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NEWS in Brief

Fun Run and BBQ marks start of new school year

Congratulations to Jack, who came first at the annual S&VA Village Fun Run on Thursday 14 September! This was a great community event that brought together the school and village at the start of the new school term. Congratulations also to Pepijn who placed second, just pipping Santi in third, and the other 80 or so participants who walked or ran the 1.7 mile course to Bar Hill and back.

Many non-runners were also on hand to cheer in the runners, enjoy the delicious BBQ (not to mention drinks from Lord Conrad), and bask in the general feeling of good cheer in the gentle autumn sunshine.

All participants received a Dry Drayton Fun Run 2023 medal to add to their collection. Most notably, Alec Hawkes could be seen showing off the many Fun Run medals he has accumulated over the years, dating back to the 20th century! We can't remember exactly when the Fun Run started, but we owe much to Alec for keeping it going, because for many years he has not only been a runner, but he has also carefully prepared the course, cutting away potentially

dangerous brambles and nettles, and setting up the colourfully flagged start and finish lines.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who support the event, including Ali and her team who run the very successful BBQ, the marshals who ensure that the runners are safe and know where to go, and the helpers on the field who help Alec set up the course and take entries, and are there at the finish to mark times and hand out medals.

The Fun Run is always a popular event with a friendly and supportive atmosphere. This year the combined Run and BBQ raised more than £400 for the Dry Drayton School & Village Association, which will be used to support the school and village groups.

Diane Harris



Image: Boris proudly wearing his Fun Run medal!

Dry Drayton Friendship Club

Members met on a very rainy afternoon for the September meeting when Alec Hawkes showed some more of his "Fragments of Time" videos. These are recordings of conversations with village residents from the past.

Alec has promised to return to show the continuation of this series of videos at our next meeting, which will be held on **Wednesday 18th October at 2.30pm.**

Following the presentation we all enjoyed a splendid afternoon tea prepared by Angie Martin and Carol Doyle.

Everyone, whether you have been before or not, or whatever your age, will be very welcome to come along to our meetings on the third Wednesday each month.

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November Newsletter deadline

The next Newsletter is the November issue. If you have any contributions (text and/or photos), send them to drydraytonnews@gmail.com by 20th October at the 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!

NEWS in Brief

Coffee Morning Success!

Over the last year, our coffee morning has seen our numbers grow from 20 to 70 people attending. A big thankyou to all of our volunteers, without whom this event for the community would not be possible.

We are always looking for more volunteers - especially bakers! There's no requirement to bake every month, even one cake a year would help. As a thank you, you will receive free hot drinks and cake. If you are able to help, please contact Una (una.sowerby@btintenet.com) or Gil (hemyghislaine@gmail.com).

The coffee morning runs the first Wednesday of the month from 10-12 at the Village Hall. Enjoy a slice of homemade cake and unlimited tea/coffee for just £3 (vegan and gluten-free options available). Takeaways are also available and both cash and card payments are accepted.

Children receive free biscuits and drinks and we now have a separate play room with a selection of toys. If you have any toys you would like to donate, please bring them along to the coffee morning or contact Una or Gil.

October 4th Coffee morning

In addition to the regular hot drinks and home-made treats, there will be a stall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, raffling off a basket of goodies, £1 per ticket (cash only please). There will also be an assortment of jewellery available for donations to Macmillan Cancer.



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Dry Drayton C.E Primary School

Open Morning



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



Friday
13th October



Book your space on a tour

at 10.00am or 11.15am by emailing office@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2024? Come and see why we are so proud of our lovely, nurturing village school.

We have fantastic facilities and results, an engaging curriculum, good behaviour, excellent teachers and children who really enjoy learning.



We are lucky to have Little Owl within our school, they will also be open for the morning. Please come and see the wonderful care that they offer for pre-school children as well as a popular holiday and after-school club.

www.littleowl-drydrayton.co.uk

If the above date is not convenient then we would be happy to welcome you for a tour and a chat another time. Please contact the school office. www.drydraytonprimaryschool.co.uk

School News

A sunny start to the new school year

It has been a sunny start to our new school year, with smiley faces and happy children, *writes Headteacher Sonia Hegan.* Our Reception class has settled in so well. They are full of energy and are thoroughly enjoying the outdoor garden to play in the sandpit and digging area, to ride trikes and make dens.



Year 6 leadership team settle into their roles

At the other end of the school, our Year 6 leadership team are all set with their roles looking after the house teams, the school and generally helping to make Dry Drayton a better place to learn. They are already proving themselves to be a very reliable and resourceful group.

