

# Dry Drayton Newsletter

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# NEWS in Brief

## Dry Drayton Friendship Club

**M**embers met at the June meeting when Alec Hawkes showed some of his "Fragments of Time" videos. These are recordings of conversations with village residents from the past. It was so enjoyable he was asked to return later in the year to show some more.

This was followed by a tasty afternoon tea prepared by Angie Martin and Carol Doyle.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th July at 2.30pm.

No meeting in August and we will return on 20th September. This will as usual, 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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## September newsletter deadline

**T**he next issue of the Dry Drayton Newsletter will be September. The deadline for that is 20th August. If you have any contributions (text and/or photos), please send them to [drydraytonnews@gmail.com](mailto:drydraytonnews@gmail.com) to arrive by 20th August 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!

## Coffee Morning in July

Join us for the Village Coffee Morning on Wednesday 5th July from 10 am to 12 noon at the Village Hall.

Enjoy a slice of delicious homemade cake and unlimited tea and coffee for just £3.

There will be a selection of toys and free juice and biscuits for the children.

Cash and card payment accepted. Takeaways also available.

See you there!

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# Sunday Services in July/August

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## **Sunday Services in July**

### **Sunday 2 July**

5:30pm Choral Evensong led by John Harding, with Nigel Taylor preaching. All welcome.

### **Sunday 9 July**

9:30am Holy Communion, led by Canon Sue. All welcome.

### **Sunday 16 July**

11am Morning Worship led by Revd Clare. All welcome to join us for this service of the word suitable for families and all ages.

### **Sunday 23 July**

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

### **Sunday 30 July**

10:30am Team service of Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Barton, led by Revd Claire.

## **Sunday Services in August**

### **Sunday 6 August**

5:30pm Choral Evensong with Revd Clare and Canon Sue preaching. All welcome.

### **Sunday 13 August**

9:30am Holy Communion with Canon Sue. All welcome.

### **Sunday 20 August**

11am Morning Worship for all ages with Revd Clare. All welcome.

### **Sunday 27 August**

9:30am Holy Communion with Revd Charles Fraser. All welcome.

### **Zoom Services**

Worship at Home – All Lordsbridge Zoom Service

Every Sunday, 11.00am. Join any time from 10.50am.

<https://zoom.us/j/82311473640>



# A message from our Minister

Dear Friends, when did you last visit our beautiful churchyard? Last week, I spent a happy hour or so wandering along the specially-mown path through the long grasses. I really enjoyed spending time looking at the abundance of daisies, white campions, buttercups and different varieties of grasses. The churchyard has been under a management system for about ten years, developing areas of meadow, margins of wildflowers and nettle patches. There is an abundance of insect and birdlife, and a recent bat survey has noted that bats are present and active here too. Last Summer, we were awarded a bronze award by the Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust in recognition of our work in promoting biodiversity. We are currently looking at other improvements to the church and its surroundings to encourage more wildlife.

Looking ahead, we are planning to spend time outdoors worshipping God in nature, with **Forest Church** being planned for an Autumn launch. Forest Church is a short, family friendly service suitable for all ages, and we plan to meet every fourth Sunday afternoon, from 3-4pm, in the churchyard. Keep an eye out for more details in the next issue! We are blessed to be living in such a beautiful corner of the world, and as the summer progresses, with longer and hopefully warmer days, I pray that we may all have the opportunity to connect with God outdoors. I hope you have a wonderful summer!  
God Bless, *Clare*

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## Community Car Scheme

### Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick

**T**his Car Scheme is available for anyone requiring transportation to essential medical or social destinations and has no other means of transport.

**To book a driver, please contact one of our Co-ordinators below:**

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**Please call between 8.30am – 6.00pm,  
Monday – Friday only**

The Scheme is run entirely by a dedicated team of local volunteer drivers and co-ordinators, kindly offering their services to help those in need of transport.

If you would like to join our wonderful supportive team serving our community or have any queries or problems, please contact Sheila Stephenson on 01954 210638 or email on [sheila1pc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sheila1pc@yahoo.co.uk).

