

# Arrington Newsletter

## Winter 2017



### ARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

All members of the public are entitled to attend Parish Council meetings, which take place in the Village Hall, on the third Monday of the month (except August). If you would like an item added to the agenda, please contact one of the Parish Councillors—details overleaf.

Find out what's happening in **your** village—if you don't go you won't know!

**The next meeting is on Monday 20th March at 7.30 pm**

### ST NICHOLAS CHURCH ARRINGTON

March Services (including Lent & Easter)

**Thursday 16 March 10.30 am**  
Holy Communion in Clifden Close

**Sunday 19 March 4.00 pm**  
Evening Service in the church

**Sunday 26 March 9.30 am**  
Mothering Sunday  
Holy Communion in the church

**Good Friday 14 April 3.00 pm**  
Stations of the Cross in the church  
(a guided meditation on Jesus' journey to the cross)

**Easter Sunday 16 April 11.00 am**  
Easter Day Holy Communion in the church

**Every Tuesday – Morning Prayer at 8.00 am**  
A quieter 20 minute service in the church

#### Orwell and Barrington

**Ash Wednesday 1 March**  
Eucharist + Ashing in Orwell 10.00 am  
Eucharist + Ashing in Barrington 7.30 pm

*St Nicholas is open every day for everyone*  
[www.beneficeorwell.co.uk](http://www.beneficeorwell.co.uk)



**Saturday Evening 8th April**  
in the Village Hall

Entry includes a chilli supper  
and 6 game cards

Tickets: £8.50 adult  
£4.50 child

7.00 for 7.30 pm

Extra cards available on arrival  
Raffle

Bring your own drinks

**Please book by 4th April with:**

**Irene—01223 207897 or**  
**Sarah—07745 892885**

***All proceeds to St Nicholas Church***

### DATE FOR THE DIARY

**Race Night**  
in the Village Hall  
**Saturday 13th May**

Full details in next newsletter

*Raising funds for the Village Hall*



## ARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

**Planning:** The new year started with the January Parish Council meeting which was very well attended by many local residents who robustly raised their concerns in respect of a planning application to build two dwellings at the end of Church End on an agricultural green field site. All residents felt that this application provided no benefits whatsoever for the village. The serious issue of the currently inadequate parking along Church End was raised together with the fact that this application would most likely reduce current parking. The very limited access and the negative effect on the wider village along with conflicts between vehicle and pedestrian usage and safety was discussed. Other issues raised included the impact on vulnerable listed buildings, the negative affect of this application on the setting of the village within the landscape, potential for archaeological sites, the reduction in important ancient grass and ecology as well as its enjoyment for others that use the public footpath and possible local flooding. The Parish Council acknowledged these serious concerns and recommended refusal of the application.

**The Parish Plan:** Mrs Alison Elcox had kindly volunteered to review the results of the Parish Questionnaire and would produce a report for the Parish Council to progress.

**Wimpole Estate:** Mr Hurcomb, the General Manager, was in attendance with Mr Simon Fisher, who had recently taken up the position of Countryside Manager on the Wimpole Estate. Mr Fisher explained his role and offered to meet with Councillors to discuss the outstanding issues of the ditch, boundary wall and trees.

**Wimpole Car Park:** A consultation session is to be held on the 25th February 2017 at Wimpole to discuss the proposals for the new car park. The consultation would run from 11am until 1pm and would cover a presentation by the design team with an open forum to allow for questions and to review the details/drawings and project information of the scheme.

**Horse Warning Signage:** Cllr Kindersley reported that the County Council road safety team were not keen on erecting horse or deer warning signage unless it could be proven that the road was a heavy horse traffic area. The County Council believes that the onus should be on the drivers driving to the conditions of the roads. Councillors strongly felt that the issue was relevant on the A1198 and Cllr Kindersley agreed to pursue.

