

Oakington & Westwick

May 2019

Journal



Neighbourhood Watch
Change Your Footprint
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What's On

WEEKLY

- Mon **Monday Café**, 9:30–noon. Church Hall, £1. Liz Davis – C 232 745
- Mon **Bodysculpt Pilates**, 9:30–10:30 am. Pavilion
- Mon **Senior Pilates**, 1:30–2:30 pm. Pavilion
- Mon **Brownies**. For further details please contact Anne Christie – oakingtonbrownies@gmail.com
- Mon **Good Exercise**, 7–8pm. Pavilion
- Mon **Oakington Singers**, 8–9:30pm. Rehearsal, Church Hall. Richard Hinitt – richard@organistanywhere.co.uk
- Tue **Happy Feet**, Rhythm & Rhyme, 10–11am. Church Hall. Ben Phillips – familyworker@standrewsoakington.co.uk
- Tue **Cubs**, 6–7:15pm. Pavilion, £30 per term. Jo Mowatt – oakingtoncubs@yahoo.co.uk
- Tue **Table Tennis**, 7:30pm. Pavilion, £2.50. Gillian L'angellier – C 234 758
- Wed **Pilates**, 10:30–11:30am. Pavilion
- Wed **Yoga**, 7:30–9pm. Pavilion
- Wed + Oakington Viking **Football Club**. Many teams. Recreation Ground. Info: James Wilson – james@selsius.co.uk
- Thu **Little Steps** Toddler group, 10–11:30am. Church Hall. Ben Phillips – familyworker@standrewsoakington.co.uk
- Thu **Short Mat Bowls**, 2:30–4:30 pm and 7:30–10pm. Pavilion, £4 per week. Dawn Stokes – C 236 427
- Thu **Ten Sing**, 7–9pm. Histon Baptist Church, £45 per year. Theresa King – jking47@aol.com
- Fri **Over 55s Fitness**, 10–11:30am. Pavilion. £4.50/£3.50 concessions. Simon – C 236 945
- Fri **Beavers** followed by **Scouts**. £30 per term. For more information contact Lou Ellis – lou.ellis@oakingtonscouts.org.uk
- Sat **Yoga**, 10–11:30 am. Pavilion

MAY

- Tue 21 May **Games Night**, 7:30pm. Crossways House. Scrabble & other board games. alice3000@mail.ru
- Wed 22 May **OWN Speaker Evening**, 7:30–9:30 pm. Church Hall. Age UK & Safeguarding. 07902 111786
- Thu 23 May **Mobile Library**, 2:30–2:55 pm. Coles Lane
- Sat 25 May **Open House**, 10am–4pm. Crossways House. crossways.ca@gmail.com
- Fri 31 May **Country Dancing**, 8–10pm. Histon Methodist Church Hall. £1.50/50p. Kathryn Coles – C 233 191

JUNE

- Sat 9 June **Big Lunch**, 12:30–2:30pm. Pavilion/recreation ground. Bring & share picnic for all. 07902 111786
- Mon 10 June **O&W Parish Council**, 7:30pm. Pavilion. All invited. Clerk: Laura Lawrence – oakingtonnpc@btinternet.com
- Tue 11 June **Tuesday Talk & Tea**, 2:45pm. School Hall. Talk & chair exercise session with Catherine Middleton. Joan Pettit
- Thu 13 June **O&W WI**, 7:30pm. Church Hall. Local author John Barnett. Helen Williams – C 232 614
- Fri 14 June Meeting about **Neighbourhood Watch**, 6:30–7:30pm. Pavilion. Bujar.Mani@cambs.pnn.police.uk
- Fri 14 June **Country Dancing**, 8–10pm. Histon Methodist Church Hall. £1.50/50p. Kathryn Coles – C 233 191
- Sat 15 June **Summer Fête**, 12–3pm. Oakington C of E Primary School
- Sat 22 June **Repair Café**, all day. Cottenham Village College. circularcambridge.org/repaircafe/
- Thu 27 June **Mobile Library**, 2:30–2:55 pm. Coles Lane
- Sat 29 June **Village Day**, noon till late. Recreation ground. £1/children free. ben@oakingtonvillageday@gmail.com

JULY

- Tue 2 July **Copy deadline** for the Journal. oakwestjournal@gmail.com
- Sat 6 July Oakington **Singers Concert**, 7pm. Rampton Church. Richard Hinitt – richard@organistanywhere.co.uk
- Mon 8 July **O&W Parish Council**, 7:30pm. Pavilion. All invited. Clerk: Laura Lawrence – oakingtonnpc@btinternet.com
- Tue 9 July **Tuesday Talk & Tea**, 2:45pm. School Hall. Strawberry tea with entertainment by the school Choir. Joan Pettit
- Thu 11 July **O&W WI**, 7:30pm. Church Hall. Summer party. Helen Williams – C 232 614
- Fri 19 July **Country Dancing**, 8–10pm. Histon Methodist Church Hall. £1.50/50p. Kathryn Coles – C 233 191
- Fri 19 July **Soirée**, 7:30pm. Vicarage Lawn. All welcome, free entry. John Peters

Bin days



Fri 31 May, Thu 13 Jun,
Thu 27 Jun, Thu 11 Jul



Thu 23 May, Thu 6 Jun,
Thu 20 June,
Thu 4 Jul, Thu 18 Jul

Cover: Environment Action Group
member Andrew Dennis clearing
the pond of bullrushes.
(Photo: Geoffrey Butlin)

Looking Afresh

It takes time and energy to start new initiatives, or rejuvenate old ones. It's inspiring how many people in our villages are ready to give that effort and insight, and this edition is full of examples.

Neighbourhood Watch has existed here in the past and it's hoped to restart it. Crossways House is being relaunched as a community space. We have news of the Open Spaces project, which takes a fresh look at the Rec, and of a new status for our primary school.

Neighbourhood Watch

Recently the Cambridgeshire Constabulary held a Crime Prevention Event at the Pavilion, to highlight security improvements that residents can put in place to reduce the risk of crime.

Officers were on hand to give information on the various scams which residents can easily be subjected to - doorstep, telephone, postal or online scams. They also advised on property registration and coding. There was opportunity to buy simple and inexpensive security products as well.

The event was in response to several residents having reported suspicious knocking on doors followed by car and shed break-ins with theft of tools etc.

PCSO Mani, who is responsible for our area, is now particularly keen to revive the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in our community. This scheme is a deterrent to criminals so will help reduce crime.

Irène Butlin

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New projects nearby benefit us too. The Worry Tree Café in Histon is a great idea with potential to improve wellbeing. And thinking more globally, John Terry takes a look at changes we need to make in our own lives to prevent changes that none of us want.

There are lots of events going on where you can find out more about these initiatives – not least of which is Village Day on Saturday 29th June. Don't miss it!

Jenny Prince

Editors: Jenny Prince & Irène Butlin



From the Police

My name is PCSO Mani and I am the point of contact for several villages in South Cambs. I am responsible for taking general enquiries for these villages and being available to create/maintain a channel of communication between the general public and the police.



