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Community Day - a success

By all accounts this year's networking opportunity and public information event organised by the Town Council was a resounding success. The Corn Exchange was thronged and humming from 10am to 2 pm.

According to Jane Jenner of Cares, the organiser of the event, over 50 community groups/organisations attended. 80 evaluation forms were completed and 250 people attended. Feedback indicated that 80% thought the event was 'really good', with 20% saying 'good'.

For many the networking and ability to find out more about the wide range of organisations available was the most positive aspect.

Somewhat ironically the only complaint was about the noise and space. There was too much buzz! Making it too loud to have a conversation. A bigger venue or a number of venues may be required next year.

Town Meeting

At 6pm the Annual Town Meeting was opened by Ed Goodman followed by a welcome from the Mayor. He briefly spoke about the previous year based around staff changes, and introduced Libby White the new Town Clerk.



Two presentations, one by Alex Wood-Davies on Community Resilience and the other by Jane about the Cares Project were given.

Some of the questions raised

Would the council be displaying the accounts in July? Libby assured the resident this would happen.

Is the income from allotments solely used on allotments? It was confirmed that it is.

Parents raised serious concerns

about the Academy running the Ivo School. Town, District and County Councillors all said that they would look at how they can support residents (see Ofsted article on p3).

When asked about enforcement of parking offences and speeding, Police Inspector Norden said that they do this but unfortunately knife crime is currently top of their list, though St Ives is not the worst affected and continues to be one of the better places to live.

Other questions raised included: Discounted parking for those working in the town and flooding concerns?

The Town Council confirmed that they will be looking to reintroduce the Bridge magazine once the Town Clerk is in post and the Eco-Audit, carried out in 2020 will be revisited to see where the Town Council can make a difference.



The Panel (left to right): District Cllr Cath Gleadow, Police Insp. Norden, Town Clerk Libby White, Mayor Cllr Pope, Ed Goodman, County Cllr Kevin Reynolds, Alex Wood-Davies, Community Resilience Lead and Jane Jenner, St Ives Cares.

THE CATTLE ARE BACK!

Thanks must go to Kevin Page and his team from KA Page Groundworks for helping the animals return to their home on the roundabout near Morrissons.

The cow, sheep and pig were delighted to be re-united in the middle of the grassy mound, which, by coincidence, was mowed immediately after the installation. Kevin (far right) has been a good supporter of the Town over the past few years, installing the Riverport roads signs, the wicker animals and of course last year the Bandstand. Much of which he has done without charge.



DIARY OF EVENTS

Here are some events to look forward to this year. Of course if you wish to inform us of your events please email: editor@theriverporter.uk

Saturday 4th - Concert with Connor Selby - See page 2.

Saturday 11th - Daniela Rossi - See page 2.

Saturday 11th - Climate change 'conversation' - 10.30am, St Ives Free Church. For more details: mary@jmcox.co.uk or call Mary on 01480 300103.

Thursday 9th - Sat 11th - GUYS AND DOLLS - by The Centre Theatre Players. The Burgess Hall. Tickets www.ticketsource.com/burgesshall.

Saturday 11th - Cabaret Rhumba - A Night of Burlesque. St Ives Corn Exchange from 7pm. Tickets: £16 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents.

Wednesday 15th - St Ives Eco Action AGM. 7pm Methodist Church.

Friday 31st - Chapel Arts concert with The Lightwaves - See page 2

JUNE

Sunday 23rd - Picnic in The Park. Warners Park from noon. FREE event.

Saturday 8th - Repair café - Methodist Church.

Saturday 22 June - Love songs for a June evening - St Ives Choral Soc. Free Church, 7.30pm Tickets www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-ives-choral-society.

JULY

Every Sunday in July - Music on The Waits.

Saturday 6th - Sebastian Pompilio and Justin Hyer return after last year's successful Amnesty International concert. St Leger Chapel at 7.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a free concert. As space is limited, please book at www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventstives to reserve a seat. You may make a donation.

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th - Carnival and Music Festival - Hill Rise Park.

