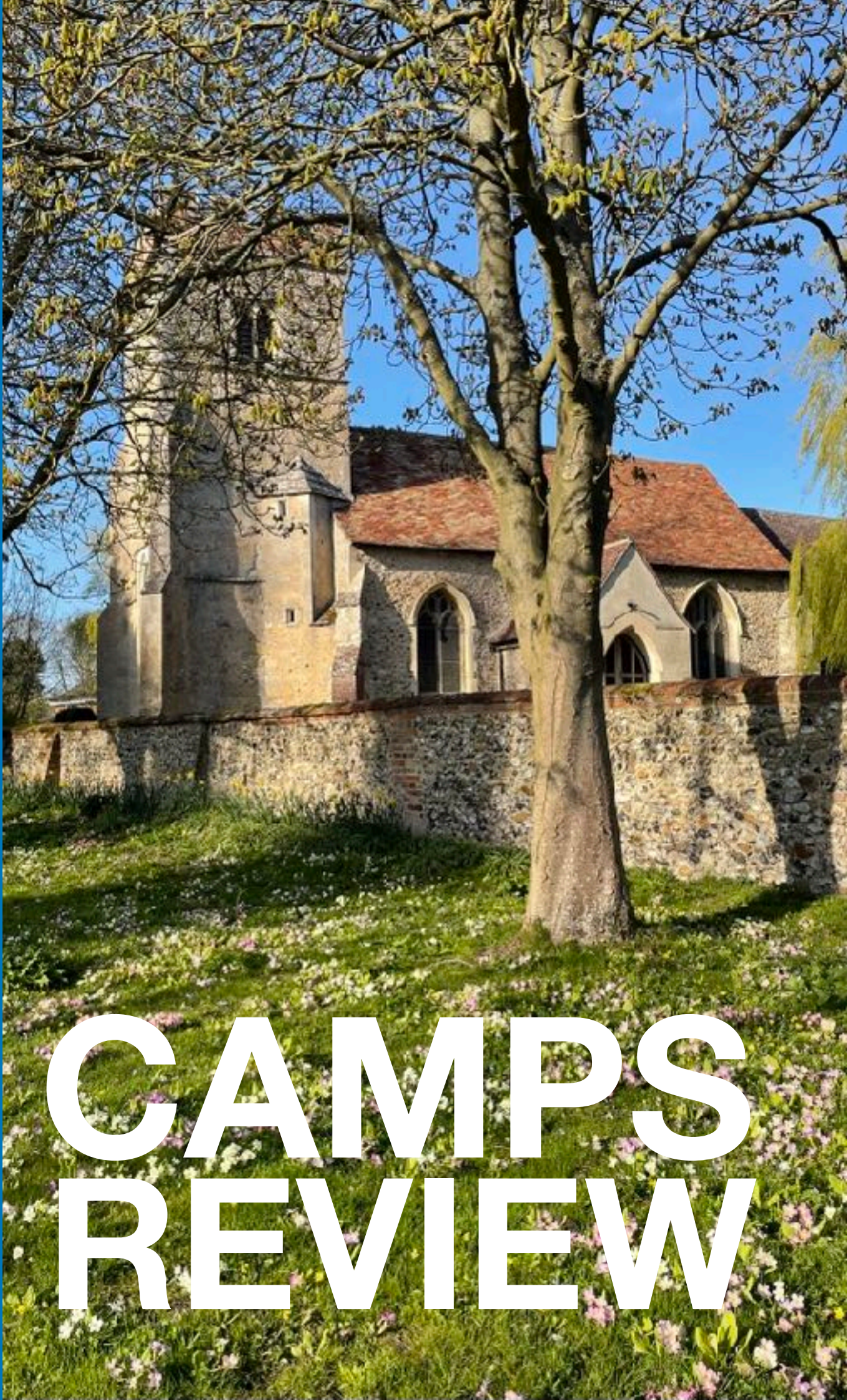


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Michael Prentice

Michael James Prentice of Castle Camps passed away peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital on Tuesday 1st April 2025 aged 81 years

Dearly loved husband of the late Carole Prentice, much loved Dad of Deborah and Andrew, dear father-in-law, brother, adored grandad, and loving partner of Ali.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

His Funeral Service will be held at

Castle Camps Parish Church

On Wednesday 7th May at 4.00pm

followed by internment in the Churchyard

Family flowers only please

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Dear Readers

Welcome to the latest edition of the **Camps Review** and to our early summer.

Unfortunately last month we lost one of the stalwarts of our community with the passing of Michael Prentice. Although I have lived in the village for almost 30 years I did not get to know Michael until I retired and particularly during the COVID epidemic when he set up his weekly butchers and greengrocers stall on his driveway. His stall became the centre of community during this difficult time allowing people to meet and chat (at a safe distance of course) and his happy and often cheeky demeanour lightened everyones spirits. I will also remember many happy Friday evenings in The Oak with Michael and Ali, and his favourite Brandy tippie. His amusing interjections at Community meetings were also a memory that will stay with me, as will of course his famous wing-walk !!

I am sure that you will allow me to speak on behalf of the community and send our sincere condolences to Michael's family and his partner Ali at this desperately sad time. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Nick

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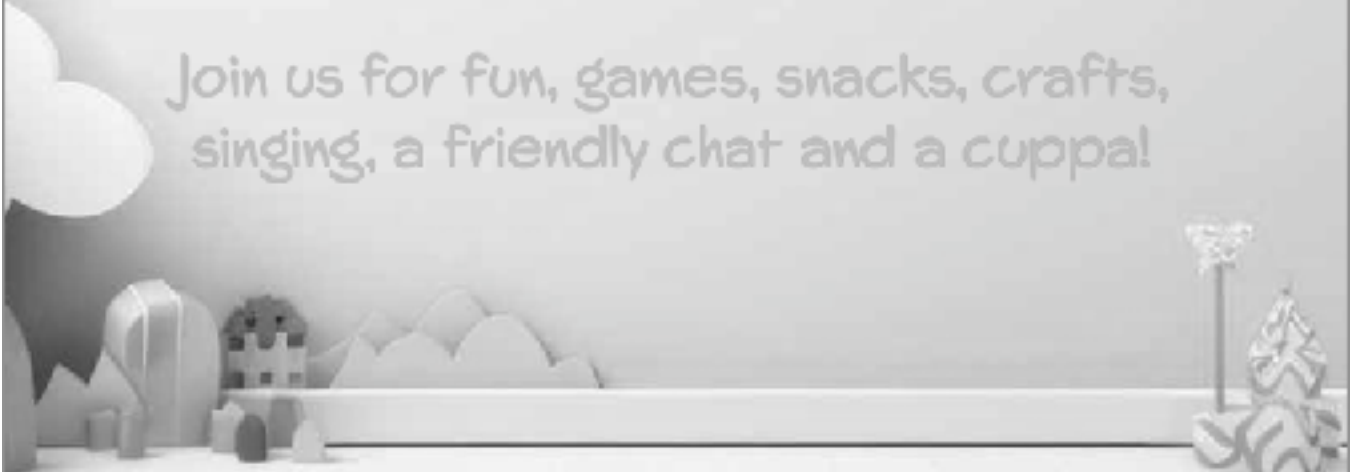


