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## EDITORIAL

No apologies for placing the foodbank advert on the cover. It is not pretty like the photo on the last edition but the whole foodbank project increasingly needs as much support as possible in these times of growing unemployment. Anne Jones explains on Page 10. It has been well supported in the last month or so.



Thank you Hardwick. Also in the church porch is a produce stall, Sue writes about it on Page 44.

Thanks to Stella Joyner who has sent some stunning photos of empty Cambridge. It's incredible to see the streets so clear. Thanks also to Gillian Lang for part one of two on hedgehogs. We look forward to the next part.

Following the articles about the second world war last month, Betty Grimes has written about her Mum's experience in war-time occupied Belgium. It is a brilliant article and one sentence in it seemed particularly poignant : ' The long walk to Ypres ( a four hour drive now) to stay with relatives, only to find that the cafe that they lived in had been bombed and no family could be found.'

One wonders how we would cope with such disappointment, after walking over two hundred miles and then turning round to walk the two hundred mile return journey. Once when I was younger I walked twenty five miles in a day, but I had good boots and clothing and a very filling lunch half way! Betty's letter is on page 11 and the article is on Page 16.

Many thanks to Liz Tinkler for the article about the Lisa Kent trust. A superb charity doing terrific work right under our noses P 62. Well deserving of support surely? Anyone for tennis? Page 19.

**Peter**

Dear Editors,

We would like to express our thanks to all our friends and neighbours for their kind messages, flowers and sympathy, and for just being there when mum passed away on the 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Special thanks to Carolyn who in those very difficult days in lockdown arranged a get together on the green in Pershore Road for Mum's friends to say goodbye on the morning of her funeral. A big thanks to everyone who was able to come on a very hot day with social distancing. Mum would have been very proud.

We will be having a memorial service at Hardwick church in the spring when we feel it's safe for all her family and friends to get together, hopefully we will be able to book the new hall.

We feel very lucky to have lived in Pershore Road for 40 years and have such kind neighbours.

Kind regards, Alan and Shirley Thurgood

**COPY FOR THE OCTOBER  
EDITION BY 15th SEPT.**

**What you did you do  
differently  
during the  
coronavirus pandemic?**

Dear Editor

I am not sure if this information is of help, I normally get my hearing aid batteries free of charge from Comberton health centre where they hold a monthly session for cleaning hearing aids and replacing supplies of batteries

Since the virus has closed them down, they no longer offer this facility but if you phone CAMBRIDGE 01223 416141 with the size of battery they will send them to you by post. I have checked the number, and you can leave a message if no one is there

Hope this is of help  
Regards

Thelma Westbury

At St Mary's Church we have a 'Drop-Off Point' for Cambridge City Food Bank. which provides food for our nearest distribution centre in Cambourne. Please bring any non-perishable donations and deposit them in boxes provided in the church porch. Please check their current most needed list at [www.cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/](http://www.cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/)

Thank you to those who have supported this venture so far. We have already delivered 3 car loads of produce to the food bank depot.

Anne Jones

Dear Editor,

I read the last HH with interest and noted all the stories from people having been through the war. I know the anniversary was a while ago now but I have never thought of telling mums story until now. At 89 her memories are clouded by dementia (we're waiting for confirmation) but the ones she does have go back to the war years and I think these stories need to be remembered. I'm a very proud Brit and am very pro the Royal family. I stand behind our forces and I'm so patriotic I drive myself up the wall. I've been a Standard Bearer for the RBL and carried the Women's County Standard for the Queens Jubilee at Buck Pal, at Horse Guards Parade some years ago and at Clarence House for the Queen mum when she was 90. Even got the pic to prove it!

Sorry I get very passionate about anything to do with the forces, wars, Royals etc and I often struggle to keep my mouth shut. Now it seems my hands too are taking over! Here goes, if you want to use mums story to fill a gap please do. If you want other stories now and then I can probably come up with something from my Standard Bearing days. They were good times and I was very proud of the part I played.

Thanks

Betty

***Betty's article is on Page 16***



So here we are 4 months into lockdown as I write this report and not able to hold face to face Guide and Ranger meetings yet.

This may change by September and the new school year but new guidance on holding meetings has just come out today and needs to be carefully considered.

In the meantime we have been holding weekly Zoom meetings and start these with a fun game or quiz and then an activity. These vary each week. We've played beetle, bingo, held quizzes and had scavenger hunts.