For all drivers, mileage costs are reimbursed at 45p per mile, part paid by the passenger and a subsidy from Cambridgeshire County Council.

To enable a suitable driver to be arranged, please call at least 48 hours before your appointment. Please do not call on weekends and bank holidays.

For each journey, passengers pay £3.50 for a local journey and for longer trips, 30p per mile is charged, (calculated from start of journey at the driver's door to the end of journey, at the driver's door). Please pay by cash, our drivers cannot accept card payment.

**WE URGENTLY NEED CO-ORDINATORS AND DRIVERS TO HELP OVER THE SUMMER.  
PLEASE CALL SHEILA FOR MORE INFO.**

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Our drivers will not tolerate any verbal abuse or other bad behaviour. We reserve the right to refuse further help in such cases.

# Summer at The Black Horse pub

Hello Summer, we've been waiting for you!



**W**e have been enjoying the sunniest of days with people inside the pub where it's pretty cool, and others making the most of the weather and choosing our lovely outside spaces. We have altered

our menu to include summer platters and more salads and we always have ice cold beers on draught and keep the fridges full of cooling drinks. The coffee machine has even been taking a bit of a break generally (one day we served only half a dozen hot drinks during the day!) and Iced Coffees are now available.

So for news....we are very pleased to announce that we have just won a Cambridge and District CAMRA award. We were shortlisted in a category which shows support for locally produced ales, we regularly have Lord Conrad's on draught and a changing range from Moonshine Brewery, plus a few other local ales throughout the year. It is obviously something that is important to all CAMRA members. Many of you will know that we like to support local and independent businesses wherever we can, particularly as we are an independent Free House ourselves.

It turns out that the CAMRA team sent in some 'mystery visitors' for drinks, food and Sunday lunches over recent months to take in the whole offering from the Black Horse. They clearly liked what they experienced as we have won **Best Rural LocALE Pub of the Year 2023, what an accolade!**

## And coming up...

**Pizza Passione** will be with us on Saturday 29th July and again on Saturday 26th August. Last month's special, a Pizza Bianca with asparagus on top, was truly delicious, so look out for more seasonal pizzas as well as the usuals. Pre-ordering in advance helps Sandro to plan, and book a table with us if you'd like to eat in (or out!)

We have the return of the hugely popular band **The Undercovers** on the evening of Saturday 19th August, starting at 8pm. Looking back to the last time they played here has made us wonder whether to have a Gin

and Prosecco Bar open in the garden too to keep up with the drinks requirements and alleviate the pressure on the Bar!

## Bank Holiday Monday

It feels strange not to have had any Bank Holiday Mondays in a while.... But we have another coming up - we will be open from 11-3pm on August Bank Holiday, the 28th August, so do pop by for a bite to eat or just come along for a drink.

Lastly, our **Black Horse 'Kennel Club'** board is filling up! So many customers regularly bring their lovely dogs to the pub and many have signed them in. We love having our dog visitors here - we always have fresh clean water in the dog bowls and make our own dog biscuits too. Please do feel free to bring you four-legged friends when you come.

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## Village resident organises Ceilidh for Ukraine Relief, Saturday 8 July

Village resident Sally Church — who is hosting a family of four from Ukraine — is organising a Ceilidh on Saturday 8 July in aid of Ukraine Relief. This charity is providing emergency aid to those suffering from the Dnipro River flood caused by the collapse of the Kakhovka dam in June.

Sally says: "Since the collapse of the Kakhovka dam on the Dnipro River there has been major flooding in Ukraine. I am hosting a family from Kherson, a region that has been badly affected. My Ukrainian guests have relatives and friends who are still there, whose descriptions of the situation corroborate the reports we have heard in the media. People badly need water, food and other necessities."

The ceilidh will take place on Saturday, 8 July, 6-9 pm, Storey's Field Centre, Eddington Ave, Cambridge CB3 1AA. Bring and Share food and soft drinks. (Bar will be open.) TICKETS £5 for adults, Children free. For more details and to sign up, visit <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/ceilidh-for-ukraine-flood-relief>

Dry Drayton Primary School presents..