CASTLE CAMPS

Baby & Toddler

Group

Castle Camps Village Hall
Wednesdays 9.15-11.15am (term time)



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singing, a friendly chat and a cuppa!

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Toddler Group (VH)	01799 584785 - 9.15-11.15 Wednesdays (term time only)

Recreational Clubs

Bowls Club (Apr-Nov)	01799 584523 / 07444 232911 - Peter Cottage
Camps Community Choir	07766 101446 - Sara (Thursdays 7-9pm)
Gun Club	01799 584217
Yoga (VH and Zoom)	07794 882471 - Caroline Daunt
Yoga (VH)	07929 517085 - Liz
Art Club (VH)	01440 730035 - Sue Moss (alt. Thursdays 10.30-1.00pm)

Village Amenities

The Oak	01799 584207
Mobile Library	2nd Tuesday of the month 11.25-11.40 Camps End, 12.15-12.50 Clayton Close
Mobile Post office	Thursdays 11.00-12.00 Outside Village Hall
Hanchett Toys	01799 584979
Saddlery, Horse & Pet Feeds	01799 584802
Castle Camps School	www.castlecampsschool.co.uk

Useful Contacts

Oil Syndicate	01799 584527
Parish Council (VH)	01799 584428 - 7.30 2nd Thursday (alternate months)
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Parish Maintenance Volunteer Group	jjcdbiggs@aol.com - John Biggs
Linton Health Clinic	01223 892555
Village Hall Enquiries	01799 584596 / castlecampsvillagehall@gmail.com
C of E (Church Warden)	01799 584012
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Shudy Camps Parish Council - For information see website

www.shudycamps.org.uk

Parish Clerk - Jackie Dockerill - clerk@shudycamps.org.uk - 07769

News from Shudy Camps Parish Council

Following the installation of the new bin opposite the Church, the parish council is looking into installing another bin in Mill Green and the end of the footpath from Main Street.

As mentioned in the previous report Simon Powell is moving back to Saffron Walden imminently, so we will be again looking for a new member to join the council. Please contact us if you want any further information or you are interested in the role.

We are also still looking for people to join the Speed Watch team, if you feel you could help with the deployment of the Mobile speed devices and gathering data round the village please get in touch. We are all aware of the Speeding issues and any form of deterrent is a value to the community.

We are still planning to paint the telephone box in Main Street and finalising the quotes received from local painters. Plus we are look to carry out some maintenance on the surrounding footpaths in the summer, so it's easier to get out and enjoy the local countryside.

The installation of a handrail leading up to the church in Shudy Camps is still being discussed with the Highway Department, who hopefully might come up with a viable solution but nothing else to report as the moment.

Jackie Dockerill

Shudy Camps Parish Clerk

Camps Village Hall Committee

Since the last review issue we have held a further committee meeting to progress the developments that were initiated at the last AGM, as well as dealing with the usual Financial, Admin., Maintenance and Health & Safety agenda points.

These developments are mainly for improving the hall facilities and communications and include: revamping the bar for more effective and regular use, this includes new glasses and equipment; updating the equipment in the kitchen, especially crockery; Installing Wi-Fi, that is now up and running; simplifying our booking process and approving an online booking and invoicing system. This went live on 1st April.

Other developments are contract reviews, one of which led us to have a new fire Alarm service provider “Dual Fire Protection”.

Good News! It has taken nearly a year but, to their relief, we have finally replaced our lease holding trustees: Susie Culpin, Sue Herbert and Paul Sherville with the Charity Commissioners! This is the more usual way for such premises to be held in trust.

The February Jumble Sale raised a healthy £428 for our funds. We hope to have three more this year, in May, August and December.

It's good to see that the WhatsApp group for the “**Friends of Castle Camps Village Hall**” has been busily communicating and organising various activities to support the hall. It's a very sociable group, so if you want to help, please contact its leader Chris Swan on info@castlecamps.org.uk

We have our **Annual General Meeting** planned for **Tuesday 10th June**. Please see the formal notice elsewhere in the Review and come along to support us. For more information about our charity, just enter our registration number 300375 into the Charity Commission website and review all the available data. Other details can be found in the Hall tab on the Castle Camps.org.uk website.

Terry Chapman, Secretary to the Management Committee of Trustees.



Camps Village Hall Committee

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

You are cordially invited to our AGM on **Tuesday 10th June** (7.45 pm in the Village Hall). Tea and biscuits and some committee members will be there to welcome you!

We will present at this meeting, the latest Annual Report and Financial Accounts.

Other items of interest to the Hall will be on the agenda, which will soon be drafted. This agenda and last year's draft AGM Minutes will be available at the AGM, along with copies of the Annual Report.

Camps Village Hall is a registered and independent charity (no. 300375). The Committee members automatically become trustees of the charity, which pays a peppercorn rent to Castle Camps Parish Council for the lease of the land used by the Hall.

A requirement of our trust deed is that the current Committee stands down annually at the AGM and a new one is elected. If anyone is interested in standing for the Committee, especially representatives of Village Hall user organisations, or anyone from the surrounding villages, please contact our Secretary, Terry Chapman at terry.chapmanccpc@gmail.com or on 01799 584457. (Must be over 18 years of age).

Note: the maximum number of committee members allowed is 12, plus two co-opted members to represent interests in Castle Camps not otherwise represented.

Current trustee members and their functions are:

Melanie Laing	Chair
Susie Culpin	Bookings Manager
Terry Chapman	Minutes Secretary
Cindy Smith	Treasurer
Jo Bishop	Trustee
Beverley Garbutt	Trustee
Linda Shepherd	Trustee
Caroline Parkinson	Trustee
Mike Pierson	Premises Supervisor and Licence Holder

Our Honorary President is Clive Germany and the Custodian for the Hall and lease is the Charity Commission.