For the activity we've made mug cakes using a mug and not mud cakes as some of my work colleagues thought having misheard me! We've also tried filtering water to find out which filter works best. The answer? Kitchen roll, tights (clean of course) and coffee filter paper. We've made a mini biosphere and planted some seeds in, which are growing nicely.

We've looked at how we would spend some Government money given the opportunity - health, education, police?? The list is long, and it was difficult to choose. We're carrying on with our Zoom meetings over the summer holidays, doing some fun activities (like the mug cakes) and we wait and see what happens next about face to face meetings.

The Rangers have a Zoom meeting after the Guide meeting and they do a short activity such as using a drinks can and a tea light to turn it into a cooker. With varying degrees of success rice pudding, bananas, marshmallows and pancakes were cooked. They have also made origami cranes, which are a symbol of peace and hope. We finish the meeting by playing a game. We've played scribblio, fibbage, murder party and push the button. Janet is slowly getting the hang of what to do! The Rangers have also held a couple of joint meetings with our Ranger friends in Bredon near Tewkesbury.

Girlguiding UK has produced lots of resources for girls of all ages, their families to use on their website. You don't have to a

Girlguiding member to take part. The link is: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home/>

Guides are aged 10 - 14 years old, and Rangers are aged 14 - 18 years old.

If you would like to know more about Guides or Rangers (or are younger and would like your name to go on our joining list) please get in touch. Email [hardwickguides@gmail.com](mailto:hardwickguides@gmail.com)

*Janet Hayman and Kirsty Orange* Guide and Ranger leaders



**HARDWICK PARISH COUNCIL**  
**I hereby give notice that the Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**will be held remotely due to the current pandemic on**  
**Tuesday 4 August at 7.00 pm**

To join the Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/92585814685>

Meeting ID: 925 8581 4685

*The Public and Press are cordially invited to be present. The order of business may be varied.*

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

Anthony Gill, Chairman 13/07/20

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Mrs Gail Stoehr, Clerk 13/07/20

**AGENDA**

**To receive a presentation and update from Countryside Properties regarding the Bourn Airfield Development and to ask any questions**

- 1. To approve apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of interest**
  - 2.1 To receive declarations of interests from Cllrs on items on the agenda and details of dispensations held
  - 2.2 To receive written requests for dispensation and grant any as appropriate for items on this agenda
- 3. Countryside Properties presentation – to consider any matters arising from the presentation**
- 4. Closure of meeting**

\* NB Some planning and tree works applications may not be specifically listed on this agenda but may still be considered by the Parish Council due to the time constraints of making a recommendation to the District Council. For more information see the current planning application consultations on <http://plan.scams.gov.uk/swiflg/apas/run/wchvarylogin.display>

Hardwick Parish Council meets on the fourth Tuesday in each month except December when the meeting is on the third Tuesday. Meetings are held in the School but occasionally, when the School is closed they are held in the Pavilion. Please check the notice board for the venue which is shown on the agenda for each meeting.

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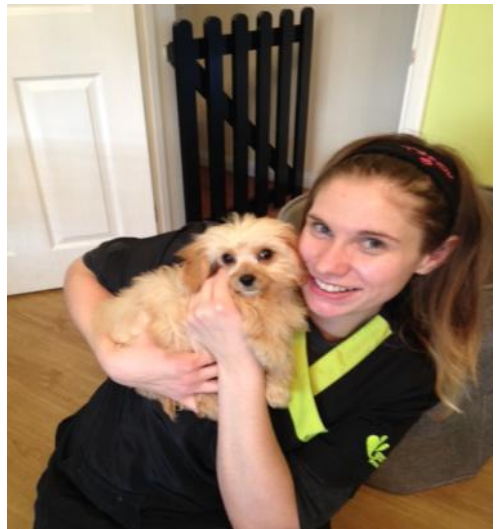
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## Hardwick Happenings October

Have you ever  
contributed to HH?  
In the next edition we  
hope to focus on the pan-  
demic and how it has  
changed lives.

Perhaps now is the time  
to put pen to paper?



