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## Future of The How in doubt

**T**he controversial development of The How, the former home of Rex Wadsworth on land overlooking the Great Ouse Valley, seems to have come to a halt for now, with the company doing the development going into administration.

On Tuesday 14th May, Administrators were appointed in the High Court of Justice of England & Wales for the insolvency of The How Development 2 Limited.

The How Development 2 Limited was described as a developer of building projects and its registered office was given as The How, Houghton Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6RP.

This was also its principal trading address and Mark Robert Blackman and James Andrew Saunders both of Kroll Advisory Ltd, The Chancery, 58 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1EW were appointed Administrators.

Almost from the word goes this development courted controversy. The site overlooking the unspoilt Great Ouse Valley and ancient Hemingford Meadow raised concerns from the public that it could spoil the views from the valley below.

The marketing brochures and videos



Picture: Media Imaging Solutions.

suggested that there would be private mooring available on the river. When a fence was erected and trees cut down for a landing stage, without consent, HDC had to enforce re-instatement.

From then on things went from bad to worse and finally came to a head when two of the houses finished caught fire last October (see above) and a 47 year-old man was arrested on suspicion of arson (see RP145).

Although the man was later released

work on the development came to a halt and concern has been mounting about its future.

The original company The How Development Ltd., although dormant is still registered at Companies House.

A third company, The How Development 3 Ltd. went into receivership earlier in the year as a result of action by a bank creditor.

Let's hope the receivers will find a new developer to finish the site.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

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

### JUNE

**Saturday 22nd** - Love songs for a June evening - St Ives Choral Society. Free Church, 7.30pm Tickets-[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 and August** - Music on The Waits - 2.30pm.

**Wednesday 3rd** - Engage Talk - The Beatles - Songs and Stories St Ives Library. 2pm.

**Saturday 6th** - Saturday Art Club (for children). St Ives Library. 10am-12pm (£1).

**Saturday 6th** - Sebastian Pompilio and Justin Hyer St Leger Chapel at 7.30pm. **Please Note:** This is a free concert. We are unable to charge for concerts in the Chapel. However space is limited so please book at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventstives](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventstives)

**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. The Bandstand 2.30pm

**Friday 30th** - Chapel Arts concert with 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).

### SEPTEMBER

**Thursday 12th - Sunday 15th** - The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival 2024 - 26 free concerts over four days see the full programme at [www.stivescambridgeshire.co.uk](http://www.stivescambridgeshire.co.uk).

**Saturday 14th** - Heritage Open Day.

**Sunday 22nd** - Civic Sunday (TBC).

**Friday 27th** - Chapel Arts concert with GetNotGot - Contemporary jazz and funk. St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Bar or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents).

**Saturday 28th** - Repair café - Methodist Church.

### OCTOBER

**Friday 11th** - Chapel Arts concert with Upwood Ukuleles - St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm. Tickets: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents) or from the Bar.

**Saturday 12th** - The Old Riverport Ukulele Festival - St Ives Corn Exchange from 9.30am until 8pm. **SOLD OUT**

**Saturday 12th** - Illuminated Boat Parade - The Quay. **A FREE event.**

**Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th** - Michaelmas Fair - Town Centre.

**Friday 25th** - Chapel Arts concert with 4 Winds Sax Quartet - Four exceptional saxophonists. St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Bar or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents).

### NOVEMBER

**Sunday 10th** - Remembrance Parade.

**Sunday 24th** - ArtsFEST - St Ives Corn Exchange 10 am to 4 pm.

**Friday 29th** - Chapel Arts concert with Chris Newman & Humfry Finkel - Ragtime. St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Bar or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents).

### DECEMBER

**Saturday 14th** - Santa Arrives at the Quay by boat

**Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th** - Santas Snow FESt St Ives Corn Exchange.

## Phil raises £14,476.40 for charities

**O**utgoing Mayor, Phil Pope, raised nearly £14,500, which he gave to 17 youth and community groups at the Mayor making ceremony held at the Burgess Hall on Thursday 23rd May, in what was described as a wonderful celebration of all the local communities working so hard to make lives better in St Ives.

