a local focus. I hope to end in March and April next year, by running the Cambridge Half Marathon and cycling the 100 mile Richardson Rumble.

I would really appreciate you sponsoring me to complete these challenges. If you want to join me supporting the local causes, please can you visit the justgiving page,

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stives-townmayor

and make your donation.

Let me close by thanking all those within the town who have made me most welcome during my time as Mayor. I look forward to meeting many more people and learning so much more about this wonderful place where we live.

Tim Drye,



Mayor of St Ives

Clerk's Corner



It was with great sadness that I heard that John Smoothy, retired town Mace Bearer of over 20 years had passed away in September. When I started to work for St Ives Town Council way back in 2007 the one area that I had no previous knowledge of was the Civic Protocol and more especially the proud civic traditions of the town.

John was always on hand to help keep me on track and avoid making too many faux pas – and did he the same for Council members, Mayors and staff alike. He was a true gentleman and had a way of making sure I did the right thing at the right time without any fuss. I am sure I would have frustrated him immensely at times but he took it in good grace and only ever quietly let me know afterwards that ‘that’s not the way to do it’.

However, the role of Mace Bearer is not to keep the Town Clerk out of trouble, it is the ‘attending of the Mayor’. More specifically, in words written by John himself: ‘The ancient and honourable position (of Mace Bearer) is primarily concerned with upholding and maintaining the dignity, rights, privileges and traditions of the Mayor, of ensuring the continuity of established ceremonial and Civic practice, and the provision of a dedicated personal service to the Mayor for the time being in office’. John excelled at this, and those that got in the way whilst we were parading through town or did not show proper respect to the Mayor in a council meeting would have heard the displeasure in his voice!

I was delighted when John told me that in 2010 (an important year for St Ives) he was to be installed as Prime Warden for the Guild of Mace Bearers – the Mayor of the Guild – the highest honour in the Guild and one that was richly deserved.

People who worked with John over the years include Councillor Brian Luter, who first met him when they worked together at RAF Wyton and says: “I came to know John again when I became a Town Councillor, and I don’t think we could have had a smarter Mace Bearer. His guidance to me as Mayor was invaluable, and his step as I marched behind him. He had a deep knowledge of Council decorum and procedural matters. I shall miss him and especially his stentorian rendering as he entered the Chamber ‘All rise for the entry of the Mayor’ prior to full Council meetings. I am honoured to have been his friend.”

The Town Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, 18th September and granted John Freedom of the Town posthumously. They voted unanimously to grant this honour in recognition of his exceptional service as former Mace Bearer to the town and his vast contribution over many years to local charitable and community groups in St Ives. He is only the second individual to have been granted this honour as the Council considers it should only be given in exceptional circumstances.

Our thoughts are with John’s wife and family. Veronica always supported John whilst he was Mace Bearer as the Council’s seamstress, keeping us looking our best, and I am delighted that she has offered to continue to do so.



Alison Benfield
TOWN CLERK

Your team



Ryan Fuller

Generations of my family have called St Ives home and I have lived here my whole life, attending both Thorndown and St Ivo Schools. I was first elected to St Ives Town Council in 2008 and served until 2012 when I was elected to Huntingdonshire District Council. I rejoined the Town Council in 2016 and was re-elected to both councils earlier this year.

During my time as a Town Councillor I have been an active member of almost all of the committees, served as a Trustee of the Norris Museum and was Chairman of the Property Committee during the Corn Exchange renovation project.

Since being elected to the District Council I have held a number of roles including Chairman of Licensing and Cabinet Member for Housing and Regulatory Services. I now serve as the Deputy Executive Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning and Economic Development. This leading role on the District Council enables me to represent St Ives at the highest level. The new Town Councillors elected in May have expressed their desire to work more closely with other authorities and by using my roles on both the Town and District councils I hope to be able to work with all concerned to deliver for St Ives.

In addition to my council roles I am also actively involved with the town’s voluntary groups, having been Chairman of St Ives Christmas Lights Committee since 2009. I also served as Chairman of St Ives in Bloom for five years and have been a director of St Ives Town Initiative since 2008.

In the last edition of the Bridge we brought you details of your new Councillors following the election in May – in this edition we focus on some of the longest standing Councillors’



Brian Luter



John Winston Davies

I was elected to St Ives Town Council in 1996, three years after retiring from the RAF after a full and extended career.