Saturday 13th - COSI Summer Concert 7.30pm Saturday. Free Church. Tickets £10 (U16s Free) on the door or via [ticketsource](http://www.ticketsource) <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chamber-orchestra-of-st-ives>.

Ed's comment

We often see local news reflects national news items. As the Government decide that one word Ofsted grades should stay, despite the death of head teacher Ruth Perry, the Ivo School is suddenly subject to a surprise Ofsted inspection (see p3.) Questions about Astrea's running of the school also featured at the Town Meeting. Following our piece on the post Office Horizon Inquiry (RP 156), we continue to see the protagonists of the scandal being questioned. This important and serious inquiry had an unexpected light moment when an email from Jarnail Singh to Susan Crichton was put on screen (see below sic).

Susan As a prosecutor post office prosecution limited must be seen to exercise its judgement in all cases which give rise to potential criminal proceeding to promote effective 'consistent and fair decision making. If not a third party examination of our cases by say Director of public prosecution may result in withdrawal of our ability to prosecute.

Decision not to prosecute can not be kept secret 'everybody will find out what we are doing' this may open post office to criticism and undermine faith in horizon. This U turn will be exploited by potential third party sub postmaster's alliance It may send a green light for defendants to get hold of their member of parliament and result in copulation. We need to send a message that "Post offices can not be used as a bank". We hold a robust stance, any wrongdoing will be investigated, prosecuted and money recovered.

Jarnail Singh

Inquiry Counsel Jason Blake suggested it should have said capitulation?

OPEN STUDIO & GARDEN

Browse the work of SUE EDDY in watercolour and acrylics. Landscapes, seascapes and lots more!

PINGLES FARM, HOLME FEN DROVE, COLNE, PE28 3RE

May 25th, 26th & Bank Holiday Monday
May 27th. 10am - 5pm

Homemade refreshments for sale.
Free admission. Ample parking. All welcome.

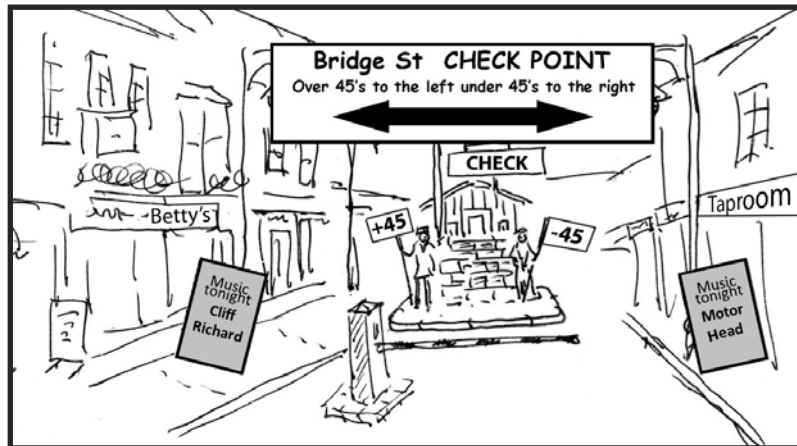
Chapel Concerts start again . . .



Chapel Arts
in the
Chapel

Superb, intimate concerts in the Chapel resumed last Friday with Federico Pecchia (above). The Argentine guitarist and singer is on a 37-concert visit to Europe and as one member of the audience said 'We attended the concert on the bridge last evening. It was great!'. The next concert in The Chapel features the wonderful guitarist Daniela Rossi on Saturday 11th May. It is a free concert and as space is limited please reserve a seat at www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives.

Erik is concerned about a possible conflict of interest following the opening of a new tea room?



Last chance to get tickets to see the amazing Connor Selby at the Corn Exchange

There is just one week left to get tickets to see the nominated 'Blues Artist of the Year' on Saturday 4th May in St Ives Corn Exchange.

Not only will you be able to see Connor but you will also be able to buy a double CD featuring 26 tracks from the bands playing at this year's Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival, plus this year's Festival T-Shirt. Tickets are just £10 from the Corn Exchange or from www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents.



