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The World mourns

Many nations throughout the world have paid tribute to Queen Elizabeth II, following her death on Thursday 8th September.

It seemed impossible, a short while ago, to see the nations of the world united on any matter, however the life of our Queen has been universally greeted with respect worldwide.

For us British it is a momentous moment in our history as our longest serving monarch is replaced by her son, King Charles III who will be the oldest person to accede the throne.

Bandstand becomes our focus

For St Ives the focus now is to ensure that the Bandstand, which was conceived as a memorial to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, will go ahead as a fitting memorial to her life.

The good news is that the Old Riverport Sailors Club evening, organised to help raise funds for the Bandstand, proved to be a night to remember and raised over £800 bringing the fund to just under £36,000.

The other good news is that three local companies have pledged to help with the installation, reducing our costs, leaving us with only £7,000 more to raise.

It is not too late to make a pledge and it is easy to do. You can make a pledge by sending your contact details (address, email and tel no.) 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. 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 who contributed.

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

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 4PM MARKET HILL

Proclamation of accession of King Charles III



The Deputy Lieutenant, Mr Chris Parkhouse DL and the Mayor of St Ives Cllr Philip Pope make the proclamation in Market Hill along with Town Councillors; the Town Clerk, Matthew Price and Macebearer, Phil Ganny following the accession of His Majesty Charles III. Photograph by Duncan Lamont.

Would you like to attend this meeting?

St Ives Town Council are holding a public meeting about the Draft Masterplan (see RP 117) but the number of people being allowed to attend is limited and only eight members of the public will be allowed to speak.

The meeting, due to take place at 7pm on 5th October in the Flex room of the Corn Exchange, means that space is limited and only around 30 residents will be able to attend.

The Council have issued an agenda which includes the following notes for attendees:

- (1) Comments will be returned to HDC by 26 October 2022.
- (2) There will be an opportunity for a maximum of 8 residents, or appointed representatives of neighbourhood groups to speak at the meeting for a maximum of 5 minutes each.
- (3) Comments should be sent in advance of the meeting to stivestowncouncil.gov.uk and will be summarised as part of the Council's submission.
- (4) Residents are also able to comment directly to HDC using the website link above.
- (5) To comply with fire regulations the Flex Room can hold a maximum of 50 persons so attendance may be limited.

Is this important?

Some of the plans ideas may seem a bit far fetched and a flight of fancy,

but its proposals could be adopted as these comments in this week's Hunts Post by Sarah Conboy, leader of HDC imply. She said:

'One priority for us is to deliver the Market Towns Programme, which includes... St Ives: She continued, 'We are working with designers and analysts to create a potential vision for each of the towns, which gives us something to aspire to in the future.'

To be fair she did also say, *'It really matters that local people*

take a look and help us to shape them into the most suitable vision for each of our market towns.

So if you care about your town and how it will be over the next 20 or 30 years then you should take the time to study these proposals and give your view on them, or by default these plans could be adopted.

Why not show the Town Council that you care about your town by attending the meeting - 7pm 5th Oct at St Ives Corn Exchange?

The plan (68 pages) can be found at: www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/people-communities/market-towns-programme/draft-masterplans/ It is difficult to read on-line but the Town Team has produced a large printed copy, which can be read in the Riverport Café Bar at the Corn Exchange (please leave it there).

Has the Council got it wrong?

Time will tell if restricting residents able to attend to about 30 is sensible and it raises several questions such as: How will the Council choose who will be refused entry if more than thirty people turn up? (see our suggestion below.)

Similarly who will be barred from speaking if nine people want to?

See page 3 for thoughts on the Masterplan by St Ives Civic Society

The council may argue that they cannot find a large enough room available between now and the deadline of 28th October 2022 for submissions.

