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Six weeks of fun ahead

Once again there is a lot going on in St Ives. A phrase once commonly used about our busy town. Of course it may not be quite as it was before that damn virus took over but gradually life is looking a little more 'normal'.

There is so much going on over the next six weeks that there will be something for most of us to attend and enjoy and it will be interesting to see how many people come out again.

Recent Covid data shows that some large-scale events and festivals have resulted in spikes of infections, which remain quite high, however hospital admissions are still low. Predicting the effects of the pandemic going forward remains impossible. It does seem clear that we will need to treat it as any other infectious disease and live our lives accordingly, if we wish to once again enjoy entertainment and socialising.

So what is planned

This Saturday is the St Ives Show, a traditional town competition in the Corn Exchange, involving flowers, baking, crafts and produce sections. The following weekend The Centre Players present 'A Moment In Time' a charity cabaret in The Burgess Hall.

The four-day Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival has 23 FREE concerts throughout the town from 16th to 19th September.

On Saturday 18th St Ives Eco Action and the Methodist Church Have a mini eco-fair and a range of events, particularly for children, as part of the Heritage Open Day.

On Friday 24th September there is another Chapel Arts @ The Corn Exchange concert featuring Robin Walker playing his very special and rare Harpsichord. A truly different, and wonderful way to start a weekend.

Ukuleles and illuminated boats

The fun doesn't stop in October as on Saturday 2nd we have the very first Old Riverport Ukulele Festival, also in St Ives Corn Exchange from 10am and on the 16th the popular Illuminated Boat Parade returns. The theme this year is Halloween, so we hope to see a lot of scary people watching the scary boats sail by.

A sunny day on The Quay



Crowds enjoying the Jazz & Blues Festival in 2019.

150 Facebook comments declare their amazement

The Dolphin hotel last week suddenly posted the sign below at their entrance. Social media users all over town took to posting their own thoughts and expressing their dismay at what some declared as an ongoing contempt by the Hotels management for their customers.



Establishments all over town and nationally are having problems recruiting staff and it must be very tough to manage any hospitality business at this time, but as any marketing manager will tell you the trick is to find your strengths and promote them.

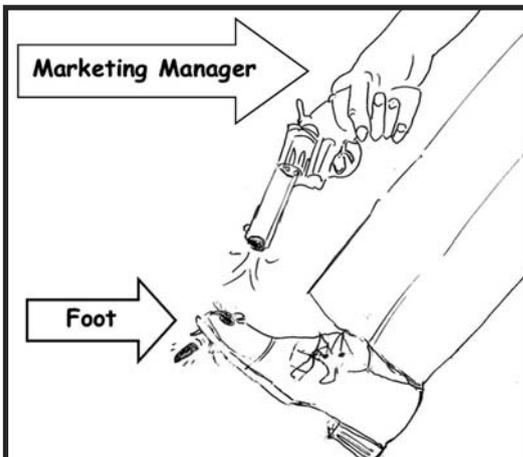
The Dolphin hotel has surely the best location in town but to publish the idea that your customers can perhaps not afford your prices and 'go elsewhere' rather than complain is certainly an approach not often used.

We noticed that the sign had been removed by the evening but the matter soon reached the other papers in the area including the Hunts Post and the Wisbech Standard.

Director Mr Gupta tried to explain the sign in the Hunts Post and later on social media wrote:

I have made my views known via the Hunts Post. Please read that as it does explain the wrong usage of a certain phrase. In regards to the individual comments, note the following:

STAFF ABUSE. I just lost 2 young employees under the age of 18 because of lewd comments to them so yes, if you can't respect the staff, go somewhere else. Young girls don't need your abuse.



Golf Day raises over £2,000 for charity

Despite the slightly less than seasonal weather on Bank Holiday Monday, a great day was had by all who attended the Mayor's Charity Golf Day at Lakeside Golf Club Pidley.