We now have 69 children on roll and are very full in school years 3, 4, 5 and 6. However we do have a few spaces in Reception and school years 1 and 2. If any families with children currently in pre-school are thinking about Dry Drayton School for next year, we warmly invite them to book a tour of the school on our Open Day on 13th October. (See *Open Day details on page 5.*)

We were delighted to welcome Canon Andrew Read from the Diocese of Ely to present a very prestigious trophy to Ruby. She was chosen to receive the Courageous Advocacy award. She wanted to help with fundraising for our new Trim Trail equipment, knowing how much the children all enjoy playing on it during the school day and at weekends too. So she started finger knitting, making friendship bracelets in all sorts of colours. She sold them at the summer sizzler and raised over £36!

Reading 'The Island of Missing Trees'

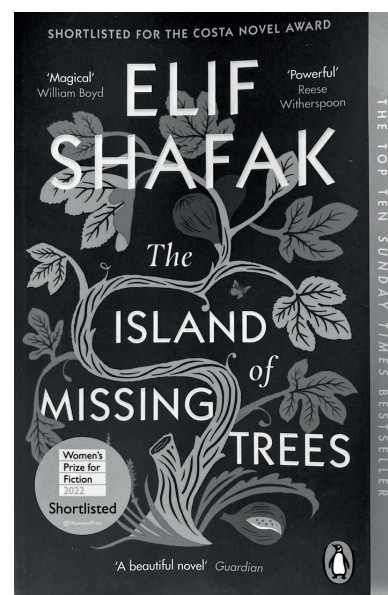
After a summer break, the village Book Group reconvened to review *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak, a British Turkish author. This is her most recent novel and was shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2022.

The story is spread over two timelines – London in the 2010's, and 1970's Cyprus – and follows the lives of Kostas and Defne and their 16-year-old daughter Ada. Kostas is a Greek Cypriot and an evolutionary ecologist and botanist now living in London; Defne, a Turkish Cypriot, is Kostas' wife who worked in Cyprus as an archeologist with the Committee for Missing Persons, a UN-backed organisation looking to recover the bodies of the people who went missing in the conflict of 1974. As the story begins we discover that Defne has recently died although the cause of her death is only revealed in the latter part of the book. Ada is grieving the loss of her mother and struggling to come to terms with her mother's death which is driving her and her father apart. Then Meryam, Defne's sister, arrives in London which initially infuriates Ada as none of Defne's family have been in touch since Defne's death. It is clear Ada knows nothing of their Cypriot history or their relatives as Defne's and Kostas' relationship was a forbidden love in Cyprus. A history project to interview a relative about their past provides an opportunity for Ada to talk to Meryam about her parents' teenage years in Cyprus and they begin to develop a close relationship as well as helping bring Ada closer to her father, Kostas.

The chapters are interspersed with a third narrative provided by the fig tree that has grown from a cutting from a very old tree in Cyprus which Kostas rescued and nurtured. At the start of the novel Kostas buries the fig tree to protect it from the harsh London winter. The tree then provides commentary on aspects of the characters' pasts, the history of Cyprus, and information about the ecosystems in Cyprus. At the end, as Kostas unburies the tree, it becomes clear that the tree embodies the spirit of Defne.

The group agreed this was an enjoyable book with some unusual and interesting features such as the fig tree narrative. There is a lot of symbolism running through the story and it is evident that the author had conducted a significant amount of research both into the history of Cyprus and the more recent ecological theories. However there was a consensus that much of this research was included to the detriment of the story which, at times, became disjointed.

The group felt there was scope to give more detail about Ada's remarkable outburst and her subsequent developing relationship with her aunt. The story also did not give much information about Defne's life in London and her evident struggles to adjust to her life there. The group felt that the time lag between Kostas leaving the island in 1974 and meeting up with Defne again some twenty years later lacked credibility given how devoted they were as a couple and the risks they ran to be able to meet up on dates in their youth. However there were many themes woven through the story which hold the reader's interest and provide some unexpected plot twists. Some of the group thought that the language suggested that the book had been translated into English. It is clear that the author writes in English and so on reflection, the group thought that perhaps her writing reflected her mixed cultural background and the disconnect was in her emotional rather than grammatical syntax.