Neighbourhood Watch Meeting Friday 14th June, 6:30 – 7:30pm at the Pavilion

With a guest speaker from a successful Neighbourhood Watch scheme from a nearby village. As well as looking at crime trends and prevention, there will be information on Speedwatch, and a chance to meet your neighbourhood policing team.

Whether you've been involved in Neighbourhood Watch in the past, would like to know more, or are simply concerned about crime and road safety locally, we hope to see you there.



Find out more about Neighbourhood Watch online – www.ourwatch.org.uk or contact the parish council clerk, Laura Lawrence, oakingtonpc@btinternet.com, 232398.

Crimes in Oakington & Westwick compared with South Cambs in the year to April 2019

	Oakington & Westwick	South Cambs
Incidents	133	23,296
Anti Social Behaviour Incidents	0	10
Crimes	56	6,960

The crimes relate to burglaries, thefts, criminal damage, shoplifting, assaults, threats, harassment, racially aggravated, stalking, possession of controlled drug and fraud. Crimes are not included in the 'Incident' figures.

While on duty I am also deployed to areas of most need, for example safeguarding vulnerable people or provide community reassurance following crime activity.

*PCSO 7009 Mani, Safer Neighbourhood Team
Bujar.Mani@cambs.pnn.police.uk*

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From our Parish Council chair

In my last article I promised to update you regarding the Rural Travel Hub. The Greater Cambridge Partnership have decided that, for the time being, they will not go forward with their current plan. We will await any future developments when, or if, they happen. I have also written about speeding traffic going through the village and I am pleased to confirm that the County Council have supported our request for extended parking controls near the school and the imposition of a 40 mile limit on Dry Drayton Rd, approaching the village.

On a slightly different topic, some months ago, we received a request for a tap near the cemetery, so people could fill vases etc. This was such a sensible request - I feel embarrassed that we did not do it before. Well, now there is **a tap at the back of the Pavilion**. I should explain that it took so many months between request and installation because we were unable to find a plumber prepared to do the work for us!

On the 29 April we held the **Annual Parish Meeting**. This is the occasion when everyone has the opportunity to hear from representatives of all the groups and societies in the village, as well as the Parish Council, the District Council and the County Council. We provide wine and snacks and we like to have an outside speaker. This year Damon Smith from Homes England came to talk about the ideas for the Northstowe town centre. What amazes me, on each of these occasions, is to hear how much is going on in the village and how much time so many



*Laura Lawrence receiving flowers
to thank her for 20 years as
Clerk to the Parish Council*

people give to make this a lovely village to live in! It was a fascinating evening and it was lovely to chat to so many pleasant residents. However, it is really disappointing how low the turnout is. This is the one meeting a year in which all residents can come together to meet and to hear what is going on locally, yet only around 30 people attended. Next year let us aim for 100 villagers!

*Dr Stephen Moore
oakingtonchairman@gmail.com*

Heidi Allen, MP's surgeries and contact details

Sat 8 June: "Drop in" surgery, 10.30-12.30pm at Woodview Farm Café, Mill Hill, Potton Rd, Gamlingay SG19 3LW.

No appointment necessary.

If you would like to contact Heidi, please email

heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk or call her office on 01223 830037

Cottenham Carecar Correction

This is a social transport service for people living in Oakington, Westwick and Cottenham. Please note that the email address for Carecar given on the OWN leaflet distributed with the Journal earlier this year has changed. It is now

carecar@pobroadband.co.uk

The phone number remains the same: 01954 251929

From our District Councillors

It is hard to believe that it is a year since we were elected in May 2018; it has been a busy year!

We would like to thank the community of Oakington and Westwick for being so welcoming and showing us support during our first year as your District Councillors. It has been a privilege to represent this community and we have been so impressed by all the amazing work done by the community groups who work so hard for the village.

Work at Northstowe has kept us particularly busy this year. We are now at over 330 homes on Phase 1. Work will soon begin on the first homes in Phase 2 and the Northstowe secondary school will open in September. Following further consultations this summer we are expecting Phase 3 planning permissions to be submitted at the end of this year. We are excited by proposed plans for Northstowe Town Centre; you can view them at www.northstowe.com/towncentre.

One of our commitments when we were elected was to ensure residents were kept up to date with developments at Northstowe and so we have published regular updates from our meetings with Community officers, planners and Homes England.

This year we also worked with officers from the Streets

Team at SCDC to address issues across the ward. In Oakington we have increased road sweeping and are attempting to coordinate this with drain clearing to reduce the risk of flooding.

The proposed Rural Travel Hub has been a major issue this year – we supported the view of the Parish Council and residents, that the Hub would only be acceptable without parking and if improvements were made to buses and cycling infrastructure. We made this case clearly to our representatives at the GCP and, for now, plans are on hold.

As we move into our second year one of main priorities will be to work with the Parish Council to ensure flood mitigation measures are delivered for Oakington. We are also enthusiastic about any ideas you have on how we can achieve our aim of being ‘green to the core’ as a council.

There is a more detailed report with what we have been up to locally and updates from the District Council on the Parish website.

Finally, we look forward to another year working hard as your District Councillors and thank you again for your support.



Alex Malyon & Sarah Cheung Johnson

From our County Councillor

Oakington Travel Hub

After the Greater Cambridge Partnership Assembly meeting, the GCP Board met on the 20th March with the proposed travel hub on the agenda. Both our Parish Chair and I gave speeches. I spoke against the proposal, pointing out several alternatives, and also other communities that may well be better served by this type of hub at this present time. I raised concerns that the outcome of the Rural Travel Hubs consultation had been to set village against village, community against community. I questioned how Rural Travel Hubs could be a priority, suggesting that GCP should be focussing on projects where it could make a step change. I pointed out that places that were crying out for travel hubs, like Cambourne, should be seen as a much higher priority. The time to look at Rural Travel Hubs was once an extended network was in place and settled. To do this earlier risked ending up with hubs being in the wrong place. After all, when does a Rural Travel Hub eventually turn into a Park and Ride? Our Parish Chair and I must have made an impression, which was somewhat a surprise, as it's normally very difficult, if not impossible to change the minds of these committees, as the Board then decided to take this project away to relook at the location. Saying that, it may still very well opt for the Oakington location... The final decision is due to be made at the next board meeting. Meantime, I am actively working on, and



“It may still very well opt for the Oakington location”

passing onto the GCP, possible other locations within the Oakington and Westwick area that will actually give more benefit to our community without swamping it with extra traffic. I am pushing for this but, as ever, it will need more funding than the original location, but never say never!

Cycle Paths

The issue of a cycle path between Longstanton and Bar Hill has been asked and campaigned for, for well over 15 years. I took on the campaign about six years ago.

On the 8th October 2018, I reported to Longstanton Parish Council that after six long and difficult years of heated discussions and campaigning, funding was at last agreed for a new cycle path to Bar Hill. I can now further report that Highways England, as part of the A14 upgrade, is funding the new cycle bridge over the A14 and into Bar Hill, and up to the first new roundabout on the B1050 (Northstowe southern access road). SISK will then take on funding it around the new roundabout with the County Council funding it on into Longstanton. Even more good news is that they have also agreed to look at the possibility of extending it through the village and into Northstowe town centre. It has now passed onto the design/cost stage. This will join up with the Wilsons Road and the airfield road cycle/footpaths coming from Longstanton into Oakington and Westwick.