Connor (left), one of the brightest talents on the UK blues scene is nominated for this year's Blues Artist of the year. He opened for The Who at Wembley in 2019 and Pearl Jam, the Stereophonics and Johnny Marr at Hyde Park in 2022. The concert starts at 7.30 pm with Stella Hensley and Chris Newman providing support.

From 4th May you will be able to order T-Shirts and CDs online @ mitsa.co.uk. See Riverport Jazz under Customer Shops.

Chapel Arts
@ the
Corn Exchange

The next Chapel Arts concert in the Riverport Café Bar features the inventive and entertaining duo The Lightwaves on Friday 31st May at 7.30pm.



Tickets for these concerts are £10 from the Corn Exchange or online from www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thinking Globally, Acting Locally

Wednesday 15th May, 7-9pm, doors open 6:45pm
St Ives Methodist Church, The Waits, PE27 5BY

Join us in the fifth anniversary year of the founding of St Ives EcoAction to celebrate some of the things we've been doing together as a community, talk about some of the things we'd like to do, and hear from others about ways to do more.

There will be short presentations from local project leaders, refreshments, and an opportunity for debate and discussion including an expert panel discussion that will explore the question:

"Is active travel the silver bullet for improving the nation's health?"


No matter how big or small, ambitious or humble your thoughts and ideas, bring them along; they need to be heard, and by working together we can and will make them happen. For further information please email: stivesecoaction@gmail.com

Tune in, turn up, take action!

An initiative of 

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed development at: The Old Sub Station, Priory Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 5BB
Take notice that application is being made by:
Applicant name: Mr Steve Daniels
For planning permission to: The approved scheme (20/02206/FUL) had permission for an open carport and locations for external lighting. This has been subsequently, changed to an enclosed garage and lighting positions have been amended. In addition to this, the applicant is to re-surface the existing road with tarmac.
Local Planning Authority to whom the application is being submitted: Huntingdon District Council
Local Planning Authority address:
St Mary's St, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN
Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.
Signatory: Mr Steve Daniels

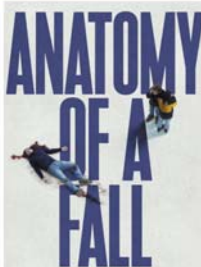
Signature: 

Date: 12.4.24

Statement of owners' right: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement to lease.

Statement of agricultural tenants' rights: The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure. 'Owner' means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years.

'Tenant' means a tenant of an agricultural holding any part of which is comprised in the land.



BAFTA WINNER
Best Original Screenplay

Anatomy of a Fall

Thursday 2 May 2024 at 7:30pm

Doors open 6:30pm. Tickets £7

Director: Justine Trier, 152m, Cert: 15

Synopsis: This legal drama revolves around the death of Samuel Maleski (*Samuel Theis*), an aspiring writer and occasional professor, with inconsistencies in his autopsy suggesting this was no tragic accident. Samuel's wife, Sandra (*Sandra Hüller*), is the only one at home during the fateful event, becomes the prime suspect and the centre of a sensationalised trial. To prove her innocence, Sandra must insist that the fall was not an accident, but that it was her husband's intention to kill himself, fracturing her family in the process.



A Screen St Ives' D-Day - 80th Anniversary Commemoration Screening

The Great Escaper

Thursday 6 June 2024 at 7:30pm

Doors open 6:30pm. Tickets £7

Director: Oliver Parker, 96m, Cert: 12

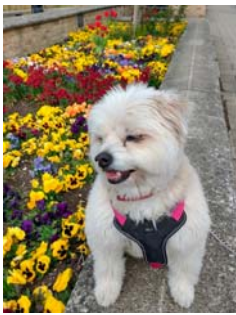
Synopsis: The Great Escaper is a 2023 biographical drama film directed by *Oliver Parker*, written by *William Ivory*, and starring *Michael Caine* and *Glenda Jackson*. It is based on the true story of 89-year-old British World War II Royal Navy veteran Bernard Jordan who "broke out" of his nursing home to attend the 70th anniversary D-Day commemorations in France in June 2014.