The annual ceremony also elected the new Mayor, Cllr Pasco Hussain, and Deputy Mayor, Cllr Julie Kerr, for 2024/25 and was attended by dignitaries as well as St Ives residents. See fuller report on pages 4 and 5.





# Your candidates for the Huntingdon Constituency

**Alex Bulat** (Labour Party)



Alex Bulat came to the UK when 18 years old from Romania. She has become a UK Citizen, gained a PhD in Political Sociology and is a Cambridgeshire County Councillor for Huntingdon.

*'I was a non-voter when I arrived in the UK, despite having the right to vote in local elections as an EU citizen. It was my lived experience as a young person struggling with insecure jobs, expensive private rents and navigating the UK immigration system that politicised me in my 20s. My route into formal politics was through grassroots campaigning for the rights of some of the most disadvantaged communities. I co-founded a migrants' rights and democratic reform organisation where I currently work. I also work on research projects. Working for the last 7 years in the UK not-for-profit sector taught me how to run successful campaigns and bring people and stakeholder coalitions together asking for difficult and long-term change.'*

**Ben Obese-Jecty** (Conservative)



*'I was raised in a family with strong Conservative values. I grew up watching my parents work hard to create a supportive family environment in which I could thrive. They taught me to believe that people from any background should have both the responsibility and the opportunity to progress, and that application and hard work are the cornerstones of success.'*

A former Army Officer Mr Obese-Jecty saw deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan.

*'My service in the Army has been the catalyst behind my decision to serve in a political capacity.'*

*Following my service I moved to the private sector. I have worked in financial services with both US and UK banking institutions across a wide range of aspects.'*

*In my spare time I serve in a voluntary capacity as a member of the Veterans Advisory and Pension Committee, appointed on a three-year term by the Minister for Veterans the Rt Hon Johnny Mercer MP. The role is a rewarding one, working to improve the lives of veterans and service persons.'*

**Georgie Hunt** (Green Party)



Georgie Hunt is a Councillor on Huntingdon Town Council where she represents the Huntingdon West Ward. She currently chairs the Environment Sub-Committee.

*'I'm proud to stand as a Green, especially for the area where I grew up and still live in. The Green Party will endeavour to improve our community and environment, including taking that fight to Westminster. I will strive to tackle the cost-of-living crisis and climate emergency. The Greens have set out a clear approach to how we will achieve a fair future for all, and I will help deliver this vision.'*

The Green Party would invest £250bn over 10 years in council-led schemes to insulate 10 million homes. They will fund these schemes with a 1% tax on multi-millionaires and our biggest polluters.

*'I'm pleased that the Green Party commits to at least an extra 150,000 council homes a year. These would be a mix of new build, refurbishment, conversions and buying up existing homes. We also need fairer, greener transport and high-quality walking and cycling routes.'*

**Sarah Smith** (Reform UK)



Sarah Smith has lived in Huntingdonshire for 34 years. After many years raising her family she is retraining to become an accountant.

*'Joining the Leave campaign for Huntingdonshire gave me the bug for local politics. I enjoy running and think ParkRun is an example of what voluntarism can achieve.'*

*'In the war on the motorist, I'm firmly on the side of the motorist. I also believe in Free speech – all opinions should be allowed to compete in the marketplace of ideas. There should be no such thing as 'hate speech' or censorship in a free democracy.'*

*'Cheap, reliable energy is important to the cost of living, jobs and a thriving economy and should not be sacrificed to Net Zero or any Climate Change goals and I believe that The Government is too big, too costly and too powerful. Lower taxes, less regulation, and restoration of choice and autonomy to the individual are urgently required.'*

**Mark Argent** (Liberal Democrats)



Mark's Argent's background is in publishing and web design. He was opposed to Brexit, and in the past, considered climate change as the biggest threat that humanity faces.

*'I have been involved with Huntingdon Liberal Democrats since the 2019 General Election, where we achieved an 87% increase in their vote, ahead of the national trend.'* Since 2022 five decades of Conservative control of HDC came to an end and a LibDem, Independent, Labour and Green coalition now controls the authority.

