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It's coming home!

Not that one - football's on holiday in Italy for a while, but the Town Council has announced that the weekly markets and the twice monthly Farmers Market are coming home to their original location in Market Hill and on the Sheepmarket.

The Town Council's announcement reads
'As England moves into Step 4, we welcome back the Farmers' Market to Sheep Market (Market Hill) from the 7th August! The Farmers' Market has missed being in the Town Centre for so long now. Whilst COVID restrictions have been lifted, we encourage people to still be actively cautious and respectful of others around them and our stallholders. We will be posting a list of who will be in attendance closer to the date.'

Shortly after this announcement the Town Council website issued this statement from the

District Council, who run the Monday and Friday markets:

'Huntingdonshire District Council's St Ives Market will be returning to Market Hill from Monday 2nd August.'

District Councillor Marge Beuttell, who is in charge, was quoted as saying she was very excited to see the market back where it belongs after a year of temporary arrangements. We thought she'd be excited!

Right: Happy customers line up to buy cakes from George's stall at the Farmers' Market. Will we see scenes like this again?

THE RIVERPORTER COVERING THE NEWS OTHER PAPERS DON'T



And there they were ... Gone!

As we approached the Government's 'Freedom Day' last Monday, Huntingdonshire District Council had their workmen removing the orange barriers that lined the streets and divided opinions these past few months.

Early Sunday morning the teams could be found stacking the barriers neatly into the trucks and tidying the streets. There can be no doubt that St Ives town centre looks the better for it but talking with residents, opinions are divided. Comments were that 'It's too soon', that we should remain separated and keep our masks on, while others spoke of better late than never.

The hope is that our bars and restaurants keep their outdoor seating and that people will still use masks when in close groups or enclosed spaces. The barriers were contentious from the moment they arrived, St Ives has the benefit of wide pavements, and the barriers simply became a difficult obstacle for the elderly, disabled and even dog walkers. Shops complained of problems with deliveries and when selfish drivers chose to park alongside the barriers, trucks found it almost impossible to pass through town.

In many instances drivers took it on themselves to move the barriers to suit themselves. In the past few days' people have taken to social media to enquire when the Monday Market can return to the town centre?(see above) and people are demanding to know when parking will be policed to prevent what has now become a 'free-for-all' with cars being left anywhere with no thought for other road users. So what are your thoughts? As we come out of this latest lock down.

Will you still use a mask? Do you think the barriers should have remained? You can always let Erik know by writing to: editor@theriverporter.uk

Can you spot the change?



The Town Team and St Ives Corn Exchange are delighted to be welcoming live music back to the Town centre and thanks to the generosity of The Rhythm & Blues Band you can enjoy it too for FREE.

The band, who will be playing at The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival later in September wanted to say thanks for inviting them to play and give everyone a lift after being 'locked up' for so long. So here is your chance to listen to a great band and enjoy the new bar facilities in the Corn Exchange, which is hoping to hold regular live music events throughout the year.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and the Corn Exchange doors open at 6pm. Of course Covid rules will apply, should they be in force on the day.

Friday 6th August

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We will be having a Summer Craft Fair at Slepe Hall this Sunday 25th July from 10am to 4pm

There will be a variety of locally produced goods ranging from artworks, handcrafted jewellery, stationery, candles, books and much, much more...

Why not come along and visit our outdoor stalls?

Please be aware there is no parking available at the Hotel

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HEIDI ON THE TURN

It's funny how things sometimes turn out isn't it? Luka, who is always telling me what he has spotted here and there throughout the town (he's always on about untidy notices and scruffy banners), suddenly said one evening, 'Heidi, what's a turning point?' Well dear, I replied, for me it's when Ed Gasket really goes too far and I say 'No', quite firmly, and he disappears down the Olly for three days.

Luka said he wasn't interested in the limit of my patience, but rather what the new sign meant on The Waits. Well, I took a look, made a few enquiries (I do seem to know a lot of people) and can explain all to you my darlings - it's a Heidi Riverporter exclusive!

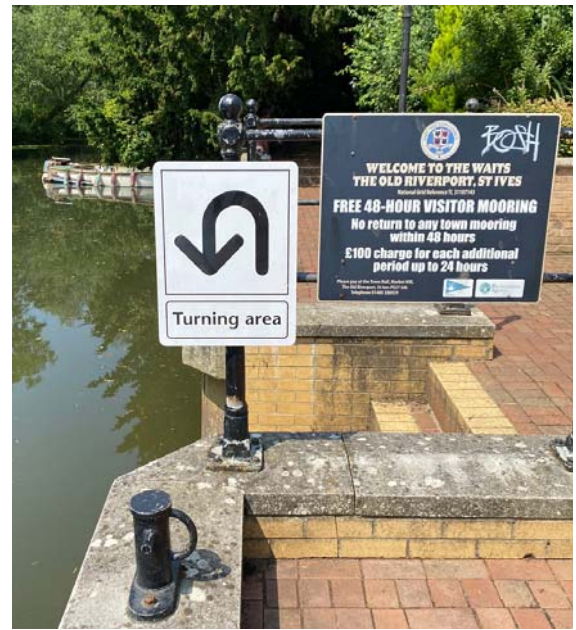
It turns out those lovely people who care for the Holt Island Nature Reserve, looking beautiful at the moment by the way (get on with it Heidi -Ed), have been concerned about the increasing number of visiting boats coming up The Waits, thinking they can go round the island, and crashing into the footbridge. Worse, getting firmly stuck!

After much research, enquiries and quiet lobbying by the Friends group, this week the Environment Agency finally replaced the original sign, which had disappeared long ago, with a brand new, bigger one. It announces the last available space on the backwater where it is possible for a large boat to turn around - and is impossible to miss!

I'm among those who are fearful of too many signs in the town telling us what to do and what not to do - but this is one that is desperately needed. And I think the boaters will thank us for it.

In fact, I shall now saunter along The Waits to approach some of themByeek!

Love from Heidi x



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The hottest week of the year so far also heralds the start of the school summer holidays and as millions of families embark on their 'staycations' indications are that the housing market will remain busy.

If you're on the market already, it's the perfect time to spruce up the garden or decorate a room or two as there are still many serious buyers around who need to move and are looking for their ideal home. Remember, first impressions count and buyers are forming their opinions as soon as they get out of their car so make your house as welcoming as possible, mow the lawn and put out a few hanging baskets.

If you are not yet on the market, now is also a great time to sell, with fewer properties around, your house will stand out - new instructions always get more views on Rightmove, Zoopla and On The Market - more views, more viewings, more sales - one always follows the other.

Whether you're looking to get the best possible price or sell quickly because you've seen another property you're interested in, we'll tailor your marketing accordingly, experience tells us that using different strategies brings the best results.

And finally, remember, if you are looking to move before Christmas, the average length of time for a sale to go through once solicitors are instructed is three months, which means time is running out if you'd like to be eating Christmas dinner in your new home!

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