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St Ives set to enjoy the Jubilee weekend

St Ives Town Council is hoping that residents will turn out in force to enjoy this special Jubilee weekend.

It starts this Thursday, 2 June with a showing of the film of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 and lighting a beacon on the roof of the Parish Church at 9.45pm.

On **Friday 3 June** there is a Multi Faith Service in Market Hill at 11am and later that day, at 7pm in the Corn Exchange there will be a giant sing-a-long.

Singing in the Reign is a free event put on by the Town Team with special guest, Paul Dodson, on hand to play some of the songs live. A chance to sing and dance to many of the best songs of the past 70 years.

The entertainment continues on **Saturday 4 June** with the Royal Engineers, 2331 Squadron ATC and the Army Cadets parading in Market Hill from 10am.

This will be followed in the afternoon with an open air concert expected to start around 5pm with **'The Queens of Disco'** and the **'Amazing 80's'** performing live.

The fun continues in the Corn Exchange at 7pm **'The Numbers'** band playing a celebration of Brit Pop music.

Sunday 5 June is all about street parties.

An Indoor Street Party is planned in the Corn Exchange between 10am and 5pm with tea, cake and Prosecco and on the Big Screen the national celebrations will be shown.



From 11am The Broadway will be free of vehicles and can be used by residents to hold **The Big Jubilee Lunch**.

Bring your own food, drinks, seating and games to join in a massive picnic, that will include recorded music and children's entertainment. (Note No BBQ's).

ALSO PLANNED OVER THE WEEKEND

Saturday 9.30am to 3.30pm Saints

Crafters at the Free Church - an opportunity to buy handmade items.

On 2nd, 3rd and 4th June at The Norris Museum activities include a **Gallery Trail** and **Take Away Crafts** providing fun for all ages.

The 42 Engineer Regiment received the Freedom of St Ives on 30th June 2018 and together with the 2331 Squadron ATC and the Army Cadets will be marching into Market Hill to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Photo: Royal Engineers

Coronation celebrations, the Corn Exchange 2nd June 1953 - were you there?



If you were, can you find yourself on these photographs? It looks like most children in the town attended. Did you play games afterwards? Let us know your memory of this great occasion.

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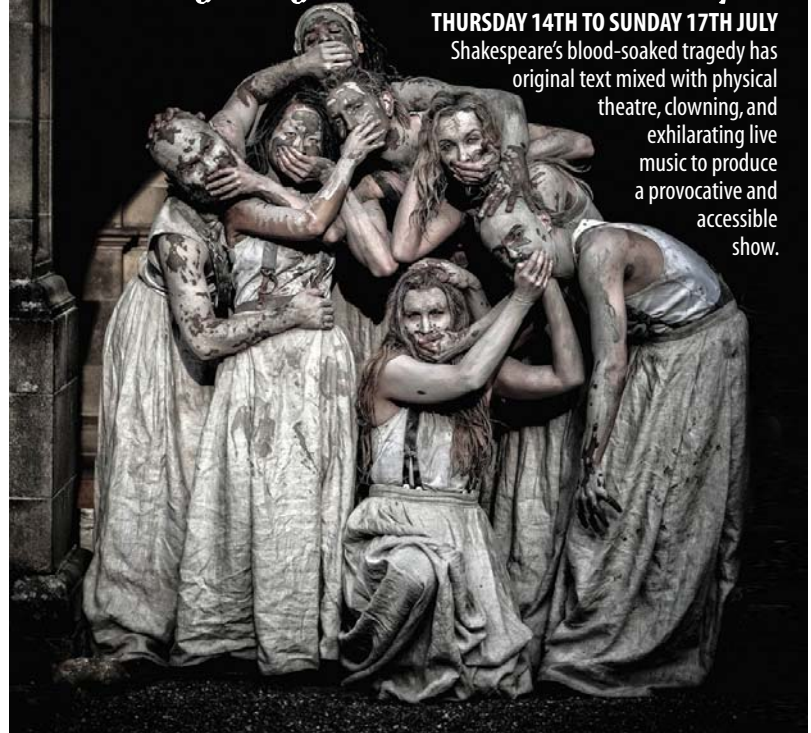
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In July the Corn Exchange is bringing the Scottish play to St Ives in what promises to be an extraordinary event. **Flabbergast Theatre** are bringing their award-winning production of *Macbeth* to St Ives!