# *Summer Sizzler*

Everyone welcome to an evening of fun!

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

5-8pm – Giant inflatable helter skelter, local beer and cider, BBQ, summer raffle, stalls, games and lots more!

Martial arts and dancing demonstrations

Performance by Dry Drayton School Choir

From 8pm – Live music – Charlotte Pergande performs some favourite tunes in the marquee



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE**  
**LORD CONRAD'S**  
**BREWERY**

# School News for July

**We have had a lovely summer term so far with many more activities still to come!**

**T**here has been another maths competition held at St Faith's School in Cambridge, times tables and phonics tests, an athletics competition, whole school swimming, lots of play practice and so much singing ready for the summer music concert, new children joining the school, next year's Reception children coming to visit, and the eagerly-awaited residential trip to Grafham Water for Key Stage 2 children ( 7- to 11-year-olds).

We are looking forward to sports day, the Key Stage 2 play, Panto Pandemonium, our Summer Sizzler and a special church study day, before we say (and sing) our final farewells to our Year 6 children. Would you believe that learning is still happening in between all of this!

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, we are very grateful. This is such a happy place to work and learn, we are very lucky to all be in Dry Drayton Primary School, now with 74 children!!

*Wishing everyone a very happy summer.  
Sonia Hegan, Headteacher*

## School offers additional Maths help for Secondary students

**A**re you aged 11 to 16 and in need of Maths help? Look no further!  
Starting this September, Dry Drayton Primary School is offering Maths lessons in small groups of 15 students. We kindly request a voluntary donation to the school fund as payment for this valuable assistance.

Tasha Singh, a qualified Maths teacher from a prominent Cambridge Secondary School, will be leading these classes. With her experience in the Key Stage 3 (11-14-year-olds) and Key Stage 4 (15-16-year-olds) curricula and exam preparation, Tasha understands how to make Maths enjoyable for all students. She believes in providing a supportive and engaging learning environment for all.

The Basic level classes will focus on key topics that students in Years 7 and 8 are expected to master. The advanced level will cover content that aligns with the expectations of pupils in Years 9 and 10. Each session will be held weekly and last for 45 minutes.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to enhance your Maths skills while also supporting our school.

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# The Book Group reads

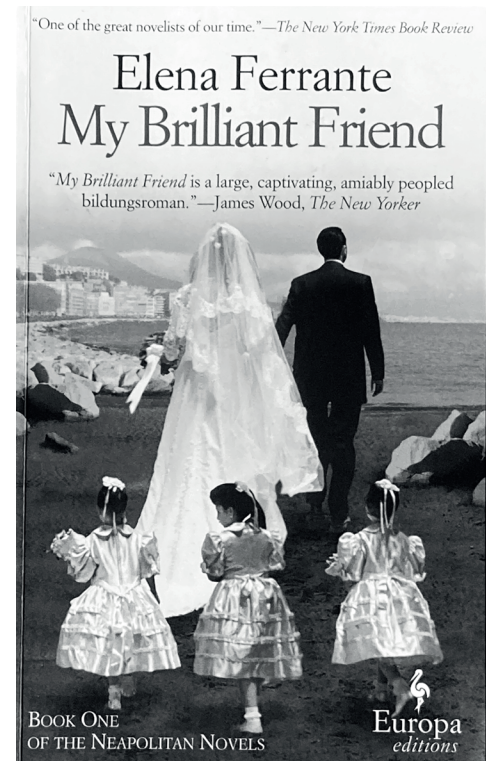
## MY BRILLIANT FRIEND Elena Ferrante

**I**n June, the group met to review the book *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante. The story, set in the 1950s, clearly depicts the lives of the two friends Elena and Lila growing up in a poor neighbourhood near Naples and experiencing much violence during their childhood and adolescence. Very few children received education beyond primary school but both girls are very bright and Elena, being more diligent than Lila, is encouraged by one of her teachers to study and through education escape the restricted, impoverished life which otherwise awaits. Lila however, is more rebellious and although she is largely self taught and easily picks up the basic skills, the teachers do not encourage her in the same way. As a result their paths diverge when they reach secondary school age. Elena has to fight for her place at school, convincing her parents that it is worth her continuing with her education but Lila joins her father's shoe business demonstrating entrepreneurial spirit at a young age by designing new types of shoes which she dreams will make them rich. She and her brother Rino make a prototype which attracts much interest but which enrages her father and for a long time he refuses to accept their ideas.