132 players took part in the competition and numerous prizes were presented by the Mayor Pasco Hussain who said afterwards:

I would like to thank all those who so generously supplied us with prizes and for the fantastic support from all those who took part.

I would like to thank Lakeside Golf Club for hosting the day and particularly Jon Dalton who worked tirelessly in the background to ensure all ran smoothly. Together we raised a total of £2,116.21 which will be going to Acorn Cancer Care, St Ives Day care Centre, the Royal British Legion and Magpas. Well done everybody!

Pictured below are left to right: Frank Rheola, Genaro Coppolaro, Pasco (with chain) and Johnny Lawyer.



HOMELESS HOUSING. Statistics show that thousands of covid cases were avoided by taking the homeless off the streets. I am proud of having housed them and I am sure that many of the righteous who comment here have their hand out asking the government for furlough, benefits, etc. Further, the Dolphin is private property so you don't have any right to say who's allowed at the Dolphin.

PLANS FOR CONVERTING TO HOUSING. Yes, that is in the plans for the future.

THE ONES WHO PROMISE NOT TO COME BACK. Hope you keep your promise.

Referring to comments about how it would be better in different hands he said, *The opportunity was there was anyone to buy it - next time it comes up for sale (probably as nice beautiful riverfront condos and houses, visit the sales office). I do appreciate the few supportive comments.*

Here are some of the bands you can see at this year's Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival

With 23 FREE concerts over four days there is something for everyone at the Jazz & Blues Festival, which starts at 7pm on Thursday 16th in the Oliver Cromwell and ends on Sunday evening in The Lounge.

Once again you will be able to buy the unique and limited edition T-Shirts featuring this year's Festival logo design and a list of all the bands appearing on the back. At just £7 they are not only good looking but fantastic value and the money raised helps the Town Team to keep the concerts free to attend. (Please note: You will need to book a meal to attend the concert in Amore due to the limited space available).

Below is a list of all the concerts.



Thursday 16th September

7pm	The Oliver Cromwell	Steve Lockwood Band	Harmonica Blues
8pm	Nelsons Head	Soloman Smith	Coolness and Groove
9pm	Taproom	Gravy Train Trio	Funk, and Soul Jazz

Friday 17th September

6pm	The Haywain	Black Velvet	Irish Blues and Soul
6pm	The Corn Exchange	Savoy Super Six	Trad Jazz
7pm	Golden Lion Hotel	Dickie de Vere & The Dorchester Mavericks	Tunes of the 20s/30s
7.30pm	Parish Church	Keith Pearson Band	Gin & Jazz session
8pm	Ivy leaf Club	Freddie Hall	Soul, Mowtown, R&B
9pm	The Corn Exchange	John Verity	Blues

Saturday 18th September

11am	The Quay	Fran McGillivray and Mike Burke	Country & Blues
2pm	The Quay	Chris Lord Blues Express	Rhythm and Blues
3pm	Parish Church	Martin Kemp Quartet	Gin & Gypsy Jazz
4pm	The Oliver Cromwell	Sure-Can Playboys	Sax, Jazz and Blues
5pm	Floods Tavern	Kafkadiva	Riffy-Bluesy-Rock
6.30pm	Taproom	CBT Band	Sophisticated Jazz
7.30pm	Golden Lion Hotel	Rhythm & Blues Band	Rhythm and Blues
9.30pm	Ivy leaf Club	Split Whiskers	Chicago Blues

