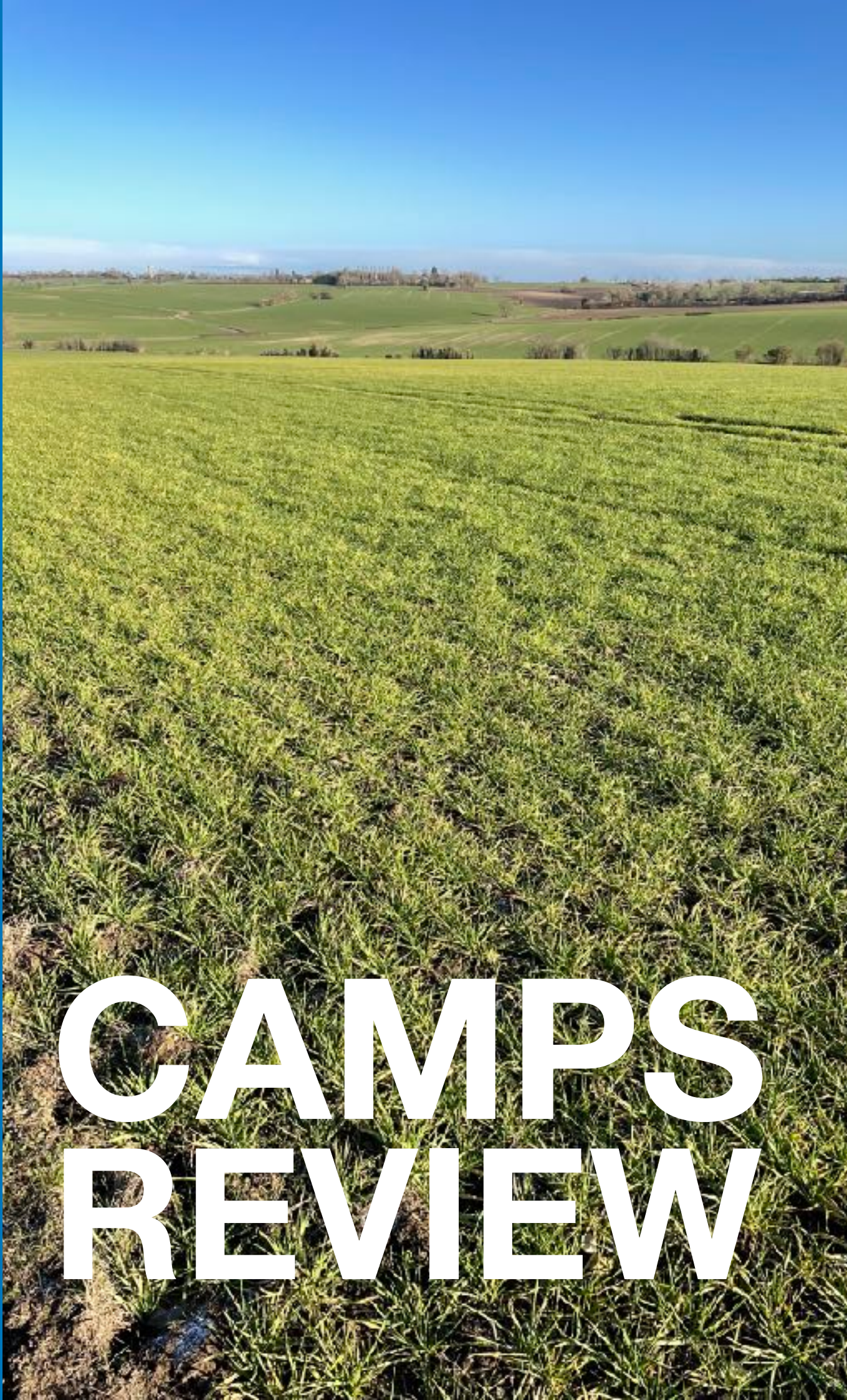


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Camps Events Schedule

Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am	Mon 2nd February
Bowls Club Bingo Evening	Village Hall		Fri 20th February
Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am	Mon 2nd March
Recreation Ground Clearance	Village Hall	10am	Sat 28th March
Jumble Sale	Village Hall	2pm	Sat 28th March
Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am	Mon 6th April
Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am	Mon 4th May
Morning Breakfast Talk James Cochrane Talking about his life as a London Cabbie and Hang Glider Instructor	All Saints Church	9am	Sat 16th May
Camps Garage and Car Boot Sale	Recreation Ground and Camps driveways	2pm	Sat 16th May
Open Gardens	The Camps	2-5pm	Sun 7th June
The Pantaloons Sherlock Holmes and the Hound of the Baskervilles	All Saints Church	7pm	Sat 11th July
Brownes Garden Party	Berghane Hall	3pm	Sun 19th July
Camps Garage and Car Boot Sale	Recreation Ground and Camps driveways	2pm	Sat 26th September

Dear Readers

Happy New Year to all our readers, we hope you enjoy this latest edition of the Camps Review. If there are any additional sections or areas of information that you think would benefit this publication please let me know at the email address below and I will be sure to consider them for the next edition.

As we embark on another new year we all hope that 2026 will prove to be memorable and successful year for all.

We have already passed the shortest day and before we know it the evenings will be lightening. Blue Monday has been safely navigated and spirits should continue to rise as the days go by. The first snow of the season has been and gone, although the rain continues the warmth of the sun cannot be too far away. The conveyor belt of winter storms appears to have slowed with the anticipation of calmer days ahead. As the sun gets higher in the sky and the soil begins to warm, the spring flowers will soon appear.

Optimism is in the air !

Do I get a prize for not mentioning President Trump in any of my ramblings !?