## FROM BETTY GRIMES tells of her Mother's wartime experience in Belgium

Born in a little town called Geel in Belgium in 1931 mum had first hand experience of the pain and misery suffered while living in an occupied country. Mum's brother, Jan, was born two years later in 1932 and they lived normal lives. They went to school and were taught by nuns, very strict nuns, and spent the rest of the time playing with their many relatives. My gran and grandad had a café in Geel, as did their parents before them, and they worked hard and had a good life. Then came the war. I've heard the many stories of the long walks with bikes and handcarts loaded down with their precious possessions to escape their homes when invaded by the enemy. The long walk (a 4 hour drive now) to Ypres to stay with relatives only to find that the café they lived in had been bombed and no family could be found. Then the long trek back to who knew what. My mum's uncle, along with all the young men, fleeing the town before they could be rounded up and imprisoned for simply being a threat because they were young. The number of cats that seemed to disappear overnight, never to be seen again! My great gran climbing on top of an English tank as the saviours marched down the main street only to scatter within seconds as the Germans appeared at the other end of the street. Yet, another bloody battle while people ran for cover and prayed that they would survive just one more day. The bombs dropping night after night and praying it wasn't them but knowing it would be someone else. The young woman that everyone knew but everyone ignored once she had been tarred and feathered. She was a bit too free with her affections for a young German soldier and she paid dearly for it. My grandad working for the underground to help English soldiers escape back to England and young local men to escape capture by the Germans.

While war raged around them my gran gave birth twins, a boy and a girl, mums brother and sister. At only a few months old both were sadly lost within weeks of each other because they didn't have enough food to eat. But I think the worst story she told me was when, during a relatively peaceful spell my gran took my mum and uncle, both still children, a short distance across the border to see my grandads Dutch relatives.

When they got off the bus my gran grabbed their hands and told them not to say anything to anyone and walk quickly. They hadn't gone many steps when a German soldier stepped out in front of them closely followed by a young man in a 'Black Shirt' uniform. He said hello to my gran and asked after his brother, my grandad. Knowing that they never got on she wasn't surprised to hear him threaten his own brother's life if he ever saw him again. A Dutch man and his son had turned away from their own people and joined the Nazi party. Not a happy trip or family reunion. They say war does strange things to people, maybe it's true! In among all the sad stories there are bright glimmers of hope and joy. The English soldier that gave my gran some chocolate for the children as payment because she had turned the frayed collar on his shirt. Or the German soldier that for many years post war still sent Christmas cards to mum because he remembered them as children. Good people doing a horrible job!

The last memory, the one that had me laughing was the one time my grandad came closer to losing his life than ever before. He had gone through the war, not unscathed but he had survived. British soldiers were collecting up all sorts of equipment from the public, an amnesty of sorts. My grandad tried to leave the café without being seen but my beady eyed gran never missed a thing. Wrapped in a cloth under his arm he had a loaded gun and a radio!! Mum remembers my gran hitting the roof and almost killing my poor grandad. She didn't speak to him for weeks apparently.

Sadly mum's memories are now few and far between and maybe that's not a bad thing. The spitfire that flies overhead is amazing, I love to watch it but not my poor mum. Memories of what was lost are all that she hears in the buzzing of the engine!

A polite request...

If the Salvation Army clothes bank on Egremont Road is full when you wish to deposit clothes, please take them home again. A while ago, a lot of bags were left and it looked an eyesore. The weather forecast was not going to be good and one of our residents came with his trailer, loaded it up and stored them in his garage until he knew that the container had been emptied. It happened again about two weeks ago. Apart from it looking an eyesore, the contents of the bags could be ruined.

Many thanks                      Anne Jones



## Interested in playing Tennis?

Dear residents,

If you are enthusiastic about tennis, and interested in making use of the current *tennis courts* in the Village, found along Egremont Road, please [inform the Parish Council](#) of your interest ASAP.

Should there be enough interests in forming such a group, the Parish Council will then look into resurrecting the facilities for playing tennis. Please also get in touch if you are interested in being a volunteer for helping out with the above.

Regards  
Gail

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## Progress on the Hardwick Covid Snake

Thank you to those who have taken part in the Hardwick Covid snake. My grandchildren added their stones too (see below). Please feel free to continue adding your stones. It is inside the tennis court on Egremont Road. When I wrote this report on July 13<sup>th</sup> I counted 172! Well done!



Anne Jones



## Cambridge Past, Present & Future - June 2020

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### Damage to Cambridge countryside could be given the green light

Political leaders will make a decision, on 25 June, whether to press ahead with plans to build two new busways through the countryside around Cambridge, despite strong opposition.

