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News in Brief

Dry Drayton Friendship Club

Members met recently for the club's AGM, which took place at our meeting on 15th February. This was followed by afternoon tea prepared and served by Angie Martin and Carol Doyle.

A very warm welcome to our new members. Our next meeting will be held on 15th March when Professor John Shepherd will talk about his book *Crisis? What Crisis? The Callaghan Government and the British 'Winter of Discontent' 1978-79*.

This will be followed by afternoon tea. Everyone, whether you have been before or not, or whatever your age, will be very welcome.

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April newsletter deadline

The next issue of the Dry Drayton Newsletter will be the April issue. The deadline for that is 20th March. If you have any contributions (text and/or photos), please send them to drydraytonnews@gmail.com to arrive by 20th March at the very latest. Thank you.

Many thanks also to all the Newsletter production team, regular contributors, and the volunteers who deliver the monthly Newsletters to your door. We couldn't do it without you!

March & April Coffee Mornings

The next coffee morning will be at the Village Hall 10:00-12:00 on Wednesday 1st March.

It will be followed by the **Easter Coffee Morning on Wednesday 5th April**. During the April Coffee Morning there will be a few stalls selling local produce and homemade craft items to raise money for Riding for the Disabled and Dry Drayton Village Hall.

If you have any produce/ craft items, etc, that you could donate, please bring them along on the morning.

Thank you to everyone who comes to the Coffee Mornings and supports us in any way. We are always looking for more volunteers to help, particularly to bake for us! (We promise not to harass you for more cakes, we are just grateful whenever people can help out!)

If you would like to give time/ cake please contact Una on una.sowerby@btinternet.com or Gil on hemyghislaine@gmail.com

Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary!



We wish a very happy 70th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday 21st March to two long-time residents of Dry Drayton.

It is an impressive 70 years since John and Daphne Cole, who live in Pettitts Lane, got married in the spring of 1953.

John was born at Honey Hill Cottage at the end of Pettitts Lane. He then moved with the family to 10 Hill View (which is now number 110).

Daphne moved with her family to Dry Drayton, when she was six years old and lived at 2 High Street (which is now 54 High Street). They lived there, when they got married in 1953. In 1970 they moved to the corner of Pettitts Lane, where now in the summer, they put out boxes of greengages, apples, pears and plums, from their garden, for all to help themselves. Congratulations to them on their anniversary.

Community Car Scheme

Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick

Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick share a community car scheme, aimed at anyone who needs to get somewhere essential and has no other means of transport. Currently we serve roughly 190 local people!

We do many runs to doctors' surgeries and Addenbrooke's hospital, as well as to dentists, opticians, etc. We also do essential social runs if really needed, such as shopping and hospital / care home visiting. But we are not a taxi service and can't take people to catch buses/ trains for holidays.

How we operate

The scheme is run entirely by volunteers and is subsidised by Cambs County Council who pay the drivers 15p per mile driven. The passenger pays the rest directly to the driver at roughly 30p per mile. All drivers/co-ordinators /support helpers give their time free of charge. Running expenses are covered by fundraising (though this has been difficult since the pandemic started) and grants from Parish Councils who recognise the value of this scheme. We'd like to do more fundraising and any help organising a suitable fundraising event would be much appreciated.

What we ask of passengers

- 1) Please give us as much advance notice as possible. This gives us the best chance of finding you a driver. We do our best to help in emergencies, but it depends on driver availability
- 2) The driver decides which route to take to the destination. Please don't argue with them.
- 3) If asked by the driver to do so, please wear a mask in the car.
- 4) Please bring enough cash to pay the driver directly: the driver will have cash for change. (When you book you can always ask for a rough idea of the

cost.) Most local runs within the three villages are costed at £3.50 return. Runs outside this area, e.g. to Cambourne and Addenbrooke's, are costed at 30p per mile.

5) Please understand that our volunteers have busy personal lives and be patient while an appropriate driver is found. Please try and ring between 8.30am and 6.00pm during the week, and avoid late night or weekend calls unless it is an extreme emergency.