**County and District Councillors' Reports:** District Councillor Smith reported that South Cambridgeshire District Council had built fewer dwellings in the last year since the recession. She added that Gamlingay had a lot of speculative applications being submitted. Fly tipping around the district was getting worse and there were now increased fines for offenders. Cllr Smith con-

firmed that there were regular prosecutions. It had been agreed that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough would become a Devolved authority and an election of a Mayor would be held in May 2017. A new Chief Executive for South Cambridgeshire District Council was being progressed. A new Chief Executive had been recruited and also an Executive Transport Director to try and resolve these issues. Cllr Smith advised that Cambridgeshire County Council had reversed their decision on some of the areas of gritting and also about a lot of street lights being turned off.

**Village Garden:** Acacia Tree surgery had been asked to proceed with a survey of village garden trees. The purchase of a new bench was being pursued.

**Replacement Litter Bin:** The meeting agreed to cut back the hedge around the existing litter bin to make it more visible.

**Highways Issues: A1198 Speed Limit Reduction scheme:** The County Council had been asked to proceed with the scheme which should be nearing completion.

**Request for a Village Hall Direction Sign:** The Clerk had given the County Highways Officer permission to proceed.

**Community Speedwatch:** The Chairman reported that the Speedwatch Team were hoping to continue with further checks over the coming months. There was one volunteer still to be trained and once the training had been completed, this would provide greater flexibility to run further operations. He added that other volunteers were always needed.

**Parish Newsletter Advertising:** The Chairman advised that Mr Close had offered to liaise with the newsletter Editor and investigate newsletter advertising and a charging costing structure and establish a timetable of publication dates.

**Parish Website:** The website had been transferred to the new provider over the Christmas period. It was now up and running again. CAPALC have been approached to see if the Parish Council are eligible for funding through the Transparency Fund.

**SCDC Proposed new service:** Tree Health and Safety Surveys' Ian Lorman, the Tree Officer, had written to the Council advising that as part of ongoing improvements to the service at South Cambridgeshire District Council, he was proposing to offer a competitive service to assist with the H&S safety audit processes relating to regular tree inspections.

**Martin Kaszak**  
Chairman, Arrington Parish Council

## Protecting older or more vulnerable residents in Arrington.

### Do you know that Arrington has a No Cold Calling Zone (NCCZ) in Clifden Close?

These zones were set up to discourage cold callers and to give residents the confidence to say 'no' to uninvited sales people – helping to prevent people falling victim to distraction burglars and rogue traders.

Whilst the zones were originally introduced by Cambridgeshire Trading Standards, it is recognised that community-led action is much more effective in protecting local people from unscrupulous tradespeople.

Indeed, the best prevention and support for residents comes from within their own community.

We can offer a range of materials for your residents including door stickers, advice on how to spot a rogue trader and tips to prevent unwanted mail and phone calls.

**We invite a local coordinator to disseminate this information and look after a NCCZ on behalf of its residents. This would preferably be someone living within the zone but could also be someone residing close by. Could that be you?**

If you feel you can help, even if your time and ability is limited, we would love to hear from you. A NCCZ can really be reinvigorated with a little community action; just a good neighbour keeping an eye out makes all the difference.

**For more information, please contact  
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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED

A vacancy now exists for a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator (South) in Arrington. The role involves liaising with the Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Neighbourhood Watch Services, and circulating relevant information to our Parish via the website and newsletter.

**If you are interested, please contact a member of the Parish Council and we will notify the relevant agencies.**

## Mother Goose Preschool Now accepting applications for 2 to 4 year olds

Mother Goose Preschool is a small, welcoming and vibrant Ofsted-registered preschool, just a couple of minutes up the road. Open Monday to Friday 9.15 am to 12.15 pm during term time, the school offers an optional 'Lunch Club', which operates each day until 1.15 pm and it recently introduced an 'Early Drop Off' option.

Caring for children from the age of two to four years old, Mother Goose also runs "Rising 5's" sessions focussed on helping children with the move up to primary school. This also includes visits to the local primary school, Petersfield in Orwell.

