

# ***Oakington & Westwick Journal***

**September 2019**



**Orchard Make-over**

**Cake at the Lake**

**Piste at the Pub**



Mon		<b>Monday Café</b> , 9:30–noon. Church Hall, £1. Liz Davis – C 232 745
Mon		<b>Brownies</b> . For further details please contact Anne Christie – <a href="mailto:oakingtonbrownies@gmail.com">oakingtonbrownies@gmail.com</a>
Mon		<b>Oakington Singers</b> , 8–9:30pm. Rehearsal, Church Hall. Richard Hinitt – <a href="mailto:richard@organistanywhere.co.uk">richard@organistanywhere.co.uk</a>
Tue		<b>Happy Feet</b> , Rhythm & Rhyme, 10–11am. Church Hall. Ben Phillips – <a href="mailto:familyworker@standrewsoakington.co.uk">familyworker@standrewsoakington.co.uk</a>
Tue		<b>Cubs</b> , 6–7:15pm. Pavilion, £30 per term. Jo Mowatt – <a href="mailto:cubs@oakingtonscouts.org.uk">cubs@oakingtonscouts.org.uk</a>
Tue		<b>Table Tennis</b> , 7:30pm. Pavilion, £2.50. Gillian L'angellier – C 234 758
Wed		<b>Chess Café &amp; Games Night</b> , 7:30–9:30pm. Crossways. Ranko Pinter – <a href="mailto:ranpin@gmail.com">ranpin@gmail.com</a>
Wed		<b>Vikings Football Club</b> , 5:30–7pm (U15s) & 7–8pm (adults). Recreation Ground. James Wilson – <a href="mailto:james@selsius.co.uk">james@selsius.co.uk</a>
Thu		<b>Little Steps</b> Toddler group, 10–11:30am. Church Hall. Ben Phillips – <a href="mailto:familyworker@standrewsoakington.co.uk">familyworker@standrewsoakington.co.uk</a>
Thu		<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> , 7:30–10:30pm. Pavilion, £4 per week/reduced for members. Dawn Stokes – C 236 427
Thu		<b>Ten Sing</b> , 7–9pm. Histon Baptist Church, £45 per year. Theresa King – <a href="mailto:jking47@aol.com">jking47@aol.com</a>
Fri		<b>Over 55s Fitness</b> , 10–11:30am. Pavilion. £4.50/£3.50 concessions. Simon – C 236 945
Fri		<b>Beavers</b> followed by <b>Scouts</b> . £30 per term. For more information contact Lou Ellis – <a href="mailto:lou.ellis@oakingtonscouts.org.uk">lou.ellis@oakingtonscouts.org.uk</a>
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Tue	17 Sep	<b>Board Games Night</b> , 7:30–9pm. Crossways. Scrabble & other board games. <a href="mailto:alice3000@mail.ru">alice3000@mail.ru</a>
Thu	19 Sep	<b>Philosophers' Café</b> , 7:30–9pm. Crossways. <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
Thu	19 Sep	<b>History Society</b> , 7:30pm. Church Hall. See posters for details. Julie Grove – C 233 951
Mon	23 Sep	<b>Jigsaw Puzzle</b> afternoon, 2–4pm. Crossways. <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
Tue	24 Sep	<b>Open Café</b> , 10 am–12. Crossways. Plus company for home workers (NB no wi-fi). <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
Wed	25 Sep	<b>Garden Society</b> , 7:30pm. Church Hall. "Crowbar to Crocosmia". Julie Grove – C 233 951
Thu	26 Sep	<b>Eco-Worriers</b> , 7:30–9:30pm. Crossways. Gerry Cavander – <a href="mailto:gedcavander@hotmail.co.uk">gedcavander@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Sat	28 Sep	<b>Bring &amp; Share Meal</b> , 6–8 pm. Crossways. <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
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Thu	3 Oct	<b>Open Café</b> , 3–5pm. Crossways. Plus company for home workers (NB no wi-fi). <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