What help we need to maintain the scheme.

1) We always need more drivers. The drivers we have are treasures and we offer them a huge thank you. The scheme cannot operate without them. But we would love to recruit some more drivers. Drivers only drive voluntarily in their spare time and are reimbursed at 45p per mile as above.

2) We urgently need a new co-ordinator with their own computer. We have an excellent computer programme for taking bookings and there is plenty of training and help available. Matching drivers can usually be fitted round the co-ordinator's own time. Co-ordinators need to be familiar with the local area but don't need to be a driver themselves.

3) To book a lift, ring one of the following numbers between 8:30am and 6:00 pm:

Gillian Stott	07464 069 483
Cheryl Phillips	07908 023 836
Lizzie Coe	07387 395 296

For queries/emergencies/problems only - ring Sheila Stephenson on 01954 210638 or email her on sheila1pc@yahoo.co.uk

And if you can do anything to help maintain the scheme, or have time or ideas to offer, please contact Sheila directly.

Please note our drivers will not tolerate any verbal or other abuse and we reserve the right to refuse future help in such cases.

News from The Black Horse

Into March already, and not a moment too soon! We are looking forward to utilising the very popular outside spaces again, so we will be smartening up furniture with a fresh lick of paint and do some tidying up in the gardens and borders just as soon as the weather allows. So here's what else we'll be doing this month...

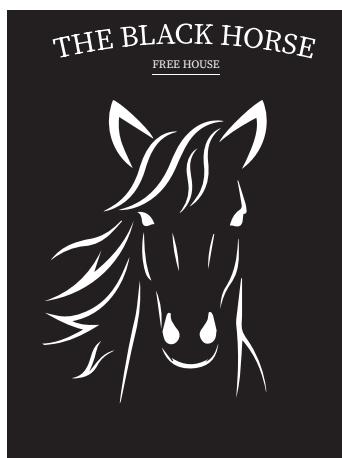
Thursday Takeaways and Saturday Sausage Brunches continue...

We will carry on with our Thursday evening Takeaways through March. Telephone or email if you want to order our delicious Beef or Meatfree Cheeseburgers or Chicken & Bacon Burgers and we'll prepare your order ready for you to collect.

Our Sausage-based brunches will continue on Saturday mornings between 11-12.30pm before the full lunchtime menu takes over. It is getting more and more popular by the week so do feel free to book in advance or just have a good lie in, wander up to us and let us prepare brunch for you!

St Patrick's Day

All things Irish on Friday 17th. In the evening we will be serving up a vegetarian version of Dublin Coddle and a traditional meaty Irish Stew, both served with Champ and Cabbage of course, and we'll be rounding off the meal with Baileys Irish Cream Cheesecake and Chocolate Stout Cake, a firm favourite any time of the year!



Mothers Day is on Sunday 19th March and we are taking bookings for our traditional Sunday Roast lunch with some beautiful desserts to follow. Please book in advance if you'd like a table.

Pizza Passione will pay their monthly visit to us on Saturday 25th March. Please order directly from Pizza Passione via Facebook Messenger. Give us a call if you'd like to eat your fabulous food in the pub and we'll

reserve a table for you.

And lastly, just to let you know what we'll be doing for Easter which falls at the beginning of April...

Good Friday Open 11am-3pm (Lunch 12-2.30pm) and 6-9pm (Dinner 6-8pm)

Easter Saturday Open as usual 11am-9pm (Food 12-3pm and 6-8pm)

Easter Sunday Open 12-5pm (Roast Sunday Lunch 12-3pm)

Easter Monday Open from 11-2pm for cake and lunch, then from 3pm for those taking part in the **BIG EASTER QUIZ!** Teams of up to 6, £4 per person. Bar open to keep Quizzers hydrated. All proceeds from the Quiz will go to charity. Book your teams in advance please.

Hope we are all able to make the most of the better weather as the month progresses, and we look forward to seeing you at the Black Horse sometime soon.