While Elena continues with her studies, in most years achieving top marks in all subjects, Lila attracts the attention of most of the local young men, including Marcello Solara, the young son of the local Mafia leader. Despite being pressured by her family to marry Marcello, Lila resists because she considers the Solaras to be fundamentally evil. To escape Marcello, she accepts Stefano Carracci. Stefano seems to appreciate Lila's originality, by buying the prototype pair of shoes, and thus convincing her father that her ideas are valuable. Lila and Stefano marry when she is just sixteen, throwing a large party to which they invite the whole neighbourhood. The novel ends with the arrival of Marcello Solara, who was invited against Lila's will, and who arrives wearing the shoes that she had made and that Stefano bought demonstrating some of the power plays amongst the local families.

Most of the group enjoyed this book and several have read all four books in the series. The group agreed that the relationship between the girls is very well described, in particular the way the girls' lives diverged and then converged showing the ways in which they needed each other in order to develop and succeed as individuals. The title of the book suggests Lila's acknowledgment of Elena's brilliance but throughout the book Elena tends to put herself down and would refer to Lila as the brilliant one. For Lila, without education the only route out of poverty was to marry, as is the case in many cultures, but in such a male dominated society as this finding the right partner was not easy.

However, not all of the group found this an enjoyable read and for some who had read it before it did not stand a second reading. Some of the



group were disappointed that the book covered a relatively short period of their lives, especially as the book begins with Lila's disappearance in her later life and to find out more there were three more books to read. The group did find it interesting that the story has two strong female characters as its focus who have drive and ambition to change their lives and escape poverty whilst being encased in a close knit, violent male dominated environment.

There is no meeting in July and August. The book group will reconvene in September to discuss *The Island of Missing Trees* by Zelig Shafak. Shortlisted for Women's Prize for Fiction in 2022 it is a story of love between two teenagers, a Greek Cypriot and a Turkish Cypriot, who meet at a taverna on the island they both call home.

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# **Little Owl Fundraiser Disco**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**3-5pm**

**School Field, Dry Drayton**



**All pre-school & primary  
school aged children and  
parents/carers welcome**

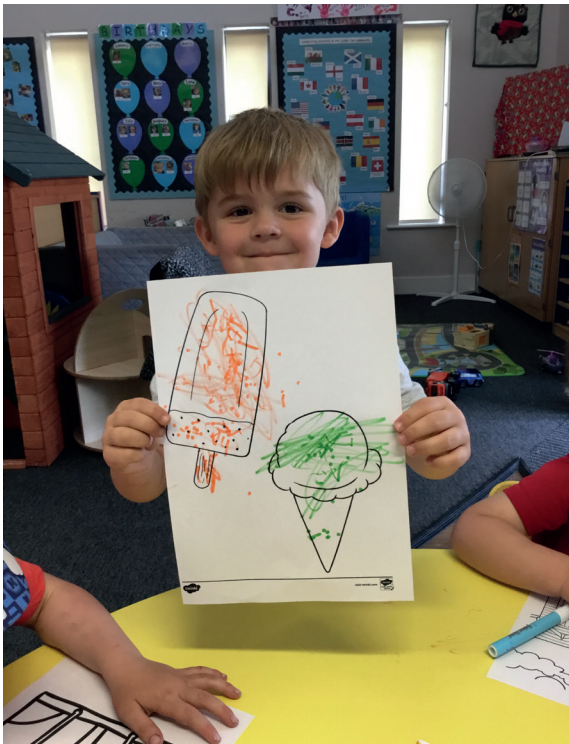
**Join us & Disco Dave for an  
afternoon of dancing**

- £5 entry per family
- Pimm's, beer and soft drinks
- Dance competition
- Bake off competition





# Fun in the Sun with The Little Owl Preschool



**A**s you can see from the pictures, the Little Owl Preschool children have been enjoying the lovely sunny weather!

They have been exploring measurements and quantities in the water table and mud kitchen. They've also been getting ready for Sports Day with coach Salv, and practising taking turns with their friends.