Nick



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Castle Camps Clubs and Amenities

Children's Activities

Brownies Horseheath	01223 891086
CATS (Village Hall)	Kieran Chapman - 07419 324897
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
Rise Yoga	07891 0i7887 - Laura Rest
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 Park Lane, Castle Camps
Hanchett Toys	01799 584979
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Castle Camps School	www.castlecampsschool.co.uk

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News from Castle Camps Parish Council

Happy New Year !

I trust that we are all recovered from the Christmas and New Year festivities and any indulgence on mince pies, turkey dinners and perhaps prosecco ! Not forgetting that our thoughts were also for those unfortunate enough to have succumbed to the cold and flu viruses that were circulating and those who may have been hospitalised. We do hope that they have recovered satisfactorily and are now welcoming in the New Year.

The New Year a time of resolutions and a fresh start for some and perhaps this year you may want to start a new hobby or join one of the many clubs we have in the community including the bowls club, the gun club, the choir at the URC, Yoga, Pilates, Dance club, Craft club, and for the children there is the CATS amateur dramatics, Toddler Group, Brownies or the Pony club. Contacts for all are within this publication. All Saints Church, URC and the Village Hall are at the centre of our village community and our thanks must go to those volunteers who organise the activities and events that we continue to enjoy.

The recent bad weather including the rain, snow and flooding are a reminder to us all of the care and attention we need to take when travelling around the countryside whether running, walking, riding, cycling or driving we must be cautious and respect our neighbours and the visitors to our community.

Spring is not too far away and our attention will soon turn towards our gardens for spring flowers and planning the vegetable plot or if you are lucky enough your allotment. Plenty of support and advice is available through the allotment members and the West Wickham Gardening club.

Parishioners are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings which are held regularly, full details are available through the clerk, councillors or the Parish Website.

Good health to you all.

John Biggs
Chairman
Castle Camps Parish Council

Shudy Camps Amenities

Shudy Camps Parish Council - For information see website

www.shudycamps.org.uk

Parish Clerk - Jackie Dockerill - clerk@shudycamps.org.uk - 07769 558334

St Mary's Church, Study Camps -Church Warden. - James Manning - 07717 525472

News from Shudy Camps Parish Council

Over the autumn the area around the Main Street bus shelter has been tidied up and also the Ivy which had grown up around it was removed, but this highlighted that the roof needed to be re felted which has been completed.

The wood on the bench on Jubilee Green was starting to fail, so this has also been replaced, plus the Noticeboard has been spruced up replacing the internal cork and along with some of the wood which was also rotting away.

The parish council applied for the 6 free trees scheme from South Cambridgeshire District Council, they will be planted around the village at the end of the year, so see if you can spot them.

Jubilee Green application to become an official village green is getting ever nearer. The process has been going on for a number of years and a public notice was been put up early Dec 25 and the closing date is 30th Jan 26. So hopefully the application will be finalised sometime after this, fingers crossed.

The footpath which runs between the back of the Parkway and the Park is wet as normal and we are hopefully going to get some chipping down early 2026 to alleviate the issue.

Jackie Dockerill
Shudy Camps Parish Council Clerk



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VILLAGE HALL
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**09.15-11.15
(TERM TIME)**

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Camps Village Hall Committee

Firstly, I would like to wish all our readers a Happy New Year. I had the pleasure of welcoming in the new year with friends at the Village Hall party which was very enjoyable and well attended. I am pleased to report that I woke the next morning with sore feet but a clear head.

The last committee meeting was held on Tuesday 21 October. I am pleased to report that hall bookings have increased in the last year, and it is hoped that this will continue into 2026. It was agreed the hall hire charges would be increased incrementally in the 2026; rates to be reviewed and agreed at the next meeting.

We have received positive feedback from those who have hired the hall or attended events with the regards to the plentiful and eclectic supply of glasses **in the bar**. These have been sourced by Cindy from local free sites and make the bar now user friendly. We are working towards further improvements to make it more operational.

The free guest Wi-Fi is now up and running and available to all who attend the village hall.

We are in the process of improving the recycling facilities and are procuring additional bins both inside and outside the hall.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20 January, before this edition of the Camps Review will be circulated.

The Friends of the Village Hall committee have held the following events over the past couple of months which have raised funds towards refurbishment of the hall. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank everyone who has participated in making these events a success.

- The jumble sale on 6th December raised £390 for the hall
- The December bingo held by Gillian and Joan was a sellout raising money for the hall and charities.

Watch this space for car boot, garage and jumble sale dates. These will all be opportunities to sell or donate your unwanted items when you have a spring clean.

Polite request: could all hall users please ensure that 20 chairs are left out around the edge of the main hall before vacating.

Emma Canton (Secretary)



Village Hall Hiring Rates

Full day hire for full Hall		
Castle Campers : £110.00	Shudy Campers : £132.00	Non camps Hirers : £190.00
Hourly Rates		
Full Hall	Main Hall	Small Meeting Room
Castle Campers : £14.00	Castle Campers : £12.00	Castle Campers : £10.00
Shudy Campers : £15.00	Shudy Campers : £14.00	Shudy Campers : £12.00
Non Camps Hirers : £22.00	Non Camps Hirers : £21.00	Non Camps Hirers : £15.00



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



JUMBLE SALE

Entrance 50p inc Tea & biscuits

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Castle Camps Village Hall, CB21 4SR

**28TH
MARCH**

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Fundraiser for Camps Village Hall

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 illustrations of food and drink: 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 bowl of coffee, a pink teapot, a pink macaron, a slice of cake with a cherry, a purple cupcake, a slice of cake with red icing, and a chocolate cupcake. Two hands are shown holding bowls of coffee. The background is a light pink color.