Please come and listen to our progress, air your views and, if over 18 years of age, vote in a new Committee.



ARE WE LOOKING FOR YOU?

Could you fill the voluntary role of Secretary on the Village Hall Committee and spare a few hours a month? Terry is stepping down after many years. Is this you -

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02

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03

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Please ring Susie, our bookings manager, on 01799 584596 to book or view, or ring 07967 626919.

You can also send a message to Mike Peirson at: castlecampsvillagehall@gmail.com or email terry.chapmanccpc@gmail.com

Details can also be viewed at: www.castlecampsvillagehall.org.uk and, coming soon, the revamped Cambs. ACRE website: www.hallsforhire.org.uk

Village Hall Diary Dates

Coffee Morning	Monday 5th May 2025
V.E.Day Community Event	Saturday 10th May 2025
Jumble Sale	Saturday 17th May 2025
Coffee Morning	Monday 2nd June 2025
Castle Camps Fete	Saturday 5th July 2025
Coffee Morning	Monday 7th July 2025
Coffee Morning	Monday 4th August 2025
Jumble Sale	Saturday 16th August 2025
Autumn Show	6th September 2025
Games / Fish 'n' Chips Night	4th October 2025

An illustration for a 'Coffee Morning' event. At the top center is a large yellow speech bubble containing the text 'Coffee Morning' in large white letters, and 'OPEN TO EVERYONE' and 'EVERYONE WELCOME' in smaller white letters below it. Surrounding the speech bubble are various food items: a pink cupcake with a cherry, a heart-shaped cake, a chocolate cupcake with a cherry, a slice of cake with a raspberry, a slice of cake with strawberries, a pink macaron, a purple cupcake, a slice of chocolate cake, a slice of cheesecake, and a vanilla cupcake. In the center, there are two white coffee cups filled with brown coffee, each held by a hand. Below the coffee cups is a pink teapot.

Coffee Morning

OPEN TO EVERYONE
EVERYONE WELCOME

First Monday of the month | 10:00am – 12:00pm |

Castle Camps Village Hall. CB21 4SR

Contact Sue 01799 584522

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Castle Camps Events Committee News

Isn't it fabulous that we're enjoying such beautiful weather. Everything looks so cheery when the sun is out! By the time you read this, bunting will be up for the VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebration making the Village look community orientated again. Which is something this parish is good at. Perhaps you will put bunting in your garden too?

We hope you will join us on Sat 10th May 12pm – 3pm at the Rec, Village Hall and Chapel. Bring your sandwiches and picnic rug or table n chairs and enjoy the tea, cake and savouries on offer in the Hall along with a bouncy castle for the children. The bar will be open too. There will be information about the old Camps Airfield on display in the Hall and vintage memorabilia and more in the Chapel. Sara Davey and the Choir will be singing and entertaining. Dress up in 1940's / War Time fashion if you wish – not compulsory though! * Cake donations will be welcome – from 10.30am*

We had a successful Quiz & Cocktails Night and Clairvoyant Night back in Feb so these will be something we put on again along with the well attended Easter Egg Trail which is becoming very popular – the lovely weather helped. Race Night will be held later this year

We have the Fete & Dog Show coming up on Sat 5th July 12pm – 4pm where you can experience all the usual expectations and more. We would like to put on as many games stalls as possible, our idea of a Fete is the good ol' games stalls so if anyone or family would like to volunteer to run a game stall please get in touch, the more people we have the more we can put on.

The Scarecrow Competition is on again this year, so get your thinking caps on, and build your scarecrow in your front garden a week or 2 before the Fete. Cash prize for the best one – Judging will be announced at the Fete. Fill in the form in the Review to enter

Our latest round of Grant Applications saw us allocating money towards a new Trim Trail at the School, giving money to Toddler Group towards art supplies and a Bluetooth speaker, the Village Hall towards more small tables and Mr Schnider towards Community Planters at the pond. We also set up a trade with a teenager in return for his time. If you are part of a group or club and want to request a grant please fill in the form in the Review or if you are a parishioner and want to do something that would benefit the Community, please apply

Campsevents@yahoo.com.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you at an event or two,

The Events Committee



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Did you know you can hire the hall for your next celebration or party? Have a look around to see if it meets your needs

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Open Forum—ask any questions



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VOLUNTEERS: Can you spare an hour or two a month either on the Committee or as part of our fundraising team? Have a chat with us and see how you could help support our hall



Fundraiser for Camps Village Hall



JUMBLE SALE

Entrance 50p inc Tea & biscuits

DOORS OPEN 2 PM

Drop off stuff from 10am

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Castle Camps SCARECROW COMPETITION

Entry Fee £3.00 per Scarecrow

CASH PRIZE

Build your Scarecrow in your front garden

Winner will be announced at the Castle Camps Fete

5 July 2025

All proceeds to the Village Fete



To: Cindy Smith, Ra Towene, 2 Bartlow Road, Castle Camps,
CB21 4SY

I would like to enter the Scarecrow competition
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Address.....

Let's fill our gardens with Scarecrows

VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



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TEA, CAKES & RAFFLE**

EVERYBODY WELCOME

SAT 10TH MAY 12PM – 3PM

**1940'S DRESS CODE IF YOU WISH, NOT COMPULSORY
HANG OUT YOUR BUNTING THE WEEK BEFORE TOO!
“CAKE DONATIONS WELCOME”**

Camps Chapel Community Hub



Many of you will have enjoyed one of our coffee and cake social mornings in the chapel. We are very grateful to everyone who has given time to make delicious cakes, donate and put up decorations at Christmas, help serve and wash up and, most of all to everyone from the community who has enjoyed a drink and a chat and donated so generously.

Looking to the future, negotiations for the grant of the lease of the Chapel to a community charity are underway. The roll of honour which was taken for safekeeping when the URC closed has been returned and James Coxall has generously offered to do some work on it so it can be re-hung in the chapel.

If you would like to be part of a regular group of supporters planning and running events and fundraising, we would love to hear from you. We also need to recruit one or two more people to act in the more formal role of trustees. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or a trustee, please get in touch. For the trustee role, we particularly need people who are experienced in property management, administration and fundraising.

If you think that might be you, please get in touch. You can contact the charity by email at ccchubcio@gmail.com (and make sure you type all three cs at the beginning!).