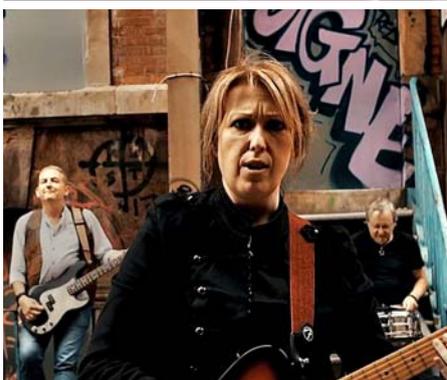
Sunday 19th September

Noon	Golden Lion Hotel	Django's Tiger	Gypsy Jazz
2pm	The Quay	Barefoot Doctors	Electric Blues
4pm	Nelson's Head	Lexie Green	Americana, Blues
6pm	Seven Wives	The Flyin' Leathernecks	Rockabilly
7pm	Amore	Peter Shepherd Duo	Smooth Jazz
8pm	The Lounge	Dr Ika's Pharmacy	Rock Blues

PROGRAMME MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Above: Lexie Green, Nelsons Head, Sunday.
Left: John Verity, Corn Exchange, Friday.
Below: Flyin' Leathernecks, Seven Wives, Sunday.



Above: Kafkadiva, Floods, Saturday.
Right: Savoy Super Six, Corn Exchange, Friday



Are you are concerned about the impact of climate change?

Would you like to be part of a growing community of people who are helping to shape local Climate Action Plans in St Ives and surrounding villages?

If we want to tackle climate change, the vastness of the challenge and the changes we need to make can be daunting, even paralysing. There are, however, lots of smaller changes we can make in your daily lives that taken together can make a big difference. These include using eco-friendly household products, growing our own food or eating less meat, choosing 'pre-loved' instead of new toys, books and clothes, repairing broken items and importantly, building community.

Come along to the St Ives Eco Fair at St Ives Methodist Church on 18th September from 10am – 4pm to find out about these options and much more. You will have the chance to refill empty bottles, swap books and plants, as well as hear from local projects and organisations about how they are caring for the environment and how you can get involved.

Heritage Open Day

The event is complementary to St Ives Heritage Open Day, and in addition to seeing this as a day to celebrate our natural heritage, we will also be asking what we can learn from the history of St Ives that can help to inform our vision for the future of the town.

As many people will know, the osier beds in St Ives provided willow for John Harrison's basket-making business, and in addition to a basket-making demonstration on Holt Island from 11am – 3pm, there will be a historic photographic display including an assortment of original Harrison baskets made from the willow that was grown on the Island. We think reviving the basket-making industry in St Ives would be one way of reducing our reliance on plastic shopping bags. We'd love to hear about your vision for a more sustainable St Ives, or the village where you live, so please join us on Saturday, 18th September.



Ages 6-12

Join our undercover Litter Agents



...or our Ninja Litter Pickers



Sat 18th September

10am - 4pm

Who is littering our Town?
What are they throwing or dropping?
Where are they doing this?

If you think you can help us find these answers, join us at the St Ives Methodist Church on the Waits - St Ives Heritage Open Day



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Caring for our Community Together

Two challenges for 6-12 year olds

As part of Heritage Open Day, the St Ives Against Rubbish campaign is setting some challenges for young people between the ages of 6-12 years. Two of the challenges are focussing on litter awareness.

One of these challenges is an invitation to become an 'Undercover Litter Agent', whereby 'agents' are being asked to gather information about littering, where it is dropped and what, so that we can build our knowledge about littering behaviour and identify hot spots and inform our strategy for tackling the issue.

Based on research that says that people are less likely to drop litter if 'stop littering' posters are designed by local people, the other challenge is a 'Keep it tidy' poster competition whereby young people are being asked to design a poster to remind people to take responsibility for their litter, to not drop it on the pavement or in the park and to either put it in a bin or take it home with them. For further information please email: stivesecoaction@gmail.com



having your say ...



Get it off your chest,
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Voted Best local newspaper of the year 2019/20 in the
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NEWS UPDATE

Police on Ticket Duty



Police were out in force in St Ives and other local towns catching vehicles parking illegally. At least 10 tickets were issued. These including vehicles on the Victoria monument roundabout in The Broadway and in Crown and Bridge Street.

Civil Parking to go ahead in St Ives?