Mon	7 Oct	<b>Jigsaw Puzzle</b> afternoon, 2–4pm. Crossways. <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
Tue	8 Oct	<b>Tuesday Talk &amp; Tea</b> , 2:45pm. Church Hall. Flower arranging demonstration. Joan Pettit
Thu	10 Oct	<b>Biography Book Club</b> , 7:30–9:30pm. Crossways. Gerry Cavander – <a href="mailto:gedcavander@hotmail.co.uk">gedcavander@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Thu	10 Oct	<b>O&amp;W WI</b> , 7:30pm. Church Hall. Members' Evening. Helen Williams – C 232 614
Sat	12 Oct	<b>Jumble Sale</b> , 12–2pm. Pavilion. In aid of beavers/cubs/scouts & brownies. <a href="mailto:cubs@oakingtonscouts.org.uk">cubs@oakingtonscouts.org.uk</a>
Mon	14 Oct	<b>O&amp;W Parish Council</b> , 7:30pm. Pavilion. All invited. Clerk: Laura Lawrence – <a href="mailto:oakingtonnpc@btinternet.com">oakingtonnpc@btinternet.com</a>
Tue	15 Oct	<b>Board Games Night</b> , 7:30–9:30pm. Crossways. Scrabble & other board games. <a href="mailto:alice3000@mail.ru">alice3000@mail.ru</a>
Wed	16 Oct	<b>Community Association</b> meeting, 7:30pm. Pavilion. All welcome. <a href="mailto:oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com">oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com</a>
Fri	18 Oct	<b>Open Café</b> , 10 am–12. Crossways. Plus company for home workers (NB no wi-fi). <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
Fri	18 Oct	<b>Country Dancing</b> , 8–10pm. Histon Methodist Church Hall. £1.50/50p. Kathryn Coles – C 233 191
Mon	21 Oct	<b>Jigsaw Puzzle</b> afternoon, 2–4pm. Crossways. <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
Thu	24 Oct	<b>Eco-Worriers</b> , 7:30–9:30pm. Crossways. Gerry Cavander – <a href="mailto:gedcavander@hotmail.co.uk">gedcavander@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Fri	25 Oct	<b>Bring &amp; Share Meal</b> , 6–8 pm. Crossways. <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
Sun	27 Oct	<b>Oaktet Concert</b> , 8pm. Pavilion. "Murder & Mystery" -TV mystery & whodunnit favourites. £5/£3.
Wed	30 Oct	<b>Open Café</b> , 10 am–12. Crossways. Plus company for home workers (NB no wi-fi). <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
Wed	30 Oct	<b>Garden Society</b> , 7:30pm. Church Hall. "Vegetable Garden Restoration at Wimpole". Julie Grove – C 233 951
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Sat	2 Nov	<b>Knit &amp; Natter</b> , 3–5pm. Crossways. <a href="mailto:alice3000@mail.ru">alice3000@mail.ru</a>
Sat	2 Nov	<b>Bonfire Night</b> . Recreation Ground. Jo Mills – C 233 244. <a href="mailto:oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com">oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com</a>
Mon	4 Nov	<b>Jigsaw Puzzle</b> afternoon, 2–4pm. Crossways. <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
Thu	7 Nov	<b>Open Café</b> , 3–5pm. Crossways. Plus company for home workers (NB no wi-fi). <a href="mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com">crossways.ca@gmail.com</a>
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Fri	15 Nov	<b>Country Dancing</b> , 8–10pm. Histon Methodist Church Hall. £1.50/50p. Kathryn Coles – C 233 191
Sat	16 Nov	<b>Autumn Market</b> , 2–4:30pm. Around the White Horse pub. <a href="mailto:oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com">oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com</a>