Our book for the October meeting is *Time Shelter* by Georgi Gospodinov, which won the International Booker Prize 2023. A mysterious therapist, Gaustine, establishes a clinic that treats patients with Alzheimer's by recreating the times in which they felt most secure. The "past-clinic" begins with different rooms and floors appropriately decorated with the flotsam and jetsam of the past. As the rooms become more convincing, an increasing number of healthy people seek out the clinic as a 'time shelter', hoping to escape the horrors of modern life - a development that results in an unexpected conundrum when the past begins to invade the present.

To find out more about the group please contact Hilary Smith: hilary.smith@xtranex.co.uk, 07786 073220.

Sunday Services in October

St Peter & St Paul

St Peter & St Paul is part of the Lordsbridge Team of Churches and the Diocese of Ely.

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Sunday 1 October

5:30 pm **Choral Evensong** with Revd Clare. All welcome.

Sunday 8 October

9:30 am **Holy Communion** with Revd Priscilla. All welcome.

Sunday 15 October

11:00 am **Morning Worship for All Ages.** With Canon Sue. All welcome.

Sunday 22 October

9:30 am **Holy Communion** with Revd Clare. All welcome.

3:00 – 4:00 pm **Forest Church** in the churchyard with Revd Clare.

A brand new service suitable for all ages, whatever the weather! All welcome.

Sunday 29 October

10:30 am Fifth Sunday Team Service of Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul's Dry Drayton, with Revd Priscilla and Revd Charles.

Zoom Services

Worship at Home – All Lordsbridge Zoom Service

Every Sunday, 11:00am. Join any time from 10:50am.

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

New services from this autumn

Prayer and Praise

Wednesdays in term time at 2:00–3:00 pm

In the church. A time for worship, prayer and quiet reflection.

Followed by tea and cake! All welcome.

A message from our Minister

on caring for creation and holding new 'Forest Church' services outside

Dear Friends, Dry Drayton Church has for a long time been committed to caring for creation. We aim to manage our churchyard habitat for the benefit of local wildlife, plant and insect species, as well as maintaining it as a peaceful space for those buried here. It is a beautiful haven and a perfect place for those seeking quiet reflection.

Over the last few months we have been working towards a bronze Eco Church Award from A Rocha – a global family of conservation organisations working together to live out God's call to care for creation. (<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>) It supports churches across the country as they take practical steps in caring for God's earth. This is a whole-church initiative that we hope will help us live more faithfully and lightly on earth as God's people. **We can all become involved, in small and big ways:**

- **Forest Church:** On every fourth Sunday, starting on Sunday 22 October, we are starting a short, informal Forest Church service outside for all ages. We will be meeting 3:00 - 4:00 pm in our beautiful churchyard and there will be lots of space to run around, explore nature and make noise during the service. There will be music, craft activities, a fire pit and a Bible story, all in the open air, whatever the weather. So do come prepared!
- **Bible Study Group:** a small group of us will be meeting regularly this term to explore the Bible's teaching on nature: how God created it, how humans fit into it, and how it is part of His bigger picture. We will be thinking about how the Bible speaks to us today about the impact of the climate crisis and how it is affecting all our lives. We will also be reflecting on how we can play our part as we shop, eat, and go about our daily lives. As Christians, we believe that God

is calling us to care for His creation, and we are committed to leading a greener life that respects, honours and reflects God's incredible creation. Please do get in touch with us if you would like to find out more.

Wishing you a happy October!

God Bless, Clare

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PS New Website!

We have a new website, with details of all our services and our monthly newsletters:
<https://drydraytonchurch.co.uk/>



Newsletter seeks editor

The village newsletter is looking for a new editor to take over after Christmas.

After six and a half years, current editor Rachel Gardner will be stepping down after the December issue. She says: "I've really enjoyed the role but it's time for a new editor who can bring some fresh ideas to the newsletter.

"There are many issues affecting Dry Drayton from the long-discussed cycle path, and efforts to slow down the traffic speeding through the village, to the new travel hub planned to be built by Scotland Farm. So there's lots of important news to cover."

The newsletter is a real team effort and has a great

group of volunteers behind it. S&VA committee member Cinnamon Bair creates the advertising pages and S&VA Treasurer Roger Swain collects the revenue from advertisers and pays the printers.

Seunghie Hill has been doing much of the design and layout, while Jean and John Harding distribute the newsletter to the volunteers who deliver the newsletter to every household in the village and to the school. So the editor can focus on the content that goes into the editorial pages.

If the editor's role might interest you and you'd like to know more about it, please contact Rachel for more details.