Ticket at screenstives.org.uk or in the Corn Exchange



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OTHER NEWS

Candidates want your vote on 2 May

Elections for Police & Crime Commissioners will take place next Thursday 2 May. The current PCC, Darryl Preston, (left) is standing again for the Conservatives. Labour's choice - Anna Smith (centre) is a former teacher, Cambridge Councillor and deputy mayor of the CPCA. Edna Murphy (right), a former magistrate, Cambs County Councillor and Chair of the Cambs and Peterborough Fire Authority is the Lib Dems' candidate.



Burglar quickly caught

Terry Lewis, 47, of Needingworth Road, St Ives, was arrested in the early hours of Monday morning after three businesses in Free Church Passage were broken into the previous evening. He has since been charged with seven counts of burglary between April 20 and 22.

Left: Guinot's damaged door. Right: The Snug's broken window.



River Terrace café shuts kitchen

The café and restaurant in Bridge Street has been forced to shut its kitchen for the 'foreseeable future'. A spokesperson for them said: 'It's with deep sadness that we will be closing our kitchen for the foreseeable future due to emergency circumstances regarding building maintenance. For now, we will still be operating for drinks and cakes, and will be open our regular hours.'

They said that it was 'devastating' for The River Terrace team.

Betty's coming to St Ives?

Mr & Mrs Shane Fazackerley have been granted permission to open a [Betty's style?] tea room and wine bar in the former Italian restaurant in 22 Bridge Street (right), which has been shut for several years. Shane said it is their dream to open a tea room and they hoped to address a gap in the market in the town. Mr Fazackerley said they will aim to offer people a 'relaxing atmosphere' for people to enjoy, and will bring the empty restaurant back into use. Their submission for the licence includes using the rear courtyard for outdoor seating and mentioned the business being aimed at over 45 year-olds, so would not be liable to create a lot of noise. The licence states that no children will be allowed on the premises after 5pm (mon-sat) and 4pm on Sundays.



Night porter wins award

Dave Collins (right), the night porter at the Golden Lion Hotel has won the Night Porter of the Year award. Dave gets into work at 10pm and is on hand to check in late arriving guests and handle overnight room calls. He's also checks out early departures and sets up the breakfast service. Dave, from Colne, took the coveted win at the Coaching Inn Group awards.



Carnival & Music Festival 12-14 July

The format has changed slightly but don't worry there will still be all the fun of the fair, the family film, lots of stalls, activities, bars, food trucks, displays, bands and best of all - YOU! The weekend will open with Proms In The Park. Saturday we will have amazing displays in the arena and on stage from local groups and at 5pm it's family film time. Did you say you want more from your Saturday? Well, why not stay and dance till 9pm with the Ozone Breakdown boys! Sunday is of course the music festival, and the stage will be graced by some amazing acts for you to sing and dance to from noon till 9pm. If you can spare 1 hour or 20 hours between the 11-15 July and would like to help make all this happen, the committee would love to hear from you, please contact them at stivescarnivalandmusicfestival@gmail.com

Laura completes London Marathon

Laura Bird, known as 'Birdy' completed the marathon last Sunday in seven hours and 29 minutes with a 25kg fridge strapped to her back (and a 3kg harness to carry it). She described the London Marathon as 'the most incredible experience. The crowd was electric and shouting my name constantly. My friends and family were there to share every second.' Laura was photographed with Russ Cook, known as the 'Hardest Geezer', who became the first person to run the length of Africa.



Dear Erik,
Subject: COSI is celebrating 20th Year!
Our Summer concert this year will explore all things Ghoulish and Macabre. There will be trolls, dark European fairy tales and lively and exuberant folk melodies. The program will feature, Otto Nicolai's Merry Wives of Windsor Overture, The Noon Witch by Anton Dvorak, Danse Macabre by Camille Saint-Saens and the very popular Peer Gynt Suites 1 & 2 by Edvard Grieg. All ages welcome! There will be drinks available in the interval. See Diary page 1.