Mark's says his priorities if elected as the MP for Huntingdon will be:

- Securing resources to help local people to afford places to live.
- Working to ensure that the NHS, both locally and nationally, has the resources it needs now and in the future.
- Acting on climate change, and building a thriving zero carbon economy.
- Repairing our fractured relationship with the EU.

**Dr Chan Abraham** (Independent)



Chan Abraham was Director of Community Services at HDC before becoming the head of Luminus, the areas social housing provider, from which he resigned in 2017.

Mr Abraham believes that *'Leaders above all others can create the conditions for people to flourish. Sadly, most British politicians put ambition for personal enrichment, fame and power above their duty to The People. I will be part of a new Parliament that, with your help, will Change Britain for Good. Britain is facing its greatest crisis since 1939. Every institution upon which we relied has failed. Our nation's leadership has lost touch with the reality of the daily struggles of families, the old, young, vulnerable. Parliament, run by career politicians, many with great wealth, and civil servants, does not represent The British People. We need radical transformation, A People's Parliament, made up of truly Independent MPs. I am determined and passionate to serve as a member of that TEAM, committed to Change Britain for Good.'*

## GOVT to screen new British Documentary

The piece in RP159 to announce the Great Ouse Valley Trust's showing of the revolutionary new film on regenerative farming neglected a few vital details (Editorial red face). They are as follows:

- Screen St Ives, St Ives Corn Exchange on 27 June at 7.30 pm, doors open 6.30 pm
- Panel of local farmers for discussion and Q&As comprises Martin Line (St Neots), Adrienne Jordan (Caxton), and Anthony Davidson (Elsworth)
- Raffle with local produce prizes
- Bar and refreshments



Tickets at £7 from St Ives Corn Exchange or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents)

## THE OLD RIVERPORT JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL 2024

### Dickie de Vere & The Dorchester Mavericks

We all know Dickie de Vere and the Dorchester Mavericks are the hottest dance band combo in town. Having raided grandad's secret stash of 78's they play a sizzling selection of favourites, from Cole Porter to Louis Prima. Here's a few words from Dickie.

*'Hello - de Vere here, just letting you know that we are so excited to be playing at the fabulous Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival again. As we stride manfully through the 21st century, dressed only in lounge suit and tweed girdle, and lay out our musical wares we shall endeavour to bring you the very finest in light music entertainment, playing a toe-tapping selection of your favourite melodies from times gone by. ToodlePip!'*

Playing with Dickie will be Bunny Finkelle (banjo); Binky Trousers (bass) and Myke 'Toots' Clifford (clarinet, saxes and flutes).

Remember, the melodies start here with Dickie de Vere!

Dickie de Vere and the Dorchester Mavericks can be seen at **The Nelson's Head on Thursday 12th September 9.30pm.**



If you can't wait to see Dickie, then you can enjoy a Midsummer Concert on Friday 21st June at the lovely, abandoned church of Steeple Gidding (see right). Tickets are just £10 and can be booked at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hamerton-village-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hamerton-village-hall). All profits will go towards preserving the churches and village hall.





having your say ...

# The Riverporter

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

**Get it off your chest,  
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editor@theriverporter.uk**

## OTHER NEWS

Milly hoping for divine inspiration?  
Or a treat!

**Dear Erik,  
Subject: Spellchecker**

As I was returning to St Ives, I met Amman with seven wives (don't ye love spellcheck).

**Philip Noble**

**Hey Erik,**  
I thought these might be new lampposts and of more interest to you - but no, it's new bollards! And these won't rise apparently. Thank you County Council. But I still worry about the disappearing chalk marks in The Broadway ... **Luka That**



**Dear Luka,**  
I'm glad to say that you are mistaken about the works going on. We were concerned that the bollards should be able to rise so that if in future buses are routed through the Broadway they will be able get through. This was the reason rising bollards were installed originally. We contacted our working County Councillor, Kevin Reynolds, who checked with Joseph Hudson the Local Highways Officer and he quickly informed us that the new bollards being installed are removable, in fact they're the exact same type of bollard. The old ones were damaged so couldn't be locked. This resulted in them being removed and anti-social behaviour occurring. These new ones will be padlocked and removable, just as they originally were. **Ed.**

**Dear Erik,**  
Popped through my letter box Sunday afternoon was the Labour party flyer for Alex Bulat. One glaring error on the front is the Union Flag.