Coffee Morning

OPEN TO EVERYONE
EVERYONE WELCOME

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

Castle Camps Village Hall, CB21 4SR

Contact Sue Buckingham 01799 584522

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£2.00 and See you there!

Castle Camps Events Committee News

Hello All

We rounded last year off nicely with 3 events:

Christmas themed Afternoon Tea at the end of November. I love these Tea events for 2 reasons, 1 - we set the place settings with pretty vintage crockery, milk jugs and sugar bowls and use 3 tier cake stands to display the finger sandwiches, savouries and slices of cake. 2 – the feedback is always of thankfulness and gratitude for putting on the event where everyone can mingle and chat to their fellow villagers. Entertainment was provided by Lilia Lucus, professional singer, and tea, coffee and sherry flowed. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated cakes

"I would like to send my, and I am sure, everyone who attended the Christmas Afternoon Tea on the 29th November a very big thank you to the Events Committee. The food was fantastic, the entertainment just right, and great to have a chance to meet up with friends and acquaintances, that you haven't seen for a while, for a relaxed chat and gossip."

Sue Herbert

Carols on the Green Christmas Eve. This was well attended as always, with a change of Terry Mann organising the music and order of carols. We give a big thank you to Hannah Horton and musicians for her past involvement

Village New Year's Eve Party in the village hall. What an excellent end to the year! 75 tickets were sold, the dance floor was full and a good time was had by all.

"What a good night at the Village Hall. A chance to dance and have fun with friends and neighbours. Something for all ages and families. Much better than sitting watching the box alone at home. Will definitely go again next year."

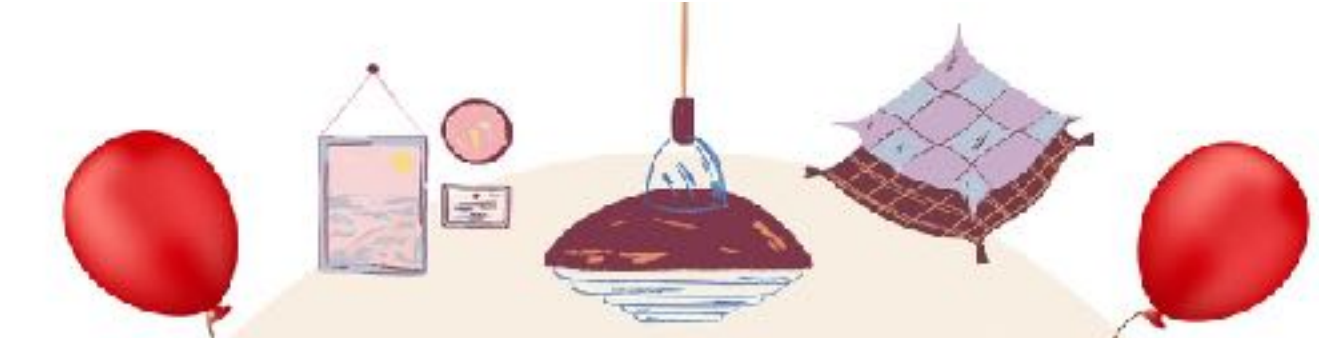
HELP WANTED

We are a small committee and have great fun organising these events but we need more people. We are looking for extra committee members or helpers as more hands make lighter work! If you wish to join the Events Committee or become a helper please come along to our next meeting and see if it's for you - email us for the date and location of the next meeting

Money raised from our events is given back to the community by means of grants. So if you are a club or organisation looking for money to help with something specific or a family or individual who would like to run a small project in the community or local area (with help from us), please fill in the request form in this issue or get in touch, Campsevents@yahoo.com.

Many thanks for your continued support

The Events Committee



CAMPS GARAGE & CAR BOOT SALE

(RED BALLOON SALE)



SAT 16TH MAY 10AM - 2PM
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**MAPS & BALLOONS WILL BE GIVEN OUT ON THE
DAY**

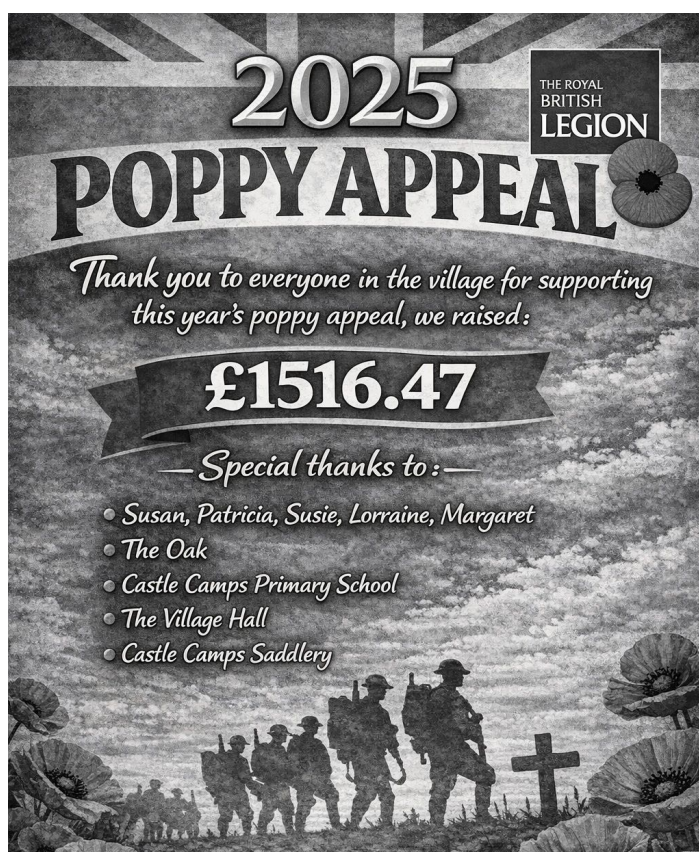
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Camps Charitable Contributions



Michael Prentice Memorial Bench



Thank you to everyone who donated towards Michael Prentice's memorial bench. The generous amount of £940 was raised. A semi circular cedar bench is now being purchased to sit around the oak tree on The Green. The bench will be a quiet place for reflection, conversation, and rest, it will stand as a lasting reminder of a wonderful man who was often seen chatting with neighbours or passers by while out walking and left a mark on the hearts of all who knew him.