Dear Erik,
Subject: GUYS & DOLLS
Rehearsals for The Centre Theatre Players are in full swing as they prepare for their forthcoming production of 'GUYS AND DOLLS' which they are presenting in the Burgess Hall of One Leisure, St Ives on May 9th - 11th, evenings at 7.30pm with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30pm. With music and lyrics by Frank Loesser this is considered to be one of the best shows ever written and hailed by many as the perfect musical comedy. This Centre Players production will be directed by Nick Thompson, assisted by Matthew Wilson with musical direction by Mellanie Bell and choreography by Martha Hiscock. Tickets can be purchased on line from ticketsource.co.uk/burgesshall or from the one Leisure main reception.

Make sure you don't miss this explosion of Joy that is GUYS AND DOLLS

Dear Erik,
Subject: Police reaction times



No, they are not putting a ticket on the large van on double yellow lines outside the Corn Exchange, they are testing their reaction times ... hmmm. **Luka That**

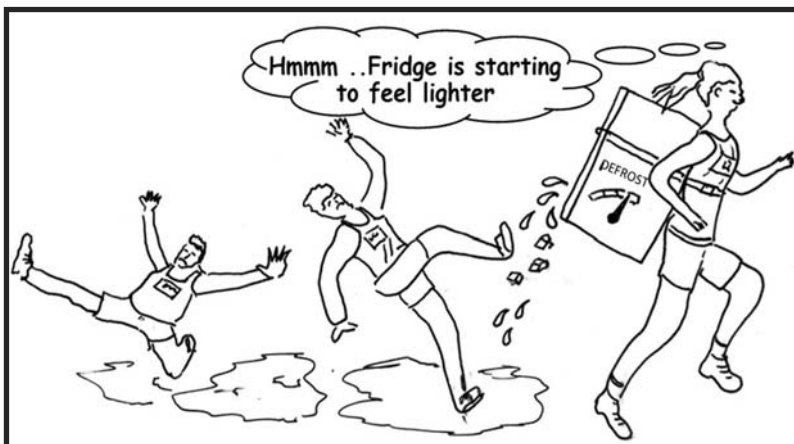
Hey Erik!
Subject: wonky table
Does this look straight to you? It's been like this for ages. Someone's going to be sorry they put a drink down in the parklet waiting for a bus! Ah well, the Council knows so I expect it will be fixed sometime soon ... Let's see!



Astrea had contingency plan for surprise Ivo School Ofsted Inspection
An Ofsted inspection took place on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, with just one days notice. The school drafted in numerous teachers from their other schools locally to cover for the numerous vacant positions - allowing six teachers in the playground at the lunch break instead of the usual one. The draft report will be out in 18 days for school and presumably others' comments.

How can farmers produce our food and be nature friendly?

Martin Lines, CEO of the Nature Friendly Farming Network, and local arable farmer, explained to delegates at the Great Ouse Valley Trust AGM last week how farmers can help nature flourish, and are already doing so. His talk, delivered with passion, enlivened the AGM, and showed how farming can be both profitable and sustainable, and how local produce is so much better for us.



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PASSENGER TRIPS FROM THE QUAY

Houghton Mill Trip

Join us for a wonderful boat trip along The River Great Ouse followed by a tour of Houghton Mill. The trip will leave St Ives Quay every Thursday from May 22nd heading under St Ives Bridge towards Houghton via Hemingford Lock.

The trip includes a tour of Houghton Mill which will be led by one of their guides, returning to the quay at the end of the day.

This trip is run in conjunction with the National Trust and is proving popular for everyone. National Trust members look for member prices.

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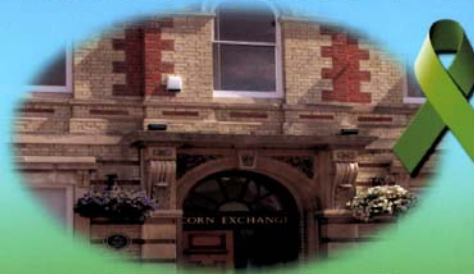
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