Also the planned upgrade of the Oakington to Girton cycle path is moving forward, as is the path to Cottenham. This will safely join us up even more to our local villages for walking, cycling and general family activities.

*Peter Hudson, County Councillor
Oakington, Westwick, Longstanton, Northstowe, & Over*

Community Association Update

We had our Annual General Meeting in March, and made three significant decisions:

- Membership will be free
- Individual members will have the same voting rights as groups
- The Community Association agreed to administer the space at Crossways House for community use.

Membership is open to all residents of Oakington and Westwick, and all community groups.

The Committee is now a team of five (*Adrienne Chaplin, Roger Duthie, Jo Mills, Celine Pinter, Arthur Sillett*), which will make it a little easier to share the work.

Overall we raised **almost £2,000** last year. We have committed to provide additional funding for the Journal, if required, so that it can grow; and are keen to make sure that we have sufficient reserves to cope if we have to cancel an event due to bad weather.

We held a **Spring Market at the White Horse** on 6 April. There were a wide range of stalls including the WI Cake & Book Stall, and the Environment Action Group. The Market was popular and there was good feedback from the stallholders.

Plans for the **Village Day on 29 June** are well underway, with Ben Philips leading the working group. Please get in touch if you are able to help in any way, for instance, by selling programmes, helping to set up and take down the marquee etc, and marshalling car parking.

Many people just give two hours of their time, and that's very valuable – so let us know if you can help.

Finally, we have committed to **provide eight marshalls** for the **Flaming June Half Marathon on 2 June**. Last year we



Spring Market at the Pub



received £200 in return for eight people from the village helping for a couple of hours. Please let us know if you can help on the morning of Sunday 2 June.

As always, if you have any questions, just get in touch.

*Jo Mills, Chair - C 233244
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Crossways House Update



Good news!
The two rooms in Crossways House previously used by the *Crossways Communittea Café* are to be made available for community use and activities as of **Saturday May 25**.

The Community Association (CA) has been offered the use of the space at a very affordable rent for up to 30 hours per week, spread out over different slots including evenings and weekends.

The space will be administered by a **sub-team** of the CA and will rely on the input of volunteers.

Alongside, the owner will advertise for an enterprising, community-minded couple or individual that may want to rent the space for the rest of the time to run as a café or other business.

We're holding an **Open House on Saturday May 25**, from **10am to 4pm**, and we look forward to welcoming you all in to have a look around.

Please come with **ideas and offers for hosting** (weekly or monthly) book clubs, film nights, games evenings, computer classes, open mike nights (there is a small stage!), jig-saw puzzle afternoons, chess café, Sunday morning coffee and newspaper sessions, or whatever else you might think of.

In advance of the open day, there is a board games evening on **Tuesday May 21 at 7:30 pm**.

Ultimately, it's just about getting together and meeting new people in the village.

For more information e-mail: crossways.ca@gmail.com

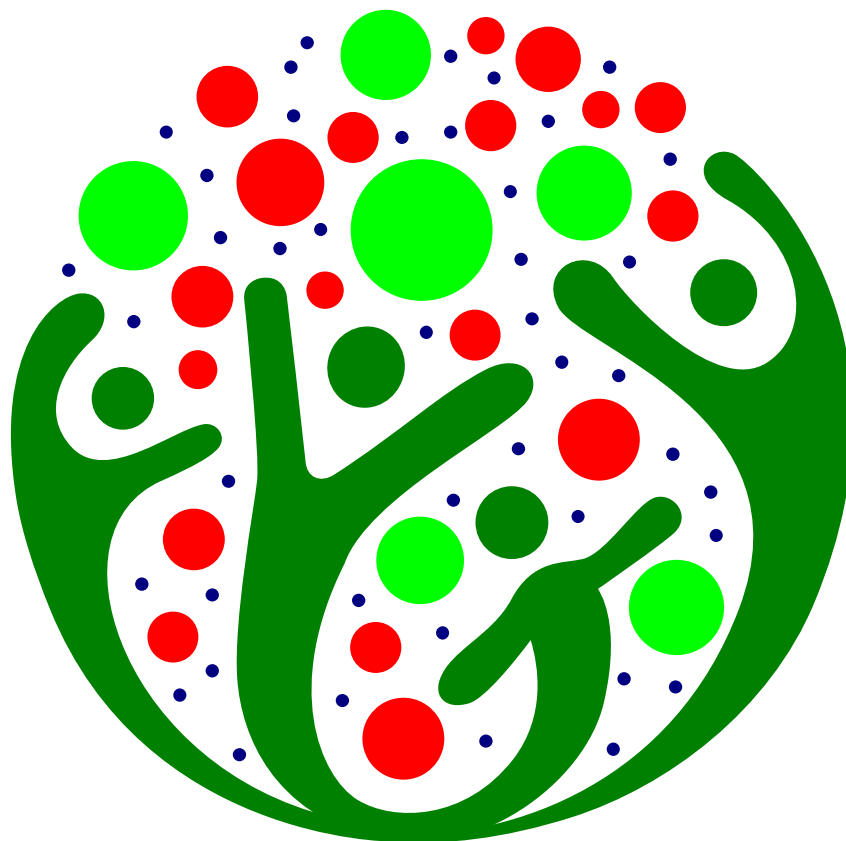
*Adrienne Chaplin
on behalf of the Crossways Team*


Would you like to know more about the Community Association?


The Community Association is an umbrella association linking groups and individuals involved in community activities.

We have about twenty groups and a hundred individual volunteers who help out with various activities. We have good links with the Parish Council and Pavilion.

Community Association membership is open to anyone living in Oakington or Westwick and it's a great way to get to know more people in the village!



 **Events/Activities:** Journal, Crossways (new), Village Day, Bonfire Night, Xmas Tree & Carols, Spring Market, Flaming June Marshalls

 **Community Groups:** Tennis Club, Bowls, Scouts/Brownies/Cubs, Football, EAG, OWN, TAG, Gardening Club, Country Dancing, Oakington Singers, WI, Ten Sing, Humpty Dumpty, PSA, Monday Café, Tuesday Talk and Tea, Parish Council, Pavilion Management

 **Countless Individual Volunteers**

Adrienne Chaplin, Roger Duthie & Jo Mills

If you'd like to get involved or just be kept informed as a member (it's free!) please e-mail or return this tear-off slip so we can put you on our mailing list.

Please email us at - oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com - with your name, address and telephone number. Or complete and return this slip to 45 Longstanton Road, Oakington.

Name.....

Email.....

Address.....

Tel.....

By completing my contact details, I agree for my details to be stored and used solely by the Community Association to keep me informed about Community Association matters. I understand that I may opt out at any time by contacting the CA.

Highways and Traffic

In recent years one of the largest issues facing parish councils is traffic speeding through villages together with poor parking, often on pathways, yellow lines and cycleways.

Whilst from a parish council perspective there is little that can be done to reduce traffic levels, solutions such as traffic calming can provide an answer. Repainting faded traffic road markings also helps.