One of these would go through land owned by Cambridge Past Present & Future, which was purchased in order to protect the countryside for future generations. The Cambourne-Cambridge Busway is proposed to go ahead despite the government announcing that a new railway will be built to serve Cambourne-Cambridge. If political leaders don't act, then the western approaches to Cambridge will be significantly damaged by having a new railway, a new busway and a 3m wide tarmac greenway, all in the same corridor of countryside. We are proposing alternatives to the busway that would be cheaper, quicker to deliver and less damaging to the countryside.

### [Join our petition today to ask politicians to chose a better option.](#)

The other busway will have a significant impact on the chalk hills to the south of Cambridge, carving a road through the countryside around the villages of Great Shelford and Stapleford, with two new bridges over the River Granta as well as new traffic lights and stops along the way. There would be a new Park & Ride next to Babraham village. Even their own report says that the £130m scheme represents poor value for money.

We would encourage you to contact the South Cambridgeshire political representative to let them know your views through [our petition](#) or by emailing [cllr.vandeweyer@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.vandeweyer@scambs.gov.uk)

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## Hedgehogs in Hardwick Part 1.

When I moved to Hardwick several years ago I was thrilled to discover that hedgehogs came into my garden at night. At first I wondered how they got into the garden, then found that the gap under the garden gate was just big enough for them,

Hedgehogs have been on Earth for a very long time. Fossils indicate that animals similar to hedgehogs have been on the earth for 15 million years or so. The hedgehog we see in our gardens (if we are lucky) has no close relatives amongst other mammals. Hedgehogs are referred in two of Shakespeare's plays, "The Tempest" and "A Midsummer Nights Dream," as "hedgepigs".

What we **all** know about hedgehogs is that they have spines. These are modified hairs, 2 to 3 centimetres long, which cover the back of the head and body. When it is frightened a hedgehog will curl up so that its soft underparts are defended by a cover of prickles which few predators can penetrate. Hedgehogs don't see very well but they have excellent senses of smell and hearing to guide them. They have powerful front feet with claws which they use for digging.

Hedgehogs wander 2 to 3 kilometres at night as they search for food. They eat invertebrates, beetles, caterpillars, slugs and so on. There are several ways in which we can help them, one of which is to make it possible for them to move from garden to garden. They are known as "the gardener's friend" : they eat invertebrates, beetles, caterpillars, worms, slugs and so on. We can also help them by providing food and a dish of water. Mashed up meat based cat or dog food is suitable, or food sold specifically for hedgehogs, available in pet shops and some garden centres. Meat based cat biscuits are good for their teeth.

Litters of baby hedgehogs called hoglets, are born from May onwards. A litter averages 2 to 6 in number. When they are about 6 weeks old they leave the nest and wander off on their own.

If you are interested in finding out more about hedgehogs, helping them, or have a something to share about them, I would be glad to hear from you. 01954 211814

## **Gillian Lang**

Part 2 in the next edition of Hardwick Happenings.



## Comberton Library

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

Tel: 0345 045 5225

Monday: 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Wednesday: 2.00 – 6.00 pm

**Great News!** As things stand at the time of writing, we are delighted to confirm that Comberton Library will re-open on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**. In the short term we will be working to revised opening hours and there will be no browsing of the shelves. We will be open for two sessions a week, Mondays from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm and Wednesdays 2.00 until 6.00 pm.

In order to maintain a safe environment for both our customers and staff we will operate a queueing system outside the library, maintaining social distancing. Once inside the library you will be able to return books and collect items, which will have been issued already to your library card. Specific titles can be reserved online from home in the normal way, although reservations for picture books have been suspended. There will be no reservation fees on adult cards for the time being. We have also introduced a Select and Collect Request Service, which will enable you to request a selection of books based on your preference. Staff will choose books based on the information provided and the stock available in the library. Please use the online form, available via [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library) to make your requests. If you do not have internet access, you can call Customer Services on 0345 045 5225, and the staff there will ensure that your request is forwarded to the library. We will contact you to let you know when your items are available to collect.

Access to the IT facilities will be available by appointment only, with a limit of one 45 minute appointment per day per customer. Again this will allow safe access and time for cleaning between customers

. Although, the session time allowed is much shorter than in normal times, we are pleased to be able to tell you that, whilst the library has been closed, we have installed new computers with updated software, so hope that these will prove popular. As there will be no handling of money printing and photocopying will not be available.

