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Don't miss your chance to take part in the 'bloomin' marvellous' St Ives Show

The team behind the St Ives Show is inviting residents to take part at its annual show to be held at the Corn Exchange on Saturday 3 September from 12.15pm to 3pm, which will be officially opened by the Town Mayor Councillor Phil Pope.

Local residents are asked to bring along their flower arranging, crafts, baking, photography, home brewing, flowers, fruit and vegetables for exhibiting. There will also be children categories. Prizes will be given for each category winner with an overall prize for the best exhibitor.

A fine selection of cakes will be available for a donation as well as a plant stall. There will also be a raffle and a tombola.

To take part visit www.stivesshow.org.uk

Below: St Ives Show display 2021.



NEW CONCERT
Friday 29th July

Chapel Arts @ the Corn Exchange



A night of Irish jigs, airs and laments with the best Irish band around

Also on this year . . .



Friday 26th August - Kimberley Rew & Lee Cave-Berry

Eurovision winning musician and song writer Rew is joined by bass player Lee Cave-Berry and percussionist Christine Kitching.

Friday 30th September - Harpist Ruth Holden

An evening with Ruth is always special. She is preparing a brand new programme just for tonight's show.



Friday 28th October - Johnny 'Magic Boy' Wright & Chris Newman

A special treat for guitar lovers. Two of the finest guitarists around.

Friday 25th November - Four Winds Saxophone Quartet

Four exceptional saxophonists performing music from Bach to Gershwin. A TOWN TEAM EVENT - DETAILS AT WWW.STIVESCAMBRIDGESHIRE.CO.UK



The Town Team are delighted that Black Velvet will play July's Chapel Arts concert following the withdrawal of Tenor, James Schouten. A chance to enjoy an evening of Irish music and songs.

7.30pm in the Riverport Café Bar. Doors open at 6.30pm.

Tickets: £10 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives or from the Riverport Café Bar.

Heat warning for Music on The Waits



Well summer is really here and with a heatwave happening as I write, it's important that people take adequate precautions.

With this in mind and the predicted 30°+ temperatures due on Sunday, FEST, the organisers of Music on The Waits, have said that this week's concert featuring the Chatteris & Manea Silver Band will be held in the Methodist Church.

The free concert will take place from 2.30 pm to 4 pm and the same will apply to the remaining July concerts if such high temperatures continue.

FEST also wanted us to let you know that when concerts take place outside there are a limited number of chairs available from the Norris Museum if you are unable to bring your own. Left: Acoustics Anonymous performing at last Sunday's concert.

Music on the Waits 2022



Sunday afternoons in July only

2.30 to 4 pm

PROGRAMME

- 17 July Chatteris & Manea Silver Band
- 24 July James Schouten - classic tenor
- 31 July AA Roots - country blues and more

Limited seating • Refreshments and bad weather venue at the Methodist Church
So come along, relax, and enjoy the music!

SPECIAL EDITION PLANNED FOR *The Riverporter*

In December *The Riverporter* will have produced 125 editions that reflect the life and times of St Ives over one of the most important and unusual periods of the Town's history. We are planning to produce a book which will contain a copy of every issue from Jan 2018 until the end of 2022. If you wish to have a copy of this unusual publication please order your copy by emailing: editor@theriverporter.uk. Copies will cost £15 and will be available from 16 December.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the editors taking a summer holiday, the next issue of *The Riverporter* will be on August 5th.

Read on-line at www.theriverporter.uk or see our Facebook page. Email: editor@theriverporter.uk

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HONEY FOR SALE

The Friends of Holt Island Nature Reserve now have available 250g jars of this year's delicious honey from the hard-working Holt Island bees.

The Friends suggest a £5 donation per jar, which can be made via the website:
[www.holtisland.org/GET INVOLVED/Donate](http://www.holtisland.org/GETINVOLVED/Donate) page.

Please add your surname and 'HONEY' as reference.

You can then collect your jar from an address in The Broadway by calling 07836 248360.



T-shirts to go on sale in August

The popular Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival t-shirts will be available from 5 August.

The organisers, St Ives Town Team, have already been asked when this year's T's will be available. It will be the seventh different design and features a black and white image of the logo on a black t-shirt. Sadly due to Covid, Brexit and inflation the price has had to go up to £10, but the quality remains high and every penny of profit goes to help pay for the 21 excellent bands that the public can enjoy for free from Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th September.

The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival 2022 is sponsored by Ellis Winters



Facelift required

A few issues ago a *Riverporter* reader, Stewart Denham, wrote about the sad sight of out-of-date posters on the side of the empty Poundstretcher store facing people leaving the bus station.

Not a good advertisement for St Ives. Stewart also wrote to the Town Council and Town Team to see if something could be done.