Email drydraytonnews@gmail.com

Community Car Scheme



'Thank You's' all round

It was absolutely lovely to see and personally thank our drivers and volunteers at our 'Thank you' coffee morning recently – our first get together since Covid. Our volunteers, their partners and friends turned up to a wonderfully hosted set up by the team at the Cabin in Hardwick. (Thank you so much to Anne Jones and her team).

Whilst everyone enjoyed a well-deserved coffee and cake, Anne Jones (who started this scheme in Hardwick) provided an interesting talk on the history of the Car Scheme and how it began over 40 years ago followed by Derek, Gill, myself and Mia - ending in our computerised system of today!

Sadly we ran out of time for the quiz, organised by Enid, but it is there for another time! We ended instead with a raffle and no one left empty handed! Our Drivers were given our latest version of the improved Drivers handbook which was long overdue!

Last but, certainly not least a big **Thank You** to the Coordinators, Lizzie, Gill, Derek, Enid and Joanna who do a fantastic job behind the scenes to keep the scheme running smoothly. Sheila.



More info at: www.drydrayton.net/carshare.asp

September at The Black Horse

We all enjoyed some September sunshine and it gave us some very busy times at the pub, with lots of outside eating and drinking. It has prompted us to ask if people could please book in advance if they know they are coming to eat. This helps us to plan without having to turn anyone away or running out of anything on the menu, which obviously in turn also helps with reducing food waste.

We can usually accommodate walk-ins but we don't want to risk not having a good choice as a result for those who have booked. So if you know you're coming, please do let us know. We thank you in advance!

New cocktails

We will have some new cocktails available over the next few months. We are pleased to offer you a range made by small Suffolk company, 'Edmunds', and we will start off with a Passionfruit Martini, as it is certainly one of the favourites here. Do come and try it!

Toasties back on the menu

We are moving towards an Autumn menu, toasties will be back at lunchtime and we don't suppose it will be too long before a warming bowl of soup is requested! But we'll keep the ever-popular wraps on too. Do look out for some new dishes coming up as well.

Evening meals will generally start to be a little more hearty as the weather will guide us no doubt. You will see a change in the puddings too as summer fruits are coming to an end and you know we like to go with seasonality where we can. (And you also know that means custard!!)

PIZZA!

Pizza Passione is booked to come on **Saturday 21st October, 5-8pm** – please pre-order with Sandro directly as usual to avoid disappointment or a long wait.

VACANCIES

We have taken on some new staff to join our small team but still have a few positions available, one or two shifts are still available for evening work. Also, we have

position/s for help in the kitchen, primarily lunchtime hours on all days and/or some evening work. Please do get in touch if you enjoy doing food preparation or a bit of baking behind the scenes, we could really do with your help!

Pub quizzing

Our last Quiz, held on a Sunday afternoon in September, was the usual mix of fun and competitiveness. This time a team new to the village won, and you probably know that the winning team chooses which charity benefits from the proceeds.... they asked for the money to go to the S&VA. We have therefore donated £116 on their behalf – they clearly enjoy their new village life, so thank you to them!

That's all from us this month. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Amanda and Colin

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The Dry Drayton swift colony

News about the village's own colony of these endangered birds

Through the encouragement of a number of residents, we have a colony of breeding swifts that annually visits Pettitts Close. Swifts are on the 'Red List' of the UK's most endangered birds, so villagers watch them keenly to see how they fare on their summer visits here. *Rowena Baxter and Michael Clydesdale* give us this update on how they got on during the summer of 2023.

Our swift colony in Summer 2023 had a breeding season of mixed fortunes, but which was still reasonably successful.

The first swifts arrived in Dry Drayton around 1st May. At first, numbers built slowly. (The migration of swifts this year may have been slowed by the relatively cool weather in May.) Sadly, several successful breeding pairs from 2022 failed to return to the village this year.

However, the weather in June was much warmer with temperatures nearly touching 30°C by mid-June. This brought with it an influx of non-breeding birds who were very active in prospecting for nest sites; so the numbers of swifts seen in the sky were on a par with previous years. Indeed, up to 40 swifts were seen in 'clouds' on some evenings, which seems more than in the past.

The presence of a sparrowhawk sitting adjacent to the nestboxes made the breeding birds very wary. This seems to be a growing issue for swift colonies across the country. Of course, large aggregations of potential prey species is always going to attract predators and sparrowhawks have chicks to feed too!

In early July, Pettitts Close hosted members of Girton Local Nature Recovery Plan Group so that they could see what has been achieved in Dry Drayton, with a view to starting a similar project in Girton.