I wanted to serve the people in a different way and, having lived in St Ives since 1977, it was the right thing to do. Since then I have been a Councillor every year - and my colleagues have elected me Mayor three times: in 2004, 2009 and 2014.

I hope as Mayor I met their and the people’s expectations. I made many new friends and was made truly welcome at local events concerning schools, clubs and markets. I enjoyed and still enjoy council work and I have chaired most committees, currently being the vice chair of the Property Committee.

I have been a governor of St Ivo school, a member of CAB, Nobles Field Trustee and associate of Festival Events St Ives, which runs Picnic in the Park (in Warner’s Park), Music on The Waits, Santa’s grotto in the Corn Exchange and many other events.

I was a chorus member of SIMADS for 30 years and involved in selling Dorling-Kindersley books with my wife, Paula, from 1995 to 2008. I was also a Lay Inspector of Residential Homes in Cambridgeshire from 1995-2003, a very rewarding task, indeed. For recreation I collect coins and play bridge, pool and snooker at the Legion.

I very much enjoy classical music and you will regularly find me involved administratively in musical events in the Free Church, particularly concerts given by COSI, the Chamber Orchestra of St Ives. I am a volunteer at the Corn Exchange and a member of ACE, Friends of the Corn Exchange.

“I wanted to serve the people in a different way and, having lived in St Ives since 1977, it was the right thing to do.”

I was born in war-torn East London and survived the war with my parents, even though our house was badly damaged by a German V2 rocket that came down 80 yards from our house. Growing up in those austere times was quite an education, but my friends and I had some great times and adventures.

In 1949 aged nine, I suffered from TB and spent two months in hospital before spending another two months convalescing on my uncle’s farm in Essex. I married Jean in 1965 and bought our first house in Fenstanton, and by 1969 we had two daughters, which encouraged us to move to St Ives with its excellent schools and sports facilities.

I had narrowly missed qualifying for the Rome Olympics in 1960 but continued with my athletics still excelling in sprinting. At an early age my daughters had got the urge to take part in sporting activities, and St Ives was developing a diverse range of sporting facilities, now enjoyed by my four grandchildren.

In the late 1980s I became involved in politics and was elected to St Ives Town Council – followed by Huntingdonshire District Council in May 1992. My first election was quite an eye opener for me, listening to the various and diverse concerns of local residents.

One memorable occasion was when I canvassed an elderly gentleman, who said he would vote for me if I got rid of the town’s famous statue. He said to me, “Look at him he has a bible under one arm, and a sword under the other, that’s hypocrisy in my book.” My reply was, “I must say I would rather have a statue to our marvellous Queen!”; “Well you’ve got my vote then!” the old gentleman replied.

In my term as a local Councillor, I have always considered two things, “The greatest good for the greatest number of people” and “Listen to both sides of every story before making a decision.”

I have been honoured to have been Mayor of our splendid town on three occasions, as well as being Chairman of Huntingdonshire District Council from 2008 to 2010.

Staff FOCUS

AMENITIES
MANAGER

Christine Allison



I joined St Ives Town Council in February 2018 as a temporary part-time Assistant to the Town Clerk, to cover an interim period pending the Council's restructuring of its staff. The restructuring created a new role of Amenities Manager and I was appointed to the post on 1 July 2018. I have 18 years' experience in local government, which I hope will be of benefit in my new role.

My job as Amenities Manager encompasses policy and procedures and attending the Council's Property and Amenities Committees. On the operational side, I deal with quotes, contracts, works and the maintenance of all the buildings and amenity areas for which St Ives Town Council has responsibility.

The work is varied and can be challenging. There is never a dull moment and you can never predict what each day may bring. It could be a matter relating to a park, playground or open space, or it could be a facility that is reported as being out of order. Swift action is often needed to remedy situations and I work closely with our grounds maintenance team which does a superb job of keeping everything up and running.

I am really enjoying my new role and am meeting lots of new people. I am fortunate to work in the heart of such a lovely, historic town and to be a part of such a vibrant community. For the future, I look forward to embracing the challenges my role is likely to bring, whatever they may be.

