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## St Ives to host England vs Wales International

**A**ndy Cranch, who lives in St Ives, is player manager of England's Over 55 Football Team and has arranged for an international match with Wales to be played at the St Ives Town ground later this month.

The teams will be playing for the Martin Morley Cup and Andy hopes to see a big crowd for the game which starts at 2.30pm on Saturday 25th May.

He told *The Riverporter*, 'The Welsh squad will be staying at the Golden Lion and I am looking forward to showcasing our beautiful Town. I am sure they will do their best to boost the local economy of the pubs!'

Andy explained that the England Veterans football club have teams for ages 50, 55, 60, 65 and even over 70s.

We play football all over the world including tours to the USA. Last year we went to the International Masters in Thailand and every year, each age group plays in the home internationals.

Most of the squad have played good league or non-league football and they keep themselves very fit.

The England squad for the match is: Dave Norman, Histon; Andy Cranch, Exeter City; Richard Preston, Scarborough; Adrian Owers, Brighton; Jon Price, Brighton; Darron Gibbs, Concord Rangers; Mark Saggars, Bishops Stortford; Martin Thorpe, Oxford City; Adi Harris, Hereford United; Chris Burns, Portsmouth and Steve Tilson, Southend United.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

If you wish to inform us of your events please email: [editor@theriverporter.uk](mailto:editor@theriverporter.uk)

### MAY

**Wednesday 15th** - St Ives Eco Action AGM. 7pm Methodist Church.  
**Friday 31st** - Chapel Arts concert with **The Lightwaves** - Playing well known numbers. St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Bar or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents).

### JUNE

**Tuesday 4th** - Bible Dicing - All Saints Parish Church.  
**Thursday 6th** - 80th Anniversary of D Day.  
**Saturday 8th** - Repair café - Methodist Church.  
**Saturday 22nd** - Love songs for a June evening - St Ives Choral Society. St Ives Free Church, 7.30pm Tickets £16 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-ives-choral-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-ives-choral-society).  
**Sunday 23rd** - Picnic in The Park. Warners Park from noon. **FREE event**.  
**Friday 28th** - Chapel Arts concert with **Lexie Green and Johnny 'Magic Boy' Wright** - Play Americana. St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Bar or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents).

### 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 we are unable to charge for concerts in the Chapel. However space is limited so please book at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives) 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 [www.ticketsource.co.uk/chamber-orchestra-of-st-ives](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chamber-orchestra-of-st-ives).  
**Friday 26th** - Chapel Arts concert with **COSI String Quartet** - Playing a range of classics. St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Bar or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents).

### AUGUST

**Every Sunday in August** - Music on The Waits.  
**Friday 30th** - Chapel Arts concert with the **Huntingdonshire Guitar Ensemble** - Seven guitarists. St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Bar or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents).

## Mayor Making to take place at the Burgess Hall

The annual ceremony to appoint the new Mayor will take place on Thursday 23rd May at 7.30pm. Councillor Pasco Hussain (right) is the Council's 'Preferred Nomination' and if normal protocols are followed, he should be confirmed as Mayor for 2024/25 with Cllr Julie Kerr as Deputy Mayor.

This meeting of the Council will be confined largely to the ceremony, which includes the awards for various groups and individuals and donations for the outgoing Mayor's charities. The remaining Council business will take place on Tuesday evening 28th May in the Council Chamber.



## If only they had read the notice!

Work started on The Broadway last week with groundwork being undertaken from 6pm on 1st May, the start of the scheme to make the area more attractive to cyclists and pedestrians.





# Justin Hyer & Sebastian Pompilio



Sebastian Pompilio (above right), freshly arrived from Argentina is an acknowledge master of Piazzolla's music, having studied with original members of Piazzolla's quintet. He returns to St Ives with Justin Hyer for a special concert in the St Leger Chapel on our famous mediaeval bridge. It is a free concert and as space is limited please reserve a seat at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives).

## Join the 'No Butts' awareness morning on Saturday 18 May

Dear Erik and The Riverporter,

We intend to clean up the town from the blight of the Butt by asking people to have a plan for disposal without throwing it on the ground. We hope *The Riverporter* will help to raise awareness of the damage to the environment, the effect on animals & nature, as well as on tourism, business and crime.

St Ives Eco Action, St Ives against rubbish (StAR), and the Climate café gang, along with FESt and other groups will be helping to follow up this 'No Butts' campaign. Please come along to lend support if you can on Saturday 18 May at our 'No Butts' awareness morning.

In a culture where litter is ignored or dismissed, picking it up can be viewed as a counter cultural act.

By going against the grain and taking responsibility for our surroundings, we become part of a movement that challenges social norms, but in a good way.

Lead by example.... refuse to accept our space to be tarnished by carelessness.

**Meet at 10:30am at the Oliver Cromwell statue until noon**

The StAR volunteers will also be picking cigarette butts in visible groups among the shoppers.