If she cannot portray the Flag the correct way what hope is there of her getting anything correct. Or is this the Labour party that doesn't care about English (British) values.

It also should be an offence to show the flag upside down except in an emergency. You couldn't get away with it in any other country.

**Paul D**

**Dear Paul,** I am of an age when we were taught at junior school which way was up on the Union Jack 9now called flag). Sadly over 60 years later I'm not sure I can recall exactly how to know, without looking it up, as it isn't that obvious. I doubt if many youngsters learn that now. I know that flying the flag upside down can offend some people, even though the vast majority of people may not notice it.

When living in France, the town I was in had all the flags of the EU flying over their bridge. An ex British Navy man noticed that the Flag was upside down and created merry hell with the non-plussed council staff.

Paul - I'm not sure that you can equate this faux-pas with the entire Labour Party not caring about British values, or blame Alex Bulat, who was born in Romania, for not noticing the error.

She probably had little to do with the design of the leaflet anyway. **Ed.**

**Dear Erik,  
Subject: Earlybird trip**

I had the great pleasure again to join Francis of the Electric Riverboats with Ian Jackson as our guide. 38 species of birds noted. The previous day it was 44.

What was most inspiring was the gentle nature of the trip, gently gilding along the Ouse with nature in all its glory.

We are well blessed with this and the enthusiasm of our hosts and learning about the bird life. Eels, Otters and more.

Kind regards  
**Barry Reeves**

### Chief Constable and PCC thank 'Specials'

As national Volunteers' Week began, Chief Constable Nick Dean and Police and Crime Commissioner Darryl Preston have thanked the many people who help police Cambridgeshire for no financial reward. 'We couldn't do it without you' is the message from both.

A Special constable has all the powers of a police officer and work alongside their regular colleagues and is just one voluntary role in policing, alongside police support volunteers, cadet leaders and others. It only requires a minimum commitment of four hours a week and is a great opportunity to give something back to your community, while receiving professional training, skills and experience that can be used in everyday life and career progression.

If someone you know, would like to find out more about becoming a Special, and maybe even apply, please visit the Cambs Police website pages.

### Needlingworth Road closed for 46 days

A part of Needlingworth Road (see map) on the A1123 will remain shut to all motor vehicles between the hours of 8pm and 6am until July 19 for road works.

Emergency access will be maintained throughout the closure and two diversion routes are currently in place, although one of these does seem excessively long.



A social media comment 'I think they must be smoking something illegal' referred to a diversion via Huntingdon which would add 13 miles and 25 minutes to journey times!