Amanda and Colin

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Sunday Services in March

St Peter & St Paul

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Sunday 5 March

5:30pm Evensong, led by Canon Sue, with Revd David Newton preaching. All welcome.

Sunday 12 March

9:30am Holy Communion led by Revd Clare. All welcome.

Sunday 19 March

9:30am All Age service led by Revd Clare. All welcome.

Sunday 28 March

9:30am Holy Communion, led by Revd Clare, followed by APCM after coffee. All welcome.

Lent Study group

We will be meeting at 5 Cotton's Field on Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 March from 7:30 pm for a 7:45 pm start, ending at 9pm. We plan to study the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for this year: *Failure: What Jesus Said about Sin, Mistakes and Messing Stuff Up* by Emma Ineson. All are welcome. Please email either Revd Clare clarecoates@lordsbridge.org or *David Wyatt*: davidwyatt30@btinternet.com for further details or if you would like to come.

Ceilidh for Ukrainian Guests, Hosts and Friends with music provided by The Cyriacs

Bring & Share

Children welcome

**Saturday, 18 March 2023
6:00-10:00 pm**

Hardwick Sports and Social Club
12 Egremont Rd
Hardwick
Cambridge CB23 7XR

Could anyone help out at this Ceilidh? One year on from the invasion of Ukraine, this event is being held in support of Ukrainians currently living here. Organiser Sally Church would be delighted to have volunteers to help set out tables at the beginning, organise plates, cutlery and drinks. She'd also love some helping hands at the end to clear away the food, put away chairs and tables, etc. If you could help, please contact Sally by emailing: skchurch@gmail.com Thank you!

A Message from our Minister

St Peter and St Paul's Dry Drayton
A small church with a big heart

Dear Friends, we are entering a new season in the Church year – the season of Lent. Lent is traditionally a time of self-examination and reflection. Many of us may choose to 'fast' in giving up something during this time. Chocolate, alcohol and social media-free zones top many lists. I was even told once that someone was giving up being nosy for Lent!

May I encourage you to try something new this Lent? Instead of resolving to give something up, why not take something (new) up instead? Maybe that hobby you'd always wished you had tried? A language you would like to learn? Volunteering for a community project?

Or maybe you could take up Pope Francis's Lent challenge?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Above all Lent is a time for us to turn to God and to God's word in the Bible and allow it to be reflected in our own lives.

God Bless, Clare

Revd Clare Coates, Lead Minister for Dry Drayton, Hardwick and Caldecote with Childerley
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Quaker / Friends Meetings

On the first Sunday of every month, the Church hosts a Quaker/Friends meeting from 10:30 am to 11:15 am. This is a silent meeting for worship and all are welcome to come along and join us.

We stay around for 15 minutes or so of discussion afterwards, so you can find out more about us and our way of worship.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 5th March.

In peace and friendship, *Chrissie Hawkes and Jane Wheatley.*

News from the School

"Dry Drayton do know their crisps (...except perhaps the Marmite-flavoured variety!)"

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported the School Quiz Night at the end of January. Some of the rounds were surprisingly challenging, such as the one where quizzers had to identify different flavours of crisps by tasting them. (Not as easy as it sounds.)

Quizzers were also asked to identify various objects from Mrs Hegan's kitchen drawers (and indeed to wonder why on earth she would have such strange objects in the first place!). But there were lots of laughs and delicious food provided by school catering manager, Mrs King, and generous donations from the staff.

This all created a fun night for all and provided the school with nearly £800 to spend on books, balls for PE, resources for history and geography and tools for art and design. Thank you all so very much.

It has been a busy and exciting half term at school with trips, dressing up, sports tournaments, dancing and singing. Lots of learning has been celebrated at Friday morning Collective Worship and these have been led by an ever more-confident Year 6 Team.

Key Stage 2 children (i.e. our 7-11-year-olds) had a fabulous day at Duxford Air Museum as part of their WWII project. They all set off dressed as evacuees carrying gas mask boxes and a special 1940's style packed lunch in a brown paper bag. They also had an afternoon of drama, again dressed in their period costumes, and learned about many other aspects of being an evacuee.