COMMITTEE CLERK
& MEDIA OFFICER

Sue Rawlinson



I have worked for the Town Council since August 1999. My first job was as Mayor's Secretary, which I did for many years, working for a total of 16 Town Mayors.

I was made Committee Clerk and Media Officer a few years ago, following a re-organisation. The main part of my job is preparing agendas and papers for Council and Committee meetings. We have an average of 62 meetings a year, plus special ones when required. I attend and minute the main Council meeting each month and other meetings as and when required.

The media part of my job includes writing press releases, updating the website and the Council's Facebook page. I also assist with the production of the Council's magazine, The Bridge.

I help out with civic and Mayor's charity events, the last one I worked at being the amazing Freedom of the Town ceremony at the end of June.

As the Council's receptionist, I also deal with a range of enquiries from residents and visitors to St Ives. This is particularly rewarding in the summer months when we are able to advise visitors on interesting places to go and tell them about the history of our lovely town.

I enjoy my job and especially being a member of a small and very busy team all helping to serve the community in St Ives.

Planning: New Housing on the existing Football Ground

The Town Council has given its support to an outline planning application for 30 new homes on the existing St Ives football ground on Westwood Road. As in all planning applications the final decision rests with HDC, and their own planning committee backed the scheme a few weeks later. The approval allows the football club to move the scheme forward and sell the site, raising money to allow them to build new facilities on Somersham Road. Work on the new housing cannot start until detailed proposals for the site have been agreed and the new facilities on Somersham Road are in use. The Town Council had previously objected to the scheme, so what has changed?

The first proposals for the site back in 2013 included proposals for around 60 homes. This has now been reduced to 30 and houses located on the far side of the Burgess Hall car park have been omitted. The site is included in the HDC Local Plan that has been submitted for approval. Changes to the access road, including the double bend at the end of Westwood Road and the amount of traffic have been accepted by the County Council Highways Team. The County Council has also accepted the surface water outline proposals. Given this new information, a majority on the Planning Committee recognised that there were no grounds to object to the scheme. The Town Council does, however recognise that there are

existing traffic issues on Westwood Road caused by increased use at the Indoor Centre and Burgess Hall as well as parents taking pupils to and from the St Ivo School. The Town Mayor has contacted our District Councillors suggesting we work together with the school and Burgess Hall on ways in which traffic can be reduced.

As the approval is outline planning consent only, the developer will be required to submit further information for approval, including the final housing layout, landscaping, acoustic treatment to protect residents from excessive noise from the Burgess Hall and detailed calculations for the drainage systems.

Anglia in Bloom GOLD WINNER

St Ives was granted a coveted Gold Award for the third year running at the Anglia in Bloom awards ceremony in Bury St Edmunds on Thursday 12th September.

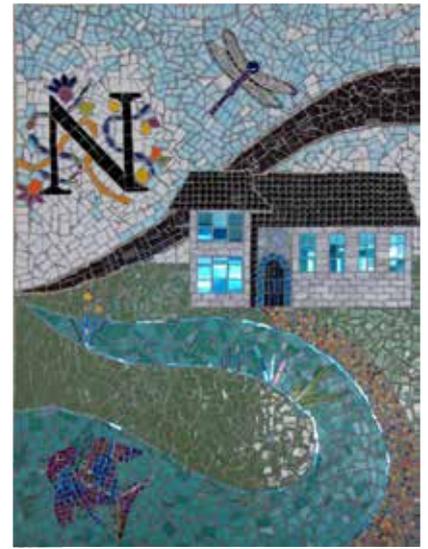
The judges had visited our town in July and the projects at the town Bus Station and the Park and Ride received particular praise. The riverfront displays and the Norris Museum were also commended; Holt Island was nominated for the 'Best Conservation Project'; and Gerald Brunning's winning allotment in the St Ives in Bloom competition was nominated for the 'Grow Your Own Award'. The attractive frontage and garden of the 'Swan and Angel' in St Ives won the 'Best Restaurant' category in the whole of the Anglia region.



The Council staff attach the new planters to the gatehouses, with Linda Croucher of St Ives in Bloom waiting to get planting!



A willow lamb in the shelter of the beautiful silver birch tree.



One of the mosaics made by artist Audrey Montet with design input from the Young Carers Group, working with the Norris Museum.