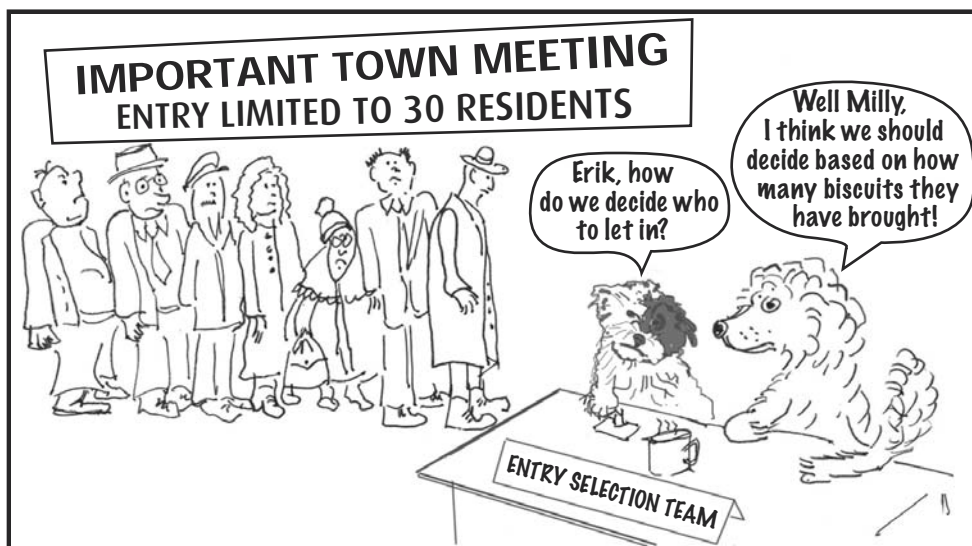
We have checked this and can confirm that the main hall of the Corn Exchange, capable of holding 200 people, is available on five occasions including all day on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 October.

Unfortunately this gives the impression that the Council may not be taking the matter seriously or that what residents think isn't so important. Shouldn't the Town Council be encouraging the public to comment not deterring them?

The issuing of the proposals in the manner chosen by the District Council has not only made it difficult to read but completely bypasses residents who do not have the ability to go online.

At worst this decision suggests that public engagement will be minimal and only the views of a select few matter. When a public meeting was held about the Envar incinerator over 100 people attended. These plans are as far reaching, so why would so few be expected to attend?

NOTE: The Town Team are holding a meeting on 18 October in the Corn Exchange at 7pm on The Masterplan, which anyone can attend.





The Town Team, organisers of the Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival, decided that it would go ahead as planned. The Festival started yesterday (Thursday 15th) at the Oliver Cromwell Pub at 7pm with a minute silence.

The Festival ends on Sunday at 8pm in the Lounge when we will join the country with a two minute silence prior to the Queen's funeral on Monday.

It's GOLD!

St Ives In Bloom (SIIB) won another GOLD AWARD from Anglia In Bloom but that wasn't all, as Holt Island also won gold in the Nature Conservation Area, Nature Reserve Category, and achieved top spot as the 'Best Conservation or Biodiversity Project' in Anglia.

Pictured left to right are Linda Croucher and Hattie Grimwade of SIIB and Julian Limentani of Holt Island Nature Reserve.



Successful St Ives Show

The St Ives Show team put on another successful Flower, Craft and Produce Show on Saturday 3rd September in the Corn Exchange.



Show Chairman Matt Hall said 'Despite the testing growing conditions this summer, there were some excellent exhibits, with keen competition across all the categories.

'We've been putting on a show in the current format in the Corn Exchange since 2010 and it's great that we still have new entrants coming along to challenge for the big prizes each year.'