We hope that your children are enjoying being part of the Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020. The Challenge is being presented by the Reading Agency and Libraries, and is being hosted digitally, continuing until September. You can join the Silly Squad at [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk). Look out for more information on the Cambridgeshire Libraries website, Facebook and Twitter pages, and take part in the related craft activities on offer. The Summer Reading Challenge is a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter, and is proving to be lots of fun.

Please continue to take care and we look forward to seeing you at Comberton Library.

### Hardwick Parish Council

Hardwick Parish Council has put two announcements/links on Facebook. One relates to Bourn Airfield Development, informing us of a Zoom meeting on Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

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<https://www.hardwick-cambs.org.uk/2020/07/14/extra-ordinary-meeting-bourn-airfield-development-update-04-08-2020/>

A copy of the agenda is included

...and the other relates to Covid-19

<https://www.hardwick-cambs.org.uk/2020/07/15/covid-19-south-cambs-touching-base-update-survey/>



This month, three of the late Tony Hillier's sculptures were relocated to their new homes at Hardwick and Cambourne Primary School. The large one has gone just outside our main entrance, so the whole village can enjoy it. The Chicken has gone just outside the front door to the school at the Hardwick Site, with the face going to the wildlife area at our Cambourne Site



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Cambridge in lock-down. Photos that were taken on the 22nd May 2020. Normally Cambridge is a thriving City with students and tourists this time of year. I think we will never ever see the streets and sights of Cambridge like this again.

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there are cupboards full of things I never use, touch or even look at.

Does that sound familiar?

Normally I have a little pile of things I no longer want sitting in the cupboard under the stairs; every so often, I bundle the pile and the children into the car and drop everything off at the charity shop. As long as I remember to collect the children from the toy corner before I leave again, it's a pretty seamless process.

Of course, all the charity shops have been closed during the lockdown, and my pile of unwanted things has now become a fairly serious problem. And yours has too? Well...

There is a solution:

eBay!

eBay for Charities is the fundraising arm of the international selling site, and there a couple of ways to support your favourite good cause while using the service.

You could become an eBay seller on behalf of a charity. This is where your piles of unwanted items come in. Why not sort out your items, photograph them, and pop them on eBay? It's very easy, if you've never done it before. Right at the bottom of the page, once you've put in all the details about your item, is a little box inviting you to "donate a portion to charity." After

you've ticked the box, you can decide which charity should receive the donation and how much you want them to receive, and eBay does the rest. If you want to know more about selling on eBay and donating to charity, check out their guide pages:

<https://charity.ebay.co.uk/>

Or, if you're buying on eBay, you can choose to support a charity while purchasing other items: simply set up your chosen charity in your eBay account, and then, whenever you make a purchase on eBay, you have the chance to include a donation to your charity. Simple!

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Our speaker this month - via Zoom – is a Speech and Language Therapist based at Hinchinbrooke Hospital. This should be an interesting subject as quite a few of us have little understanding how important this is to maintain a healthy recovery from an illness or injury.

Most of our speakers have been arranged for the rest of the year, with the help of Zoom technology. Did you know that the average daily time spent on screens during lockdown amongst our age group is a staggering 4+hrs ! No wonder some of us are in need of opticians appointments!.

Obviously most of us have now resumed our normal hairstyles by having a much needed hair appointment- we should have taken a picture gallery of “before and after” lockdown!

We are hoping to arrange a larger Summer Reunion shortly- with social distancing getting a little smaller each month and our “bubbles “ getting bigger, I think it is do-able (is there such a word?)

So keep safe and carry on and lets hope we can find ways round all the rules and regulations and come up with some innovative plans for getting together again!

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### 4 pm Simple communion service in church

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**Children and families.** As part of our 'Worship at Home' resources each week we are providing a sheet of children and family 'Pic n Mix' activities. You can receive this by subscribing to the mailing list or checking the church Facebook group.

**Tuesday Mornings at St Mary's,** open to under 5s and carers, is currently meeting online. Search for them on Facebook or email Alison for details.

**Open church building for the village.** The church building is open for personal visits and private prayer from 9am - 6pm on Thursdays and from 5 -7pm on Saturdays. The gaps between these times, and the arrangement of the furniture in the building, enable our volunteers to keep the building Covid-safe.