Henry Maynard (Artistic Director and *Macbeth*) is excited to bring his latest production to his hometown after performing all over the world including Madison Square Gardens, Sydney Opera House, The National Theatre, Shakespeare's Globe and in London's West End.

Tickets available at the Corn Exchange
Described as ...

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Has St Ives lost it's Initiative?

Someone mentioned that they hadn't seen a copy of the Suggestives magazine lately and asked the Editor if he knew why. Well he didn't know but he thought he would try and find out as it was a magazine that he started years ago. St Ives Town Initiative (SITI) began in the late 90s. Town centre *Initiatives* were set up by HDC in all four Huntingdonshire towns as a way of getting businesses involved in decisions about the local economy and HDC paid for managers. This was separate from the Town Council, who supported the group, and business leaders, not politicians, were recruited to come up with ideas to stimulate the St Ives economy. At first events were planned including a Music and Fireworks concert on the meadow in July. This proved popular and a Dickensian Market followed, both brought many people to town. Suggestives magazine, delivered to all local homes, promoted the work of SITI. After a while HDC withdrew financial support and encouraged the group to stop events. SITI continued, but in the view of many it became a club for local politicians who used the magazine to promote themselves, prompting some to call it SuggestConservatives. This ensured SITI had important access to our local decision makers and was often used for town projects. It seems that, having lost their council seats, these politicians no longer have a desire to run SITI and as their website has been taken down it would appear that SITI has shut up shop. One question remains: What has happened to any funds this 'Not for profit company' has? After all it did receive public money.



Town wraps up against the cold?

Like many towns in the country St Ives has been Yarn Bombed and a jolly sight it is too.

Last week, when yards of crotcheting appeared around anything not moving, the weather was quite warm and it seemed a little odd to see woolly jumpers everywhere.

This week it seems quite appropriate following a spell of cold and damp days. Although the forecast is for sunny intervals temperatures are set to remain lower than normal, however that shouldn't prevent us enjoying the four days of celebration. The effort of all the 'Yarn Bombers' hasn't gone unnoticed as the town has been well and truly wrapped up.

Erik received this letter, which sums it up ...

Dear Erik,

Through your excellent paper, I would like to thank all the knitters, crocheters and helpers for all the hard work in decorating the town for the Jubilee Celebrations, so much hard work and thought has gone into the planning of it all, very much appreciated, I send them many congratulations! Thank you **Diana Baldwin**

The WI have launched a 'Where's Winnie? campaign

A special corgi will be knitted and hidden for one lucky person to find with a very special prize.





having your say ...

**Get it off your chest,
email Erik at:
editor@theriverporter.uk**



Erik is dressed ready for action this weekend.

OTHER NEWS

St Ives Youngsters lift Hunts U9 Cup

Playing for their team, Needingworth Colts, ten youngsters from Thorndown School in St Ives and their teammate from Houghton School have ended the season on a big high. They have won the U9's Cup of the Hunts Youth League. They beat Great Paxton Panthers 2-1 in an exciting final, played at Ramsey.

After three years' development football these St Ives youngsters have gained good skills and a strong team spirit. They gave a determined display from kick-off to final whistle, overcoming a formidable Great Paxton side. Well done lads.



Dear Erik,

Subject: Marley Rd

On Tuesday last week two speed checks were carried out there.

The first near the scene of the accident in February and the second near the co-op where the road is straight. Hopefully these will continue so that residents of Waveney Road will feel it safe to be able to use the afternoon A [bus] service and cross the road.