### St Ivo gets a 'Good' Ofsted rating

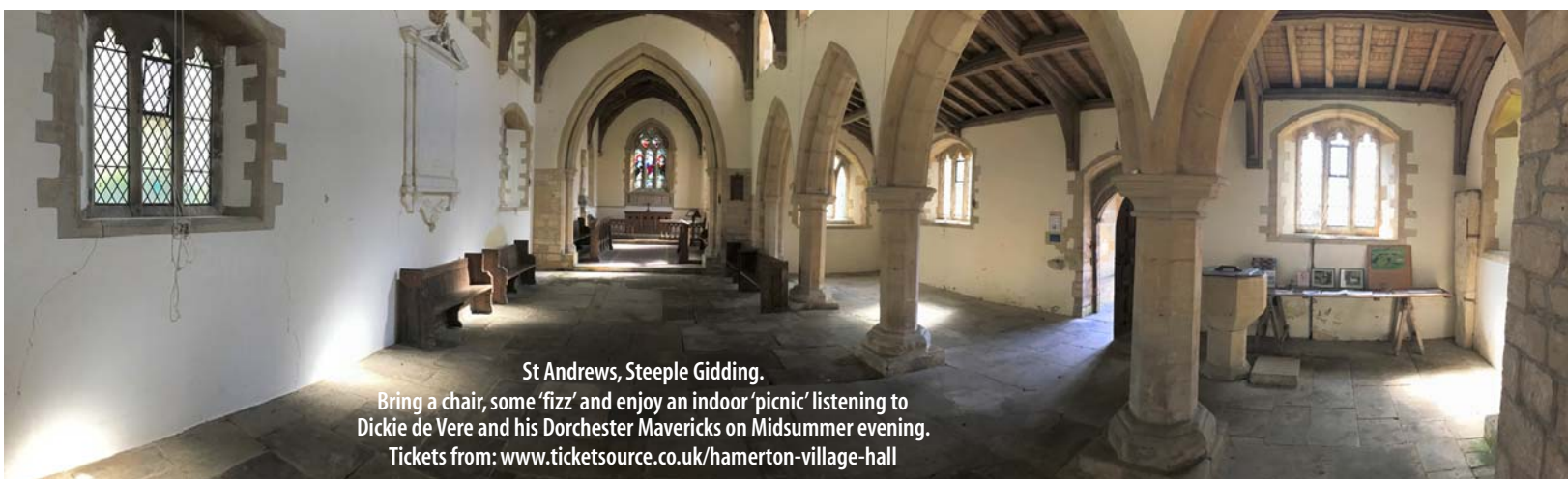
Since *The Riverporter* reported that the former MP, Jonathan Djanogly sought to remove St Ivo from the Astrea Academy (RP159), Tony Meneagh, Principal of St Ivo, hailed as a 'fantastic achievement' the 'Good' Ofsted rating achieved last month. Of course Mr Djanogly is now no longer Huntingdon MP and it is not known if the request was sent to the Minister of Education.

The Ofsted report said that 'positive changes' had made the school a better place and that 'pupils learn well' as shown in 'the strong performance in GCSE examinations'. It also said that pupils had 'positive relationships with their teachers', which might be news to some parents.

### Are some new bus shelters too windy?

It appears that some of the locations of the bus shelters that the Combined Authority have recently installed are facing into the prevailing wind. In particular those at Marley Road, opposite the Co-op, Needlingworth Road opposite the shop and in Pig Lane.

Suggestions that this was done in order to make bus use more exciting have been dismissed by all concerned but we at *The Riverporter* are not convinced!



St Andrews, Steeple Gidding.

Bring a chair, some 'fizz' and enjoy an indoor 'picnic' listening to Dickie de Vere and his Dorchester Mavericks on Midsummer evening.

Tickets from: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hamerton-village-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hamerton-village-hall)



# A fundraising story

**T**he Friends of Holt Island appeal, to raise the cost of replacing the entire boardwalk boards received a boost thanks to Janet Widdows of the Day family for suggesting this original fundraising idea.

In 1881, as a young man of twenty, George Dennis Day rode a Penny Farthing bicycle thirteen miles from St Ives to Cambridge, where he represented Cambridge in the Oxford and Cambridge Bicycle Races.

He won the 2-mile race, for which he received a medal, and then rode home again, for which he probably received a very sore bottom!

His medal was kindly donated to the Friends by Janet and last month was sold by Hyperion Auctions, for £250. The auctioneer, Lester Day (possibly related), kindly waived his commission and so all the proceeds went to the appeal for which the Friends are very grateful.

We do not know the identity of the purchaser but it is hoped the medal remains in the town.

## The Penny Farthing

When the high-seated, high-handled bicycle was invented George Dennis Day immediately became an enthusiastic pioneer. He soon won his Cyclist Blue and was a brilliant rider, particularly over distances of 25 miles and more. He represented Cambridge in the Oxford and Cambridge bicycle races from 1880 to 1884, winning the 25-mile race three times, and the 2-mile race once. He took part in a race at Crystal Palace to see if a man could cover 20 miles in under an hour.



The medal, front and back with the inscription: 1881 Inter University Bicycle races TWO MILES



1ST Prize Won by G D Day St Johns Cambridge.

He broke the world record for 13 miles, which stood for many years, but he crashed before the end of the race. His time in one 15-mile race was 19 mins 27 seconds, which is still a highly regarded time for a Penny Farthing!