## THE OLD RIVERPORT JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL 2024 Introducing Django's Tiger

Django's Tiger play swinging gypsy jazz in the tradition of Django Reinhardt and the Quintet of the Hot Club of France. They have recently played at Camp Bestival, Cambridge Jazz Festival and performed live sets for BBC Radio and Cambridge TV. This music grew out of a fusion of American swing jazz of the 1920s to 1940s, Parisian musette dancehall music, and traditional gypsy tunes. It is melodic, and with an infectious sense of fun; the rhythms are perfect for swing dancing, and it is also finding its way into the electro-swing genre now. Django's Tiger are Louis Thorne, guitar; Pete Newman, clarinet; Joel Humann, bass and Damian Glasfurd-Brown, guitar.



Enjoy lunch listening to them at the Golden Lion Hotel on Sunday 15th September.

## The Refill Shop of Ikigai hands over £250 to Hunts Community Cancer Network.

The money, raised by the shop's generous customers' loyalty cards donations, was collected over six months.

The charity aims to help people who have received a cancer diagnosis, are going through treatment, are recovering from or are living with cancer.

They provide a programme of free activities to support anyone over 18, living in Huntingdonshire, recovering from or living with a cancer diagnosis or is a carer of someone with a diagnosis, to help transform their quality of life by providing no cost, regular, evidence-based activities that promote healthy eating, physical exercise and mental wellbeing.

Martin Cooper, owner of the shop, said: 'I don't know anyone who hasn't been affected by cancer in some way, so the support Hunts Community Cancer Network provide to those diagnosed with the disease, or those caring for someone with it is amazing, and this is our small way of saying thank you for all they do.'



*'At a time when people are still struggling with the cost of living, we are amazed by the generosity of our customers in supporting the charity.'*

Katie Kitson, from Hunts Community Cancer Network, said: 'I would like to say thank you to everyone who has donated their loyalty card discount to our charity - it really means a lot. 'As a charity funded by donations, every penny makes a difference to the lives of cancer patients and their families in our community.'

**NO BUTTS**  
IT'S WORSE THAN YOU THINK

JUST ONE CIGARETTE BUTT  
CAN CONTAMINATE  
100 LITRES OF OUR WATER

INCLUDING  
**ARSENIC**  
**LEAD**  
**FORMALDEHYDE**

Let's look after where we live.

1000s of cigarette butts are disposed of on the ground every week in St Ives. These are washed into our gutters and then flushed into the River Great Ouse. Butts can take 14 years to break apart, leaching toxins into our environment and waterways, harming marine life and affecting whole ecosystems. This has to stop. We need your help.

St Ives  
**ecoaction**

## Festival fundraiser a success



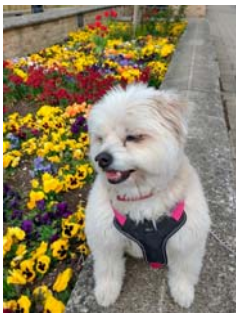
Last Saturday's Connor Selby concert was enjoyed by a full house and helped raise funds for this years Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival.

It began with a super performance by Stella Hensley and Chris Newman and ended with a standing ovation for the 26 year-old 'Blues Artist of the year' nominee, Connor Selby and his band.

Attendees were able to buy T-shirts and the double CD featuring tracks from bands taking part this year.

You can order T-Shirts and CDs online @ [mitsa.co.uk](http://mitsa.co.uk) or you can buy them from St Ives Corn Exchange, The Nelson's Head or Floods Tavern.





Erik enjoying spring



having your say ...

Get it off your chest,  
email Erik at:  
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# The Riverporter

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

## OTHER NEWS

### Election results

A by election on Thursday for the Great Paxton ward at Huntingdonshire District Council was won by the Liberal Democrat James Catmur in a seat held previously by the Conservatives. The result, a swing of around 10% from Conservatives to Lib Democrats, will have little impact on control of the Council which is run by a cross-party alliance of Independents, Liberal Democrats, Labour, and Greens. Liberal Democrats now have 12 seats on the council, HDC Independent Group 15, Labour 4, Green 1, and Conservatives 20. Meanwhile Conservative, Darryl Preston, retained his Police and Crime Commissioner role as a swing of 6.5% to Labour was insufficient for their candidate, Anna Smith, to take control.

### Revolution Hair Design named best

The winner of the Best Hair Salon in the regional Muddy Stiletto Awards went to Revolution Hair Design, situated in The Broadway. It was set up in 2011 by owner, Charlotte Marcroft and is open from Tuesday to Saturday, and can be found at Broadway in St Ives.

Johnsons of Old Hurst won the Best Farm Shop/Deli Award. Johnsons has a tea room, a zoo, a farm shop, and a steakhouse on Church Street, Huntingdon. The farm shop is stocked with meats, cheeses, delicatessens, baked goods, fruit and veg, and is open from Tuesday to Sunday.

### 3,000 year old Golden Torc stolen

Ely Museum's most prized possession – a gold torc worth hundreds of thousands of pounds – was stolen in a break in. Thieves got away with the torc and a gold bracelet, both dating from the Bronze Age. The museum acquired the torc in 2017. It measures 126cm and weighs 730g of almost pure gold and was found by a metal detectorist in a Cambridgeshire field in 2011. If you have any information regarding this, please do contact the police through their web chat service quoting Operation Lacunar or call them on 101. If you would like to report information anonymously you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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### Mayor has success fundraising

As the current Mayor, Councillor Phil Pope, comes to the end of his term he has been able to boost his Charity coffers with his Mayor's Ball and Golf Day events.