The introduction of speed calming methods is one way of reducing speeds. Traffic monitoring systems can provide evidence to support such measures. There is also the opportunity to introduce Speedwatch, which provides direct information to the police force to follow up, addressing the offender.

Funding is also a problem with parish councils being limited to precept income and local grants. The latter are applied for on an annual basis, along with all the other parishes. The County Council picks a few each year based on a points system.

Oakington achieved a grant to add 20MPH signs to the school approaches, the lengthening of the zig zags and some additional yellow lines to reduce parking outside the school. More recently a grant was obtained to limit speed on Dry Drayton road to 40MPH.

In Oakington we have a number of volunteer groups who support the Parish Council specialising in key areas, for example traffic and the environment.

In many ways the Parish Council is a focal point for the village supporting a number of issues whilst balancing the budget to achieve the maximum number of improvements.

It comprises a number of elected volunteers, who can bring a wide range of skills and experience to the process, supported by district and county councillors.

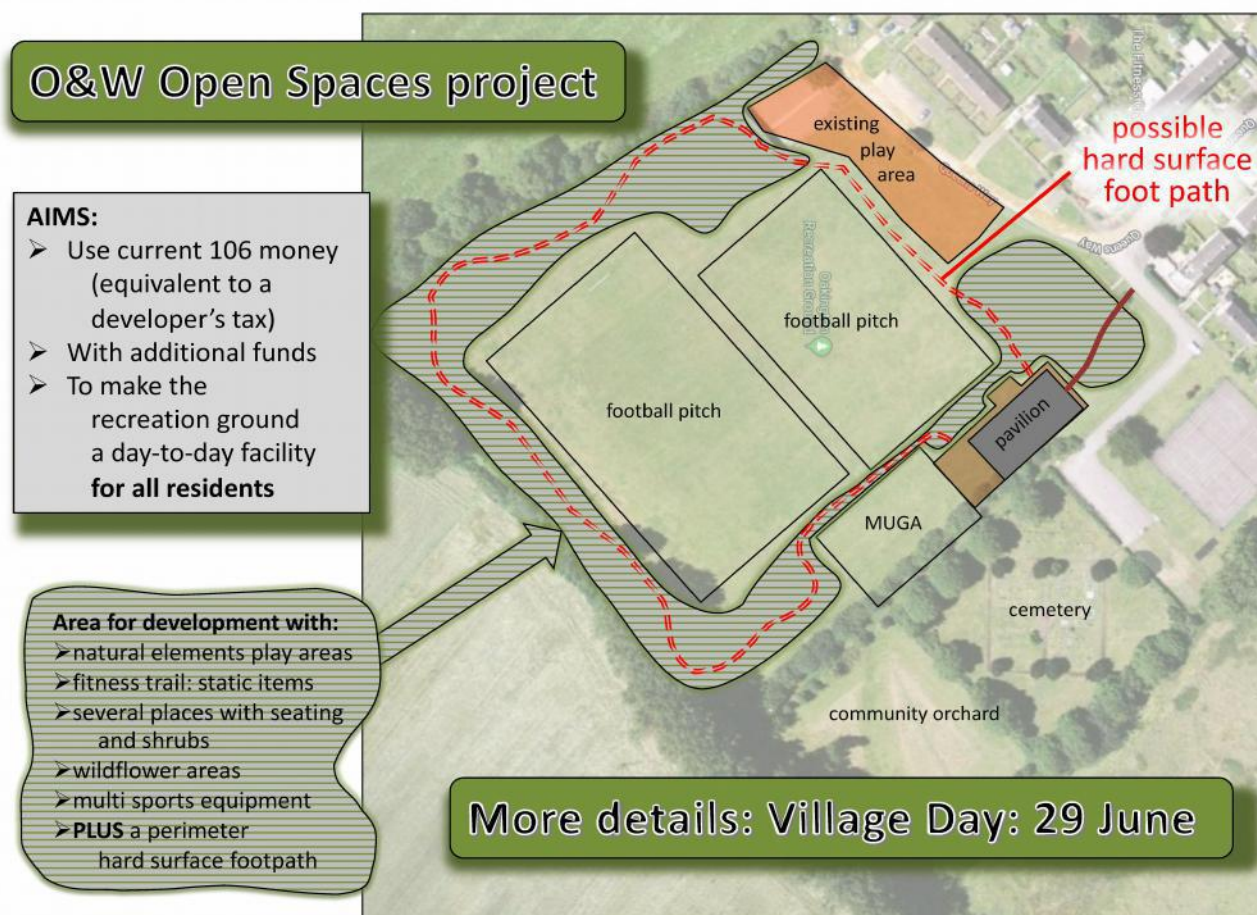
The County Council offers a direct website to report specific problems, such as potholes, damage to the highway, road signs etc., and it is recommended that parishioners use this facility directly, as it documents the issue with dates, and often produces the fastest results.

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/

The Parish Council holds a monthly meeting where parishioners can raise areas of concern and requests for improvements which are then formally minuted. See our web site for full details and minutes of previous meetings.

www.oakingtonandwestwick-pc.org.uk/

Tony Starling, Vice Chair



Geoffrey Butlin, Councillor

Community Action Groups



OWN continues to be busy in our villages, and

there are a number of events coming up so do make a note. On **Wednesday 22 May at 7.30pm** in St. Andrews Church Hall, OWN is organizing a special evening with two guest speakers looking at supporting older members of our community and, more generally, safeguarding. Anna Williams is from Age UK and Lorraine Ryman is a nurse from Cottenham, and their knowledge and experience is invaluable for anyone who volunteers in any capacity. We would like as many people as possible to benefit, so if you would like to come or have any questions please do contact us. The details are shown below.



On **Sunday 9 June** at 12.30pm, OWN is organizing the **Big Lunch** for the third year based at the Rec.

The Big Lunch is an initiative of the Eden Project and it brings over 6 million people throughout the UK together every year to share food, friendship and fun. It's a chance to sit down with the people we live alongside but rarely have the time to talk to. Food is a great ice-breaker, so holding a Big Lunch is a great way to tempt people out of their homes to connect with each other and for the past two years that's



exactly what has happened in Oakington and Westwick. Bring some food or drink to share – it doesn't have to be fancy, homemade or exotic although if that's your thing please do! The only thing we ask is that you label anything containing nuts, and whether your dish is gluten free. This helps in case of allergies or dietary requirements. And you might like to provide the recipe so that other people can make it too. The Big Lunch is all about making connections and sparking friendships, so come and enjoy the party – live music included!

The next big event after that is, of course, **Village Day on Saturday 29 June**. OWN and the other community groups will be there as usual, so do pay us a visit and find out what is going on in your neighbourhood.

At the start of 2019, a leaflet explaining OWN's activities was distributed in the Oakington & Westwick Journal including our links with **Cottenham Carecar**, a social transport service for people living locally. The email address for this has now changed to carecar@pobroadband.co.uk. The phone number 01954 251929 remains the same.

The service is well used, and more volunteer drivers are always welcome. You can choose how much you wish to do and expenses are reimbursed.