The Preschool is situated in Wimpole Village Hall, and has full use of the premises and a dedicated outdoor play area. Originally established in 1992, the Preschool is a registered charity managed by a voluntary committee. It has built up a well-regarded and proven reputation for delivering high quality early years care and education to local families.

The preschool provides funded early years education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and also supports children with special educational needs, disabilities and children who speak English as an additional language. It is consistently highly rated in parent surveys and is Ofsted rated as "good". There is a maximum limit of 24 children at any one time, and the preschool follows the Revised Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.

So how can you help? The school usually runs at or near full capacity, but this year has a large number of children leaving to start Primary School and needs to replenish its numbers for September 2017.

Applying now will ensure you secure your place and greatly help with our planning.

**For further information, please visit  
[www.mothersgoosepreschool.co.uk](http://www.mothersgoosepreschool.co.uk)**

where you can download our Prospectus, Ofsted Reports and Apply for a Place. To help you make your decision, we invite you and your child to visit us to see the school in action and to join in the fun! As a Parent and Committee member, I promise you will not be disappointed.

**Ian Hannant**

## NEWS FROM HEIDI ALLEN, MP

The cold winter days have been considerably brightened this month by visits to some of my fantastic primary schools. I'd like to thank Barton C of E Primary School in particular, for inviting me to sample some mud delicacies made in their own playground mud kitchens! Barton are looking for a local sponsor to help them achieve their goal of 20 laptops for the children to use. If you know of anyone, perhaps a local business, or would yourself be interested in helping this fabulous little school get connected, please contact the Head teacher, Clare Coulson on 01223 262474.

I was pleased to go back to Guilden Morden Primary School with the East of England Regional Schools Commissioner, Dr Tim Coulson to see progress since they academised on 1st November. The school looks and feels absolutely fantastic and I would like to offer my thanks to the parents, governors and staff who have worked so hard. I was also fortunate to view their brand new Pre-School's facility, which offers care to under 5's in a modern, well-equipped setting. They still have a few spaces available, though I expect them to fill fast. Contact [office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk) for further information.

Our schools are our future and we need to invest in them. I continue to raise the issue of fairer funding in the House of Commons and directly with the Education Secretary, Justine Greening. Cambridgeshire has been historically under-funded and is now experiencing unprecedented growth, which makes for something of a perfect storm in the funding environment. The Government is now consulting on new national funding formula proposals and your contribution is really important.

I have concerns, shared by all our schools, that the proposed formula is still not quite right, so please do join me in feeding this in. For information on the changes we need, please contact my office and to submit to the consultation before the closing date of 22nd March 2017, please go to <https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>.

I'm committed to supporting initiatives that improve mental health within our communities, particularly in our youngsters. Over the past year, I've been following the progress of an innovative partnership developed with the Melbourn schools cluster and an organisation called Alliance. This scheme works on early intervention strategies to support young people with mental health issues in their own school environment. The project has been so successful that Cambridgeshire County Council have approved an extension to their funding for the next year. Furthermore, I hope Alliance will be asked to roll out their initiative all across the county. I was delighted to celebrate Addenbrooke's great achievement of gaining an overall rating of 'Good' in their recent CQC report. This is a phenomenal turnaround for the hospital and is testament to the dedication

and commitment of their outstanding staff. I visited with the Minister, the Rt Hon Phillip Dunne and witnessed just how far the team have come in under two years. We never stopped being proud of you for one moment, and were never in doubt that the quality of care and service was anything other than world class. I'm glad the CQC can now see this too!

Turning to roads, Highways England will shortly be publishing their plans for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet upgrade. The Consultation opens in March. Work on this stretch of road is vital in supporting our growth and making our roads safer and more efficient. When it's launched, I'll include a link to it on my infrastructure page which can be found here - <https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/a428-black-cat-caxton-gibbet>. Please contribute if this issue affects you.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to contribute to my public transport feedback request. I received almost 100 responses. I'll now be taking your opinions and evidence to key stakeholders, including the bus and train operators. There is no quick fix to our rural transportation issues but I intend to push for innovation and joined up thinking that can benefit South Cambridgeshire as part of the City Deal and Devolution package. Please keep an eye on my website for details.