### You are entering a Brexit-free zone...

Take a break from national affairs, and read about the issues which affect our villages more closely and the planet more globally.

Unlike some newspapers, the Journal's remit is to present factual articles, not opinion pieces. But regular readers will have observed an editorial slant. Our stated mission is to provide a means for village groups and local authorities to communicate with residents and for local businesses to advertise – but also to enhance community spirit. That's

something which currently seems a bit lacking on the national stage!

Autumn sees a surge of activity here, with lots of meetings, events and get-togethers. Crossways House in particular is hosting a wide range of opportunities to get out and meet with others. And don't forget the village Bonfire Night on Saturday 2nd November!

*Jenny Prince*

*Editors: Jenny Prince & Irène Butlin*



### Vikings Football Club

#### Our history

Oakington Vikings Football Club was established in the early 1970s as a men's Sunday football team. We created lots of fond memories, made lots of friends, and enjoyed many years of success, winning plenty of league titles and cups along the way. Unfortunately the Sunday team folded in 2015.



*FA Charter Standard*

In 2012 we made the decision to set up Vikings Youth Development, giving children from our village and surrounding villages somewhere local to play football in a safe and fun environment.

In 2017 we set up a men's Saturday football team to give the children in the youth development, and any other locals, an established football team to grow into to continue their football career should they wish to do so.

#### Our aim

Our aim is to create an environment for the children of our village, and any surrounding villages, a safe friendly professional local football club to develop their football and social skills. Ultimately having a fun time, making memories and good friends along the way. Then to hopefully progress to the men's team all together and continue developing their football and social skills. Whilst in true Vikings tradition competing for trophies and having battles along the way. But most importantly, having fun and being respectful.



There is a **DEFIBRILLATOR** at the pavilion (hanging outside the patio doors). If you come across someone who has had a cardiac arrest, call 999 and start CPR, while sending someone to fetch it – open box, take out defibrillator, shut box (alarm goes off), open defibrillator and it talks to tell you what to do.

**Bin days**



Thu 19 Sep, Thu 3 Oct, Thu 17 Oct,  
Thu 31 Oct, Thu 14 Nov



Thu 26 Sep, Thu 10 Oct,  
Thu 24 Oct, Thu 7 Nov

*Cover photo: Stephen Moore, Parish Council Chair, at Recreation Ground Orchard. Photo by Tony Starling*

#### Sponsorship

If there are any local businesses or people wanting to sponsor Oakington Vikings please get in touch – we could sure do with the support.

#### Referees

Any local refs wanting to help, again please get in touch; we could definitely do with the help. You must be at least 14 years old.

And lastly **congratulations** to Stanley Lipscomb for being scouted from our under 8's to play for CUFC pre-academy.

*James Wilson*

#### Club Contacts - Our Teams and Coaches

- Under 7s Jamie A 07764967460
- Under 9s Toby 07881496552
- Under 11s Marcus and Josh 07866635241
- Under 15s Ronnie and James 07714099017
- Adult team James and Toby 07834465188

### Oakington & Westwick Journal

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### Community Association Update

We've had a quiet period since the Village Day, but are now gearing up for another busy period.

The next Community Association meeting is taking place in the Pavilion on Wednesday 16 October. We then have the Village Bonfire and Fireworks on 2 November, the Autumn Market on 16 November and a carol-singing evening round the Village Christmas Tree (date to be confirmed). There is also a forward plan for the next three months at Crossways.

We are seeking volunteers to help with our accounts and administrative workload, including creating a CA website. We are also hoping that a small number of people will come forward to be called on to help occasionally in the shop.



The planning for the Bonfire and Fireworks night is now under way. Please let us know if you would like to help – to set up the bonfire and recreation ground, help during the evening, or with the clear-up.

All offers of help are gratefully received – from one to several hours. We are also open to offers of dry wood, but not general garden waste.

There are still spaces for stalls for the Autumn Market, so if you'd like to run a stall please get in touch.

As always, if you have any queries or would like more information or to offer help, please get in touch with us.

*Jo Mills – C233244 – [Oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com](mailto:Oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com)*

*Committee: Jo Mills, Roger Duthie, Adrienne Chaplin, Celine Pinter and Arthur Sillett*

### **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OAKINGTON & WESTWICK**

**From September 2019 onwards**

#### **Practical Help for the Village Shop**

A small number of volunteers is sought to help occasionally with practical tasks such as shelf-filling in the Village Shop. The purpose is to help if Raj or Kanwal are called away unexpectedly. You may be contacted via Whatsapp to see if you're free. No previous experience necessary. For more details, just pop in the shop to see Raj or Kanwal; or phone Jo Mills on 07714 760582

#### **Admin for the Community Association**

The CA would value some help with particular administrative tasks such as: setting up and maintaining a website; organising meetings and taking minutes; publicity and communications with members; managing our finances. The work can be adapted to suit the interests and time of any volunteer. For more details, please email [oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com](mailto:oakington.westwick.ca@gmail.com) or phone Jo Mills on 07714 760582

#### **Hosting at Crossways House**

Crossways is looking for people who are able to serve coffee and tea for Crossways Open Café slots. If you like meeting new people and making them feel welcome, this may be something for you. In addition to Open Café slots Crossways hosts a range of activities which are shown on the calendars in the windows of Crossways House and in the Journal. If you like to organise a new activity please e-mail [crossways.ca@gmail.com](mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com) or phone Adrienne Chaplin on 07484 224372

### **Crossways House**

A number of events and activities ran over the summer months at Crossways



House and you can see our upcoming sessions in the events listing at the start of the journal. Upcoming highlights include the 'Bring & Share supper' that is being held on Saturday 28th September at 6pm. Other highlights to look out for are the Biography discussion evening, some open café sessions and the ever-popular games night that always has a variety of different card and board games. The weekly chess evening continues, with players of all levels welcome to join in.