According to an article in a local paper Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambs have agreed to instate Civil Parking, which could leave East Cambridgeshire as one of only three local councils across the country to snub civil parking enforcement. Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) transfers the powers and responsibilities for on-street enforcement from the police to the highway authority. The County Council Highways and Transport Committee will discuss proposals for all three district councils on September 7. Of the 326 local authorities in England, 316 have adopted civil enforcement powers.

Horror filmed in Corn Exchange

Local filmmaker, Daniel Attrill, and his co-producer, Louis Taylor, filmed their latest short film inside the local Corn Exchange last weekend. The film is entitled, The Haunted Hall, and is about a cleaner who is



unfortunate enough to get locked in after a late shift, he then slowly begins to realise that he is not alone.

The film was filmed overnight within the Corn Exchange on the 21st of August and was attended by the two producers and multiple voluntary extras.

After the shoot, the director Daniel Attrill said, 'I just want to thank everyone who helped out on the film. If it wasn't for their help, as well as the local community, this film would have never happened'. Producer Louis Taylor said 'We had such an amazing shoot and everyone gave it their all. It was a tough night-shoot but I'm very proud of the film we've created. Thanks to everyone for their hard work on the film.'

The pair also filmed another short horror film in St Ives called 'Doll' the following weekend. Both, 'The Haunted Hall' and 'Doll' are set to release this Halloween on YouTube.

Check out their previous short film 'The Lake' on YouTube right now. It was filmed at Fen Drayton Lakes and has won multiple awards at various film festivals.

4 non-exec directors leave £40k roles

Cambridge United director Godric Smith, once official spokesman for Tony Blair, is one of four £40,000 a year non-executive director to leave the Cam Metro board. He was only appointed last November but has left following CPCA Mayor Dr Nik Johnson stopping the Metro scheme after his unexpected victory in May's elections. Companies House show all four joined the One Cam board in November of 2020 and all left on July 31, 2021. Their contracts obliged them to work 15 days a year on the Cam Metro.

The other three include Terry Hill whose company Arup built South Olympic Park in London. Baroness Ruby McGregor-Smith one of a few women to have been chief executive in FTSE 100 and FTSE 250 companies and Jim Smith who was once a director of Balfour Beatty and has been a key figure in equity fund investments.

Still in place is Lord Robert Mair as the £80,000 a year chairman. He is emeritus professor of civil engineering and director of research at the university of Cambridge and considered to be one of the world's leading experts on tunnels. He has worked on HS1 and Crossrail.

The Combined Authority says this will result in a one-off cost of £50k for payments in lieu of notice. There was an on-line comment on the matter, which not surprisingly reflected a popular view. It simply said: 'Working' 15 days a year [for £40k], and it costs £50k to be rid of them? Truly it's alright for some.

Dear Erik,

Battle of Britain 80+1 Wings Appeal

Huntingdonshire Concert Band is putting on a concert in aid of the RAF Association Huntingdon and District branch 'Wings Appeal' on Saturday 18th September in the Free Church, St Ives.

Last year's Concert was to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain but was cancelled because of the pandemic, hence this year is titled 80+1. The branch Committee hopes you will come along, enjoy the music and support the charity that supports the RAF family. Tickets £10 or £9 for seniors and under 16s, are now available from Just Sharing in the Church. Doors open 6.30 concert starts 7.30.

Regards Paul Davidson

Dear Erik,

Subject: Dump on The Waits

Is there no control over what people can erect on The Waits, which is in a conservation area?



Can't the council, St Ives Town Council or HDC, do anything or don't they care about our lovely town? **Concerned of St Ives**

Wow! . . . Did you see that?



That was the question heard all over town last Thursday as the Red Arrows made an amazing fly past the town at around 12.20pm.

The team were no doubt preparing for the Bank holiday weekend while also entertaining the families of the Wyton base that were holding a family day.

Around the same time one of the planes had to make an emergency stop at Marham because of a bird strike. Fortunately no one was hurt, apart from the bird presumably.