The good news is that the Town Team have contacted the agents for the store and there seems to be a



possibility that permission will be given to allow them to replace the old Christmas posters with more

relevant ones advertising events and giving information to help visitors enjoy their visit here.

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SHOWCASE 2022

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Refreshments

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Petals St Ives Day Care
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Further Information contact cromwellquilters@gmail.com

Can recycling reduce my carbon footprint?

Amazed at the effect they are having on the environment, one of the #HuntsWasteBusters has shared some facts and tips in the hope to inspire others:

Did you know?

- Recycling a single aluminium can will save enough energy to power a TV for up to 3 hours
- Recycling everything you could in your kitchen recycling bins could power a TV for 6 months
- Recycling a single glass bottle saves enough energy to power a laptop for half an hour
- Recycling paper takes 60% less energy to produce than it does to make it from raw materials
- Recycling or composting our food waste could reduce our CO2

emissions by up to 25%

It is reported that British households generate over 26 million tonnes of waste each year, equating to the weight of around 260 large cruise ships. England alone, only recycles around 44% of waste, leaving the bulk to go to landfill, a large contributor to greenhouse gases.

'For every action, there is a reaction'

A few simple changes to our waste routine can have dramatic effects in the form of reducing our individual carbon footprint. Increasing the

amount of items you recycle reduces the amount of raw materials required, whilst also reducing the energy needed to physically manufacture the product.

This could vastly reduce production costs, driving down the price of everyday items as well as reducing our carbon footprint, assisting greatly in creating a more sustainable environment.

It is quickly becoming easier and more convenient to recycle, with many supermarkets across Huntingdonshire taking in soft plastics, making it easy to drop off when doing your weekly or monthly shop. Pharmacies have also followed this trend, offering the ability to drop off medicine blister packs and cosmetics, again increasing the convenience of recycling.

Over the last few years the ethos of 'doing your bit' for society has been installed across the world.

It is now time to adopt this ethos for our environment and do what we can, on an individual basis, to reduce waste and increase recycling for the betterment and sustainability of our region, country and world.

Join the Hunts Waste Busters

If you are concerned about environmental issues surrounding recycling, waste and littering, why not join the Hunts Waste Busters.

To find out more, email WasteMinimisation@huntingdonshire.gov.uk



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Milly ...
what a girl has to do to keep cool!



having your say ...

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

The Riverporter

Voted Best local newspaper of the year 2019/20 in the
Cambridge Building Society's Community Magazine Awards

OTHER NEWS

From Humble Beginnings ...

The Mayor of St Ives, Cllr Phillip Pope cut the ribbon at the St Ives based courier company (The Courier Company Nationwide) as they opened for business in their brand-new premises in Edison Road. As part of the grand opening, the Mayor was delighted to accept a cheque on behalf of 'The Youth Hardship Fund', a local charity that aims to give young people access to Arts & Sports who may not usually get the opportunity to do so.



Initially starting with one van out of a shared warehouse, The Courier Company Nationwide, formed by Richard England & Josh Arbon has grown into a 20-vehicle strong courier company, offering safe and secure same day deliveries both locally and nationally.

DAVID SMITHS LTD SOLD

As we went to press *The Riverporter* heard that the family owned and run company, David Smiths St Ives, has been acquired by Wyckham Blackwell and the Keystone group. Started by David Smith in 1960 the company has been one of St Ives' most successful, working from

premises on the then new industrial estate. In the 1980s they began manufacturing roof trusses which required the building of the current factory on Marley Road. Since David retired the company has been run by his son Michael.

Another fantastic CEX night

Last weekend saw the latest amazing night at the Corn Exchange when nine piece band 'Madison Avenue' rocked the house with the sounds of Soul and Motown. From the moment they started a packed audience was on its feet. The Corn Exchange is continuing its record of great entertainment as it recovers from the Covid period.



There is still a packed list of upcoming events and this weekend sees the dramatic 'Macbeth' being staged locally for the first time in what is a real change of pace for the Corn Exchange. The events team asks readers to come along this weekend and support the cast that have worked so hard to put on the event. Tickets are available on line and in the Riverport Café bar or on the door.

Another one bites the dust

Well he almost did. This van driver was lucky as he managed to reverse out of the hole he had sunk in as he tried to leave Station Road via the guided busway.

This is still quite a regular sight after all these years since the Busway opened. If only drivers could read the signs, such as the big red NO ENTRY one he had just passed.



BANDSTAND UPDATE

Pledges have continued to be received towards the Jubilee Bandstand and the total money pledged now exceeds £33,500. The Town Team are delighted that the community supports this initiative and once again it shows just what a supportive community St Ives has.

However there is still a need to raise more and for this reason the Team are planning a fund raising event (see front page). It's not too late to make a pledge and 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 between 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.