The 'Farewell' Civic Ball raised a staggering £4,787.21 on Saturday 27 April. The following Friday his Charity Golf Tournament, held at St Ives Golf Club raised a further £2,151.79 a total of £6,988. On his Facebook page Phil thanked everyone for the generous support. The total of the Mayor's donations to his charities will be revealed at the Mayor making ceremony (see front page).



Dear Erik,  
Subject: Broadway improvements

After all the night-time activity and hordes of helmeted engineers in hi-vis jackets we are left with colour codes. Any guesses please? Resident with the most creative answer gets their nearest drain unblocked!

Luka That



## Dance group seeks members

The Festival Blues Dancers were delighted to be able to take part at a recent Corn Exchange event where the renowned blues artist Connor Selby was performing, shortly after the audience had been wonderfully warmed up by Stella Hensley and Chris Newman. Around twenty dancers from the local group took to the floor demonstrating their moves as Connor and his band played.

The Festival Blues Dancers will be officially part of St Ives Jazz & Blues Festival where they will be giving a free partner dance lesson at the Corn Exchange on the Saturday 14th between 5 and 7pm to anyone who would like to try it. One of the newest members Michael said 'I've always been into music and dancing but could never do partner dances beyond a bit of hand holding and a few twirls. I moved to St Ives recently and noticed a local dance group here so took the plunge and went along. I very quickly learned a few basic moves and before long was going to dance events. It's been one of the best things I've ever done as it's opened up a whole new world for me. I now have a whole new set of lovely friends and have a much better time when I go out. Being able to dance properly is an empowering experience and I feel very pleased to add it to my list of accomplishments.'

The dance group meets weekly on Monday nights in the Corn Exchange at 7.30pm for learning and practicing. New members, whether with or without experience, are always welcome, with or without a partner, and the first lesson is free.

Right - the dancers with Stella, Chris and the Connor Selby Band.

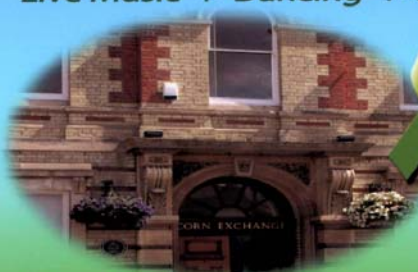


## Kidney Cancer UK Fundraising Event

Fish & Chips Supper\*  
Live Music + Dancing + Raffle



The UK's leading kidney cancer charity



Professional Vocalist  
SARA HONEY

Sara has had a successful career in the entertainment industry working on board luxury cruise lines, UK Tours and pantomimes. She will take you on a musical journey from Motown to Pop to Rock & Roll with music from Abba, Tina Turner, Gloria Estefan, Diana Ross, Adele and many more. Get ready for a night of dancing.

Saturday 18th May

7:00pm to 11:00pm

Doors open 6:45pm

At St. Ives Corn Exchange



£23.50  
per person

COPE

Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise

## Volunteers Urgently Needed

With the loss of funds from Cambridge County Council, COPE urgently needs volunteers to help with Grant Applications and Fund Raising.

With only SIX members on the Committee, volunteers are also required to help with the organisation of outings and events.

Please contact the office 01223 364 303 or by email [cambridgecope@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cambridgecope@hotmail.co.uk)

FEST IS A NOT FOR PROFIT VOLUNTARY GROUP - RUNNING EVENTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST IVES



# PICNIC IN THE 2024 PARK

A FREE  
EVENT

Sunday

June 23rd





## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Thinking Globally, Acting Locally

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stivesecoaction@gmail.com)

### Tune in, turn up, take action!

An initiative of 



**ST IVES** MUSICAL DIRECTOR  
HORAL SOCIETY Arwen Gilbert  
**St Ives Free Church**  
Saturday 22 June 7.30pm

# The Sprig of Thyme

Rutter

# Moravian songs

Dvorak

# Liebeslieder

# Waltzes

Brahms

Tickets £16 (accompanied children under 12 free)  
Online from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-ives-choral-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-ives-choral-society)  
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## THE COURTYARD, a hidden gem in the heart of St Ives.

An eclectic mix of traders and pods. Situated between St Ives Bus Station and Hyperion Auctions on Station Road.



A unique mini high street in the heart of St Ives. Small businesses showcasing their talents.

Fantastic and vibrant selection of traders selling baby and toddler clothes, candles, Curios, handmade glass art, clothes, furniture, collectibles, unique jewellery, refills and eco products, watches and clocks plus repairs, artwork, books, gift ideas and St Ives' only pet shop.

Whilst you are browsing enjoy a cup of freshly made coffee and a tasty bacon roll from Kate's Coffee Pod.

### Open 7 days a week Monday to Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-4.

Here at The Courtyard, we feel incredibly proud of our work and supportive local community.  
Thank you so much to you all for your kind words and continued support.