## Summer Holiday Club

We have also still a few spaces left for the Little Owl Summer Holiday Club. This runs from Monday 24 July to Friday 11 August 2023. For further information, please see the Little Owl website: <https://www.littleowl-drydryton.co.uk/>



# Parish Council news for July

**The June Parish Council meeting was attended by a few residents and our District Councillors. As is usual, the minutes of the June meeting will be available after the July meeting. However, the following topics are likely to be of more interest to the village.**

## NMU (Non-Motorised User) Access - update

As was the case at last month's meeting, there was nothing definite to report. Our County Councillor was unable to attend the meeting and sent her report with a covering email in which she stated once again that funding for the project had never been guaranteed. Cllr. Murphy included in her email a link to the agenda of a meeting on 19 January 2021 (*Council and committee meetings - Cambridgeshire County Council > Meetings*, [cmis.uk.com](https://cmis.uk.com)). In the agenda is a reference to a document produced by National Highways entitled Highways England Non-Motorised User (NMU) Routes. This document contains the following:

*Dry Drayton NMU link - With the completion of a new NMU link from Swavesey to Cambridge as part of the A14 project, Dry Drayton remains cut off from the network. A short link from the village to the NMU path would link Dry Drayton in to the wider network and give a route to Cambridge.*

The document goes on to identify five schemes for which funding had been provided and which would start in January 2021. Dry Drayton was not included. There was a further statement:

A second round of scheme delivery is likely to follow in the next financial year and so it is possible that those schemes outstanding can be delivered through that process.

The next financial year has passed, we are no further forward with the project, and Dry Drayton remains cut off from the network. Other than being advised by our District Councillors that "things are happening in the background", information and updates on the project have ceased. Hence the recent intervention of Anthony Browne MP is timely, and I for one am very interested in what the response will be to his letter to Cllr. Lucy Nethsingha, Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council. A copy of the letter can be found on Anthony Browne's Facebook page, as well as on that of Dry Drayton, and is a result of the letters which residents of the village and I have sent to him.

## Condition of the village roads and street furniture

Through his activities with the village Speedwatch team, Chris Turner was contacted by a stand-in Highways Officer. Chris was asked if we still require the additional MVAS poles (these are the poles on which the portable traffic speed sign is mounted around the village). We have been waiting for these for a few years, and Chris confirmed that the poles were still required. He also took the opportunity to ask the Highways Officer about the replacement of various missing or damaged bollards at the traffic calming chicanes and the roundabout by Park Lane/Oakington Road. I was delighted to hear that all the requests had been accepted, bar one, and that work would commence shortly. Our thanks to Chris for raising these matters.

## East West Railway

I think that most in the village would have breathed a huge sigh of relief when they heard that EWR had selected the southern route for the approach to Cambridge. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in protesting against the possible Northern Route and its likely impact upon the village and our surroundings.

However, even though a decision has been made for the southern route, we must remember that this will be close to Dry Drayton, and the neighbouring parishes will be impacted significantly by the project. The business case for EWR depends in part upon housing developments along various parts of the route, including more than 53k people in Cambourne area (Table 4.2, Appendix 4 of EWR's recently published Economic and Technical Report). Cllr. Houlihan and I have been invited by the neighbouring parishes to join a meeting with Anthony Browne MP to discuss this further. This will be sometime after the drop-in meeting at the Cambridge Belfry Hotel in Cambourne (11 July, 2.00pm to 8.00pm) so that we can learn more. None of us wants North Cambourne to creep towards Dry Drayton over time and we shall do our utmost to retain the rural nature of Dry Drayton.