Please note: Any contact details you send us will remain confidential.

Concern over Carnival & Music Festival

This year the Carnival returned to St Ives, although it didn't quite. The organisers announced a while ago that there would be no parade through the town due to changing regulations and just two days



It was a day for ice creams as Mayor Phil Pope attended the Festival on Sunday.

before the start of the three-day event the film night was cancelled because of licensing issues.

Concern about the organisation of the Festival had been voiced earlier and there was a desperate appeal for helpers up to the last minute.

The Saturday 'carnival' was poorly attended. The Sunday Music Festival drew more people, but not as many as usual, probably because of the lack of publicity.



The other concern is the cost of the Festival. The Town Council gave £18,715 to the organisers over the past two years and considering the Festival didn't take place last year, can this be said to be good value for money?

Compare the attendance in these two pictures. Below is a picture from 2015/16 and right is a photo taken last Sunday.



£6m recommended for A141/St Ives improvements

The Transport and Infrastructure Committee of the Combined Authority decided on Wednesday to recommend that the Combined Authority Board pushes the A141



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& PETERBOROUGH
COMBINED AUTHORITY

St Ives Improvement scheme to the next stage by releasing £6 million to fund the Outline Business Case. After an update by officers, the committee, chaired by Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Dr Nik Johnson, noted the progress of the A141 St Ives Improvement Scheme and unanimously voted to move the project forward.

Toilet problem hasn't been flushed away

For those not in the know the toilets have been causing a stink for many years. The Gusset a satirical on-line magazine, (the forerunner to *The Riverporter*), reported in February 2016 ...

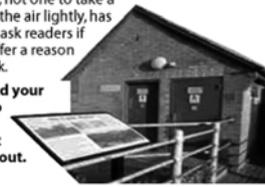
Who or what is causing the pong?

Officials from Stivetown United are baffled, and no amount of money seems to be able to determine, where a smell is coming from by the town loos.

Having spent thousands on trying to find the cause, the only solution seems to be better air fresheners.

The Gusset, not one to take a bad wiff in the air lightly, has decided to ask readers if they can offer a reason for the stink.

Please send your answers to our wind consultant Russel Sprout.



The problem remained for years with the toilets often being 'Out of Order', much to the distress of shoppers. A year later and The Gusset reported ...

Concern has been raised that the noxious gases could be flammable?

Visitor ignores notice to avoid farting with severe consequences!



UNEXPECTED CASE OF ARSON IN STIVETOWN!

Eventually HDC, who own the toilets, did major work, completely re-designing them as we reported recently. They are now open but there is still a problem. We are not sure why two cubicles are out of use so soon, but the major problem is around the design.

As you can see (right) there is a large step up to go into the cubicles and this has caused a problem for mothers accessing the Baby changing facility with a pushchair. One mother commented on-line about the difficulty and asked why there isn't a ramp. It has occurred to us at *The Riverporter* that this will also be a problem for people with mobility issues, and in particular wheelchair users.



HYPERION

**Entries Invited for Our Next
Antiques & Interiors Sale
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Sold In Our Last Antiques & Interiors Sale

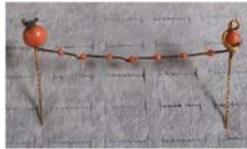


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Enjoy an evening of rollicking good
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Jubilee Bandstand with the



The Old Riverport Sailors Club

St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm Thursday 8th September

Join in with the massed ranks (17 of them) Old Time Sailors singing and dancing. To see a video of
a typical performance go to: www.facebook.com/theoldriverportjazzandbluesfestival
Tickets: £10 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives or from the Riverport Café Bar.

ADVERTORIAL

Fifth price record this year but further signs of pace easing



The price of property coming to the market during June was up for the fifth consecutive month, reaching an average of £368,614.

This rise was slower than we have seen in previous months, a modest increase of 0.3% during June, or £1,113, a sign that the pace of growth is easing.

With the recent base rate rise by the Bank of England, now 1.25%, affordability constraints will start to have an impact on how bullish buyers will feel about paying a premium for their next home.

Correctly pricing your home for sale and the marketing approach taken is going to be a more significant factor if selling your property in the latter half of 2022.

A better balance between supply and demand can now be seen across the housing market. Demand is still outstripping supply, however, the last few months have been less frantic for buyers.

This improvement in choice and availability is encouraging more buyers to join the search for a home, minimising the likelihood of a swing to a buyer's market.

We still anticipate annual price growth to be around 5% year on year with demand continuing to outstrip supply and little sign this will change for some time.

If you're thinking of moving, we would be delighted to provide a free valuation and advice on your best step forward.

Call Ellis Winters on 01480 388888 to speak to our knowledgeable team.

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