For further information about OWN and what it does:

phone 07902 111786
email OWNeighbours@gmail.com
see Facebook page

Jo Bryant

Transport Action Group

Local Highways Initiative

After the success of last year's joint Local Highways Initiative (LHI) for a speed camera, TAG teamed up with the Parish Council to make an application to make changes along Dry Drayton Road in an effort to reduce the speed of traffic entering the village. Whilst the detail of the original application was not acceptable to the County Council Highways Department, their alternative proposal was



accepted. This will mean that a new speed limit of **40mph** will be implemented along **Dry Drayton Road** from near to the entrance of the Business Park. This is likely to take place later this year and will be tied in with

possible extended parking restrictions immediately outside the school which are thought necessary after a number of near misses occurred.

Water Lane/Westwick Speed Results

During March the speed camera was located in Water Lane outside the school and in Westwick Station Road (opposite Westwick Hall). The results indicated that in Westwick it was 14% and in Water Lane about 8% of vehicles which exceeded the general 30mph speed limit. It is not possible to say what percentage of traffic exceeds the 20mph limit that is in force during the school entry and exit times.



Whilst setting speed limits and providing the necessary signage is the responsibility of the County Councils Highways Department and enforcement of those limits is a matter for the Police, the Parish Council have been active in applying pressure to Local Councillors and the Police to act in the interest of safety.

Another form of deterrent is **Speedwatch** which requires a team of volunteers to undergo training to operate the speed measuring equipment. If you are interested in volunteering to form a team to operate Speedwatch, please contact TAG via the information below.



Cycle Paths

With all the new road building and the Northstowe development progressing there are a whole range of new cycle paths being created. Keen cyclists from the TAG group have been reviewing these proposals and are a looking at how they will interconnect. TAG are looking to make a formal proposal via the PC to get a more unified approach, particularly in relation to Northstowe.

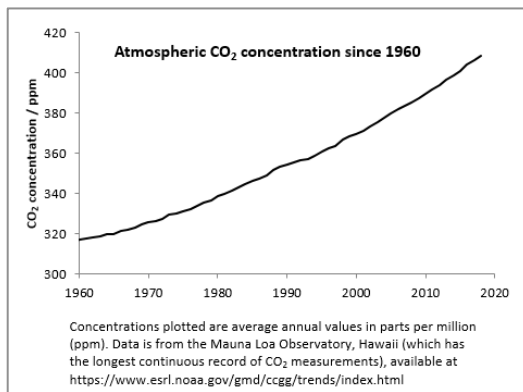
Jim Bryant

Transport Action Group Chair
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Our changing climate

Did you know that without carbon dioxide in our atmosphere, the average temperature of our planet would be minus 16°C? So, greenhouse gases are not all bad; by stopping a lot of the sun's radiation from returning to space, they keep us at around an acceptable 15°C average. But as you know, we are now producing too much carbon dioxide.

In 1960 the figure was 315 parts per million in our atmosphere and now it's over 400. Still not a lot, you may think, but enough to be heating the Earth, causing ice at the poles to melt, to warm and acidify the oceans, to cause sea level rise, to change weather patterns and threaten wildlife.



The cause is quite simply our burning of fossil fuels in factories, motor vehicles, aircraft, and to heat our homes.

So, what can we do about it? UK Governments have made us less dependent on fossil fuels. In fact, 30% of our energy

is now from renewables. But you may have noticed a lot of people, including children, have demonstrated because they are not satisfied with Government and industry response to the problem.

Can we do anything locally to reduce our use of fossil fuels? Of course, we can, but we need to change. How about thinking about the obvious ways of reducing our own carbon emissions? The Environment Action Group (EAG) committee members have all completed a WWF carbon calculator exercise to see how our individual lifestyles are impacting on the planet. (The average figure for the UK is about 13 tonnes C per person per year). Ours ranged from 9.2 tonnes to 18 tonnes, the higher figures coming from lots of air travel. *(Please note these figures are tonnes C. Some bodies quote tonnes CO2.)* Have a go yourselves at calculating your footprint at footprint.wwf.org.uk

We are following the Friends of the Earth **suggestions about change:** **(a)** Choose green energy **(b)** Save energy with energy efficient equipment, house insulation **(c)** Cut down on car use: cycle and use public transport **(d)** Reduce air journeys **(e)** Reduce waste and recycle more **(f)** Choose local and seasonal food

Why not think about your lifestyle? Our children deserve something better. Climate change means we have to change. We discussed this topic at the Spring Fair and look forward to exchanging ideas with you at the Village Day.

John Terry

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Oakington Primary School

As we begin our final term of the school year, we begin a new chapter in the school's history. From 1st May we became **an academy** and a member of the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust.

We would like to thank Oriana Dalton (Trumpington Federation) for all of the help, support and guidance she has given, as well as Lucy Roberts (Interim SENDCO), Nikki Wilson (Acting Head at Dry Drayton) and Shameem Khan (Assistant Head at the Trumpington Federation) for their time, expertise and support.

I am feeling extremely positive about our journey into the future, building on the hard work and effort from all the staff over the past six months. There have been so many changes made and we are very proud of how our pupils have continually adapted and progressed. This is also a testament to the support we have seen from parents. We consider our relationship and engagement with our pupils and their families of utmost importance for any of us to progress and thrive, and are truly grateful for their support.

At this time of new beginnings, the school has decided to introduce a **new logo**. The intention was to create a brighter and more modern design to represent us as we move forward. We also have a **new website** under construction, which we are very excited about and hope will go live after the May half-term break.

Thank you again for your continued support over the year. We do hope you will join us at our **summer fete on Saturday 15th June, 12-3pm**, as we celebrate all that has been achieved and all that is to come.

*Nathan Clark, Headteacher
Oakington Church of England Primary School*

Humpty Dumpty's Wall

Humpty Dumpty Pre-school is reaching out to the community to ask for new members for its committee.



Being on the committee is not a demanding job! All that is required is a bit of enthusiasm and a little of your time throughout the year. Almost all of pre-school day-to-day routine administration is carried out by Laura (*Manager*) and Sophie (*Deputy*), along with other staff of the pre-school. The committee's function is one of overseeing the smooth running of the pre-school.

What would you actually need to do?

The committee meet termly to discuss and take on board all suggestions about changes to the setting such as admin, finance, recruitment, early years education and fundraising to enable new resources to be bought for the continued development of the children's education. Meetings are relaxed and informal and usually involve eating a lot of biscuits!

A Committee Member: Attends meetings and votes for actions. Undertakes some of the action items along with other committee members.

The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary have to be parents of children at the pre-school. However, these roles need support by other members.

Fundraising: The fundraising members raise funds for a wide range of resources (just recently, a new camera doorbell to ensure safeguarding, as well as new sensory equipment). Past fundraising events have included Bonfire Night, Christmas Fayre, Village Day, and raffles. Any involvement would be much appreciated.

We very much hope that you will take the decision to join the committee to continue the great work the current committee have been doing.

Please contact manager@humptydumptyoakington.co.uk or phone 237504 asking for Laura.

The pre-school have spaces available from September for children aged 2-4.

Clare Brown, Chairperson



Summer Fete
Saturday 15th June
12-3pm

Anyone for Tennis?