The oak tree was originally planted over 70 years ago in memory of a parishioner and further held a memorial plaque for a second parishioner. These details are being clarified and new plaques will be displayed alongside the bench

If you haven't already donated and would like to support this project please drop your cash donations in a marked envelope through the door of Mr & Mrs Hoddinott at 9 Haverhill Road, Castle Camps

Christmas Carols on the Green



Thanks to everyone who joined Christmas Eve Carols on the village green. There was a great atmosphere and the sound drifted in the cold air to Claydon Close. Request for musicians was answered by Terry, who formed a group that magnificently kept everyone on track, and received lots of compliments. The addition of the Choir brilliantly kept everyone in tune and their attendance is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Santa for making a visit despite his busy night. Approximately over 250 people attended the event and profits were donated to the Village Events Committee. It is good to see the local community supporting this activity.

I am sure everyone in the village would like to thank Acorn Garage in sponsoring, decorating and lighting the Christmas Tree on the Village Green over the Christmas festivities, it makes a joyful focus.

Thanks once again everyone and see you same place, same time this December.

Sue Herbert



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Cambridge CB21 4TA

Camps Community Choir



With Christmas Day only a week away, the Camps kicked off the festivities on 18th December with a wonderful evening of readings and songs in the former Castle Camps chapel. Expertly led by Sara Brimer Davey and James Davey, the choir performed seasonal favourites skilfully accompanied by Sally Gill on piano. There were plenty of chances for the capacity audience to be involved when everyone sang carols. Readings by members of the choir brought moments of quiet contemplation or laughter and it was all book-ended by prayers and best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

After the concert, audience and choir alike enjoyed drinks and nibbles. The choir rehearse in the chapel every Thursday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm and welcomes new members.'



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Life in all its fullness

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas break, and the past couple of weeks have already been busy and exciting. The children have settled back into their routines extremely well and are working hard across all subjects. With many activities planned for the term ahead, we are also looking forward to seeing our football team back in action following their success in the Prestige Football League last term, and we hope they can continue their winning streak. We are very grateful to our former pupil, Cameron Ovenden, who has helped coach the team to victory.

Christmas Productions

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend our Christmas productions. The EYFS and KS1 children delighted audiences with their *Simply the Nativity* performances on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th December, and the children were truly exceptional throughout. Our KS2 pupils also gave us an excellent afternoon and evening's entertainment with their musical production of *Bah Humbug*. Special thanks go to the staff and to all the family members who supported the children as they learned their lines and prepared for the performances.

Christmas Fair (FOCCS)

It was wonderful to bring our families and together for our school Christmas Fair. In total, the Friends of Castle Camps School raised an incredible £1,083.95. Miss Lansdell (Chair) and the FOCCS Committee have planned so many excellent events for the children to enjoy, and we are extremely grateful for all their support.

Excellent Behaviour

We are always proud of our pupils, but it was lovely to receive an email from a parent this week recognising and praising the excellent behaviour of our older children at *Carols on the Green* in Castle Camps. The parent shared how the older pupils supported the younger children at the event, demonstrating kindness, cooperation, and consideration for others. This is exactly the type of positive behaviour we regularly see during playtimes, and we are so pleased with the way our KS2 pupils look after and care for one another. They always try hard to model the right values, and I am delighted that they are being positive role models outside of the school environment as well.

Olivia – RSPCA Fundraising

Congratulations to Olivia (Deer Class), who raised £86.04 through her craft sale in December. Olivia received a letter of thanks from Craig Horsler at Danaher RSPCA Centre. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the craft sale, and well done to Olivia. Recently, several of our pupils have worked hard to raise money for charities and to support causes that are so important to them.

Castle Camps C of E (V.C.) Primary School

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Reception Places for September 2026

We held a very successful Open Morning for parents on Wednesday 6th November. During the morning, parents watched a presentation by Mrs Sterecki (Class Teacher) and listened to a short speech from two children in Year 6. If you are considering a Reception place, please contact the school office. Although the closing date is 15th January, the Local Authority will process late applications in the second round.

Recent Concerts

On Tuesday 16th December, we were treated to a fantastic concert by our iRock music groups, with the children performing brilliantly in front of the whole school and their parents. Then, on the final day of term, our talented pianists performed a selection of beautiful Christmas music as part of our Carol Concert, making it a wonderful way to end the term and prepare for the Christmas break.

Young Voices Concert 02

Continuing with the theme of music, on Tuesday, 24th February, we will be taking our choir to attend the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for the children to sing as part of a massed choir of 8,000 children and to perform with a live orchestra and professional singers. Thank you to Mrs MacBean and Mrs Evans for organising this.

Miss Alexandra O'Connor
Headteacher

The Connection

News from our Anglican Churches

Dear Friends,

Lent this year starts with Ash Wednesday on the 18th February. Lent is all about fasting but actually that is only one part of lent. The introduction to the Ash Wednesday Service tell us, 'since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting. By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel and so grow in faith and in devotion to the Lord. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

So that's straight forward, isn't it? Well, it would be if we were all the same, at the same point on our Christian journey, but we're not.