## Ownership of the footpaths and bridleways

A question which I am often asked is who owns the public rights of way around the village. I asked this question of the Definitive Map Manager of Highways Service, Cambridgeshire County Council and was advised that all bridleways and footpaths are maintainable at public expense. Details of the various footpaths, etc. can be found at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/countryside-access/rights-of-way>.



However, Cllr. Smith had received a request for something to be done about the condition of Long Lane, the path which goes from Pettit's Lane to Oakington Road. The Lane is muddy, virtually impassable in wet weather and is certainly not accessible to anyone in a wheelchair. Cllr. Smith was advised by Highways that work was not necessary at this time and so the Parish Council is exploring other options, including setting up working parties at the end of the summer to tidy the footpaths in readiness for winter.

In my correspondence with Highways, I was advised that if there are any issues regarding the upkeep of Public Rights of Way, these should be reported using the CCC Online Tool at <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>. This will ensure that the issue is recorded in their systems, allocated to the right person and tracked. The only way we might be able to get the footpaths cleared and maintained is for as many people as possible to use this tool to report rights of way which are in a poor condition.

Obviously, if a footpath or other right of way borders your property, it would be appreciated if hedges, etc. could be trimmed back to ensure that the pathway does not become overgrown.

### **Dry Drayton Parish Council**

Last, but by no means least, and as I have asked for the past few months, if you want to contribute to what happens in Dry Drayton, there are still a couple of vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested, please let Sarah, our clerk, know.

- **The next meetings of the Parish Council will be Monday 10 July at 19.00, and Monday 11 September at 19.00. Please note the change of day.**

*Have a good summer!*

*Cllr. Stephen Aldersley*

[cllr.aldersley@drydraytonpc.org.uk](mailto:cllr.aldersley@drydraytonpc.org.uk)

## **Road Closures in July & August**

**Monday 3 – Wednesday 5 July: Scotland Road.**

**Scotland Road Dry Drayton will be closed between Hardwick Interchange and Scotland Farm between Monday 3 July and Wednesday 5th July for water connection work.**

Diversions will be in place and access will be maintained to affected properties. Diversions will be signed via Cambridge, but those with local knowledge or a satnav may well divert via Madingley, so beware of HGVs on the Dry Drayton to Madingley road. Although not planned, it's possible these works might extend beyond 5 July.

**17 – 18 August, Park Lane**

**Park Lane will be closed by Duck End Farm on Thursday 17 – Friday 18 August.**

## **School seeks funding to repair wooden playground equipment**

Part of the 'trim trail' – the school's area of wooden playground equipment – has collapsed and needs replacing. The school would also like to make other improvements to it to benefit all children in the school and village, such as lowering the monkey bars to make them more accessible, and adding a climbing tower with a slide. As their regular school funding doesn't stretch to this, they have set up a fundraiser on JustGiving to help them reach their target of £10,000:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dry-drayton-school-trim-trail>

All donations would be very gratefully received, they say. And please let them know if you have contacts in a company that might be interested in match-funding any of the donations they raise. Email: [office@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk)

# News from our District and County Councillors

**T**he signs on the A1307 at the junction with the Avenue had been severely damaged and it was not clear who was responsible for maintaining them. It was particularly dangerous for those travelling along the Avenue towards the A1307 as visibility of the road is not obvious when you approach it. Working with Madingley Parish Council and the County Council the team has managed to get the signs reinstated.



**Cllrs Garvie and Murphy with the restored A1307 signs**

## **Flooding improvements**

The causes of long term flooding continue to be investigated. The County council is contacting the landowner in which is situated a large drain which takes water away from the village and which seems to have been untouched for years. Officers want to get permission to explore, jet out and if required repair this very large drain. It may help to reduce a great deal of regular flooding. If and when the officers have made contact with the owners, work investigating it will not be able to start until the autumn in any case as the entrance to the drain is covered with wildlife and nesting birds.