Preparing for Wimbledon or never played before, the Oakington and Westwick Tennis Club are looking to welcome new members to play on the courts on the Recreation Ground.

For more details on the courts and how to join please contact us at francispinner@aol.com

Sue Heaver

Village Shop – "Use it or lose it"

Opening times

Monday, Tuesday,	Shop: 6 am – 8 pm
Thursday, Friday	Post Office: 9 am – 1 pm
	2 – 4:30 pm
Wednesday	Shop: 6 am – 8 pm
	Post Office: 9 am – 1 pm
Saturday	Shop: 6 am – 8 pm
	Post Office: 9 am – 12:30 pm
Sunday	Shop: 8 am – 4 pm

Ann Webster

Cows ambled down Water Lane to be milked each day in Oakington half a century ago. A “very quiet village” – but for newlywed Ann Webster it was relatively bustling. She had grown up on a farm on Long Drove, two and a half miles from Cottenham and a mile's rough track to school or chapel in Chittering. Not that life was lonely. Farms employed more workers then, and Ann's mother was very sociable, inviting tradesmen in for a cuppa and even, to Ann and her brother's discomfiture, having their teachers for tea.



Ann, then as now, was practical and active, always out and about on the farm. She recalls playing schools with her dolls on the farm machinery. Electricity and running water were installed during her childhood there – before that, drinking water was pumped from the well and the bathroom was fed with stored rainwater.

Ann was familiar with Oakington and Westwick before she moved in. She “vaguely remembers coming to 'Grandad Warboys' to buy pigs, even before Queensway was built.” In those days the village had more shops. Barker's bakery on the corner of Coles Lane and High Street filled the village with enticing smells. Old Mr Barker generously gave leftover cakes and rolls to the children when they came home from school. Barkers had only one shop then, and did rounds in other villages. By contrast, Burgess's Butchers' van came to Oakington on Saturday mornings from their shop in Rook Street in Cottenham.

As well as the bakers were two grocers, at Crossways House and where our remaining shop is now, and a separate post office in Coles Lane, near Millers Electricals in Eastview House. Mrs Dellar the newsagent had paper boys deliver newspapers from her house in Cambridge Road. The garden centre was built later in 1982, a Sunday afternoon stroll away for Ann and her three young children. On Broadway were pre-fab Council houses. And instead of Kettles Close was Mr Neil's farm, with its milking shed – the daily destination for his cows.

Before coming to Oakington, Ann had been running the playgroup at Cottenham Methodist Church. There were few playgroups at the time, and it was popular. Ann enjoyed both working with children and sharing ideas with other playgroup leaders in Cambridge.

Unsurprisingly, then, when her own children were young, Ann got involved at Humpty Dumpty Pre-school, newly in its dedicated building, and at the primary school. Her talents were recognised, and by the late eighties she was being paid for what she had done as a parent volunteer, “which felt strange.”

The school, then under the long headship of Miss Roberts, had four classrooms, the hall and kitchen, and around ninety pupils – it stayed much the same until recent growth since

2010. Ann worked at both Pre-school and in the Reception class at school, becoming a link between them. She saw big changes at Pre-school, as paperwork rocketed and OFSTED registration and qualifications became required. Ann became a mainstay of Humpty Dumpty for 21 years, and has never left the school, where she has also been a governor for many years as well.

Ann and her husband Chris, who now have six grandchildren, are still living in the same house in Cambridge Road, surrounded by longstanding “lovely” neighbours. They have witnessed the dramatic floods of 1973, 1978, 2001 and worst of all 2014, none quite making it over their doorsill but wreaking destruction on many nearby homes. The Council depot (where Saxon Close is now) distributed sandbags in the 1970s floods – Ann also recalls farmer Derek Chapman bringing children home from school through the waters by tractor.

Although her father farmed cattle and pigs, a friend brought Ann and her brother two orphan lambs for the children to bottle feed. Looking after the lambs was an experience she wanted her own children to share, so when she took over the farm at Long Drove she kept sheep there for many years. She misses the busy springtime lambing period. But Ann is always active, whether she's helping in school, giving her daughter a hand with her Northumberland B&B, cooking for events at Cambridge Community Church, or baking her legendary cakes!

Jenny Prince

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WHERE & WHEN:
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Tuesday Talk & Tea

Our April meeting, a pleasant trip around local churches plus an interactive quiz, was enjoyed by all.

- **11 June** Talk, discussion and short chair exercise session by Catherine Middleton
- **9 July** Strawberry tea including our amazing Oakington School Choir

Both meetings Oakington School Hall
2.45 pm - would love to welcome you to an enjoyable afternoon, tea and chat.

Joan Pettit (chairperson)



Short Mat Bowls Club

We are a small, friendly club and would welcome new members. You don't need any previous experience playing bowls – just come along and give it a try as our guest. We have spare sets of bowls for you to use – all you need is a pair of smooth-soled shoes.

We play throughout the year on Thursdays at the Sports Pavilion in Queensway, Oakington. There are two sessions of play, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. **A reminder of a recent change to the afternoon session which now starts at 2.30 pm, playing until 4.30 pm.** The evening session is from 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm.

For further information please contact:

Dawn Stokes 01223 236427



Oakington Singers

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our performance of Steiner's Crucifixion. £412 was raised for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. With the addition of Gift Aid (£103), the Charity will get £515.

The Oakington Singers have several performances in the Summer that we hope you will enjoy attending.

- **29 June** Oakington Village Day
- **6 July** Concert at Rampton Church – details will be available on our website
- **19 July** Vicarage Soiree – 7.30pm in the vicarage gardens

We rehearse every Monday evening from 8.00–9.30 pm in St Andrew's Church Hall, Oakington. So, if you are a singer yourself and fancy joining us, or if you would like us to sing at your event, please contact Richard Hinnett: richard@organistanywhere.co.uk.

Elaine Bailey



Garden Society & History Society

... will be back in September!



Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

1st Oakington Scouting is a busy group that meets in the pavilion each week during term time. Our packs include Beavers (6–8 yrs), Cubs (8–10s) and Scouts (10–14s). Cubs meet on Tuesday evenings, Beavers and Scouts on Fridays.

We have many exciting and varied activities going on from camps to fundraising. We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers and young leaders to get involved. If you know of a young person who would like to join a pack or can offer any help yourself then please contact ian.douglas@craftshillscouts.org.uk.

Lou Ellis



Vikings Football Club

As the temperature warms and the evenings become lighter all of our teams are enjoying the final part of their football season and looking forward to some summer tournaments ahead.

Our under 14s enjoyed playing at Chatteris Town Football Club last month under the lights in a friendly match against Chatteris. They went 2–0 down within the first two minutes, but managed to turn the game around and win 4–2. Well done!



FA Charter Standard



Viking U14 Team

If you are interested in joining the Vikings contact us:

Club Contacts - Our Teams and Coaches

- Under 6's Jamie A 07563563359
- Under 8's Toby and Winston 07881496552
- Under 10's Marcus and Josh 07866635241
- Under 14's Ronnie and James 07714099017
- Adult team James and Toby 07834465188

“COME ON YOU VIKINGS!”