Do you have an idea for hosting a session or activity that will bring people together? Or do you have a bit of spare time to join our team and help shape the direction of this community space? If so, please get in touch on [crossways.ca@gmail.com](mailto:crossways.ca@gmail.com) or drop in at one of the sessions to talk to us.

*Lynne McAulay*

#### **"Open Café" at Crossways House**

You'll see in the Diary on page 2 that there are several "Open Café" sessions a month at Crossways House.

Anyone can pop down for a cuppa!

But if you work from home and would enjoy some company once in a while, this is also an invitation to bring your laptop (or tools) and sit with others while you work.

*(Note: Currently there is no wi-fi at Crossways House)*



### From the WI

We meet on 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.

As always, there was no formal meeting held in August, but members were able to join our Summer Outing to **Tolethorpe Hall** for a picnic and matinee performance of Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. Many, many thanks go to Jillian Wilkinson who organised two Afternoon Tea sessions in aid of **Breast Cancer Care** during July. And what an amazing array of sandwiches, savouries and many different types of cake did she produce for us, single handedly! Jillian would like to thank members for their donations and is pleased to announce £120 was raised.

Forthcoming meetings:

- **12 Sep** Cambridge author and historian Mike Petty
- **10 Oct** Members' Evening
- **14 Nov** Introduction to Aromatherapy

*Helen Williams*



### Garden Society

September sees the start of our Programme for the 2019–2020 season, beginning with Clare and Neil Callan who live at Horseshoe Farm, Huntingdon. Open for the National Garden Scheme this ¾ acre plant-lovers' garden has a large pond with summer-house and decking, bog garden, alpine troughs, mixed rainbow island beds with over 30 varieties of bearded irises, water features, a small hazel woodland area, wildlife meadow, secret corners and a lookout tower for wide Fenland views and bird watching.

Membership has remained at £15. This includes a very generous discount of 10% at the Oakington Garden Centre (excluding the Olive Tree Café.)

We meet on the last Wednesday of the month from September to April at St Andrews' Church Hall. Meetings start at 7.30 and last until around 9.30 pm.

We have interesting, informative, amusing talks and are happy to discuss all aspects of gardening. Each year we arrange outings to local gardens of interest; and hold a plant and home-produce sale. We are always delighted to welcome regular and new members.

- **25 Sep** 'Crowbar to Crocosmia.' The making of a fenland garden. Neil and Clare Callan.
- **30 Oct** 'The Vegetable Garden Restoration at Wimpole Hall'. Philip Whaites.

Well-known Head Gardener Philip Whaites from Wimpole will be here to talk about the restoration of the walled vegetable garden and how the garden has contributed to the produce used to make the restaurant sustainable.

*Julie Grove C 233951*



### Brownies

Brownies introduces girls to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun.

They get together with their friends at regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, explore other cultures and have outdoor adventures, camps and attend Girl Guiding events.

As well as trying activities in their meetings, girls choose from interest badges related to things they want to know more about.

If your daughter is between 7 and 10 and interested in joining Brownies, or if you would be interested in volunteering with Brownies, please contact us at [oakingtonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:oakingtonbrownies@gmail.com).

To register your daughter for Brownies, go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk).



*Anne Christie*

### Short Mat Bowls Club

We are a small, friendly club and keen to 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 at the Pavilion and meet on Thursday evenings 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm. Come along and join us or contact Dawn on 236427 for further information.

*Dawn Stokes*



### Tuesday Talk & Tea

Warm weather, quiz, games, tea and chat made a pleasant August afternoon. The September AGM and advice from AGEUK start our new year at a new venue: St. Andrew's Church Hall.

- **8 Oct** Flower demonstration (to be raffled) by Gill and Sandra who cover weddings and events at their local church
- **12 Nov** Filling Samaritan's Purse Children's Christmas boxes

Both events at St Andrews Hall 2.45 pm. Come and enjoy tea while you chat.

*Joan Pettit (chairperson)*



### 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.



### Ten Sing



So, summer's gone, another academic year has started, and Ten Sing returns on Thursday evenings!

The last year ended with some busy and successful events. In one weekend we performed at a very hot Oakington Village Day, then entertained at a birthday party in the evening, before taking part in the service at Histon Baptist Church Sunday morning and at Histon Feast in the afternoon!