The Mayor greets the judges at the Norris Museum. From left to right: Moreen Wells (St Ives in Bloom), Joan Gibson (Anglia in Bloom), Julia Smith (Anglia in Bloom), The Mayor, Linda Croucher (St Ives in Bloom).



Sarah Russell (Norris Museum) and the Mayor discuss the project that saw the arrival of new animals to the cattle market - although these were made of willow by the students of Spring Common Academy with the help of artist Jane Frost.



Judges were impressed by the year-round effort by the St Ives in Bloom volunteer team. We are now planning to plant daffodils again this autumn - please get in touch at siibinfo@gmail.com if you would like to help us keep St Ives golden!



Customer Contact Tourist Information Point

We have a number of people contacting us in the Town Hall on a regular basis asking for information we do not have – which can prove to be frustrating for them and us (especially those who think we are in Cornwall and want to discuss problems with seagulls and ice cream!).

People come into reception, phone, email and sometimes write to us. Most are residents who come to the 'Council' for information or to complain not understanding the difference between the three levels of local government that cover St Ives (now four with the Combined Authority).

We regularly get requests for bus passes and timetables and complaints about the state of the roads or when and how road works are completed or the state of cleanliness of the town in general. Many people we find are coming to us as they are either unable or unsure of how to get information online and want or need the human touch.

Unfortunately, there has been a move away from customer facing communication in many organisations and whilst more and more people are 'computer savvy' and using online services there is still a significant number who can't or won't use computers. These people still need

assistance and part of the dilemma faced by the Town Council is how do we support the needs of this section of the community who are generally wanting information that is not ours.

Another group of people we see quite often during the summer season especially are tourists to the town looking for tourist information – places to visit or stay whilst in the area.

At the current time the Council has £15,000 in the budget and an empty room in the town hall – Do we open a 'one stop shop' facility that provides information on services from all levels of authority or to signpost people to who to go to and where?

Both the County and District Councils have moved away from this type of public-facing role with much more provided online but there is a need in the town for a friendly face who can answer questions and provide advice and some support – is this what we should be doing? We could also provide tourist information at the same time.

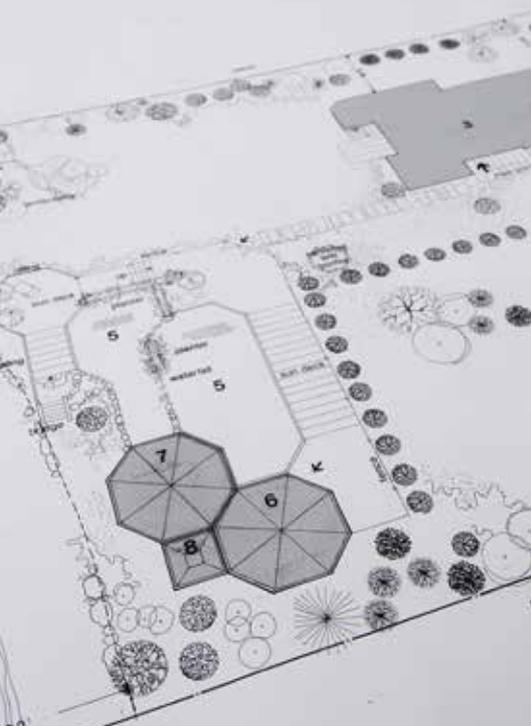
**What are your thoughts?
How do you think we should
manage this need? Let us
know by emailing [clerk@
stivestowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk)**

Mausoleum

In the last edition of The Bridge we asked for your views on a mausoleum being built in Ramsey Road Cemetery. Having received general agreement, plans have moved on, and during the summer tenders were sought from contractors to design and build the facility, and at the same time expressions of interest were requested from the community to gauge how many people would be interested and willing to purchase plots. These expressions of interest were important to establish if demand met the construction costs that would be involved. Following an article in the Hunts Post and the use of social media at the time of writing unfortunately only eight expressions of interest had been received.

With this level of support the project is not currently viable and therefore at the August Amenities meeting it was agreed to defer consideration of the tenders until November to allow more time for consultation with the community.

It is important that if you or someone you know is interested in this form of burial you contact the Town Clerk as soon as possible.