James Wilson

Ten Sing



Cambridge Ten Sing were fortunate enough to be invited back to the London Marathon this year as part of the official entertainment! We met with Kingswood Ten Sing at mile 17 and had a fantastic time singing for the runners and crowd alike and giving the runners motivation to carry on.

Coming up on June 29th we will be performing at Oakington Village Day! We are very much looking forward to entertaining the village during the late afternoon and hope to see many of you there!



If you are aged between year 7– 13 and are interested in Singing, Dance or Drama then Ten Sing is for you. We meet every Thursday during term time at Histon Baptist Church from 7–9pm. Feel free to just turn up!

Annie MacDonald

Country Dance Club

Jane and I look forward to seeing you on **Friday, 31st May**, at Histon Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Histon, CB24 9JD, at 8.00 pm for the next fun-filled evening of country dancing. All the dances are walked through and called, and we have live music. All ages and abilities are catered for so – see you there?



Our other dates for the Summer Term are:
Friday, 14th June and Friday, 19th July.

Kathryn Coles

Brownies

Is your daughter seven and interested in joining Brownies?



1st Oakington Brownies meet on Monday evenings at 5.30pm for adventure, crafts, games, cooking and adventurous days out, singing and unit holidays!

For enquiries contact: oakingtonbrownies@gmail.com



To register your daughter, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk.

Anne Christie

From the WI



We meet the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us.

March meeting....Have you ever bought jam with the **Wilkin and sons, Tiptree Essex** label? Well this company has now diversified into producing more than just jams.... A plethora of sweet and savoury spreads, flavoured gins and vodkas. After an initial talk about the company and their acres of orchards in the heart of Tiptree (the largest village in England) we were invited to taste as much of the produce as we wanted. Rather pleased I didn't have to drive that night!



"**Fish and Chips with Sea Shanties**" was the title of our April meeting. As well as the entertainment element this might suggest, our speaker, from the Fishermen's Mission, also had a serious message. He spoke of the dangerous nature of the work our fishermen undertake daily and of the very important role this Charity plays in providing all kinds of support, often under tragic circumstances, to fishermen and their families.

Did you see us at the **Spring Fair** in the White Horse Pub? Well this was our turn to show off our baking expertise on our WI Stall. We rather hope it means we must have pleased too as everything was sold! A big thank you to the very many of you who supported us. The next time you will have the opportunity to sample our cakes will be in the refreshment tent on Village Day. We look forward to seeing you then!

Forthcoming meetings:

- **13 June** Local author John Barnett shares poetry and other published works
- **11 July** Our summer party will be a nostalgic trip back to childhood as we recreate a traditional children's party including games and jelly and ice cream!

Helen Williams

Table Tennis Club

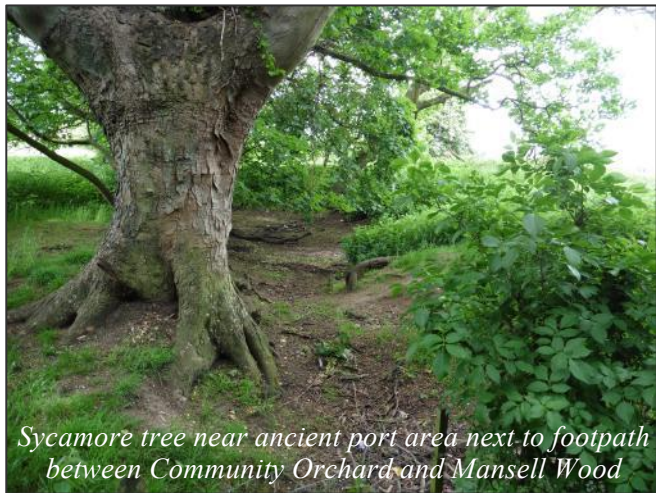


We are a small, friendly club, of mixed ability. We play throughout the year, every Tuesday at 7.30pm at the Pavilion. We welcome new players. We have four tables and spare bats - all you need is a pair of trainers. Junior players must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact Gillian L'angellier on 234758.

'Nothing is so beautiful as spring'

I guess most of us would agree with this first line of Gerald Manley Hopkin's poem *'Spring'*. It seems to sum up the magical transformation that has occurred around us in the last few weeks. We now have it all: lambs, blossom, bird song, butterflies on the wing and buds becoming leaves.

But we are lucky to live in the countryside. 80% of Brits inhabit towns and cities but it seems we are spending more time in the big outdoors. In 2010 only 54% of us spent at least one day a week visiting nature. In 2018 the figure was 62%.¹



Sycamore tree near ancient port area next to footpath between Community Orchard and Mansell Wood

In an effort to put value on nature, the Government and others, introduced the concept of **'Natural Capital'**. This includes the value of clean water, clean air, wild species,

soils, food, energy and landscape. Some people don't like the idea of putting an economic value on nature, believing that it gives us a sense of well-being that cannot be priced. The opposing view is that money put into nature conservation is mostly public money so there has to be a clear idea of what improvements are delivered, the so called 'ecosystem services'.

For instance, **what is the value of trees?** They provide us with wood for building, furniture and fuel, capture carbon dioxide and do not release it until they are old and rotting. They clean the air and in numbers, they help balance the climate. They help to keep us cool in hot summers, they help reduce flooding by holding up water in their leaf canopy (about 25% of rainfall) and in their roots for several hours and trees also stop soil erosion. They also provide an amazing array of wildlife habitats for invertebrates, birds, bats, fungi, bacteria and shelter from weather and predators for mammals and amphibians. In addition they have spirit and history, reflecting every change of season.

So, if the Natural Capital approach helps even hard-nosed industrialists understand the value of nature, so be it, but I hope we never overlook the poetry of the natural world.

*'Upon a nice mid-spring day
Let's take a look at Nature's way
Breathe the scent of nice fresh air
Feel the breeze within your hair'
(Nature's way by Heidi Campbell)*



¹ (MENE Survey) Monitoring of Engagement with the Natural Environment (Natural England)

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Best Ever Brownies?

Ann Webster shares one of her favourite recipes. These brownies are quick to make and very popular. They are even better if you use gluten free flour!

Ingredients:

6 oz plain flour
 ½ teaspoon salt
 14 oz caster sugar
 2 oz cocoa (best sieved)
 2 teaspoons vanilla essence
 8 fl oz oil (eg sunflower)
 4 eggs, beaten together
 2 fl oz water

Preheat oven gas 5 (190°C, fan 170°C)

Line a dish or tin e.g. about 25cm x 30cm

Add ingredients to a large bowl in the order given

Mix until smooth, but do not overbeat

Bake 25 minutes or until a knife inserted in the centre comes out just clean.



Garden Cuttings

Midsummer's day on June 21st heralds the beginning of summer, with warmer days and light evenings; it's a busy time in the garden.

Many seeds can now be sown directly outside, and any 'hardened off' seedlings planted out, but beware of late frosts, and keep a fleece handy.



Plants are putting on soft, lush growth, and tall or delicate plants need support to stop strong winds or downpours from causing damage. Stake plants using a long stake with a wire loop to enclose tall stems, or use a sturdy cane, and tie in the growth with

soft twine. Whatever methods you choose, make sure to avoid the roots when pushing supports into the ground and that ties do not cut into the plants.