## Day family background

George Dennis Day was the son of George Newton Day and grandson of George Game Day, who was responsible for bringing the railway to St Ives in 1847.

George Dennis was educated at Amersham Hall School Reading, and at St John's College Cambridge.

He learnt to row at school, loved the river and rowed every day for most of his life. He was known for his application, earnestness, kindness and devotion to the simple faith in which he was educated.

He was married in 1889 and lived with his wife Margaret and family at Rheola in Broad Leas, St Ives, now a care home. The Day family had already established a highly respected business in the town of St Ives. His father, George Newton Day, had been a solicitor there for nearly a generation, and his grandfather, George Game Day, was appointed the first Clerk to the Board of Guardians at St Ives in 1837.



George Dennis Day, like his forefathers, displayed his public spiritedness and took on many public offices.

A key role he held was as Clerk of St Ives Borough Council, in which, according to a press report, he was outstanding, carrying out his duties with commendable skill and fervour. He succeeded his father in 1890 and was in turn succeeded by his son George Lewis Day. In addition, he was also Clerk to St Ives Board of Guardians and held several other roles as Clerk to differing local bodies, including the Borough Justices when there were two courts in St Ives.

He was a Sunday school teacher for 38 years and then devoted much time to the Free Church Pleasant Sunday Afternoon movement which he originated. His Christian faith and desire to help others with 'good counsel', was acknowledged by those who knew him.

George Dennis Day and his wife liked to travel, and his other interests included agriculture, gardening, rugby and a love for the river.

Two of George Dennis's sons died in the Great War: Dennis Ivor was a brilliant rower and Cambridge Blue, and Miles Jeffrey Game Day was a poet and flying ace awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, whose life was commemorated at a special event in St Ives in 2018 and in the book 'Gamelyn'.

His granddaughter Sheila Day, who died in 2021, was well known in St Ives and she was a keen supporter of Holt Island Nature Reserve.

# Mayor Making



## Volunteer of the Year Award.

For a group or individual who encompass St Ives key values including integrity, kindness, support and goodwill without prejudice. Awarded to the **Ladybird Boat Trust**, accepted by John Clarke and Andy Nicol (left).



**Heart of St Ives.** In recognition of an individual who has touched the hearts and lives of many within the community. Awarded to **Simon Townend**.



## Commerce in the Community

**Award** to a business for its contribution to the community. Awarded to the **Haywain Public House**, accepted by Steve Lowe.



**Dedicated Service as the Macebearer.** Awarded to **Philip Ganny**.



**Care in the Community Award.** To a group who demonstrate selflessness, kindness and compassion whilst improving other people's quality of life. Awarded to **Dementia Friendly Community** and accepted by Roger Kuch and Agi Peach.



**Hidden Gem of St Ives Award.** Shining a spotlight on the underappreciated and under-recognised groups or areas of beauty within our borders. Awarded to **Friends of Holt Island Nature Reserve** and collected by Ian Jackson.

Just an election thought...

# We live in an age of fools

**S**o said a headline on my paper recently and it's hard to disagree with that as a general comment about the state of the world and the UK in particular. The article was in fact about the lack of policies to counter the effects of global warming.

It was a dire warning by climate scientists, that without governments actually putting in place policies to lower the global temperature soon, it may be too late to act.

The world's top climate scientists suggest the likely rise in global temperatures this century will be +2.7 degrees, way above the 1.5 agreed by governments in Paris in 2015. It will affect us all and is doing so already as crops rot in sodden fields and the climate gets more extreme almost everywhere.

This year has been labelled the year of elections as many countries are choosing new governments.

Good one might think. Perhaps politicians will start to take notice of the biggest threat to their communities and put forward policies that will actually reduce carbon emissions. I won't be holding my breath though, as sadly there is little sign of such policies being debated seriously by the parties likely to win our General Election. The Greens obviously lead this

debate followed by the Lib Dems but will you choose them over Labour, Conservative or Reform?

Time will tell, although it's already run out to get to net zero soon. Wednesday 5th June was **World Environment Day** and scientists again warned that the rate of human activity warming the world is at an all-time high and rapid action is needed before it is too late.