Neighbourhood Plan

The first stage of producing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is to agree the area that it will cover. Normally this would match the Town Council boundary; however, in St Ives, the built up area extends to adjacent parish council areas. Following discussion with HDC, it was felt that to be effective, the NP should reflect the built up area. The Town Council has contacted the adjacent parishes to seek their support for this. Once comments have been received, a formal application for the NP area can be made.

A Neighbourhood Plan should be produced by the community, so the Town Council is looking for people in the town willing to join the team. We are looking for people to carry out research, help write the plan and produce exhibition material for consultations. If you are interested, please contact the Town Hall.

A Neighbourhood Plan should be produced by the community

Warner's Park Pavilion

It is fair to say that the pavilion in Warner's Park is past its best and needs some TLC – and this is where the dilemma starts... does the Council spend money on doing it up as it is or does it look to do something different with it? What do you think?

Comment has been made to the Council that the most important thing for parents and children using the play area is access to toilets and baby changing. It's a very long walk to the Bus Station or to Globe Place! People have also suggested they would like to see a kiosk offering refreshments - tea, coffee, low-sugar squash, perhaps ice creams and fresh fruit. Litter should be kept to a minimum by using proper mugs and washable plastic tumblers rather than paper cups and plastic bottles. The icing on the cake would be some tables and

chairs where grown-ups can sit while the children play to make it a nice meeting place too.

At the moment the only regular use of the building is by the St Ives Rangers U17 girls' team when they are playing at home, which during the last season was on only eight occasions. The Council also has to manage the expectations of those people who use the park and those who live around the edge.

Earlier this year a debate took place on Facebook about this subject and the Council is keen to work with the community to bring this facility into life again and are looking for volunteers to form a working party to investigate options. If you are interested please do get in touch.

We welcome your input on these projects

Please get in touch via our facebook page www.facebook.com/StIvesTownCouncil/ or emailing the Town Clerk Alison Benfield clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk Or by post to **The Town Hall, Market Hill, The Old Riverport, St Ives, PE27 5AL**

Lest We Forget: St Ives to remember Armistice Day

St Ives will be celebrating the 100-year anniversary of Armistice Day on November 11th, with a programme of events around the town. The itinerary for the day is as follows:



Note: events listed and timings correct as of 24 September 2018. Please check with Town Hall closer to the event for final details

Beacon Bash – WW1 Commemoration and Celebration

- 06.00am** **Battle's Over Piper:** Sleep in peace now the battle's over – Market Hill (TBC)
- 10.30am** **Remembrance Day Service and Parade** – Market Hill
- 2-3.00pm** **Methodist Church** – Launch of the Miles Jeffery Day book to include video of original celebration of his life as a poet and Flying Ace along with poetry readings
- 2.30pm** **Battle's Over Tea Dance** – Corn Exchange (Tickets £5 all proceeds to the British Legion) available from the Corn Exchange
- Bouncy Castle and Puppet Show** – Burleigh Hill Community Centre
- Space for Quiet Reflection** – Parish Church
- 5.30pm** **A Service for Peace** – Parish Church
Songs from both World Wars – Chapel on the Bridge
- 6.55pm** **Battle's Over - The Last Post** – Parish Church
- 7.00pm** **Beacon Lighting** – All Saints Church
- 7.05pm** **Bells 'ringing out for peace'**
- 7.30pm** **Huntingdon Big Band Concert** – Free Church (donations welcome - all proceeds to the British Legion)

All events are open to everyone and free to attend (unless stated). You are requested to check if pre-booking is required due to venue capacity.

A Bridge too far? The future of The Bridge

If you are reading this item excellent! It means that you are taking the time to read this magazine and are keeping up to date with what the Town Council is doing on your behalf. However, not everyone now reads printed magazines and newsletters, and there is a growing number of people who prefer to access their information online.