## **NMU link with Scotland Farm Travel Hub**

We met with the project officer responsible for the delivery of the NMU route connecting the village with the proposed Scotland Farm Travel Hub. They discussed likely timescales and decided on a site visit in Dry Drayton where route options would be reviewed with the Parish Council and other stakeholders prior to a presentation and discussion at a later public meeting. Colleagues at GCP are currently in the process of investigating route options. We'll discuss the timing of meetings with the Parish Council and hope that many

people can participate in the discussions.

## **Luton flight path noise – note extended deadline**

The Civil Aviation Authority has extended its period of data collection on flight path noise period until September 2023. Any concerned residents should continue to present reports of excessive noise together with as much detail as you can reasonably gather. You could also track the latest state of things through the RELAS Facebook page, at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/relas.ad6>

**Fingers crossed! Wishing the Parish luck with the Local Highways Improvements bid the results for which should be announced soon!**

Please don't hesitate to contact us about any issues or concerns you may have:

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*Cllr Edna Murphy, Cambs County Council*

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## **Increased aircraft noise: voice your concerns this summer**

*The editor adds: Have you been disturbed by the increased numbers of aircraft flying overhead? This is because of the changes made last year to the flight paths of aircraft flying into Luton Airport. This is called 'Airspace Deployment 6' and there is an excellent explanation of it on the village website at <https://www.drydrayton.net/AD6.asp> This blog post also has details of who to contact with your concerns.*

*As our councillors say above, the Civil Aviation Authority is gathering data on the changes until September. If you are concerned by aircraft noise levels, please register your concerns. One way is to track exactly which aircraft are excessively loud and register a complaint on Luton Airport's TraVis website: <https://travisltn.topsonic.aero/> See a guide on how to use TraVis to register your complaints here: <https://www.london-luton.co.uk/corporate/community/noise/making-a-noise-complaint> You can also join the RELAS (Reject Luton Airport Stacking) Facebook group for updates and info: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/relas.ad6>*

# Bin Days

All dates on Thursday unless otherwise noted.

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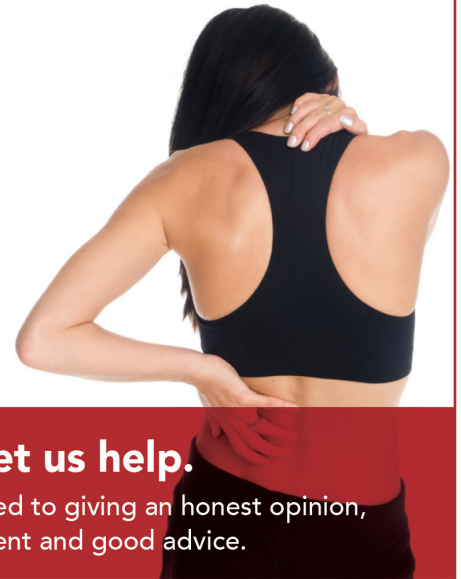
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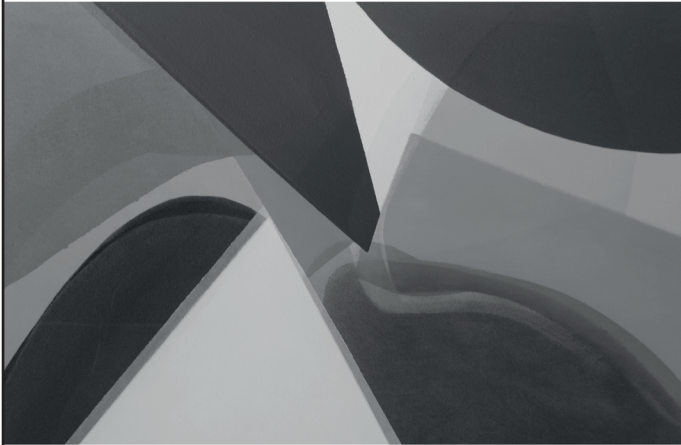


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