Alice, Ava-Mae, Blossom, Daisy, Erin, Lexi, Lois, Maisie, Olivia and Orla represented Dry Drayton in a year 5/6 Football Festival Tournament at Cambourne Village College. The girls all had a great time and played really

well, doing us all proud! It was also the first outing for our new sports kit – thank you again to Mr and Mrs Barresi of Vision Design for sponsoring the new kit!

The school would like to thank the S&VA for their support, which is very much appreciated. Money donated to the school via the S&VA over the last two years alone has totalled over £10,000. Last year, they helped us buy new personal computers and iPads. This year - among other things - this financial support has enabled us to weather-proof our outdoor classroom and install a climbing frame.

We also now have a gravel pit and digger. The younger children have great fun using this and while doing so, are also practising their problem-solving, critical thinking and gross motor skills.

The support of the School and Village Association has also paid for the paint that was used to brighten up the school over the half-term holiday, and for 'Core Reading Spine' books. Having these means that we can expose all children to a range of age-appropriate children's classic books during their time at school.

The S&VA donations have also paid for new gym equipment, including a vaulting horse and floor mats.

The support of the community is very important to us and we'd like to thank everyone who has donated to us via the S&VA.

Sonia Hegan
Headteacher

Dry Drayton on YouTube

Fragments Of Time: Dry Drayton In The 1900s

Life in Dry Drayton in the 1900s was very different to the life we know now. Alec Hawkes has produced a series of short videos about that era using interviews he made some time ago with several long-time residents of the village.

Hear about memorable Dry Drayton characters and snapshots of their lives. Among those, a three bedroom house with an acre of land for £350; a perilous pony and trap ride from Madingley; stories about the former pubs, post offices and shops in the village; beekeeping; the village in the war years; leaving school at 14; working on local farms; the digging of village wells; electricity and mains water arriving in the village and many other anecdotes from the past.

The recollections are illustrated and brought to life in the videos with photographs and information, much of which can be found in the **Local History and Family History** pages on the village website.

The videos are each approximately 8-10 minutes long. Episode 1 was released in February. The YouTube link is: <https://youtu.be/OPJVfP-S5GQ> You can also find it at YouTube by typing: 'Fragments of Time Episode 1'

In **Episode 1** we meet **John Hacker**. John was one of four brothers with parents and grandparents who called Dry Drayton home for much of their lives. One brother and his family still live here. John was on the Parish Council for over 50 years and has wonderful but poignant recollections of village life.

In **Episode 2** we meet **Sid Martin** whose parents moved to Dry Drayton when he was just 2. Sid was one of 5 siblings who grew up in the village in the early years of the 1900s. Sid became a Bee Disease Officer for much of East Anglia but kept his roots in Dry Drayton. Members of his family are still here.

In **Episode 3** we meet **Joy Dunn** and **Violet Hawkes**. Joy first came to the village in the war years. She produced Nativity plays in the church from the 1940s to the early 1960s. She was active with her family in the church and school and stayed connected with Dry Drayton for many years. Violet arrived at age 12 when her father became Rector of the Parish. Violet remained in the village for the rest of her 98 years. She was active in many aspects of village life and founded and ran the Country Cattery. Many of her family are still here.

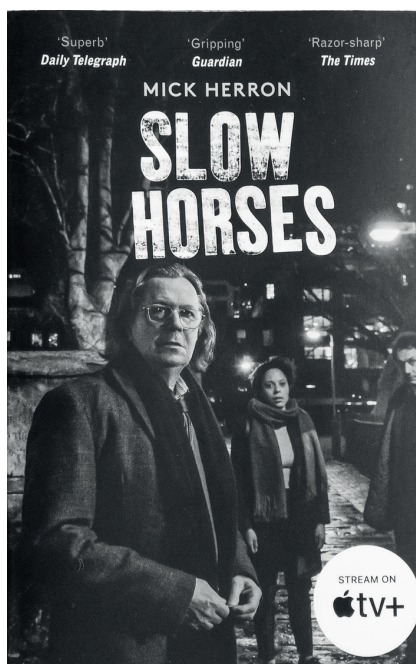
In most of the episodes we also meet another long-time resident, **Bob Martin**. As interviewer, Bob keeps the stories flowing and often has John and Sid chuckling.