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**DailyHope,** an initiative of the Church of England is available for those who can't easily access services and prayers online.





## Summer as lockdown eases

As I write, we are in the middle of the complex personal and collective decisions that come with the gradual loosening of the coronavirus lockdown, assessing personal and collective risk, puzzling over government guidelines, taking on responsibilities towards creating safe spaces for others in workplaces, schools, leisure spaces and communities, and facing the difficulties that still remain.

Today, I feel the need for a break from all of that and a turn towards something more emotionally and spiritually nourishing. So I offer you these ideas for engaging with and celebrating the rhythm of the summer. Enjoy!

- \* Pray or meditate in the fields or woods. Enjoy the warmth of the sun or a cooling breeze. Find a favourite outdoor spot for ten minutes of mindfulness and visit it regularly.
- \* Contact a friend and arrange to spend some face to face time together outdoors.
- \* Go for a walk or cycle ride at dawn or dusk. Notice the way the light changes. Listen to the dawn or dusk birdsong. Give thanks for life.
- \* If you can't get outdoors, then sit by a window to watch the rain, or ask someone to bring some wild or garden flowers in and place them in a special spot.
- \* Pick up a book about spirituality, such as Christopher Jamison's *Finding Sanctuary*. Or *Letters from the Farm* by Becca Stevens.
- \* Make a butterfly or bee feeder. This could be a family activity. (We'll be circulating some family activities for the summer holidays in August- look out for them in the church's Facebook group, or the website or via the weekly mailing list.)
- \* Read the Bible outdoors. Reflect on how much of the time Jesus taught in the open air and the psalmists use images of the natural world.

*'A sower went out to sow... some seeds fell on the path... some seeds fell on rocky ground... other seeds fell among thorns... other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain.'* Matthew 13:38-8

What nourishes you?

God bless

*Alison*



### St Mary's Plant & Produce stall

A very big thank you to all who have provided plants/produce for the stall in the church porch and to those who have bought items. To date, we have raised over £400 for much-needed church funds.

As planting time is coming to an end, we are hoping to increase the amount of produce on the stall. We have had rhubarb, gooseberries, blackcurrants, lettuce, radishes and new potatoes donated and would welcome other fruit and vegetables, if anyone has surplus.

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## Footpath Widening Main Street and Cambridge Road: Village Vote April 2018

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The County Highways work is scheduled to start by St Marys Church bend and initially do the stretch to Cahills Corner where Main Street meets Cambridge Road. County Highways objective is to upgrade the footpath to 2 metre width throughout. The width of the path by the bend is dangerous and barely 1m at the moment and so the first works will be to “shift” the road across towards the opposite grass verge to ensure the 2m width is possible. The drawings for the changes are on the Village Parish Council web site – see June 2020 Meeting Papers.

To ensure the 2m width:

Concrete edges will be applied to the inner edges of the path to set boundaries

Where feasible, street lights and other obstructions will be

moved (not removed) to meet the 2m objective  
Removal of some grass but Highways will of course respect residents boundaries

There will be very little work north of Egremont Road as the footpath by the school is already a good width

The plan, subject to other activities that might affect St Neots Road, is to provide a traffic island in Cambridge Road near the junction with St Neots Road with appropriate footpath measures on both sides of Cambridge Road to facilitate crossing the road at that point

Where hedges are adjacent to the footpath, this may mean continued work on some of the hedges to keep the footpath free from obstruction.

**The footpath is NOT a combined pedestrian/cycle path. The fact that we are getting a wider footpath, means people could be walking nearer to driveway exits so extra vigilance essential. We are all aware pedestrians have priority on the footpath but some situations with hedges obstructing views, just as in some places at the moment, will mean pedestrians will see vehicles bonnets before the driver can see who is on the footpath.**

The work will be done in stages and is scheduled to be finally completed before March 2022 so some nuisance for everyone while it is being done but we look forward to being able to take walks through the village side by side without having to step in the road.

Now, what about a North-South cycle path – where would you put it?

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## More Local Knowledge from John Bootman

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The road we now know as the A1303 St Neots Road was, up 'til the early/mid 1970s, the only road for all kinds of traffic - buses, lorries, cars even horses and carts - from St Neots to Cambridge and beyond. There were no roundabouts, as now at Caldecote, Childerley or Madingley, and the road which is now a cul-de-sac from where the old Enterprise cafe used to be towards Caldecote is where all traffic came through.