As always, if you have anything you'd like to share with me, you can find details of my upcoming surgeries here:

[www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries](http://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries)  
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**Heidi Allen**

## BROADBAND UPDATE

### Mill Lane Residents

I'm sure you've seen a number of tree cutting works happening on both Mill Lane and also Ermine Way where there have also been some grey conduit pipes being laid along the side of the road. These directly relate to the fibre that is going to be run in order to deliver us all modern, super fast internet speeds. The good news is that much of the arborist works have been completed down Mill Lane and there was only a need to seek further permission from the owners of Mill Farm to proceed further. BT and Connecting Cambridgeshire have today confirmed that this is in place and so the overhead fibre will be able to now have a clear route to run to those of us down Mill Lane and BT are on track to do this by the end of March this year.

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### **Ermine Way Residents**

With regard to those of you further up Ermine Way, BT and Connecting Cambridgeshire are seeking permission from the Wimpole estate to address some of the other trees which are potentially going to cause an issue for the running of the overhead fibre down to you guys. Once this permission has been sought, the actual fibre can start being rolled out to the poles.

### **FTTP, FTTC, Mbs, ISP.....Ahhhh! What does it all mean?**

Those served by the cabinet in the village (who have the Fibre to the Cabinet or FTTC) connections, still have copper lines from the cabinet to their houses, meaning that the last few metres will impact their speeds (ie the further you are from the cabinet, the slower your potential speeds will be), but the copper line is a shorter run than all the way back to the exchange (by the BP garage). For these people, your max speed is 76Mb on BT with Infinity 2 packages and 76Mb on Sky with their Sky Fibre Max packages. Sadly the residents of Mill Lane and some on Ermine Way further north, were too far away from the cabinet before the signal for the fibre broadband would have broken down. This means that following a review I had with BT & Connecting Cambridgeshire in 2015 to look at other options for us, a decision was made to roll out fibre all of the way to these houses, and not to a new cabinet.

### **Great—but what about the speed? And the stability?**

Well, if you have an existing connection, you won't see any speed increases until you buy another product which can take advantage of the Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) speeds. What you pay will depend on the speed you want and whether you're OK with having a download cap for the amount of data you use. The two ISPs (Internet Service Providers) that have their own equipment in our exchange are Sky and BT and so if you go with either of these, you're directly using their network. Any other ISP is basically buying a standard BT Openreach Wholesale product, marking it up and taking on the support services but this means that they probably aren't going to be offering fibre packages. You should be able to take a BT or Sky product just like those in the village who are connected to the cabinet and for many of you that will probably be OK, giving you speeds of up to 76Mb. Stability wise, provided nothing severs the fibre, you should expect the stability of the line to be far better than copper as the signal is delivered with light bouncing down a glass fibre line rather than electrical pulses down copper which can be affected by quite a lot of environmental variables.

### **But what if I'm greedy?**

If you're lucky enough that fibre has been delivered all the way to your house, you should be able to get speeds of up to 300Mb with Ultrafast broadband packages (Infinity 3 & 4 are 200Mb and 300Mb respectively), but the details have been removed from

their website currently. My thought on this is that it's likely to be due to the recent Openreach announcement which said that 500Mb & 1000Mb (aka 1Gb) packages will be available to ISPs and BT are probably readying their website for whatever new packages they will make available.

### **Why do I care?**

You might not have had internet requirements to date, but with more and more services for HMRC, Central Government, Local Government, Utilities, Pensions, Banking and many more becoming 'online only' services, an internet connection of some description, plus the devices to use it, will be required. Please....don't try to fight it!

Everyone I know who was unsure about being online has eventually embraced even parts of it by benefiting from staying in touch with distant friends/family to earning cash back on things that you were going to buy anyway!