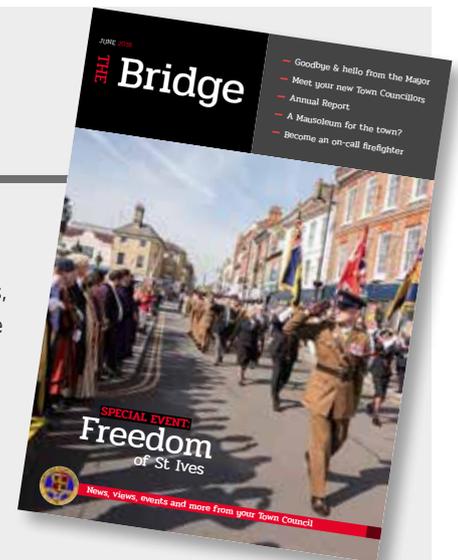
A dilemma for the Town Council is how to meet the needs of the whole community going forward. To produce The Bridge in this format and have it delivered to all homes in St Ives costs about £4300 for each edition and Members are keen to ensure this is considered value for money by the community as a whole.

Over the next 12 months the Town Council is going to be doing some research to establish if there are other ways to meet the needs of everyone. One suggestion is to not deliver a copy to every household but only to those that specifically request it, and to have copies available around

the town, i.e. doctors, dentist, churches, the Corn Exchange, shops, etc. At the same time we would produce an online version that can be accessed by anyone who wants to – the link could be sent to those who request it.

What are your views? If you had the option to read this online would you do so or would you want it posted directly to you?

Please do let the Clerk know so she can help the Promotion and Publicity Committee work out the best way forward. clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk



NOTES FROM THE NORRIS



By Isabel Craig, Learning and Outreach Volunteer for The Norris Museum and the Cromwell Museum



Joint learning project

The Norris Museum and the Cromwell Museum



Almost a year ago Sarah Russell, Director of the Norris Museum suggested that we might organise a joint project about Oliver Cromwell. She wanted children to have the opportunity to think about the man from different points of view, make up their own minds about him and present their opinions in the format of a documentary programme. Hannah, Learning and Outreach Officer at the Norris, coordinated the project and took on the admin challenges - devising a respectable plan, writing a bid to the Goodliff fund, formulating evaluations, keeping track of the budget. Zena, a Norris volunteer, researched the context of Cromwell's life in St Ives and found amazing artefacts on ebay to help it to come alive. Her bargains included a trade token from the period in Ely and a tiny sheep's bell which might have belonged to a farmer at the time. Meanwhile treasures from the Cromwell museum offered children the opportunity to look at members of Cromwell's family and think about the painters who recorded them for us.

The project involves three elements - a box of background resources for children to research various aspects of life in St Ives at that time, Cromwell's life and family, and a soldier's story. The children need to visit the Cromwell museum, and detailed activities have been planned for that, but the Norris activities can be taken out to the classroom. They work in small groups to discuss their observations, impressions and thoughts, then each group plans and records a short section of their documentary programme.

Year 6 children from Holywell and Needingworth School were kind enough to trial these materials for us at the beginning of July, and gave us really helpful feedback. Their teacher has given us a really thoughtful evaluation, too. We were extremely grateful to the Friends of the Cromwell Museum for paying for the coach for their visit to Huntingdon. The generosity of the Goodliff fund enabled us to source a wide variety of artefacts and two ipads for the documentary making.

This is a really ambitious project - it meets a wide range of curriculum requirements. The children's responses were really positive and encouraging. It is clear that they need plenty of time to think carefully about all of the resources, but teachers will also need time to plan the project into their already hectic timetables. We have written to primary schools in St Ives and Huntingdon, enclosing some photos, and have also written to Heads of History and Year 7 in our secondary schools. So, we are hoping that young people in the area will soon have these opportunities to think about our local 'personality' who had such an impact.

Needless to say we have really appreciated the help from Holywell and Needingworth School, staff at both museums and volunteers who help so enthusiastically to support our learning projects.



**"I am very excited
to be part of the
Norris team"**



Introducing Susan Bate

The Norris Museum Community Project Officer

I have now been in post for about two months and I have received a very warm welcome from staff and groups in the community and I am really enjoying being part of the Norris Museum Team. As Community Projects Officer I am working with community groups on a number of different projects across Huntingdonshire. These include Coffee, Cake and Culture that meets on the first and third Tuesdays

of the month, 10.30 – 12 o'clock, and we are also working on a joint project with the Love to Move programme at the Crossways, where we are delivering reminiscence sessions before the seated gymnastic session. These sessions run every Monday apart from the second Monday of the month.

Prior to working at the Norris museum I worked for a charity helping to set up and support groups in

the community and this included Reminiscence cafes and friendship groups. Prior to that role I worked in the heritage sector in various different roles and I am now very excited to be back working in the heritage sector.