The winners of the different sections were: Photography, Anne Holland; Art & Craft, Sue Cheffins; Home brewing and Wine, Darren Seymour; Baking, Darren Seymour; Preserves, Andrew Holmes; Flower arranging and recipient of Billman Rose Bowl, Kimberly O'Brien; Flowers and plants, Sue Dear; Fruit, Paul Slade; Vegetables Paul Slade; Holmes Trophy for most points gained in all classes, Darren Seymour. Additional prizes: Gardening

Above: Mayor Phil Pope opens the St Ives Show with the organising team.

club prize, Kimberly O'Brien; RHS Banksian medal, Paul Slade; Peoples choice in the Art & Craft Section, Sue Cheffins. In addition, Richard Weightman, Paul Slade and Darren Seymour were recipients of cash prizes kindly donated by Waitrose St Ives.

Right: Cllr Michael Burke presenting the Billman Rose Bowl to Kimberly O'Brien.



A poem from Chris Morgan on behalf of the St Ives Poetry and Folk Club based in the Corn Exchange

To our wonderful Queen Elizabeth II

She passed away gently into that early evening glow of a resplendent harvest moon, pursued by Jupiter's timely rendezvous in the early autumn sky.

They conveyed her soul together across the great universe to its final resting place,

Beaming her loving smiles around our restless worlds,

Her eyes twinkling from her ever joyful and loving heart

That melted the troubled brows of the millions

Of our worlds anguished, hungry and lonely souls into her warm, loving and healing embrace.

Farewell and thanks for the wonderful life of our brave Queen Elizabeth 2nd who brought only love and joy to our world.

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Rotary organise Meet & Greet for ukrainians



It was smiles all round at the St Ives Rotary Club Special 'Meet & Greet' for the recently arrived Ukrainian guests now being hosted in and around St Ives.

Rotary President Sally Heffer-Martin and Town Mayor Philip Pope warmly welcomed all the guests. Mayor Philip summing up the Town's welcome with the words:

'You have left your Homes but we hope we can create a warm and welcoming environment for you here in St. Ives until it is safe for you to return to your Homeland.'

Thank you to you all for being here this evening, and on behalf of the people of St Ives . . . Slava Ukraini.'

It was a great opportunity for our Ukrainian friends to make some new friends. Thanks go to all the St Ives Rotarians for the delicious buffet served throughout the evening, to the St Ives Corn Exchange for use of their excellent facilities, to the HDC Ukrainian Welfare Staff, plus everyone else behind the scenes, who helped make this event such a memorable and joyous occasion.

Refill shop calls for more to be done

Ikigai started collecting empty medicine packets in May and has received more than 19,000 from customers. Martin Cooper (right), owner of the shop, said: 'We had no idea there was such demand for this service! The shop, which helps people swap to plastic free alternatives is being helped out by Superdrug in Cambridge in the UK's first medicine recycling programme. Martin continued, 'We call on those other big pharmacies, Boots and Lloyds, which are in most towns to do their bit for the planet.'

You can drop off medicine blister packs when you visit the shop - check the website www.TheRefillShopofIkigai.co.uk for opening times.





Milly stands in for Erik as he is on holiday in Wales

S having your say ...

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

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OTHER NEWS

St Ives Youth Theatre Auditions

Auditions are being held at Thorndown School on Tuesday 20th September for youngsters between the ages of 11 and 18 to join St Ives Youth Theatre (SIYT). The group formed in 2001 is well recognised for helping young people build their confidence via the stage. They are also looking for volunteers to aid in productions so you don't have to be able to sing and dance!

Heritage Open Day 2022

Also on this Saturday is the annual Heritage Open Day. Pick up a flyer from the person in the bright pink sash and follow the walk through town visiting all the HOD locations.

Yes it happened again and again ...

More drivers caught in the trap.



Wetherspoon expansion plans queried

A planning application by JD Wetherspoon to expand the Swan & Angel, St Ives into the neighbouring listed building, currently the offices of Copleys Solicitors (10 Market Hill), may not be straightforward. Wetherspoon claim they already own 10 Market Hill but an enquiry at the solicitors suggested that this may not be the case. Residents at the rear of the buildings in Chapel Lane are concerned that the expansion, particularly of the beer garden, will further impact on them and increase the problems with large delivery lorries blocking the roads. If this was to go ahead this fine Grade II listed building will become another pub which could significantly impact that side of Market Hill.