Fragments of Time Episodes 2 and 3 will be released in March.

Several more episodes will follow in the next few months. YouTube links for these will appear in the e news (DryDrayton.net) and on the Dry Drayton People Facebook page.

Oakington & Westwick Short Mat Bowls Club

We are a small, friendly club, which plays throughout the year from **7.30 to 9.30 pm on a Thursday evening at the Sports Pavilion, Queensway, in Oakington**. We would welcome new members and so, If you would like to give bowls a try, come and join us as our guest for the evening. We have spare bowls and you just need some soft, flat soled shoes. If you would like more information on the Club, *please contact Dawn on 01223 236427.*



Dry Drayton Book Group

MICK HERRON *Slow Horses*

The Book Group met this month to review *Slow Horses* by Mick Herron. This is the first book in an eight book series about a team of MI5 agents who work at Slough House, a department of MI5. They are united by a common bond in that they have all disgraced themselves in some way and have been relegated to Slough House where they are now based, but they will do anything to redeem themselves. The Slough House novels have won two Crime Writers' Association (CWA) Gold Dagger Awards for the best crime writing of the year.

Slough House is run by Jackson Lamb, a one time MI5 agent who has a healthy disrespect for his boss at MI5 but proves useful in repairing failed operations. He heads up a team of 'misfits' known as 'slow horses' many of whom are not entirely sure of how they have become a 'slow horse' and ended up at Slough House. One such 'slow horse' is River Cartwright, who is bitter about his failure and about his tedious assignments transcribing cell phone conversations. When a young man is abducted and his kidnappers threaten to broadcast his death live on the Internet, River sees an opportunity to redeem himself. But is the victim really who he appears to be and what is the kidnappers' connection with a disgraced journalist? As the clock ticks on for the kidnap hostage, River finds that everyone has their own agenda.

Many of the group enjoyed the book but a number found this quite a different and less enjoyable genre. The group did agree that the time shifts within the plot were well handled and kept the reader guessing about where the story was leading. The tension was maintained right to the end of the book and the author set the scene well

moving the story forward at pace which was helped by a technique of using short sentences to create tension and pace. There is a brutality of interactions between the main characters which is well drawn and understandable given the way in which the group has been brought together. This brutality is tempered by humour and in particular Jackson Lamb's acerbic wit, however the group felt that this exaggerated his character. Whilst the story is pure fiction the group did reflect on the need for the security services and the type of people that are drawn to this work who often do appear quite remote and 'different'.

Many felt that the writing style was that of a screen play and that it has easily translated to a TV series which some members of the group had watched and found it faithful to the book.

Our next book for review at the March meeting is *The Colour* by Rose Tremain. Newlyweds Joseph and Harriet Blackstone emigrate from England to New Zealand, along with Joseph's mother Lilian, in search of new beginnings and prosperity. But the harsh land near Christchurch where they settle threatens to destroy them almost before they begin.

If you would like to find out more about the group please contact Hilary Smith
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Leading instrumentalists to play in Church Concert

On Saturday 4 March at 6:00pm, Dry Drayton Church is hosting a concert by two of the finest instrumentalists currently at Cambridge University.

Lilly Vadaneaux (piano) and Seth Collin (cello) are both members of the University's prestigious Instrumental Award Scheme.

Their short programme, lasting about an hour, will feature cello sonatas by Beethoven and Prokofiev; and the performance will be followed by liquid refreshments.

Tickets on the door. Suggested donations of £5.00 – £10.00.

About the programme:

Written 150 years apart, Beethoven's first cello sonata and Prokofiev's only cello sonata showcase the full range of the two instruments. Both works are typical of what we love about each composer. Beethoven takes us through an expectant slow introduction, followed by an optimistic and dramatic first movement in sonata form, followed a temperamental and exuberant Rondo.