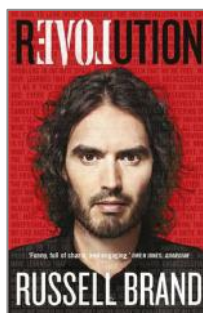
When planting up containers, use suitable compost (preferably with water retaining granules) and water regularly, to keep moisture and growth levels even. However, growing plants soon exhaust nutrients in the compost, so provide a suitable feed to keep plants healthy.

With increased plant growth, comes an increase in many predators. Natural methods of control, like the use of nematodes (available to purchase, and watered on) are becoming popular.

Beetles can be picked off (look under the leaves) and green flies rubbed off gently between finger and thumb (or sprayed off with a jet of water) the use of flapping reflective tapes and very fine mesh over crops can be helpful too.

Hoe or pull weeds, before they have the chance to seed all over the garden, and mulch plants well to retain moisture.

Book Corner



Revolution by Russell Brand

We all know the system isn't working. Our governments are corrupt and the opposing parties pointlessly similar. Our culture is filled with vacuity and pap, and we are told there's nothing we can do - 'it's just the way things are'.

Considering one of his other tomes is entitled 'My Booky Wook', I was surprised when a trusted source recommended Russell Brand's 'Revolution'. Nothing ground breaking but it is in his inimitable style and a clear explanation of why the system isn't working and what should be done about that, so it will never make it onto the school curriculum.

Non-fiction; some swearing, auto-biographical sex and drug references as you'd expect. Possible side effects include laughter, dumbfoundedness, exasperation, vitriol and revolution.

Paul Kershaw

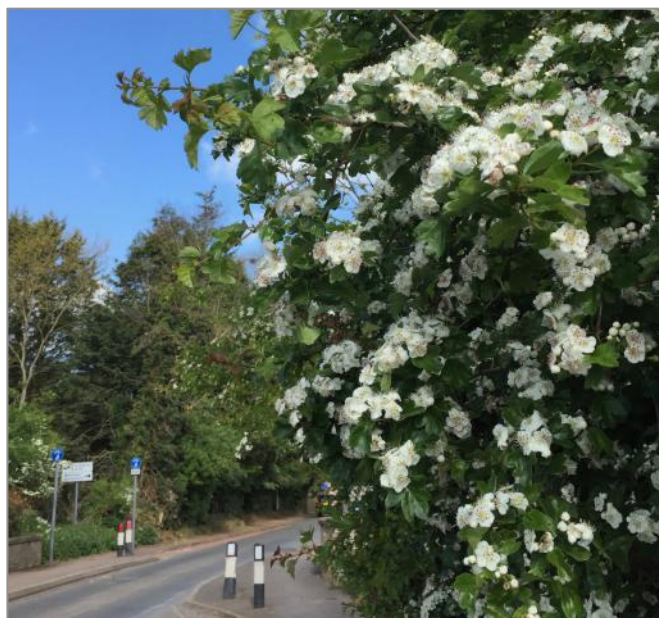


Make sure all water butts are now installed correctly to catch any precious rain. Regularly deadhead flowers, cut back herbs, and keep picking salad crops to increase production, as well as pinching out the side shoots of cordon tomatoes to increase fruiting. Prune figs and thin out fruits, like grapes, apples, pears and plums to increase fruit size and plant health.

Lawns should be growing strongly now, and blades can be lowered on established lawns. If a drought is forecast, leave the cut a little longer, to conserve water in the plant - particularly important with new lawns, which have not yet built up deep root systems to cope with drought.

With the long summer days finally here, sit back and enjoy the fruits of your labour. Happy gardening!

Jan Zelnick



British Red Cross First Aid Training

In March a group of us from the village attended British Red Cross First Aid training organised and funded by Oakington and Westwick Neighbours (OWN). The training was interactive and well delivered, and has been made a lot simpler. Topics included bleeding, choking, strokes, burns, broken bones, severe allergies and epi-pens, head injury, strains and sprains, CPR, heart attack, seizures, diabetic emergency and how to use a defibrillator. We thought it would be helpful to share a couple of points we discovered on this course.



Defibrillator

As many of you know, we have a defibrillator attached to our pavilion that can be used as well as CPR. Many of us were nervous about this, but we were relieved to discover it is very straightforward. Once you turn the defibrillator on you are given visual and verbal step by step, fail-safe instructions. Our defib does not have a pass code, and can be accessed by anyone in the case of an emergency. Opening the door will set off an alarm, but this will stop when the door is closed. In the defib case are pads for adults (anyone

over the age of 8) – pads for small children are available behind it, in the external box. Please familiarise yourself with **where** the defib is when you are at the rec.

Emergency facility on mobiles

If a mobile is locked it will always find a signal if you are dialling 999, so you can use someone else's phone to make an emergency call. When accessing the emergency screen, some phones have a symbol at the bottom left that enables people to show emergency contact details and any medical conditions they have. This is useful to know for adding your own information to your phone or for checking someone else's if you are administering first aid.

We now have 16 additional members of our community trained up who hope to support the village as needs arise.

For further information about the British Red Cross First Aid see www.redcross.org.uk/first-aid

Further information about OWN: en-gb.facebook.com/OWNeighbours/



Claire Harris - OWN Volunteer

HISTON WORRY TREE CAFÉ

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You can always expect to get a friendly welcome at the Worry Tree Cafe. You can have some refreshments, meet others with similar experiences, be listened to or just sit in company if you prefer.

There is no requirement to share your story, but we will support you if you wish to do so. This is a supportive space, but it is not therapy. If you wish we can signpost you to counselling or other therapeutic services and talk you through the available options.

Repair Café

The next Repair Cafe in the area is taking place in **Cottenham Village College** as part of the Fen Edge Festival, all day on **Saturday 22 June**.

Booking details and timings will be available soon - see circularcambridge.org/repaircafe/.

All welcome. Free but donations gratefully received.

Repair Cafes match people who need stuff fixed with people who like fixing things. There are no promises and no guarantees, but if something can be saved the volunteer repairers will give it their best efforts, and show you how they do it.



You can basically bring anything you can carry that will not make a mess in the venue. Eg. A bicycle, clothing, small electrical or electronic appliances, lamps, toys, mobile phones, laptops, printers, items that need gluing, jewellery that needs a clean/repair, etc.

You usually need to book a slot in advance, but you are welcome to just turn up, enjoy some tea and cake, and, if and when repairers get time, they will look at your item and fix it if they can.

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Oakington Village Day

29 June 2019

Entertainment

Church Bellringers • Cottenham Junior Brass Band • Oakington Singers
Kingston Blues Band • Story telling in the Chill Out Zone • Raffle
Oakington School - choir and poems • Ten Sing • Kids Disco & Karaoke
The Barre Community Dance School • Play Your Cards Right
Crafts in the Chill Out Zone for 3-11s • Big Phil and the Heartbreakers



Activities

Bouncy Castles • Plate smashing • Aquazorbs
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The Recreation Ground
Queens Way, Oakington

Contact Ben at oakingtonvillageday@gmail.com