The A1303 was originally the A45 and when the Cambridge Northern Bypass was built, that became the A45. The dual carriageway was intended to stop at a roundabout at the top of Cambridge Road. However, Councillor Ken Turner pointed out that it would be difficult to turn right lower down the road for Dry Drayton, so the roundabout was moved down to the Dry Drayton junction.

Even worse waste came when the A14 road number North-South from Royston through Papworth was changed to the A1198 and the A14 changed to the Cambridge-Huntingdon road East-West.

We now have the A45 changed to the A428 and the A11, which at one time came from London and turned right at Great Chesterford to Thetford, Norwich and beyond, changed to the M11 and instead of turning right, went left to Birmingham.

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# THE LISA KENT TRUST

Giles and Liz Tinkler have lived in Hardwick for 34 years, first in Per-shore Road and now in Pump Lane. Their 3 children, Ben, Lucy & Alice all went to the village school and then to Comberton Village College.

Lisa Kent Trust resulted from an invitation to stay with friends in The Gambia and we were shocked to see the poverty and children desperate to go to school, something which is taken for granted in the UK. We have worked in the country since 2001 and now spend up to 3 months of the year there.

The charity is named in memory of a family friend who tragically died at the age of 19. Lisa was training to be a nurse and had a great passion for children.

The work of the Trust is managed on a daily basis from the UK and we have constant communication with our staff in The Gambia, although this can be challenging due to lack of power and poor internet.

Lisa Kent Trust is a UK-based registered charity (no.1111569) that is dedicated to providing the children of The Gambia with the education they need for a brighter future. The Trust has been working to deliver a quality education to children and young people in deprived communities of The Gambia since 2001.

The Trust now owns and manages two purpose-built schools in areas of educational demand and provide education to in excess of 600 children at any one time.

We have developed a team of experienced teachers and support staff and employ 30 Gambian staff. We search out the best in educational resources, and ensure we attend to the pupil's medical



Through the provision of education, we develop quality individuals who can join the marketplace to not only support themselves and their families, but also the development of The Gambia, eventually taking away the reliance on Overseas Aid.

## Impact

- 600 students being educated at any one time
- 30 quality trained staff- with ongoing structured Personal Development Plans
- Providing employment opportunities for the local community: teachers, support staff, local tradesmen and suppliers
- Proactive collaboration with Gambian industry to fill the 'employment gap' for well educated and driven employees
- Supporting the development and understanding of the local community.
- Opportunities for volunteers and Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award participants.
- Recycling of UK Educational Resources

Our education curriculum follows the MoBSE (Ministry of Basic & Secondary Education) approved



guidelines and is delivered in small classroom groups, Gambian state school have been known to have in excess of 90 pupils to one class. The trust provides all educational study materials and tools.

Students are monitored throughout their studies into higher education and where appropriate University and Apprenticeships.





The Trust runs a successful work experience scheme giving our students the opportunity of working in industry of choice. A job location scheme follows and is being currently being expanded.

The Trust organises teacher training initiatives in which we invite & involve the community covering First Aid as well as sexual health workshops, from HIV – FGM, and child abuse.

On site solar power pumps the school water supply from our own borehole.

The school garden demonstrates growth of good food and agricultural reliance – the produce is used by the community.

We encourage and support the communities to move away from use of wood fires for cooking, with their related issues of injury to young children & smoke inhalation.

We have links to a number of schools in the UK, who provide resources such as school desks, chairs & books, which we recycle & for use in our or Gambian State schools. Lisa Kent Meridian Nursery & Lower Basic school is named after the Meridian Primary School, Comberton, who we have a link with and helped fundraise to pay for one of our plots of land.

In addition, we support these primary schools with talks & direct links to pupils in our schools to aid understanding of life in a third world country.

Lisa Kent Trust is a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Activity provider – where we involve groups of mainly UK volunteers working in our schools.





Many of our children are sponsored or supported through our scholarship scheme by generous donors from the UK and overseas . If you would like to give a child a chance in life and help them get out of the poverty trap, £10 pcm will provide them with an education.

We regularly hold fundraising events, visit schools and clubs giving assemblies and presentations on our work.

If you would like to help either by sponsoring a child, hosting a fundraising event or even joining us in The Gambia, we would love to hear from you.

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