If you know of or are a community group/organisation that would like to work with us on a history or non-history related project please get in touch.

 **THE NORRIS MUSEUM**
Wherever Your Curiosity Takes You

**Join us for our
Volunteer recruitment morning
Tuesday 30th October 10am-12pm**

*We are looking for more Learning and
Community Volunteers to join our fantastic team*



Are you...

- Interested in history*
- Experienced in teaching or working with children and adults, in either a formal or informal setting*
- Enthusiastic and happy to get involved*
- A good communicator*
- A team player?*

Then this could be for you!

Get in touch to find out more

01480 497314 info@norrismuseum.org.uk

 www.norrismuseum.org.uk

1918  **2018**

**Huntingdonshire
Remembers**

An exhibition

13 October – 22 December 2018

10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday

Free entry



 **PROUD TO SUPPORT
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info@norrismuseum.org.uk

41 The Broadway, The Old Riverport, St Ives

Events at the Norris:

- Pop Up Café**
11th October
8th November
13th December
- Huntingdonshire Remembers**
13th October until
22nd December
- Sterling to Essen Bomber Raid**
17th October
- Apple Day**
25th October
- Marvellous Mosaics**
26th October
- Archeological Finds Day** 27th October
- Volunteers Day**
30th October
- Pebbles Club**
24th November
- Make your own Xmas Decorations**
30th November



St Ives and Stadtallendorf celebrate 30-year milestone



A delegation representing the Town Council took part in an activity-packed visit to St Ives' twin town, Stadtallendorf, in central Germany, at the end of August

St Ives has had links with the town through groups including the table tennis club since 1968 and signed the twinning charter with the town thirty years ago this year. The group, comprising of Town Mayor, Tim Drye, Deputy Mayor, Daniel Rowe, and Town Clerk, Alison Benfield, and husband John, took a scroll celebrating this fact to present to the Mayor of Stadtallendorf, Christian Somogyi.

Stadtallendorf invited the group to attend the Des Heimat- und Soldatenfestes 2018 (the Homeland and Soldier Festival), which is held in the town. It also hosted a guided tour around the town's document and

information museum centre, which illustrates how the village of Allendorf became the town of Stadtallendorf, including details of the World War II ammunitions factories and the story of 1,000 Hungarian Jewish women who were diverted away from Auschwitz to work in a factory in the town.

The museum also tells the story of the post-war industry that developed in the town and now sends products including Ferrero Rocher around the world.

There was also a visit to the national Pinscher-Schnauzer club championships, including a display of

the guarding habits of the dogs and the annual 5km town race, which Tim took part in.

St Ives Town Council's Clerk, Alison Benfield, said: "The people of Stadtallendorf looked after us really well during our visit and we met many who were keen to continue to develop the links between our two towns. I would love to hear from any individual or business in St Ives who has ideas about how we do this."

For those who are interested in forging closer links with St Ives' twin town Stadtallendorf, please email Alison at: clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk



For thirty years the people of St Ives have come together in mutual friendship, understanding and respect to honour their "Pledge of Partnership" with the people of Stadtallendorf.

The citizens of St Ives are proud to celebrate thirty years of partnership and to promote the twinning idea to our future generations.



STEP UP FOR SPEEDWATCH



- The Speedwatch scheme allows the public to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood.
- The countywide scheme, is run by Cambridgeshire constabulary, and is not an enforcement tool but is about educating motorists and raising awareness of the dangers of speeding.
- Volunteers give as much time as they like – there is no minimum requirement.
- Full training and equipment is provided, and volunteers are insured.
- A training session will be held on Wednesday 14 November from 10.30-12.30 in the Town Hall.



To find out more about volunteering or to enquire about setting up a scheme in your area email speedwatch@cams.pnn.police.uk or phone 01480 422626

What's on?