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An Author in our midst.....

Russell Kent is launching his new book '**The Curiohaus Trials**' on **Saturday 21 June 2025** between **2pm and 4pm**. The event is being hosted by Byron & The Bard Bookshop on Water Street in Lavenham.

It will be an opportunity to buy the book and have it signed. If you have already ordered a copy, bring it with you and he will scribble in that one too.

There will be a glass to drink, a bite to eat and an opportunity to browse the best little independent bookshop in East Anglia.

Hope to see you there.

Click the link below for more information about 'The Curiohaus Trials'.

<https://russellkent.my.canva.site/>

Russell Kent - author of 'The Curiohaus Trials' and 'JFK Medical Betrayal'

Camps Community Choir



The Castle Camps Community Choir performed last month to a full house in The Oak Public House in Castle Camps. Their contemporary set included a wonderful rendition of Blackbird by the Beatles with Simon 'Buster' Roberts providing acoustic guitar accompaniment.

The event was a great success with each song being met with rapturous audience applause !



Russell Kent's new book tells the untold true story of how the British military prosecuted the Nazis for war crimes in Hamburg.

An essential read for those interested in modern history, international law and the search for justice after WW2.

Book Launch

2pm – 4pm

Saturday 21 June 2025

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Castle Camps Village Pond

The village pond is looking better than ever, thanks to the new parish council contract which ensures the surrounding grass is kept neat and tidy. We also now have two raised beds planted to add a splash of colour throughout the summer.

A big thank you goes to Jane O'Brien, who has thoughtfully planted the bed at the far end of the pond with a mix of plants designed to provide colour all year round. Meanwhile, John Schneider has sown wildflower seeds in the beds nearby—fingers crossed they flourish in the coming months!

We're also very grateful to the Events Committee for their generous grant, which helped cover the cost of materials for the raised beds and planting—thank you for supporting this lovely community space.

At the time of writing, the pond has a covering of brown leaf algae, but don't worry—barley straw has been added to help clear it naturally.

It's wonderful to see this much-loved spot being cared for and improved for everyone to enjoy



Castle Camps Bowls Club



One of the best kept secrets in Castle Camps village is the lawn green bowls club nestled behind the cottages in the high street. Established in 1937 it has been one of the surviving sports facilities in the village and is now the only bowls club in the area. A social meeting point and opportunity for its members to enjoy some gentle exercise whilst playing competitive and friendly matches with other clubs from North Essex, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire.

The club boasts 4 pristine rinks that are prepared and maintained by long serving green keeper and groundsman Ron Goodwin and his dedicated team. December saw rain and storms while January was reported as the 5th warmest on record and the 4th of April was the hottest day of the year with temperatures reaching 23 degrees. These continual challenges are met head on as Ron ensures that we have another fantastic playing surface for members and visitors to enjoy. It's a labour of love but the results are well worth the effort.

At long last the toils of the green team were rewarded as we played our first game on Saturday 12th of April and sunny weather prevailed for the whole day. Great weather, great company and some delicious food was provided by the members to share, and the BAR was definitely OPEN!

We are looking forward to the new season with excitement and anticipation as the club enjoyed great success last year by gaining promotion to the top Division in the Steeple Bumpstead Bowls league and we also won the Cambridge and District League Division 3.

But it's not just about bowls as we see ourselves as an important part of the community and will be opening the walkways around our green on Saturday July 12th to support All Saints Church on their Open Gardens day which will help to raise needed funds for the church. We will be serving teas, coffee and cakes as well as opening our bar for visitors. Why not come along and see our beautiful green.

During the closed season we hold several social events to keep Club Members in touch and raise funds. Last winter these included our Annual Dinner Dance, Bingo, Quiz Night and Carpet Bowls. This is a great opportunity to get together, meet new people and have some fun with food and a bar always available. All details of future social events will be posted on our website www.castlecampsbowlsclub.com

You can also find details of our home matches if you would like to come along and support us.

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The Connection

News from our Anglican Churches

Dear Friends,

This 8th May marks the 80th anniversary of VE day, which means that we are approaching the time when the WW2 will pass out of living memory as WW1 has. Having been born 15 years after the end of the war, I was brought up on a diet of comics and war movies which presented the bravery of allied forces fighting, often in desperate situations and against overwhelming odds, to free the world from evil. There is no doubt that that we felt that we owed our fathers and grandfathers a debt for bringing the world to the point where we were on the road to lasting peace. We knew that things weren't perfect, there was the shadow of the cold war, difficulties in the Middle East, Indochina and parts of Africa, but we had the United Nations, the International Court of Justice, and, although it wouldn't come into being until this century ideas of creating, a permanent tribunal, the International Criminal Court, to try the international crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and the crime of aggression. With the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and the thawing of relations between East and West then countries started talking about a 'peace dividend' whereby the money spent on defence could be used for more positive purposes, like health and education.

Today's world situation makes me less positive that we are moving toward an era of world peace. The current moves towards peace in Ukraine and Israel seem to me to make the basic mistake of confusing a lack of conflict with true peace. The book of Micah in the Old Testament tells us of a time when *'nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.* (Micah 4:3b,4). For there to be proper peace people need to be able to live in security enjoying their homes and their day-to-day work, without fear of any kind, not just violence but hunger, natural disaster, ill health.

Building a peace where all people can sit under their metaphorical vine is clearly more difficult than we thought in my youth. The world still suffers from the legacy of empire with its seemingly random divisions of lands and countries. To those structural issues we can add the problems of climate change, that will only get worse. Dealing with the problems of our world needs proper international cooperation with some of the more developed countries being willing to give up some of their advantages, but if that is where we're going, I wouldn't start from here.