As part of the birthday celebrations we inaugurated a Ten Sing Cup, which will be presented each year to a member who we feel has embodied everything "Ten Sing" during the year. They will get to keep the cup for a year before passing it on to the next deserving awardee!



We rounded the year off with a family BBQ, celebrating the Ten Sing year but sadly saying goodbye to four of our 18-year-old leavers, including Annie MacDonald (Chair) from Oakington.

We have decided this year to allow young people to join us in the school term they turn 11 so they get to experience Ten Sing before they start secondary school. We welcome anyone from any village from Year 6 (to Year 13) to come and try us out on one of our September Thursday meetings on 12th, 19th and 26th from 7 to 9pm. Please let Terry know (contact details below) so we are ready to greet you at Histon Baptist Church.

Plans for the year ahead include being part of the Advent Concert of Choir 2000 and nearer Christmas cheering up commuters at Cambridge North by singing carols and songs. Please get in touch if you need any more information.

*Terry King, Ten Sing Administrator  
tjking47@aol.com, 07880 697230*

### Chess Café



Chess café continues every Wednesday evening, 7.30– 9.30 pm at Crosways House. We welcome absolute beginners as well as the grand masters. In addition, there is a proposal to run an after-school chess club once or twice a week. Please let me know if your child may be interested to learn or to play chess after school.

*Ranko Pinter – 07766 052025, ranpin@gmail.com*

### History Society



Oakington and Westwick History Society was formed in 2008. We have a meeting on the third Thursday of the month, September to April. In the past we have arranged for test pits to be dug around the village and helped with the archaeology of the recreation ground.

Our membership is £15 single, £25 family, visitors £4. We meet at St Andrews Church Hall at 7.30pm. Our first meeting is on **19 September**. Look out for posters around the village giving details of the meetings.

#### VE Day

Next year marks the 75th anniversary of VE day and there will be nationwide events over the weekend of 8–10 May 2020 (May Day Bank Holiday is being moved to Friday 8 May).

Following on from the work to research the World War I veterans from our village, the History Society will continue this work to include World War II.

Planning is in the early stages but there will be meetings to discuss how we mark the weekend as a village. Dates and times to be confirmed.

For more information, see [www.veday75.org](http://www.veday75.org).

The second world war had an even more serious impact on our village than the first, and would change Oakington forever. There were not only the consequences of the men and women of the village going to war, but also those of the construction of Oakington Airfield which took almost all of our land away. If you have stories to tell that relate to this and would be willing to share these, we would love to hear them.

*Julie Grove C 233951*



### Country Dance Club



The dates for the rest of this term are: Friday 18th October, Friday 15th November, and Friday 13th December.

Jane and I look forward to seeing you at any or all of them at 8.00 pm in Histon Methodist Church, High Street, Histon. CB24 9JD. We have live music and a different caller each month and cater for all abilities, so whether you are a complete beginner or an advanced dancer you will be very welcome.

Soft shoes or trainers are the best footwear  
Adults: £1.50 Accompanied Children: 50p.

See you there.

*Kathryn Coles*

The next local **Repair Cafés** are in Fulbourn (9 Nov) and Barrington (16 Nov).

See [circularcambridge.org/repaircafe](http://circularcambridge.org/repaircafe) for more details.

## The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

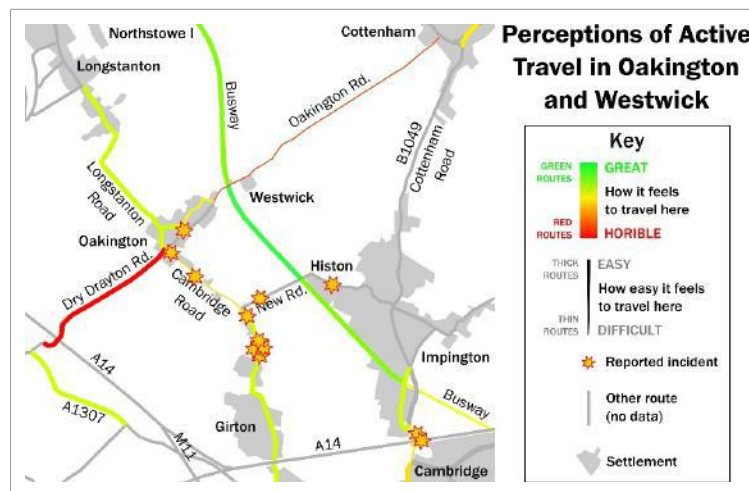
### Walking and Cycling in Oakington and Westwick

During the 2019 Village Day visitors to the Transport Action Group (TAG) display were asked to fill in a short survey on Active Travel. The objective was to get personal experiences of walkers and cyclists who use the roads and pathways in and through Oakington and Westwick.