Prokofiev's sonata explores the full spectrum of colours of both instruments, with beautiful melodies that constantly wander harmonically and characteristic passages full of irony and wit.

Lilly Vadaneaux (piano); Seth Collin (cello).

Chamber Music Concerts
at
Dry Drayton Parish Church

Cello Sonatas
by
Beethoven
and
Prokofiev


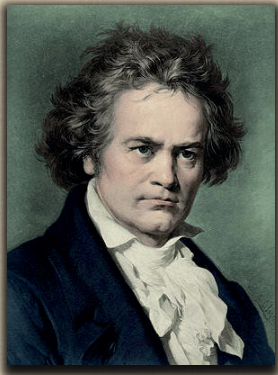
performed by

Instrumental Scholars from the
University of Cambridge

Seth Collin *cello*
Lilly Vadaneaux *piano*

Tickets on the door:
Suggested donation £5-£10
to include wine/juice afterward

Saturday 4 March; 6 pm
lasting one hour



News from the Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee provided the curry at local brewery Lord Conrad's very successful '**Beer & Curry**' event at the end of January. We had a full house and a great atmosphere, with many villagers and friends getting together. We were pleased to see a lot of children at this family event and took over £700, which includes much-appreciated donations from cooks.

On the first Wednesday of February, the turnout at the monthly **Village Coffee Morning** amazed us all: we had about 60 people in the Hall, quite an increase on the 30 or so who have joined us on previous occasions. We took £186. (We are always grateful for the donations from bakers. If you'd like to bake a cake or help serve, do please tell the servers.)

Last year we had an enjoyable **Wine & Cheese Evening** followed by the Annual Meeting for those who would like to know more about the Village Hall. The provisional date for this year's Annual Meeting is Tuesday 18 April. All welcome.

Look out for details of **Coronation Day**, Saturday 6th May, when the Coronation of King Charles will be shown on our big screen in the Village Hall.

*Dry Drayton Village Hall Management Committee:
Adrian Bennetton, Adrian Peck, Cinnamon Bair, Daniel Carlisle, Judith Bennetton, Robbie Hawkes, Robb Lunn, Sue Carlisle.*

News from Parish Council

“The Residents of Dry Drayton have been let down”

The Parish Council was very disappointed to be informed in February that long-promised funding for the much talked-about cyclepath (or ‘Non-Motorised User route’, to give it its official name) has suddenly been withdrawn.

In his article [here](#), Parish Council Chair Stephen Aldersley describes the anger that followed this “appalling” decision. (This is his round-up of recent Parish Council meetings. Full minutes are on the Parish Council website at <http://www.drydraytonpc.org.uk/>)

NMU (Non-Motorised User) Access

As has been well documented over the last seven years or so, a NMU is planned to link Dry Drayton to the cycleways that were constructed as part of the A14 development. The route of the planned NMU is to run by the side of Oakington Road on the opposite side of the road to the golf course. The Parish Council and residents have been assured on a number of occasions by our County Councillors that funding for the NMU was ringfenced and was, therefore, safe. Hence the Parish Council was angry and very disappointed to receive an email from Cllr. Murphy, our County Councillor, on the afternoon of the meeting which advised the following:

Unfortunately I have learned some news today from officers about the NMU. National Highways had been committed to fund NMUs in Cambridgeshire. The first tranche were completed and the Dry Drayton scheme was one of 11 in tranche 2. Officers were informed on Friday that National Highways did not intend to fund the tranche 2 NMUs.

Cllr. Murphy went on to state:

While this is undoubtedly a blow, my understanding is that there are many NMUs and active travel schemes which are being considered in the County, and which require other sources of funding, so it should be the case that those not funded by National Highways could sit alongside other, similar schemes for which funding must be found (there is more funding available for ‘active travel’ for example).

Cllr. Murphy has asked the Director of Highways for clarification that the County will continue to support

the NMU and seek other sources of funding, as well as to challenge this appalling decision.