We might take the common Lenten line of giving something up, chocolate, alcohol, television or whatever but where does that get us? As a stern Italian proverb put it 'who fasts and does no other good saves his bread and goes to hell.'

We might commit ourselves to extra prayer time – but for what or whom will we pray in that time. We could aim to read the bible more – but which bits and why?

It really depends on what we want to achieve, where we want to be. What is the target of our Lenten discipline? Fasting and self-denial, prayer, bible reading are not in themselves targets; they are the means by which we achieve our targets which the introduction tell us is 'to grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.'



Growing in faith and devotion is something we can all do, but by how much depends on who we are and the point from which we start. Each of us needs to set our own targets for Lent. When Easter comes where do we want to be in our Christian journey? Which of the available resources, prayer, bible study, fasting and self-denial, Lent books, Lent study courses, church services etc, will help us get there?

When setting our Lenten targets, we need to be realistic, they should be attainable. We won't become super-Christians in the few weeks of Lent.

Setting yourself a target for Lent may sound like a daunting prospect, but help is at hand. It is one of the roles of the clergy to advise and direct in matters such as these, not just with the generalized advice contained in magazine articles like this or in the sermons we preach to 30 or so people at once, but individually. During Lent I will be more than happy to talk to you about your Christian life, where you think you are and where you want to go, so give us a try. Whether you do or not I pray that all of us can use this Lent to grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.



Love and Prayers
Ian

Ian Fisher (Team Vicar)
ian.fisher@btclick.com

Church Diary

Sunday 1st February Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Candlemass			
Horseheath	16.00	Evening healing service	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 8th February Second Sunday Before Lent			
Castle Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 15th February Sunday Before Lent			
Horseheath	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Ash Wednesday 18th February Vicarage			
Castle Camps	10.00	Vicarage Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher
Sunday 22nd First Sunday of Lent			
Shudy Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 1st March Second Sunday of Lent PCC meeting			
Horseheath	16.00	Evening healing service	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent PCC meeting			
Castle Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent			
Horseheath	11.00	Family Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 22nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent			
Shudy Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday Joint Team Eucharist			
TBC	10.00	Joint Team Eucharist	TBC
Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday Agape Meal			
Shudy Camps	18.00	Agape Bring and Share	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Friday 3rd April Good Friday			
Horseheath	12.00	Liturgy	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday			
Castle Camps	8.00	New Fire	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Castle Camps	10.00	Breakfast Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 12th April Second Sunday of Easter			
Castle Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter			
Horseheath	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK
Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter			
Shudy Camps	10.00	Eucharist	Revd. Ian Fisher/LK

Church Events

Winter Guided Walk

On the 29th December 2025 Russell Kent held another of his guided walks around the Camps area. On this occasion the route was a circular trek up to and across the airfield which was enjoyed by circa thirty enthusiastic participants and one even more enthusiastic dog. A great way to blow away the Christmas cobwebs and learn about the history of the airfield and its environs.



The grave of Thomas Baird (RAF)