'New' Bins falling apart

The 'New' rubbish bins installed by HDC in 2020 look worse for wear, with some (right) falling apart. Criticised for their appearance when installed, the bins throughout the town centre are generally looking poor, a mixture of old and new designs with many rusty they do not give the impression of a town that cares about its appearance.



Dear Milly,

Oh dear, oh dear! What on earth has happened to the Town Guide, designed to be of interest to visitors and a source of useful information for residents?



Last year's edition was 44 pages with information on St Ives in Bloom and four pages of listings for Groups and Organisations included. This year it is down to 28 pages, St Ives in Bloom has been pruned, the location map has got lost, and the listings have disappeared. As this is a self-funding publication - produced by Local Authority Publishing who sell advertising space and then donate copies to the Council - the reduction in extent cannot be to save costs.

Perhaps the Town Hall can enlighten us and we can look forward to a restoration of useful editorial next year? And the year of publication on the front cover? Then the cross references on pages 11 and 18 might work again!

Malcolm Tent

Dear Milly, Subject: St Ives plan.

Reading the lead article in the current Riverporter issue reminds me of the old saying ... Believe nothing you are told and only half of what you see.

Seriously, the Cattle Market proposal shows new housing, an innovation centre, dirty great big car park and an enlarged Waitrose but no Library! Our library is one of the best things in St Ives and something we cannot afford to lose. Love your newspaper, keep up the excellent work. David

Dear Milly,

On Bank Holiday Monday my husband and I were in St Ives. I tripped on the kerb at the corner of Station Road. I fell and my husband, who was just behind me, fell over me!

Two for the price of one.

We would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who came to help us. No broken bones just a bit shaken and very embarrassed.

M.T. Perryman

Dear Milly,

Subject: St Ives Day Centre

In 1990 I became a volunteer at St Ives Day Centre which at that time operated in the Free Church, St Ives.

Thirty two years on I am now a 90 year old member, attending twice a week where the day centre is now situated at 72 Ramsey Rd St Ives. Many changes in those years, but a lovely happy place where elderly, lonely people can enjoy a day out in a friendly atmosphere, a lovely dinner, entertainment, also the chance to make new friends.

The day centre is urgently needing volunteers to help out as escorts on our mini bus.

The duties of the escort are to assist members on and off the bus at their home and the Day Centre on Ramsey Road. The bus would leave the Day Centre at 1530 and you would expect to be finished by 5pm. The minibus service is an essential part of the centre's offering, bringing and returning members to and from their homes around St Ives helping to combat loneliness and offering families some much need respite.

If you could help with this vital role, please get in touch. 01480 463444.

I can thoroughly recommend St Ives Day Centre, where I have enjoyed many happy hours, both as a volunteer and now as a member. Lucy Cammish

Dear Milly,

Some initial thoughts of the Civic Society of St Ives on the Implementation Plan.

The Committee of the Civic Society of St Ives have commenced a detailed examination of the proposals in the Implementation Plan, together with the Baseline Report of 4th October 2021.

Clearly the town must develop, otherwise it will stagnate; but this is not the development the Society wants for the Town.

The Society consider the proposal to float a pontoon by The Quay ignores the fundamental purpose of the river to convey water, and especially floodwater. The proposal must not proceed.

There are no proposals to develop the west of the Town, i.e. The Broadway, West Street and North Street. This area is being left to stagnate. Also ignored are the important part the regular markets and the Annual Fair play in the Town. If the indicated trees are planted in Market Hill the fair will be limited to half its present size, in The Broadway only.

The loss of the Bus Station, to be replaced by a set of bus stops will force out market day coaches and destination coaches, who stop for maybe three hours. The Guide's Hut is not mentioned.