Yes, we may celebrate the anniversary of VE day but the end of WW2 was only the beginning of a rebuilding of the world order and that processes is still ongoing and needs renewed vigour. I am not yet planning to plant a vine



Love and Prayers

Ian

Ian Fisher (Team Vicar)

ian.fisher@btclick.com

Church Diary

Sunday 4th May Third Sunday of Easter			
Linton	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. M. Wilcockson
Horseheath	11.00	Family Worship	Revd. Ian Fisher
Horseheath	16.00	Evening Healing Service	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 11th May Fourth Sunday of Easter			
Castle Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	10.00	Family Service	Cathy Watts LLM
Sunday 18th May Fifth Sunday of Easter			
Horseheath	10.00	Eucharist APCM	Revd. Ian Fisher
Bartlow	18.00	Linton Parish Evensong	Revd. Lesley Gore
Sunday 25th May Sixth Sunday of Easter			
Shudy Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Paul Seaton Burn
Bartlow	10.00	Eucharist	Revd M. Wilcockson
Sunday 1st June Ascension Day			
Linton	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Paul Seaton Burn
Bartlow	10.00	Morning Worship	Congregation Led
Horseheath	16.00	Evening Healing Service	Revd. Ian Fisher/SF
Sunday 8th of June Pentecost			
Bartlow	10.00	Family Service	Lindi Kent LLM
Castle Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday			
Horsheath	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Bartlow	18.00	Evensong	Lindi Kent LLM
Sunday 22nd June Trinity 1			
Shudy Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Bartlow	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Paul Seaton Burn
Sunday 29th June Trinity 2 Team Joint Service			
Castle Camps	10.00	Linton Parish Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher
Sunday 6th July Trinity 3			
Horseheath	11.00	Family Service	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Bartlow	10.00	Morning Worship	Congregation Led
Linton	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Paul Seaton Burn
Sunday 13th July Trinity 4			
Castle Camps	10.00	Eucharist PCC	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Bartlow	10.00	Morning Worship	Congregation Led
Sunday 20th July Trinity 5			
Horseheath	10.00	Eucharist PCC	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Shudy Camps	19.00	Compline	
Sunday 27th July Trinity 6			
Shudy Camps	10.00	Eucharist PCC	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Shudy Camps	19.00	Compline	

Church Events

Wednesday Communion at the Vicarage

A reminder that there is a weekly mid-week communion held at the vicarage every Wednesday at 10.00. All are most welcome.

Mark Hayward Breakfast Talk in All Saints Church Saturday 3rd May 9am

We are very pleased to welcome Mark Hayward from The Pantaloons to present a breakfast talk about The Pantaloons. Many of you will have enjoyed previous performances of The Pantaloons at All Saints Church.

Mark Heyward is the founding member and company director of The Pantaloons. He is a playwright, actor, storyteller, director, producer, singer/ songwriter, attempted carpenter and father of two. Having graduated from the University of Kent in 2005 with a degree in English Literature he has adapted and directed numerous classics for the stage, many of which we have enjoyed at All Saints. His talk promises to be fun and interesting.



Please let Lindi know if you are coming in order to feed you all! (07801 790213 lindi.allen.kent@gmail.com)

Concert 21st June Trinity Consort Choir 1pm

We are very pleased to welcome the **Trinity Consort Choir** to entertain us. This will include a Ploughman's Lunch and glass of wine at **1pm**, concert to start at about **2.30**

Please let Lindi know if you are coming in order to feed you all! (07801 790213 lindi.allen.kent@gmail.com)

Church Events

Open Gardens 12th July 2pm to 5pm

On the **12th of July 2pm to 5pm** we are organising an **Open Gardens Event**.

https://www.opengardens.co.uk/open_gardens.php?id=2735

Come and enjoy an afternoon of strolling around some lovely local gardens. Teas and refreshments will be available. Tickets £5.00, a raffle and an opportunity to buy plants for your own gardens. Also, if you would like to open your own garden and be part of the event, please advise **Lindi Kent** (07801 790213 lindi.allen.kent@gmail.com)



Pantaloons 26th July 7pm Robin Hood at All Saints Church Castle Camps

Back by popular request **The Pantaloons** are performing **Robin Hood** in their own inimitable style, join utter legends Robin, Marian and the Merry Men in Sherwood Forest for a hilariously adventurous take on the timeless tales of everyone's favourite archer.

This is an outdoor event so bring something warm to wear, bring a picnic and picnic rugs or chairs. This has been a great fun filled event in the past so come along, tell your friends and prepare to be entertained.



Tickets available online: <https://thepantaloons.co.uk/robin-hood/>

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Marsh Mail

Linton Village College

The arts are fundamental to our curriculum offer at Linton Village College. We are fortunate to have a thriving Dance department led by Helen Frost. During the spring term, LVC students benefited from a range of dance enrichment opportunities.

We welcomed Oddey, a professional dancer from Flawless, a British street dance troupe, to lead our boys' day of dance. Twenty-five Year 8 boys participated. Oddey choreographed highly energetic Hip Hop pieces and gave an inspirational careers talk. The boys recently performed one of their dances in the Year 8 Celebration assembly.

We also hosted a twilight event for local education leaders to celebrate International Women's Day. LVC students choreographed an insightful and thought-provoking dance based on this year's IWD theme: Accelerate Action.

Our Annual Dance show took place in March with the theme 'Through the decades'. It was a vibrant exploration of how dance has been shaped by the changing tides of music, fashion, and societal changes. Over a hundred students from all year groups performed in the show. Our technical team of students worked alongside Blueshed Technical Company to programme and operate the lighting and sound.

GCSE and BTEC Dance pupils from across Anglian Learning came together recently to participate in a highly innovative workshop with the renowned dance company 'James Cousins Company'. The pupils worked collaboratively on a variety of choreography and performance techniques.

LVC has recently been named as an Arts Award Champion Centre by Trinity College in recognition of our commitment to delivering the nationally recognised Arts Award qualifications.

Crossword

Crossword: May 1st

Across					
1	Roscoe	27	Zodiac animal	59	Like the Sabin vaccine
4	After stock or laundry	29	Breathalyzer attachment	61	London favorites
8	Did yard work	30	Halloween decoration	65	Jagged, as a leaf's edge
13	Folk singer Guthrie	33	Cheater's forte	66	Hotel pillow candies
14	Ballerina Pavlova	38	Alpha's opposite	68	Most dams have one
15	Master, in Swahili	40	Mitch Miller's instrument	70	Mites
16	Baseball handout due to bad weather	41	Tender spots	71	Home to Mount Konahuanui
18	Susan of "Goldengirl"	43	Shangri-la	72	Played for a sap
19	Sleeping disorder	44	Big cats	73	Chill, so to speak
20	Classic Olds	46	Aquarium creatures	74	Exhausted
22	Fish caught in pots	48	W.W. II vessel	75	French connections
23	Fortified wine	49	Beehive State native		
25	Engine sound	51	Children's game		
		52	Largest island in the West Indies		
		54	Gives the evil eye		