Audience amongst the hay bales



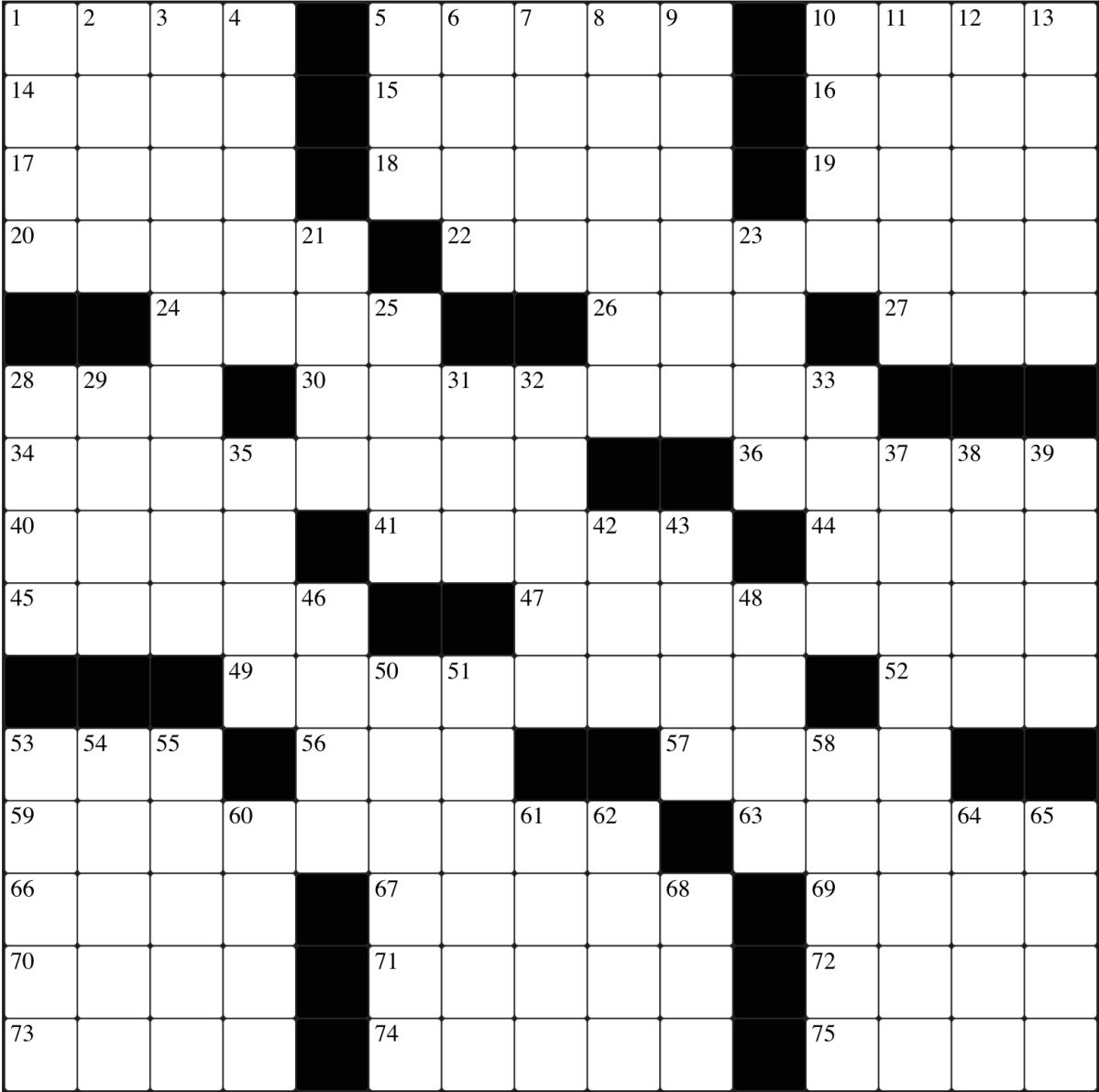
History lesson underway on the airfield



Boots parked outside ahead of refreshments

Our thanks go to Russell for organising the event and providing such an informative commentary throughout. Our thanks also extend to Lindi Kent for arranging a welcoming post walk gathering at Lily Cottage and an array of wonderful nibbles washed down with some very welcome mulled wine.

Crossword Puzzle Page



ACROSS

- 1. Treaty
- 5. Carbonated beverages
- 10. Explosion sound
- 14. Norwegian city
- 15. Conform
- 16. She, in Bordeaux
- 17. Plumbing problem
- 18. Grinding tooth
- 19. Revise copy
- 20. Fertile spots
- 22. Open to suggestions
- 24. Fit of temper
- 26. That woman
- 27. Browning's "always"
- 28. Shade tree
- 30. Furniture surface
- 34. Restore confidence
- 36. Sticker
- 40. Classify

- 41. Breakfast bread
- 44. "_____ Enchanted" (movie)
- 45. Pointed weapon
- 47. Unnecessary
- 49. Opposer
- 52. "Wow!"
- 53. Sixth sense (abbr.)
- 56. 14th letters
- 57. Detergent
- 59. Conventions
- 63. License _____
- 66. King's title
- 67. Drizzly
- 69. Thing
- 70. Caribous' kin
- 71. Weird
- 72. Pack tightly
- 73. Wood strip
- 74. Slumbered
- 75. "_____ Rider"

DOWN

- 1. Explorer Marco _____
- 2. Adrift
- 3. School friend
- 4. Keepsake
- 5. "Cheers" bartender
- 6. Aroma
- 7. Glen
- 8. Geronimo, e.g.
- 9. Road
- 10. Sugar source
- 11. Dated ditty
- 12. Green shade
- 13. Measuring device
- 21. Poses
- 23. Urge
- 25. Stiff
- 28. Makes mistakes
- 29. Jump
- 31. Sis's counterpart
- 32. Slants
- 33. Banana skin
- 35. Broil
- 37. Ancient Egyptian queen
- 38. As well
- 39. Eyelid hair
- 42. Gel
- 43. Links gadgets
- 46. Marsh plant
- 48. Fall
- 50. Traps
- 51. Jerusalem's locale
- 53. Snaky shapes
- 54. Motionless
- 55. Winter coat
- 58. Wonderland girl
- 60. Bird's abode
- 61. Desperate
- 62. Quick cut
- 64. Afternoon parties
- 65. TV award
- 68. Until now

Castle Camps Bowls Club



Our 2025 presentation evening was held in November, thanks to Poppy's Catering and our in house DJ another successful year was brought to an end.

As the 2026 season approaches work has continued throughout autumn and winter to upgrade and improve facilities and update the way the club functions: this included major works to renew the retaining boards around the Green, install a new industrial design drinks fridge, install an outside sink and level up the main path to the Clubhouse. A group of 10 volunteers carried out the works to a high standard.

With card payments slowly replacing cash, increased Website functionality and Whatsapp replacing paper alternatives there is plenty to do for the techies amongst us. As High Street residents will know 4/5G signals are weak in the village which is proving a challenge to a facility without WiFi. That may have to be our next investment. Any help or advice on this subject would be appreciated.

Even though we are in the close season around £3000 has been spent since the beginning of September 2025 hence our winter fundraising program. Carpet Bowls in December swiftly followed up by a January quiz night enjoyed by 70 participants were wrapped around the Christmas break. Congratulations to the victorious Helions Bumpstead team.

By the time you receive this publication our February Bingo night will likely have taken place thanks to Gillian Blackmore and friends and we hope to have significantly contributed to our winter spending.

As always we are welcoming new members, particularly those living in the catchment area of this publication. It really would be very satisfying to see more people from The Camps enjoying some summer evenings/weekend afternoons in our peaceful garden.

Please contact [Peter Cottage](#) for further information.

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The Manages Trust

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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).

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CATS - 2026 Update

Camps Amateur Theatrical Society (CATS) continues to be a proud part of the local community, bringing live theatre to Camps and the surrounding villages. As we move into 2026, the group is stepping into an exciting new chapter while staying true to what we do best: telling stories, entertaining audiences, and occasionally wondering why we thought a 30 second costume change was a good idea!