To help you choose who to vote for on 4th July see all the Huntingdon candidates on page 2. **ED.**



# a wonderful celebration of our local community



Mayor Making began with prayers from Parish Churchwarden, Callum Dickerson, as the Town Mayor's Chaplain was unable to attend, followed by Mr Mobsher Hussain who recited the call to prayer.

Prior to the formal meeting, where Councillors elected the new mayor, the outgoing Mayor, Phil Pope, gave a summary of the past year, including events attended, work undertaken by the council and achievements made. This was followed by a host of presentations to people and organisations that have made a difference to the town and the lives of its inhabitants. A celebration of what makes St Ives so special.

The Awards given included:

**Millennium Shield.** To an inspirational local youth organisation. Awarded to **Cromwell District Scouts**, accepted by Mike Wenham and Sue Best.

**Community Challenge Award.** In recognition of an individual's contribution to the community. Awarded to **Laura Bird**.

**Sport Club of the Year.** Awarded to **St Ives Rugby Team**.

**Entrepreneur of the Year Award.** Recognising entrepreneurial achievement from an individual who demonstrates vision, leadership and success. Awarded to **Vicky Grant**.

**Dedication to the Civic Office of St Ives.** Awarded to **Veronica Smoothy**. The Mayor said: 'Over many many years Veronica Smoothy has altered, mended and kept the robes worn by members of the town council in good condition including all the robes you see here today. We are eternally grateful to Veronica for giving up her time for free to ensure that us councillors all look smart and professional!'

**Presentation to Outgoing Mayor's Cadet.** The presentation was made to **Lance Corporal Lewis King**.



Following the awards, councillors elected Pasco Hussain as the new Town Mayor.

Pictured above are, left to right; Town Clerk Libby White, now in post; Mayor Pasco giving his acceptance speech; and Councillor Julie Kerr, who continues in the role of Deputy Mayor.

Pasco has chosen 5 charities to support next year which are:

**The Bridge Advice Centre**, which supports local residents with free debt advice; **St Ives District Branch of the Royal British Legion**; **Acorn Cancer Support**, that supports cancer patients, their families and carers; **The Day Care Centre**, that provides daytime service, for the elderly, lonely and frail within St Ives and surrounding villages; and **Kick**, which supports youth programmes in St Ives.



Left: Some of the dignitaries attending. David Way (on the right), Cambridgeshire's new High Sheriff.

## Having raised £14,476.40 for his chosen charities, Mayor Phil Pope performed his final duty by presenting the following cheques . . .

- £500 - Army Cadet Force - St Ives Detachment
- £500 - 2331 St Ives Squadron Air Training Corps
- £500 - St Ives Youth Theatre
- £500 - St Ives Rugby Club Youth Teams
- £500 - St Ives Football Club Youth Teams
- £500 - East Anglia Childrens' Hospice

- £500 - Second St Ives Sea Scout Group
- £500 - KICK St Ives
- £500 - Pinpoint Cambridgeshire
- £500 - Dreamdrops Childrens' Charities
- £1,000 - St Ives Rugby Club Ladies Team
- £1,000 - Butterfly Legacy Project

- £1,000 - Acorn Cancer Support
  - £2,000 - St Ives Food Bank
  - £3,176.40 -MAGPAS Air Ambulance
  - £1,000 to the Mayor's Youth Support Fund
- In addition, £300 cash was presented to St Ives Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club.



Second St Ives Sea Scout Group



Army Cadet Force



St Ives Youth Theatre



St Ives Football Club Youth Teams



St Ives Rugby Club Ladies Team

## Superb, intimate concerts in The Riverport Café at St Ives Corn Exchange

Friday 28th June Lexie Green and Johnny Wright - Americana.  
Friday 26th July COSI String Quartet - (Below).



An evening of quiet moments and blissful classics with players from the Chamber Orchestra of St Ives. Sit back and watch the stresses of the week melt away with players familiar to the Free Church lunchtime concert series audiences. Four of our most popular local players introduce a varied programme handpicked by the Leader of our local orchestra Karen Hubbard.