Our District Councillors have come to the support of our village’s need for the NMU, and Cllr. Stobart has brought the decision by National Highways to the attention of the Cllr Bridget Smith and Cllr Brian Milnes, leader and deputy leader respectively of South Cambridgeshire District Council. Both are actively involved with the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) for which Active Travel is an important part of their remit, as we know from previous discussions.

We await to see the outcome of the decision by National Highways. However, the Parish Council is very disappointed and feels that residents of Dry Drayton have been let down. Needless to say, we shall do our utmost to ensure that the NMU does go ahead, but please bear with us.

Neighbourhood Planning

Following on from the discussion at the January meeting and the piece in last month’s Newsletter from my colleague, Cllr Granger, the Parish Council had a fact-finding meeting with Lizzie Woods and Ian Poole. Lizzie is a Senior Planning Policy Officer from Greater Cambridge Shared Planning and Ian is Managing Director of Places4People Consultancy. Lizzie and Ian explained what is involved with a neighbourhood plan, its benefits, disadvantages, etc. and which prompted a lively discussion. To quote from the Neighbourhood Planning section of the GCP site (www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/neighbourhood-planning/#a1)

“Neighbourhood planning is a community led initiative giving local communities power to prepare a planning document that forms part of the statutory development plan for the area, and which can be used in deciding planning applications in the local neighbourhood area. A neighbourhood plan cannot promote less development than the Local Plan”.

No decision has been made with regards to the next steps, or whether the Parish Council will embark on a Neighbourhood Plan. More work needs to be done to understand what is involved as well as the likely costs which are said to be zero as grants are available, at least

at present. As a start, the councillors will look at the Neighbourhood Plans produced by other settlements similar to Dry Drayton to determine their content and the approaches taken (there is a comprehensive list on the GCP site) and will then report on what has been found.

A project of this size and importance cannot be undertaken by the Parish Councillors alone and resident involvement would be required. As was mentioned in last month's article, please contact me if you are interested in getting involved in developing policies which could help shape the future of Dry Drayton over the next 20 years or so.

Bollards on footpaths and bridleway between Bar Hill and Dry Drayton

I and our clerk, Sarah, met with our opposite numbers from Bar Hill Parish Council and representatives from Highways in January to discuss access to the footpaths and bridleway between our two villages. This had been organised by Cllr Murphy and was prompted by a request from a resident of Bar Hill who was unable to gain access to the footpaths using his mobility scooter. It is a legal requirement that a footpath is accessible by a mobility scooter and the current design of the bollards along the footpaths and bridleway exclude such access due the presence of "wings" (referred to as "Angel Wings") on each of the bollards.

After consideration of each of the sets of bollards along the footpaths and bridleway, it was agreed that Highways would put together a proposal that would involve:

1. The removal of Angel wings on the bollards on the footpath from Bar Hill to where it joins the bridleway at the bottom of The Drift.
2. The removal of Angel wings on the bollards at the top of the bridleway where it joins High Street in Dry Drayton.
3. The replacement of all missing bollards along both the footpath and bridleway

4. The reinstatement of the stile to the side of the bollards at the top of the bridleway.

The bollards on the footpath to the side of the bridleway (on the field) will be left untouched.

The Parish Council has expressed concern in the past about the footpath being used by motorbikes. Unfortunately, the removal of the Angel wings will allow this, but the reinstatement of the stile will be a deterrent. When this concern was raised with the people from Highways, the suggestion was that such incidents should be reported to the Police. Hence please do this if you encounter such misuse.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be 7 March 2023, 4 April 2023 at 19.00 (note earlier start time). The Annual Parish Meeting will be 19.00, Friday 28 April 2023.

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News from the District Council

The South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) campaign for new potential hosts for Ukrainian guests continues. Our pool of hosts stood at over 600 when the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme first launched last year, but this has now reduced considerably.

We need help finding more hosts so that, where possible, Ukrainian guests are able to stay with alternative hosts close to where they have previously been living. Anyone who can offer help simply needs to text ROOM to 88802.