One aim of the earlier Prospectus for Growth was to develop the north side of Station Road as an extension of the Town, making Waitrose less isolated. The latest proposals will not achieve that aim.

Only now is it admitted there will be a 'decked' i.e. multi storey carpark to replace the existing Cattle Market parking. Hidden away by Harrison Way it will not find favour with users. If this is built the aims of developing St Ives will not be met, St Ives will decline as users go elsewhere.

Kind regards

David Stewart

Chair: Civic Society of St Ives

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Upcoming events

For all the events please contact Angie on 01480 300726.

Autumn Leaves - An afternoon with Karen England singing Moon River, The Prayer, etc. Friday 16th September at 2pm, The Free Church St Ives, tickets £12.50.

Broadway Our Way - Songs from the World of Musical Theatre.

Thursday 22nd September at 2pm, The Free Church St Ives, tickets £10.

North Yorkshire Delights - Visits to York, Skipton, Whitty and the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. Accommodation: Nidd Hall Hotel.

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Calendar of events 2022

Make a note of these events planned over the next few weeks. If you know of others in the pipeline or are a member of a community group that wants to let us know what you are planning, please email: editor@theriverporter.uk

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 17th - Heritage Open Day - A chance to visit some of St Ives' historic buildings.
Sunday 18th - Civic Sunday Parade and Service - **THIS IS CANCELLED**
Friday 30th - COSI Lunchtime concert - Violin recital of Franck and Handel sonatas (1pm).

Friday 30th - Chapel Arts @ The Corn Exchange -

Featuring Harpist Ruth Holden (right).
Tickets £10 from ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives
or from The Riverport Café Bar.



OCTOBER

Sunday 2nd, 2pm. Come and Sing Vivaldi's Gloria with St Ives Choral Society. Rehearsal on the day, culminating in a performance in the evening. No experience necessary - if you have always thought about joining a choir this would be a great time to try! £10 Singers. Concert audience free of charge. Rehearsal 2pm, concert at 5pm in the Free Church, St Ives.

Monday 10th, 11th and 12th - Michaelmas Fair - Traditional fairground rides.
Saturday 15th - Strum Like a Viking - The Old Riverport Ukulele Festival at the Corn Exchange. Tickets are £10 at: ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives. www.stivescambridgeshire.co.uk
Saturday 22nd - Huntingdonshire Philatelic Society Stamp and Post Card Fair. The Corn Exchange 10am - 3pm. Free admission. Further information contact 01480 468037.

Friday 28th - COSI Lunchtime concert - COSI strings and friends perform a relaxed programme for half term (1pm).
Friday 28th - Chapel Arts @ The Corn Exchange - Featuring the amazing guitarists Johnny 'Magic Boy' Wright and Chris Newman. Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained at www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives. or from The Riverport Café Bar.

NOVEMBER

Monday 14th - The Snowman Festival - Snowmen begin to appear in the shops.
Friday 25th - COSI Lunchtime concert - Ermine Streets Winds - a French programme (1pm).
Friday 25th - Chapel Arts @ The Corn Exchange - Featuring Four Winds Saxophone Quartet performing music from Bach to Gershwin. Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained at www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives. or from The Riverport Café Bar.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

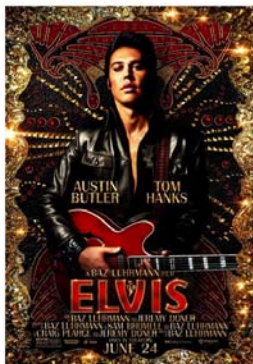


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Director: Craig Roberts
1h 46m, Cert: 12



THE ROAD DANCE

7:30pm Thursday
20 October 2022

Director: Richie Adams
1h 56m, Cert: 15



TOP GUN: MAVERICK

7:30pm Thursday
17 November 2022

Director: Joseph Kosinski
2h 10m, Cert: 12