Our upcoming production, *This Is It* - a variety show, will take place on **Friday 27th and Saturday 28th February 2026**. The show hopes to celebrate the humour and camaraderie that CATS is known for with two enjoyable evenings of theatre. Tickets are **£7 each**, with a **bar and raffle available on both nights**. Tickets can be purchased by calling **01440 762290** or **07742 670764**.

CATS remains a welcoming, community-focused amateur dramatics group, and we're always keen to welcome new members — both on stage and behind the scenes. Whether you're interested in acting, lighting, sound, props, scenery, or helping out on show nights, there is **always** a place for you at CATS. No experience is needed, why not join us and learn something new – or at least have a good laugh while trying!

I'd like to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work and commitment. They have handed over a strong group, and the new committee is excited to continue their work and maintain the high standards members and audiences expect.

A special thank you goes to **Trevor Bishop**, our outgoing chairman of over **18 years**, whose dedication, humour, and love of storytelling have helped shape CATS for many years. While he's stepping down from the role of chair, audiences will certainly still see plenty of him I am sure, his jokes are just too good to let go of!

On a personal note I am thrilled to take on the role of Chairman at CATS, it is an honour to have been asked to lead the group I have loved and learned so much from in the last 15 years, I hope to continue to develop the group with the backing of an excellent committee, bringing theatre and laughter for years to come.

To get involved, please visit our new Facebook page "**CATS – Camps Amateur Theatrical Society**", email **catsdrama@outlook.com**, or speak to any member of the group. We'd love to welcome you.

Kieran Chapman
Chairman, CATS
07419324897



NEXT DATE:

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Linton Village College is proud to be recognised as a Trinity Champion Centre for 2025/26, celebrating our successful delivery of Arts Award qualifications.

Trinity College London is an international exam board and education charity specialising in music, drama, combined arts and English language. At LVC, the Arts Award is embedded in our curriculum, with all Year 7 students completing the Bronze Award. This achievement was recently highlighted in an Arts Award case study. Beyond Bronze, students can progress to Silver and Gold through extra-curricular opportunities led by trained staff. The Gold Award, usually offered by post-16 providers, carries 16 UCAS points, a fantastic way for us to stretch and challenge learners.

Arts Award encourages students to explore their creativity in areas such as dance, music and art. They also develop leadership skills by planning and running an arts-based activity for a chosen audience, building confidence in communication, organisation and problem-solving.



Continuing the celebration of the arts, we are thrilled to share the success of Mia in Year 11. On 18 December, Mia conducted O Come All Ye Faithful at Anna Lapwood's Christmas Concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Performing in front of 6,000 people with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Mia rose to the challenge and was even gifted the conductor's baton, an unforgettable experience.

At Linton Village College, we are always committed to nurturing creativity and ambition, ensuring every student has the opportunity to explore the arts and develop leadership skills that open doors to exciting future pathways.

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1st Horseheath Brownies

We have just returned to Brownies following the Christmas break. We are a lively band of 6 Brownies , who like to make things and have lots of fun.

We made a felt Christmas pudding tree decoration just before we broke up with the help of Katharine Fisher, which I am very grateful for, the girls have requested we make something else, and possibly learn to crochet too, and some baking.

We also have a district residential at Eaton Vale near Norwich to look forward to at the beginning of February. As well as easter, mothering Sunday, Chinese new year,

If you have been intrigued by what you have read about the Brownies and you have a 7-year old girl, or older, living in your home and think she might like to join us then please email me on horseheathbrownies@gmail.com or register her on www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/ and I'll get in touch. Also, if you have a daughter who is 5 years old, she could be a Rainbow or if she is over 10 years old then she could be a Guide, we have units in Linton that have spaces that they could join. Email me for more details.

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County & District Councillors Report

Grange Farm

At the end of 2025, the District Council released their draft Local Plan – which is the development plan for the next 20 years and indicates the parcels of land in South Cambridgeshire & Cambridge City that they feel can accommodate housing and commercial development to feed the population and economic growth during this time.

The major development in our area is called Grange Farm and has been well publicised in both local media, local authority press releases, public consultation events as well by as word of mouth.

The proposal is for a brand-new town, which can accommodate up to 6,000 new houses. This would be a major development in our area, as it would represent a new town about 3 times the size of Linton.

The reason this is proposed here is that the location is deemed to be ‘sustainable’, as it’s close to employment sites like Granta Park and Babraham Research Park and is also located on major roads – the A1307 and the A11.

The public consultation on this draft document went live on December 1st and will run until January 30th. Please do encourage anyone that has a view on the Grange Farm site, or any of the others proposed, to engage with this. This is the first, and most important, opportunity that people will have to comment on the proposals.

There are also a raft of in-person sessions where you can speak with a planning officer about anything specific. There is a list of all of the events, as well as the consultation form, on the Local Plan webpage - <https://greatercambridgeplanning.org/local-plan> - the main local event that we have in our area has been arranged by the Parish Council and is on January 14th at 7pm in the Abington Institute, where planning officers will be presenting and taking questions on the Grange Farm site specifically.

Local Government Reorganisation

Following the submission to central government, by local authorities in Cambridgeshire, of their preferred geographic splits of what new unitary authorities would look like, we now wait until the government have digested this information. We will likely be asked for further thoughts, via a consultation, once government have whittled the possibilities down to, what they think, are the most efficient/realistic. More to follow in the coming months.

Kingsway Solar

Thank you to all those who engaged with the public consultation last year, it was very important to get people’s comments into Kingsway, as these will all be sent to the planning inspector, who will be making the decision on this proposal.

A slight update on national planning policy, which is relevant to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Proposals (NSIP’s), which the Kingsway Solar Farm is one of. Recently, the government have changed planning law to make the NSIP process quicker. Whether this is a good thing, or not, is yet to be seen but could be interpreted as speeding up delivery at the expense of scrutiny.