TOWN COUNCIL, CIVIC AND RELATED EVENTS

OCTOBER

Huntingdonshire Remembers 13th October until 22nd December

23rd Coffee, Cake & Culture Group 10.30am till 12pm at the Norris Museum

27th Charity Cap Dance at the Corn Exchange The Town Mayor Cllr Tim Druce invites you to come along and enjoy an evening of entertainment dancing to The Barefoot Doctors. There will be an Auction of Promises and 'hats' are not optional! Tickets are £2750 including a buffet. Proceeds to the Mayors Charities. - further details on 01480 388931

NOVEMBER

1st Screen St Ives 7.30pm at the Corn Exchange

3rd Farmers' Market 8.30-2.00 pm on The Sheepmarket

3rd All Saints Fair & Family Fun Day 10am - 2:30pm St. Ives Corn Exchange

6th Coffee, Cake & Culture Group 10.30am till 12pm at the Norris Museum

13th Talk on Nursing in the First World War 2-3.30pm St Ives Library, Free

15th Tea Service for those living with Dementia and their carers. All Saints Parish Church 3.00pm

16th Screen St Ives at 7.30pm at the Corn Exchange

17th Farmers' Market 8.30-2.00pm on The Sheepmarket

20th Coffee, Cake & Culture Group 10.30am till 12pm at the Norris Museum

21st St Ives Gardening Club 7.30pm. Free Church

22nd The Royal British Legion drop in 2pm till 4pm at the Norris Museum

25th Christmas Lights Switch On and Christmas Market Sheep Market and Market Hill

DECEMBER

10am - 4pm Mon- Sat at the Norris Museum

1st Santa and the Chief Snowman arrive at The Quay at 11 am to be met by the Town Mayor

1st Farmers' Market 8.30-2.00 pm on The Sheepmarket Including Christmas taster stall and free raffle

1st Councillor Surgery come along to the Farmer's Market and meet some of your Councillors to discuss with them your concerns.

1/2 Santa in his Corn Exchange Grotto noon to 3pm. Free. All children will receive a gift

1/2 ArtsFEST - an Exhibition of art and photography 10 am to 4 pm, Corn Exchange. Free entry, coffee shop open

2nd Christingle Service 3:30pm All Saints Parish Church

4th Coffee, Cake & Culture Group 10.30am till 12pm at the Norris Museum

6th Screen St Ives 7.30pm at Corn Exchange

7th Mayor's Charity Christmas Concert 7.30 pm at The Free Church

8/9 Santa in his Corn Exchange Grotto noon to 3pm. Free. All children will receive a gift

12th St Ives Gardening Club 7.30pm. Free Church

15th Farmers' Market 8.30-2.00pm on The Sheepmarket

15/16 Santa in his Corn Exchange Grotto noon to 3pm. Free. All children will receive a gift

16th Service of Lessons and Carols 3:30pm All Saints Parish Church

18th Coffee, Cake & Culture Group 10.30am till 12pm at the Norris Museum

20th Tea Service for those living with Dementia and their carers. 3.00pm All Saints Parish Church

21st Screen St Ives 7.30pm at Corn Exchange

24th Family Nativity Service 3:30pm All Saints Parish Church

24th Midnight Mass 11.30pm All Saints Parish Church

25th Family Eucharist with Blessing of Toys 10.00am All Saints Parish Church

25th Christmas Day Lunch for people who would otherwise be alone. To book your space or to volunteer to help this community effort, please call Natalie on 01480 301462 or Gill on 01480 468535

JANUARY

3rd Screen St Ives 7.30pm at Corn Exchange

5th Farmers' Market 8.30-2.00 pm on The Sheepmarket

8th Coffee, Cake & Culture Group 10.30am till 12pm at the Norris Museum

9th Langley Bread 10.00 in the Corn Exchange

18th Screen St Ives 7.30pm at Corn Exchange

19th Farmers' Market 8.30-2.00 pm on The Sheepmarket

22nd Coffee, Cake & Culture Group 10.30am till 12pm at the Norris Museum 01480 497314

COUNCIL MEETINGS DIARY

OCTOBER

10 Planning Committee & Town Council Meetings

24 Planning, Property & Amenities Committees

NOVEMBER

14 Planning Committee & Town Council Meetings

28 Planning & Amenities Committees

DECEMBER

12 Planning Committee & Town Council Meetings

19 Planning Committee

JANUARY

9 Planning Committee & Town Council Meetings

16 Promotion & Publicity & Personnel Committees

23 Planning, Property & 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

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 – 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

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.

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:



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

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
- 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

Ryan.Fuller@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

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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Gold Award Winner 2016, 2017 & 2018