Down			
1	Profit and loss depiction		
2	Dress with a flare		
3	Laser printer powder		
4	Encouraging word		
5	Lollapalooza		
6	___ in a blue moon		
7	Ocean menace		
8	Wharton degree		
9	Title holder		
10	Some are heated		
11	Hydroxyl compound		
12	Daily and Blocker, e.g.		
13	Macaws		
17	Transport		
21	Watering hole		
24	Shrill barks		
26	Actor Tognazzi		
28	Yellowstone creature		
29	Sound from the fold		
31	"The Morning Watch" author		
32	Beach shades		
33	Sweetie pie		
34	Wood stork		
35	Dentist's suggestion		
36	Sawbuck		
37	Smeltery input		
39	French sea		
42	Lively old dance		
45	Grinder		
47	Like some bodies on a beach		
50	Listening device		
53	The "U" in UHF		
55	Lock horns		
56	Traditional Sunday fare		
57	___ Park, Colo.		
58	Spring purchase		
59	Poet Khayyám		
60	It may be polished		
62	Roswell sightings		
63	Hardly thrilling		
64	London district		
67	Half a dozen		
69	Fully anesthetized		

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Have you booked your place at Star Shine Night Walk?

As the sun sets on the longest day of the year on Saturday 21 June, join hundreds of walkers on a 10 or 5 mile route to support patients in your community via Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. Starting and finishing at Shelford Rugby Club, help turn the streets of Cambridge into a sea of green and, most importantly, raise vital funds for people accessing the Charity's services.

Whether you're walking in memory of a loved one, for the challenge itself, or simply to support the Charity's services, every one of your steps will make a difference. **Sign up now to be a part of this incredible event at arhc.org.uk/ssnw or Tel: 01223 675888.**

If you are unable to take part in the walk but would still like to support the Charity on the night by volunteering, they would love to hear from you. **Please email events@arhc.org.uk to find out more.**

Arthur Rank Hospice Open Day

When hospice care is first mentioned to patients, it can be natural for them to feel apprehensive. This is why Arthur Rank Hospice Charity holds regular open days for anyone to visit. The Charity has a number of services, including the Living Well Service which supports people with an advanced serious illness or other life-limiting condition. Not all services are for end of life care and the Charity is keen to send the message that they are there to also support a good life at the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge, at the Alan Hudson Centre in Wisbech and in people's own homes across the community. One patient, Jane, shared her experience: "The Alan Hudson Centre provide my pathway of treatment, they provide my emotional support, they share my down days, they wipe my tears, they share my laughter, they support my family, they are always on the end of the phone for the smallest niggle or the daftest question and believe me there have been many!"

To book onto the open day on Thursday 19 June at 12 midday, please call 01223 675888 or email fundraising@arhc.org.uk.

Brand new colleges route for Bridge the Gap

Bridge the Gap, a Cambridge community walk is returning for its special 25th year on Sunday 14 September and early bird registrations are now open! Join supporters for a walk on a brand new route featuring a selection of Cambridge colleges, all whilst raising funds for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Romsey Mill. **Sign up at arhc.org.uk/SSNW and don't forget three under 16's go free with every paying adult.**

Lead On is back for its Third Year!

Join Arthur Rank Hospice Charity for the return of 'Lead On', a dog walking challenge this September. Commit to walking your dog for 3km a day, or aim to complete 90km over the entire month. Every step you take helps provide crucial services and care for those who need it most in your community. As a thank you for your efforts, any participant who raises £30 or more will receive a special Team Arthur dog bandana for their furry friend. Not only will your dog look adorable in it, but you'll also help raise awareness of the Charity as you walk. So, grab your lead and sign up for 'Lead On' this September. Let's make this month one to remember while having a tail-wagging good time!

For more information visit arhc.org.uk/leadon or telephone 01223 675888.

Take on your next running challenge

If you are looking to take part in a running challenge, Arthur Rank Hospice Charity are already taking registrations for Cambridge Half Marathon in 2026 and they have charity places in three fabulous events this September - the **Great North Run**, the **Big Half** in London and the **Vitality 10km**.

For more information visit arhc.org.uk/run or email challenges@arhc.org.uk.

Challenge yourself in 2026 with Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's first overseas challenge of the decade!

Are you ready to rise to the Moroccan challenge? Join Arthur Rank Hospice Charity in May 2026 for an extraordinary adventure in the High Atlas Mountains of Morocco. The Charity is seeking daring adventurers to conquer the highest peak in North Africa: Mount Toubkal, standing tall at 4,167 metres.

This exhilarating five-day journey includes three days of trekking. The ascent is demanding, with steep, rocky paths and the added challenge of high altitude. Yet, the breathtaking views from the summit, stretching across to the Sahara Desert, and the immense sense of accomplishment will make every step worthwhile.

For more details, visit arhc.org.uk/mounttoubkal or email gina@arhc.org.uk

The Manages Trust

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM THE MANAGES TRUST SHUDY CAMPS

The Manages Trust is a small charity in Shudy Camps which was established to provide help and support for people of the parish. (Registered charity no 238214).

If you or your family, or someone you know would benefit from the financial assistance the Trust is able to provide to help with costs such as extra winter heating, attending hospital appointments or paying unexpected bills, please contact the clerk to the Trustees, Andy Webb on 01799 584489/07757 740090 or email andrewsdenwebb@icloud.com.

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Our thanks go out to to Brian 'the beekeeper' Kiddy of Olmstead Honey for responding so promptly.

CRAFT & COFFEE MORNING

CASTLE CAMPS VILLAGE HALL

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Thursday 17th April

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FOLLOWING DATES:
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Thursday 29th May X
Thursday 12th June
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As you will be aware, GP surgeries and hospitals continue to experience increased patient demand. Between us all, we can help alleviate some of that demand by using alternative health services where appropriate.

Your local pharmacy can also offer treatments and prescribe medication for some conditions without you needing to see your GP. This service is called **Pharmacy First** and conditions that can be treated and prescribed for include:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throat (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections or UTI's (women aged 16 to 64 years)

Don't forget, your local pharmacy can also help you with generalised pain and swelling, sore throats, bites and stings, headaches, constipation and diarrhoea, colds and flu, mouth ulcers, tiredness, and vomiting.

If you contact us with an eye problem, our reception teams may signpost you to the **Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)**. MECS is made up of a team of eye specialists who treat non-emergency eye conditions that do not need hospital attention. Conditions covered include acute red eyes, acute irritated or inflamed eyes, sticky discharge or acute watery eyes, in-growing eyelashes, foreign bodies in the eye and recently occurring flashes or floaters.