Plus, a universal benefit is that young professionals often need decent broadband connections to do their jobs and property searches are now including broadband speed data to help potential buyers make better decisions.

Essentially, having fibre broadband available to your house, even if you don't subscribe to it, will increase your house value over houses that don't (source: Telegraph cited up to 20% of a house's value could be written off if the broadband speed is slow).

That's all for now, but if there is a further update, I'll send something out soon.

**Barry Johnson**

### **Payment diversion alert**

Fraudsters are emailing members of the public who are expecting to make a payment for property repairs. The fraudsters will purport to be a tradesman who has recently completed work at the property and use a similar email address to that of the genuine tradesman. They will ask for funds to be transferred via bank transfer. Once payment is made the victims of the scam soon realise they have been deceived when the genuine tradesman requests payment for their work.

#### **Protect yourself**

- Always check the email address is exactly the same as previous correspondence with the genuine contact.
- For any request of payment via email, verify the validity of the request with a phone call to the person who carried out the work. Use the phone number you have previously used, not a new one supplied in the email.
- Check the email for spelling and grammar as these signs can indicate that the email is not genuine.

Payments via bank transfer offer no financial protection.

Consider using alternative methods such as a credit card or PayPal which offer protection and an avenue for recompense.

If you believe you have been a victim of fraud you can report it on online

[http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud)

or by telephone 0300 123 2040.



## Arrington Garden Centre expanding with new facilities

The owners of Arrington Garden Centre have already started work to expand the greenhouses and add a café.

Commencing in early November, builders have been on site and the new facilities are rapidly taking shape. The café is an expansion of what was the farm shop and, when completed, will supply hot and cold food, drinks and cakes. It will seat about 100 in a combination of standard seating and comfortable sofa areas. In the Garden Centre, the greenhouse area is doubling in size allowing for more stock and additional product ranges.

Currently expecting the work to be completed by the end of March, the owners are excited about being able to provide such a great shopping and eating experience in Arrington and are looking forward to welcoming visitors from the area but, especially, from Arrington Village.

Please also welcome Nick, the new Manager of Arrington Garden Centre who will be delighted to meet you on your next visit.

For more regular updates, follow Arrington Garden Centre's Facebook Page:

[www.facebook.com/ArringtonNurseries](http://www.facebook.com/ArringtonNurseries)

### ***Pauline Burford***

*Those who knew and remember Pauline will be saddened to hear of her death in January.*

*Pauline and husband Graham owned and ran the Hardwicke Arms for many years and were much involved in Arrington village life before retiring to the Newmarket area.*

## ARRINGTON SNOOKER CLUB

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07836 611537

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*The "Spring" newsletter will be out at the beginning of May. Please could any items for inclusion be with me by the third week of April. Comments and contributions are always very welcome.*

*Thank you  
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## ARRINGTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Only one month to go, two more league matches and the 2016/17 season will be over. Dreams of a return to Division 1 are fading as the Club needs to win both of these last games 18 pts to nil to equal Whittlesford's 116 points at the top. For those interested in how it works, a match consists of four games of pairs and four triples. 2 points are awarded for every game won, with the team scoring the highest 'shots' total from all the games getting an extra 2 points. So, a total of 18 points is up for grabs each match. It's going to be quite a challenge (with a bit of luck!) to get the scores we need.

At the start of the season, a couple of teams withdrew from the leagues. This was a great shame as it left only 7 teams in each of the 2 divisions. As there have been fewer league matches, we've played friendlies against Barkway, Gransden and Pampisford, and recently entered two teams into a Triples tournament held at Milton. It was a long evening playing four games of nine "ends" each. One of our teams, with players Tony Evenden, Colin Willmott and Peggy Mundy, won most of its games and ended up one of the top four, and so have got through to a Finals evening at Whittlesford at the end of March. Two teams have also entered a Pairs competition at Whittlesford during March so it's a busy end to the season. Call me on 207576 if you're interested in having a go.

**Liz Crow**