Colin

Picnic in the Park

This Free Community Event will take place again on 19th June from 12 noon to 6 pm in Warners Park

There will be live music from:
Arco Iris Samba Band
Five Star Swing Band
So 80s
What's That Band

There will be a beer tent and food stalls but FES, the organisers have asked attendees to not have BBQs.

Music on the Waits

Also returning this year are the popular Sunday afternoon concerts from 2.30 to 4pm throughout July. The line-ups include

- July 3 **Deeping Dixlanders** jazz
- July 10 **Acoustic Anonymous** folk
- July 24 **James Schouten** Tenor
- July 31 To be announced



Thursday June 16th 2pm -4pm
The Corn Exchange St Ives

David Parr House.

An ordinary terraced house in Cambridge.

Discover an extraordinary secret world.

An Arts & Crafts workers home with many stories to tell.

Come along and discover this time capsule on our doorstep.



Do you recognise this woman?

Cambridgeshire police would like to speak to her in connection with an assault.

A man was punched, and another person threatened on a Stagecoach bus while it was stationary at a bus stop in Ramsey Road, St Ives at about 10pm on 21 May.

Police ask if anyone with information report to police online either at www.cambs.police.uk/report or via webchat and quote 35/35858/22.



BANDSTAND UPDATE

After this weekend of celebration we hope you will be able to help us raise the rest of the money we need to install a bandstand on The Waits. Please help us if you can, it will be such a fitting memorial of the past 70 years of dedication that Queen Elizabeth has shown our country.

You can help by pledging a sum. It is easy to do - all contributions are welcome.

You can make a pledge (from £25 upwards) by sending your contact details (address, email and telephone number) to: townteam@stivescambridgeshire.co.uk stating the amount you wish to pledge. Alternatively you can give details at The Town Hall-10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Your pledges and donations will be recognised. Every person or company that donates to the bandstand will be inscribed on a panel (unless they wish to remain anonymous) so that future generations will see all of the people who contributed.

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Erik and Milly check out the new vets



As you would expect from Erik, as soon as he heard about a new vet in town, he wanted to go and see for himself if all the hype was true. He took Milly along, who frankly isn't sure about vets, (they seem to want to stick things in odd places). Anyway they went to Riverport Vets (great name) and met Ben (above), who they thought was jolly nice as he had a pocket full of treats.

After a sniff around they were reassured that this Independent and family-run practice will look after them with a personal touch. Ben told Erik that he and his wife, Nadia have 8 years of veterinary experience behind them and are happy to offer clients the chance to have some consultations done remotely, to avoid the stress of bringing reluctant animals into the vets.

Ben also said, 'We are very conscious of the impact veterinary practice has on the environment and with this in mind we are making every effort to encourage a greener work environment. We are all pet owners ourselves and understand how important the bond between you and your pet is. Whatever the problem, we are here to help with care, competence and compassion.'

ADVERTORIAL

Hot Property Market in 2022



The property market remains highly competitive for buyers and exceptional for those selling a property. This is despite rises in the cost of living, the Bank of England base rate rise and global uncertainty caused by the conflict in Ukraine.

There are early signs that more properties are being advertised for sale, however, this is still a long way from satisfying the colossal demand from buyers. As the market shifts towards a healthier balance between buyers and sellers, we expect more homeowners will be encouraged to advertise their own homes, further adding to the selection of homes available for sale.

For buyers the pressure remains to be competitive with their approach to securing a home, such pressure has resulted in 53% of properties being sold at or over the asking price. Given the steep rise in asking prices, taking into account the swathes of buyers out there, we expect to see prices rise as we enter the second half of the year.

We predict that there will be a comparatively moderate rise in house prices over the next 12 months, with annual prices up 5% by summer 2023.

There are still a large number of homeowners out there hoping to move, patiently waiting for a property they like to be advertised, before taking action to sell their own home. My advice to those people is to take proactive steps today. Speak to one of the Ellis Winters team about our Discreet Marketing Service which will vastly improve your chances of moving to your next home.

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