Protests continue against incinerator

The campaign against the incinerator has continued with letters to the press and a dedicated Facebook page. A decision on the application by Envar is due on 8 November, although the County Council have indicated this may be delayed.

We apologise for this cartoon which is in very bad taste. Our cartoonist has been under great pressure recently so we sent him on holiday. Just in time it seems!



HYPERION

**Next Fine Art &
Antiques Sale on
Saturday 11th
September 2021**



Lot 425 - Impressive Gentlemen's Heavy 18ct Gold Single Stone Diamond set ring with claw setting. 1.7ct Si2/I1 Estimate £2000 - 3000

Lot 282 - Hunts Cyclist Battalion. Private Herbert Payne 39265 KIA British War Medal with Research paperwork Estimate £200 - 300



Lot 445c - Omega Constellation Ladies Stainless and Rose Gold watch with Diamond set Bezel and Diamond set hours Estimate £3000-4000

Lot 305 - Early Pliocene Period, 5.3-2.8 million years BP. A fossil Carcharocles megalodon shark tooth Estimate £200-300



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Calendar of events 2021

We are pleased to list all the ones we know about here. If you know of other events 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

Friday 10th and Saturday 11th - The Centre Players presents A Moment In Time A charity cabaret in The Burgess Hall. Tickets £10 from ticketsource.co.uk/starliteroadshow

Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th - The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival 23 FREE concerts throughout the town. Go to www.stivescambridgeshire.co.uk for details or see page 2 of this issue.

Saturday 18th - St Ives Eco Action and St Ives Methodist Church A mini eco-fair and a range of events, primarily aimed at children and families as part of the **Heritage Open Day**.

Saturday 18th - Battle of Britain 80+1 Wings Appeal Concert - St Ives Free Church 7.30pm. Huntingdonshire Concert Band. Tickets £10 or £9 for seniors and under 16s, available from Just Sharing in the Church.

Friday 24th - Chapel Arts @ The Corn Exchange 7.30pm Featuring Robin Walker on Harpsichord. Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained at www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives.

OCTOBER

Saturday 2nd - The Old Riverport Ukulele Festival St Ives Corn Exchange from 10am. Tickets which include the evening concert are just £12 at: ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives.

More details at www.stivescambridgeshire.co.uk

16th - The Illuminated Boat Parade Another FREE to watch event from 6pm. For details go to www.stivescambridgeshire.co.uk.

23rd - Huntingdonshire Philatelic Society Stamp and Postcard Fair St Ives Corn Exchange 10am-3pm. Free admission. For more info call 01480 468037.

Friday 29th - Chapel Arts @ The Corn Exchange 7.30pm Featuring Daniela Rossi, classical guitarist. Tickets cost £10 and can be obtained at www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives.

ADVERTORIAL

THE OLD RIVERPORT JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL 2021



Mike Ellis

We are delighted to be, once again, sponsoring The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival in St Ives. The event has become increasingly popular and draws thousands of music lovers from all over the country and this year you will be able to hear twenty three different bands perform in venues throughout the town.

We hope you will enjoy this new season of the Jazz & Blues Festival with friends and family. Following the lockdown, that we have all had to endure, we are sure many of you will be looking forward to enjoying great live music again and we look forward to seeing you there.

The Festival, which runs from 16th to 19th September starts on Thursday at 7pm in the Oliver Cromwell with the amazing Harmonica player Steve Lockwood and his band and ends on Sunday evening with the extraordinary Russian guitarist Dr Ika and his band the 'Pharmacy' at 8pm in The Lounge.

This year the programme offers a range of bands and music, many new to the Festival as well as some old favourites.

You can see the full list of concerts on page 2 of this paper.

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The Town Team cannot thank Ellis Winters enough for their generous sponsorship and of course all the venues that make it possible for us to, once again, provide four days of great music entirely free.