County & District Councillors Report

If you want to read the full change, you can do so here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-planning-and-infrastructure-bill/guide-to-the-planning-and-infrastructure-bill> - but the main changes are:

1. Accelerating infrastructure in particular Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs)
2. Limiting the number of attempts at legal challenge against government decisions on major infrastructure projects
3. Development corporations: Will be focused on New Towns and large scale development, the key elements to note is that the Act gives them transport powers.
4. Strategic Planning (SDS): Spatial Development Strategies become a statutory requirement for Combined Authorities/ Mayoral Strategic Authorities
5. A more strategic approach to nature recovery
6. Changes to CPO process and land compensation rules to enable more effective land assembly through public sector-led schemes

Weekly Food Waste Collection

The changes to how our food waste will be collected will be implemented this year. Every household will get a separate food caddy for all of their food waste, this will still be collected by the District Council in the same way that our bins currently are.

The reason for this change is in response to DEFRA changing the law around how food can be disposed of, so locally we need to collect it separately to the waste in other bins, specifically the green bin.

Full detail at - <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/news/greater-cambridge-councils-set-out-arrangements-for-new-weekly-food-waste-collections>

Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all of you. We hope you all had a restful Christmas period and are looking forward to working with you in 2026.

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January 2026

Gardening Club

West Wickham & District Gardening Club

Pleasures of the Plot



One of the pleasures of February is planning what to plant to through late winter and spring then flicking through tasty recipes in anticipation of future harvests! Those keen enough to be outside already will no doubt be already planting onions, parsnips and early potatoes.

To whet our appetites for the months ahead, February's talk is about growing your own fruit and veg, whether that's in a container or and allotment – the satisfaction is just the same. Expert and enthusiast, *Nigel Start* is telling us how to achieve **Self-sufficiency from your garden** A much-anticipated event by Club members, Nigel has been growing most of his fruit and veg in his garden in South Cambridge for over 15 years and will share his knowledge of how to get the best from our harvest. *Members (free entry) and non-members (£2) are equally welcome. The talk is at 7:30pm on Monday 16th at West Wickham Village Hall with tea and coffee served afterwards.*

For those of you who might be considering joining, we have an exciting programme leading up to our **16th May Plant Sale**:

Monday 16th March* talk by *Tim Fuller* **New, rare and unusual perennials*

Tim has been running his Norfolk nursery, The Plantsman's Preference, since 1996 which specialises in hardy geraniums, ornamental grasses and many interesting

Monday 20th April* talk by *Hawk Honey* **Wasps and their role in our gardens*

Hawk spoke to us about bees in January 2025, and by popular demand, he is back to tell us about the important role wasps play in gardens.

This month's notable news is that we are now members of **Plant Heritage**.

The benefits of group membership include:

- Two members can attend each talk free of charge (on production of the Club's membership cards), generally with discounts for additional visitors
- The seasonal journals and National Plant Collection Directories are available for members to borrow
- Members can attend open days to see National Plant Collections as well as visits and workshops.

Follow this link to find out more... <https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/groups/cambridgeshire/>

Our Club contact, Janet Morris, will be sharing further information about this new benefit in the coming months.

Membership for 2025–2026 runs from October to October and remains at £8 with new members welcome to join throughout the year. Membership also brings with it discounts at local suppliers, discounts at Plant Heritage events and half-price entry to RHS gardens. Non-members are welcome at all talks with a fee of £2 per visit.

Please contact...

Sally Collins on wwdgc@westwickham.org for further information about the Club.

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The Hundred Parishes Society

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The hall house design fell out of favour, mainly during the period 1550 to 1650 AD, when it became fashionable to instal a fireplace against a wall, complete with a flue or chimney which took away the smoke and also provided an upward draft to encourage the fire to burn.

Where the flue or chimney breached the roofline, it often continued upwards as a chimney pot. In grander houses, these became fashionable accessories and a good number survive today.

During the 19th century, more and more houses had fires and now they tended to be fuelled by coal. Chimneys became narrower and their pots were less ornate. Fireplaces would be installed in multiple rooms, so houses might have several chimneys.

From mid-20th century, open fires were largely replaced by various forms of central heating and chimney pots are not usually required on new houses. Older pots are sometimes removed before they need maintenance.



Badynghams in Great Waltham



Tudor House in Newport



Cable Cottage in Puckeridge,
Standon Parish



Brook House at North End, Felsted



Stansted Hall in Stansted Mountfitchet



Dynes Cottage,
Finchingfield

You are encouraged to look up at our surviving chimney pots, especially those from long ago. Here are some of the wonderful local examples: Badyngams at Great Waltham; Tudor House in Newport; Cable Cottage in Puckeridge; Brook House at North End, Felsted and Stansted Hall in Stansted Mountfitchet. Not so easy to find, but on various walk routes: Moyns Park in Steeple Bumpstead, Broadoaks in Wimbish, and Dynes Cottage in Finchingfield. Happy spotting!

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319 – TO HAVERHILL

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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Bartlow Road, High Street, Castle Camps	09:13	10:56	12:56	14:56	18:04

Visit centralconnect.info/timetables/ for the latest schedules, other locations and times.

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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Opp The Manse, Castle Camps	09.52	11.52	13.52	17.56

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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The Manse, Castle Camps	18.23			

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Wednesday 11th March 2026	X		
Wednesday 18th March 2026		X	X
Wednesday 25th March 2026	X		
Wednesday 1st April 2026		X	X
Wednesday 8th April 2026	X		
Wednesday 15th April 2026		X	X
Wednesday 22nd April 2026	X		
Wednesday 29th April 2026		X	X
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Wednesday 13th May 2026		X	X

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