More frequent battery recycling collections

South Cams households can now conveniently recycle used small batteries weekly, thanks to changes to waste collections. Adjustments to bin lorries mean that small plastic bags containing used batteries can now simply be left on top of green, black or blue bins for collection by crews on their usual rounds.

Previously, residents of both areas were asked to tie a small bag containing used batteries onto the handles of their blue bin. Now, they can simply put used batteries inside a small plastic bag, tie it up, and leave that bag on top of any of their three bins when they put it out for collection.

Residents of flats with shared bins should not leave batteries on these but can take them to one of the many public battery collection points at corner shop chains, supermarkets, chemists and petrol stations as well as those at recycling points and Household Recycling Centres.

Fly Tipper fined

A fly-tipper has been fined for dumping rubbish in a layby next to a bin on the A428, after an investigation by SCDC officers. The waste, including household rubbish and personal correspondence, was found next to a public litter bin on the eastbound carriageway of the A428 at Madingley on 14 December 2022. Evidence was seized from the site and SCDC's Environmental Crime Enforcement Team began an investigation.

A Lode address was discovered in amongst the rubbish. An individual was identified and issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £400.

Greater Cambridge Local Plan

Greater Cambridge Planning has just published an update about the emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan (<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greatercambridge-local-plan/>). Recent work has shown that the projected growth will lead to a demand for more houses.

Across the country, planning authorities have no choice but to plan to meet the demand. The government adopts a 'carrot and stick' approach; local authorities that deliver the number of houses that the government demands continue to have local planning control, whereas those that do not, lose the ability to decide what is built and where.

This was what happened prior to 2018, which resulted in hundreds of houses being built outside agreed village limits.

There are serious constraints on housebuilding in our area due to poor water availability. So much so, that there are plans to transfer water from other areas and to build a reservoir. These plans are in the medium-to-long term and the supply shortage needs to be resolved quickly to meet expected growth. High-level discussions are currently being held to determine how the current Local Plan house numbers can be delivered, consistent with the pressures on the water supply.

In the meantime, work on the emerging Local Plan continues and a consultation on the draft plan will be held this coming Autumn.

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A Date for Your Diary

Dry Drayton Parish Boundary Walk 2023

Based on the ancient custom of Beating the Bounds we plan to walk the Parish Boundaries on Saturday 24th June, writes Alec Hawkes. In England this is a tradition that is centuries old, dating from at least Anglo-Saxon times.

This will be the fifth Boundary Walk since we revived the tradition and this year we will go around the parish in an anti-clockwise direction. The full walk is approximately 10 miles in distance and there will be several rest stops and a place for a picnic lunch. There are also a few easy exit points for those that wish to take a shorter route home.

More than half of the Parish Boundary falls on private land and we have permission from the relevant land owners that will allow us to follow the boundary as closely as possible. We will travel along paths and through woods normally closed to the public. We thank Messrs Chivers, Jenkins and Peck for kindly granting this once-in-a-year access to their private land.

Anyone who would like more information or to register their wish to participate should send an email to: boundarywalk@gmail.com or text 07709 584 207.

Bin Days

All dates on Thursday unless otherwise noted.

Source: www.scambs.gov.uk

March		April	
2	black	6	blue/green
9	blue/green	15*	black
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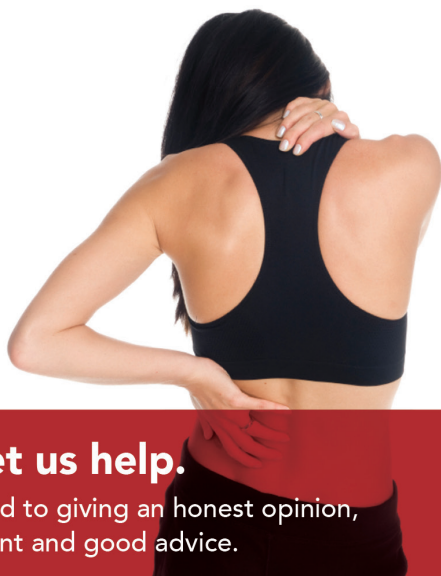
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