Finally, you can treat many minor illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs easily at home. Make sure you keep stocked up with health care essentials such as pain relief (paracetamol), cough and sore throat remedies, a first aid kit, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment and heartburn / indigestion treatment. Having these essentials at home will not only save you time, and help you feel better quicker, but will also help save the NHS much needed resources.

If you require any further information about any of the above services please do not hesitate to speak to your local pharmacy, our reception teams or email us on cpicb.contact.gmp@nhs.net

Sandra East
Head of Patient Services

Gardening Club



Here comes the Sun!

Now the Sun has finally decided to brighten our spring gardens, all thoughts in the **West Wickham & District Garden Club** are turning to the Garden Club's summer outings and meetings.

Members and non-members are all welcome to our most popular event of the year:

The Plant Sale on 17th May at 10:30 to 12:00 at West Wickham Village Hall.

Anyone generous enough to bring seedlings and plants for sale (or cakes for the tea stall), please bring your (labelled) pots between 9:00 and 10:00 or deliver plants to Janet Morris at 21 High Street from Monday 12th. If anyone would like plant labels or pots, again, Janet can help you! *



As always, there will be tea and cakes available for visitors to enjoy and this year we are accepting card payments.

This year's **summer garden visits** are to *Buster's Cottage, Duxford* on 16th June at 18:30 (£10) and to *Farm Lodge, Hildersham* on 21st July at 18:30 (£7.50): both fees include refreshments. We are collecting members' names for these events now. **

PLUS we will be attending a number of **summer fetes** in the area (including West Wickham and Castle Camps on 5th July) so look out for us there. From 17th May membership (to renew in September) is only £5 so if you're itching to join us now might be the time!

We are looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces at the Plant Fair and thank everybody in advance for your fantastic support.

Please contact:

* Plant sale: Janet Morris on 01223 290863 jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

** Summer visits: Indi Liepa 01223 291320; ifliepa@gmail.com

Club information: Sue Boase 07716 401646 wwdgc@westwickham.org



Ashdon Open Gardens

Sunday 15th June 2025

11am - 5pm

Proceeds to All Saints Church, Ashdon

Tickets - £10 per adult, Children FREE. Refreshments and lunches available

(All Payments Cash or Cheques only)

*Tickets from 'The Cart' in the centre of the village on the bridge - CB10 2ET
and All Saints Church Rooms in Church Lane - CB10 2HG*



County & District Councillors Report

Council Tax Fraud

Fraud officers have clawed back £360,000 in false claims for council tax discounts, with the money set to be invested back into public services across South Cambridgeshire. The money has been returned to District Council budgets after staff uncovered hundreds of false claims by comparing data records. Called the Cambridgeshire County Council Fraud Initiative, the project continues to identify single person discount fraud and error, since launching in July 2023. It works by comparing data held by the local authority with other information such as the electoral register or credit reference data. Where there is a debt identified, it is recovered through the normal Council Tax billing process, with the income used to fund public services. Data gathered as part of the initiative indicates that around two in 10 claims reviewed by the authority, were being claimed incorrectly.

Local Government Reorganisation

An Extraordinary meeting of South Cambridgeshire District Council agreed to send a letter to the Local Government minister Jim McMahon clarifying that we are working productively with the other councils in Cambridgeshire to design new Unitary Councils. This will mean that the County Council is broken up and its responsibilities will go to either 2 or 3 new councils which will be amalgamations of the current district councils. They have until the autumn to submit the detail of the boundaries of these new authorities.

Warmer Council Homes

More than £8 million in Government funding has been awarded to South Cambridgeshire District Council to improve the energy efficiency of Council homes. The idea is to upgrade thousands of social homes across the country which are currently below the standard of Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) C. Improvements to South Cambridgeshire's Council homes could include insulation, ventilation, heating controls, double glazing, solar panels, and heat pumps - cutting bills and tackling fuel poverty. South Cambridgeshire District Council will now work to allocate funding to properties with priority given to those most in need of energy efficiency improvements. Council tenants will be contacted direct if their home is able to benefit – with the aim for the Council to have as many of its 5,500 properties above an EPC rating of C in the next four years. The funding from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero is part of the national Warm Homes Plan. A total of £8,280,376 is being provided for South Cambridgeshire under the latest wave of the Warm Homes: Social Housing Fund scheme. South Cambridgeshire District Council will contribute £10 million from its Housing Revenue Account – consisting of Council house rents – to the improvements too.

Council Tax on empty homes

- As part of other efforts to bring local empty homes back into use - Council Tax will be doubled on long-term vacant and second homes in the District. The aim is to encourage people to sell or rent their properties to tackle the national housing shortfall - which is particularly acute in South Cambridgeshire. Council estimates suggest there are around 2,640 empty homes in the district, and a further 360 second properties.

County & District Councillors Report

Community Navigators service renewed

The renewal of a service which helps residents remain independent and stay living in their own communities has been approved by Cambridgeshire County Council's Adults and Health Committee. 'Community Navigators', which has been running since 2012, provides personalised support to older people, residents aged 18 and over with disabilities, and their carers. A dedicated team of staff and volunteers from Care Network, which currently runs the service on behalf of the council, connects individuals to services, activities, and interventions in their local communities. The support provided includes informing people about, and referring them to, relevant activities and services; helping people access information to answer questions and enable them to do things for themselves; supporting people to access activities that enable them to remain independent, safe, and well and reaching out to communities to engage with people who may be eligible for Adult Social Care services. Service users can choose to receive support either in the community, at home, or over the phone. Over the last three years, Community Navigators has received nearly 9,000 referrals via the NHS, community and voluntary sector, and the county council's adult social care service. A further two year contract is due to start on 1 October. <https://care-network.org.uk/community-navigators/>

Learning Disability Support

The Learning Disability Partnership (LDP), which has provided integrated health and social care support for adults with learning disabilities in Cambridgeshire, has been formally dissolved from 1 April 2025. Councillors are calling on local health partners to fully share information about the arrangements for NHS funded support from this month and to ensure complete continuity of care from the NHS for people currently receiving services, to match those commitments already made by the council. The Council and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care Board (ICB) are continuing discussions on how to work together to maintain services across the county. However, discussions are ongoing about payments owed for the services provided by the council, including historical debts. There still remains an opportunity to reach an agreement before entering formal legal mediation, and the council hopes for a constructive resolution that benefits all involved, particularly those who rely on these important services. County councillors have raised concerns about this service separation and the associated financial issues, which has been formally escalated as a corporate risk by the council. The council continues to press for a resolution.