- Friday 30th August Huntingdonshire Guitar Ensemble - 7 guitarists.
- Friday 27th September GetNotGot - Contemporary Jazz and Funk.
- Friday 11th October Upwood Ukuleles - Having fun with Ukuleles.
- Friday 25th October 4 Winds Sax Quartet - Four exceptional saxophone players.
- Friday 29th November Chris Newman & Humfry Finkel - Ragtime improvisation.

All start at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Bar or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents)

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Dr Andrew Davies and Dr Madhu Venkataramgowda are able to assess adults for teeth straightening with Invisalign and Clear Correct clear aligners (subject to suitability) with treatments starting from just £37.41 per month depending on the length of treatment required. Consultations are free of charge with flexible appointment times.

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Are you looking for a brighter, whiter smile for that special occasion this summer? Our dentists are excited to offer Phillips home whitening kit so you can get whiter teeth in the comfort of your own home, or you could try our premium whitening product, Enlighten, a guaranteed whiter smile within 3 weeks, without the need to give up your favourite food and drinks! Whitening starts from at little as £299 and the cost can be spread over 3 months interest free with app2pay

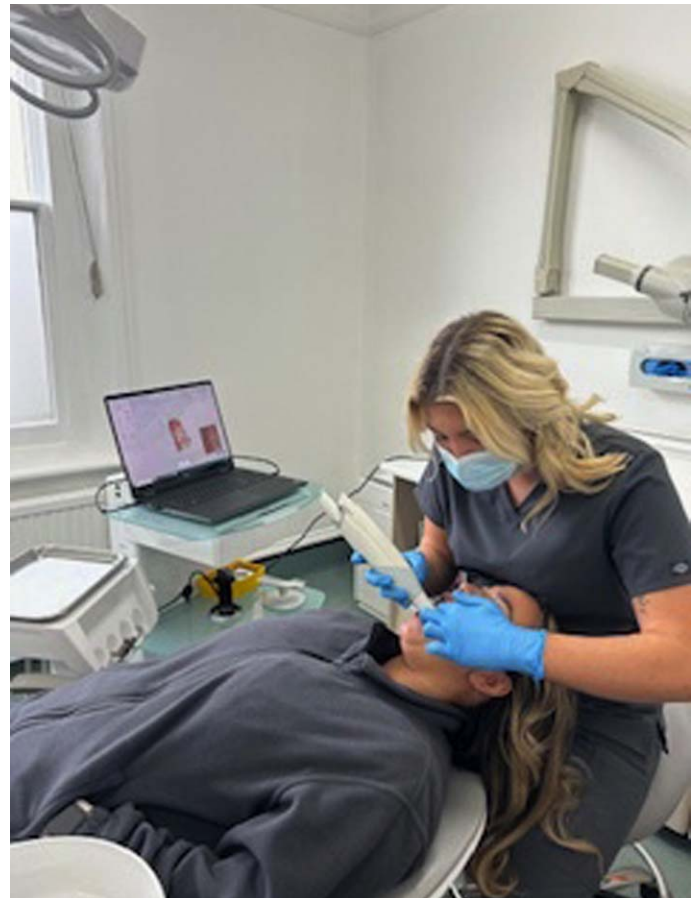
We are proud to boast state of the art equipment including intra-oral scanners which do everything from keeping a regular eye on your general health to taking digital impressions – no more need for gunky impression paste! We offer complimentary oral health scans which create a 3D image of your mouth.

Call our dedicated Treatment Co-ordinators about the perfect smile for you.

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***Sarah and Shannon look forward to speaking with you!***







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The Musical Amigos

- July 7th **Upwood Ukuleles** Sheer Joy
- July 14th **The ST Band** A local favourite
- July 21st **James Schouten** Opera to Sinatra
- July 28th **Reggae Ray** Relax don't worry
- August 4th **Musical Amigos** Stella, Chris & Art
- August 11th **Stamford Stompers** Trad jazz
- August 18th **Caroline Foster** Songs from the Shows
- August 25th **Acoustics Anonymous** Pop & Folk

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