The weather in July and the first half of August was unsettled with short periods of rain and although the numbers of non-breeding swifts fell away as they made their way back to Africa,

most of the breeding swifts managed to fledge their young successfully. However, chick numbers were a bit lower than last year reflecting the drop in breeding pairs. Final numbers: around 20 breeding pairs fledging between 34-40 chicks.

An encouraging sign is that another seven new nestboxes were added in Pettitts Close all of which attracted the attention of non-breeding swifts, so there could be new breeding pairs next year.

No swifts were seen investigating the internal boxes in Swifts Close. Without swift calls being played close to the nest sites, swifts' attention has not been drawn to the holes and they have been concentrating their attention on boxes sited closer to the current nesting pairs.

Should anyone in Swifts Close be interested in using the free call-playing system, please contact Rowena at 14 Pettitts Close.



Update from the Parish Council

Updates on planned Scotland Road Travel Hub

The September meeting of the Parish Council included a presentation from Jo Baker, a Project Manager from Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), on the proposed Scotland Farm Travel Hub and the associated Non-Motorised User route to provide access to it from the village.

The discussion lasted around 30 minutes. The points that I thought of interest are as follows (though it should be noted that some of these were greeted with disbelief and cynicism).

- There have been no changes to the details of the planned Travel Hub that were presented a little over 12 months ago.
- Various assessments have been carried out since then to address the environmental concerns, light pollution and traffic levels.
- Light pollution from the Travel Hub for residents of Scotland Farm will be addressed by fencing and a planting band.
- An assessment of traffic through the village says that the Travel Hub will not lead to an increase. Residents of Northstowe are not expected to use the Hub as they have other means of transport to Cambridge.
- It is expected that the Travel Hub will be used by traffic from the west (A428 users) and not those who currently use the Madingley Road Park & Ride. This is used by traffic from the M11 which will use the Southwest Cambridge (Foxton) Travel Hub for which permission has been granted.
- A code of conduct for contractors will be established for construction of the Travel Hub and there will be an embargo on contractors' vehicles going through the village.
- The Transport and Work Act Order is expected to be submitted shortly. Construction has been delayed and is now expected to commence in 2025, completion 2027.
- An opportunity to meet Kerry Allen, Senior Project Manager and colleague of Jo Baker, to discuss possible routes for an NMU has been provided. **The suggested date is 3 October, late morning, and if anyone would like to be involved, please let me know.** Kerry will also be able to answer questions on the points raised by Jo Baker.
- By way of a reminder, GCP proposed a route for the NMU which the Parish Council and residents of

Scotland Road did not find acceptable. An alternative route was proposed by the Parish Council, which also has issues, but is safer. Jo Baker suggested that an option could be to use the footpath (upgraded) behind the church which runs beside Callow Brook to the Blue Bridge. This could provide an access to the rear of the Travel Hub.

- Whichever route is chosen, funding has to be provided, and we know the issues associated with this.

Closure of Cambridge Road, Madingley

A meeting to discuss the closure of Cambridge Road was held at Madingley Hall on the evening of 6 September. There were some residents from Dry Drayton, plus Cllr. Granger. I understand that it was a robust and interesting discussion, and Cait Findlay, a reporter from the Cambridge News, reported the meeting. You can read Cait's report at <https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/local-news/cambs-villagers-blast-new-one-27693942>

Village Cycle Path (or Non-Motorised User Access)

Unfortunately, there is nothing further to add to last month's report. We are still waiting for the land to become available and funding to be found. However, there is the hope that the land requirements may be reduced once the 40mph buffer zone is introduced for the Oakington Road. But as this is at least 12 months away, this should not be counted upon, and the County Council continues to try to sort out the land issues.

Local Highways Officer

The area has a new Highways Officer, Neal Stevens. I have offered to walk the village with Neal and explain the issues we face. The date has yet to be determined, but if anyone would care to join us, please let me know.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 3 October and Tuesday 7 November, both at 19:00. Please note that the meetings have moved back to Tuesday.

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As a reminder, you can find detailed minutes from all meetings on the Parish Council website at: http://www.drydraytonpc.org.uk/Meetings_26385.aspx

Update from the County Council

No Congestion Charge

Following last autumn's public consultation on the Greater Cambridge Partnership's proposals for a Sustainable Travel Zone in Cambridge including a congestion charge, the Partnership's officers drew up revisions to the proposals. These included a reduction in operating hours (to peaks only), a discount for local small and medium sized businesses, and 50 'free days' per household per year. However it was clear that even the modified proposals would not command public support and so groups in South Cambs District Council and Cambridge City Council withdrew their support for the scheme. This means the congestion charge scheme will not go ahead.