Empty Properties

During 2023/24 – 28 South Cambridgeshire properties that were sat un-used and vacant were bought back into use by the District Council. A similar number of turnarounds is expected by the end of the current financial year. Anyone who is looking to turn an old, neglected property into a home may be able to save thousands of pounds in VAT on renovation costs - just by contacting South Cambridgeshire District Council's Empty Homes Officer. Home maintenance and improvements are usually charged at the standard rate of 20% VAT. However, the Government offers a 5% VAT rate on renovations for properties that have been unoccupied for more than two years – but were lived in beforehand. Anyone who has recently purchased, or is about to buy, an empty property which meets these criteria simply needs to contact the Council. The Empty Homes Officer can then provide paperwork needed to confirm the house was unoccupied - triggering a substantial saving.

To see if you qualify, email - env.health@scambs.gov.uk - and provide as much information as possible on the property you have recently purchased or are looking to purchase.

County & District Councillors Report

Heathy Start Vouchers

Parents of children under the age of four years old are being encouraged to check if they are eligible for free Healthy Start vouchers to help buy food and milk. The Healthy Start vouchers are offered by the NHS to parents receiving certain benefits but are estimated to go unclaimed by more than a third (38%) of eligible parents in South Cambridgeshire. This results in almost £88,000 of unclaimed funds each year in the district, largely due to a lack of awareness of the scheme. In our latest campaign to support residents with the cost of living, we have used our new and Innovative IT package, called the Low-Income Family Tracker (LIFT), to identify 377 households who are likely to be eligible for Healthy Start vouchers. All these households have been contacted by letter and text where possible to encourage them to apply for Healthy Start vouchers if they have not done so already. Parents are eligible for Healthy Start vouchers if they have a child under the age of four and are on certain benefits. If eligible, parents will receive a Healthy Start card that can be used in most UK supermarkets, similar to a debit card. The card will be pre-loaded with £8.50 a week for children aged under one, and £4.25 a week for children aged between one and four years old.

New South Cambs website

Please take a look at the new SCDC website – www.scambs.gov.uk – which has lots of new features including localisation: people can put their postcode in and find information purely relevant to the area they live, such as their local councillors and the bin schedule, planning applications close by and the local events happening in their area.

Local Plan Update

Development of the emerging Local Plan for the 2030s has been on hold for over a year due to uncertainties over water supply and transport provision. However, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has announced that sufficient progress has been made to allow a draft Local Plan to be produced this year, for review by the council and for public consultation. There is a huge lead-up time in plan making and these are only steps in a very long process.

Local Elections

There are local elections this year on May 1st for the County Council and the Mayor of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority. Please do research the candidates for both of these positions, as they will affect how your views are represented at these two local authorities.

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A barn is essential for a working farm, to store produce, tools and machinery and to house livestock. The Hundred Parishes has many fine examples of ancient barns which are still in use today, albeit sometimes for a purpose not envisaged when they were built. Some have been converted into homes while others have quite varied new uses.

In 1994, Thorley church purchased a dilapidated 16th-century barn which, following restoration, opened for community use as St Barnabas Centre. At Duddenhoe End, the thatched Hamlet Church started life as a barn.



St Barnabas Centre, Thorley



Hamlet Church, Duddenhoe End

Ashdon and Westmill village halls both began life as barns in the 17th century.



Ashdon Village Hall



Westmill Village Hall

Great Bardfield and Great Saling each have an ancient barn that has been converted into a retail outlet with café, respectively The Blue Egg and Timbers.

In Chrishall, the Red Cow pub offers accommodation in the adjacent 500-year-old thatched barn.

The Hundred Parishes Society

In Little Easton, the Countess of Warwick converted one of her barns into the Barn Theatre. It was used by many famous performers of the early 1900s and still occasionally serves that purpose, on other days being part of a tea room and events venue called Little Easton Manor.



Timbers, Great Saling



Barn Theatre, Little Easton

In Great Bardfield, a Grade-I listed, 16th-century brick barn at Great Lodge now serves as the Anne of Cleves Barn wedding venue.

In Widdington, Grade I-listed Priors Hall Barn is a fine example of a medieval barn, dating from the 14th century and now owned by English Heritage. It is said that 400 oak trees were used in its construction. The large doors on either side could be opened for threshing, with the draught blowing the husks away from the grain. Priors Hall Barn is free to visit, open at weekends from April to September.



Priors Hall Barn, Widdington Exterior



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2	Camps End	Sangers Farm	11:20	11:40
3	Shudy Camps	Main Street	11:50	12:05
4	Castle Camps	Claydon Close	12:15	12:50
5	Horseheath	Old Nurseries	14:00	14:40
6	West Wickham	Streetley End	14:50	15:05
7	West Wickham	High Street Lay by	15:15	15:30
8	Balsham	Bandstand	15:40	16:45



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319 – TO SAFFRON WALDEN / AUDLEY END

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Bartlow Road, High Street, Castle Camps	06:34	08:20	10:40	12:40	14:40
Opp Carter's Farm, Shudy Camps	06:38	08:24	10:44	12:44	14:44

319 – TO HAVERHILL

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Opp Carter's Farm, Shudy Camps	09:09	10:52	12:52	14:52	18:00
Bartlow Road, High Street, Castle Camps	09:13	10:56	12:56	14:56	18:04

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19 – TO HAVERHILL

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Carter's Farm, Shudy Camps	09:31	12:01	14:01	17:36
opp The Manse, Castle Camps	09:36	12:06	14:06	17:41

19 – TO BURROUGH GREEN VIA LINTON

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Castle Camps, High Street	10:33	12:33	15:03	18:08	18:35s
Castle Camps, opp The Manse	-	-	-	-	18:36s
Carter's Farm, Shudy Camps	10:38	12:38	15:08	18:13	18:30s
St Mary's Church, Shudy Camps	-	-	-	-	18:31s

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Wednesday 11th June 2025		X	X
Wednesday 18th June 2025	X		
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Wednesday 2nd July 2025	X		
Wednesday 9th July 2025		X	X
Wednesday 16th July 2025	X		
Wednesday 23rd July 2025		X	X
Wednesday 30th July 2025	X		
Wednesday 6th August 2025		X	X
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