However there will continue to be work by both the County Council and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to progress improvements to public transport as rapidly as possible. For example, bus reform will ensure that there is more control over the quality of bus services than there is now. Also it will be necessary to consider other ways to generate income to pay for vital public transport which would command public support.

Flooding improvements – time to get the investigations underway

The challenge has been to investigate what problems there could be with the village's main drains or other infrastructure which result in frequent flooding. The County Council has tried a new approach and wishes to investigate the drain which runs across a field away from the village. At the entry point there is a great deal of overgrowth and vegetation, and given the first thing to do would be to cut back the vegetation there, the advice was it would need to be left until after the nesting season. The access to the drain is very overgrown and so jetting this drain could have significant effects. Officers have had reminders now and we continue to chase, because it is important to get this work underway before winter and more very wet weather.

NMU link with Scotland Farm Travel Hub

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is operating this scheme. Recently the officers

separated the NMU (Non-Motorised User route) from the main Travel Hub project but it is not clear why. They seem to think the village has rejected the original proposal they made and would only be satisfied with a route for the NMU that the GCP does not have the power to provide. This doesn't seem right to us, and we are going back to GCP to ensure that they really have given residents the full information and provided the options and ramifications of making different choices. We want to make sure the engagement is there, and if it is surely they would want to link the two NMUs giving a link through the village and also through to Bar Hill too?

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Bin Days

All dates on Thursday unless otherwise noted.

OCTOBER

5	blue/green	19	blue/green
12	black	26	black

Note: Rubbish collectors with South Cambs District Council moved to a 4-day work week as of mid-September. About 80% of South Cambs residents will see schedule changes. Dry Drayton's collection day is as-yet unchanged, but which bins are collected when could shift. Dates above correct at time of printing.

Source: www.scambs.gov.uk



From our District Councillors

Stagecoach introduced changes to its bus fares in mid-September. Stagecoach reports that “the first objective of fares is to cover the costs of service provision and while the majority of this fare increase is down to rising cost, we have also been making important investments to give you an even better experience when travelling on our network. The new ticket prices will add on average just 43p on to the cost of daily adult bus travel in the Town zone. From Sunday 17th September 2023, we will continue to offer the same ticket types, but at slightly different prices.”

Business News

On the South Cambs District Council website there is an 'Open for Business' page (<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/>) where you can sign up for a newsletter. Items include: The Energy Efficiency Campaign and Female Entrepreneurs Campaign

Demystifying Apprenticeships - free webinar
Apprenticeships are a great way to support your

business from up-skilling your existing employees on to an apprenticeship as well as recruiting new talent to your workforce. How to start the process can seem overwhelming but on 5th October, 10:00 - 11:00 am, there is a free webinar on 'Demystifying Apprenticeships for Businesses'. Hosted on Teams, speakers from Growth Works and North Cambridge Training Centre will help attendees understand how apprenticeships can benefit their business, improve recruitment and retention, what the apprenticeship levy is and how it works, and identify apprenticeship opportunities. See details at: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/recruitment-apprenticeships-and-training/>

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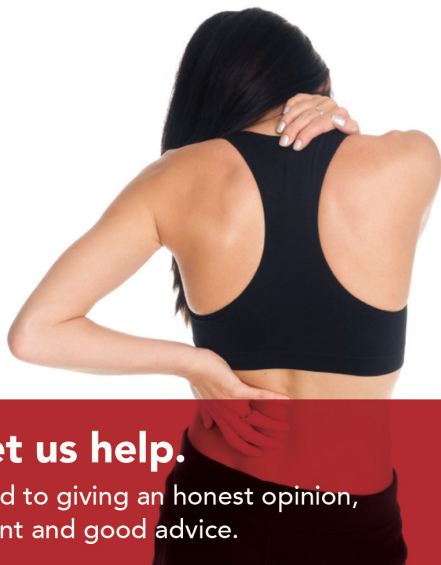
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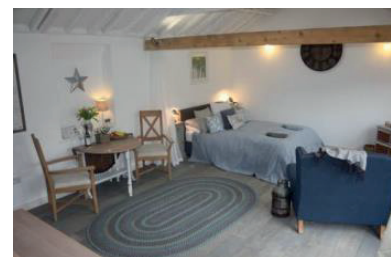
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