From the written responses, many people reported that pavements were inadequate throughout the village, due to their width, condition and being overgrown – a particular problem for those using buggies or wheelchairs. People were put off from walking and cycling mainly by concerns about traffic and poor quality routes. The idea of a 20mph limit in the village was strongly supported by the respondents.

Other common themes were a need for wider pavements, safe cycle routes to Cottenham and Dry Drayton and a much better route to Girton. Alarming, more than 1/3 of respondents reported being abused whilst travelling and over 1/4 were prevented from using routes by obstructions.

The results from an interactive map used on Village Day are represented in the chart. This shows how pedestrians and cyclists feel about travelling around Oakington and Westwick. The colour of each route shows how pleasant it is to use; the width how easy people find it to use.



Reported incidents, such as accidents or abuse are shown as stars.

We can see that the busway is an important artery for active travel, that people enjoy using. In contrast, people reported feeling unsafe on Dry Drayton Road and Oakington Road, which are both fast, with minimal off-road provision. The existing cycle route to Girton was thought to be difficult to use and several people complained at being abused for legitimately using the road rather than the substandard cycle path. These concerns seem unlikely to be addressed by the upcoming upgrade to this route, which will remain below the minimum recommended width for its entire length.

TAG is engaging with the County Council cycling team and other authorities to lobby for improvements. Anybody with internet access can report issues with roads and pavements using the Report It website ([www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/)). Once logged, these issues are tracked. However, the cold reality is that limited funding is available at county

level, although the Council makes a pot of money available in the form of the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) for Improvements. Applications for an LHI can be initiated by anyone but generally need the support of the Parish Council in principle and financially. TAG would welcome any ideas residents may have to improve active travel facilities – use the contact details below.

*Jim Bryant. Chair: Transport Action Group  
owcp.tag@gmail.com – 07807184691*



## Environment Action Group

Our **flood mitigation group**, led by Andrew Dennis, has been keeping up pressure on the Northstowe developers to provide us with the information they have promised. The developers had a survey of parts of the Longstanton Road drainage system carried out in July, which was closely watched by Andrew. This found substantial amounts of black sludge in the system, despite some of it having been cleaned out four years ago. The sludge build-up and the poor maintenance of the open ditch sections will be preventing the system from working at its full capacity, which may make it unfit in its current state to carry any increased flows resulting from Northstowe phase 3a. The developers have promised to send us the survey results and to meet with our flood mitigation group and our district councillors. Meanwhile, the flood mitigation group has also been scrutinizing planning proposals for developments at Bourn Airfield and at Bar Hill, to make sure that they do not increase water flow towards Oakington.

**Climate Change.** We are investigating whether it is possible

to plant more trees in the area, as well as how we as a community and as individuals can lower our carbon footprint. Simple steps that individuals can take include adjusting our diets to reduce meat and dairy consumption, buying more locally produced and in-season food, and switching to a 'green energy' supplier.

Following the July Journal insert on the EAG/PC **Open Spaces** project to enhance the area around the edge of the recreation ground, consultation is continuing. Meanwhile, our **Oakington and Westwick in Bloom** flower tubs have been looking amazing all summer, thanks to the efforts of the volunteers who care for them. We are also investigating the problem of the grass on the verges getting too long in between Cambridgeshire County Council's scheduled cuts.

Finally, there have been some recent instances of **fly tipping** in our village. This is illegal as well as anti-social, and we encourage anyone who witnesses it to report the registration number of the vehicle to the police. Fly tipping can also be reported on [www.scambs.gov.uk/fly-tipping](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/fly-tipping).

*Stephanie Smith*



### Humpty Dumpty's Wall

September brings the start of a new term for Humpty Dumpty Pre-school. The pre-school would like to welcome all the new starters joining in September as well as wishing all the children who have made the transition from pre-school to 'big school' a fond farewell.



This is also my first article for the Oakington and Westwick Journal on behalf of the pre-school as a parent committee member and I am proud to be representing the pre-school and look forward to keeping readers of the Journal updated on pre-school news and new initiatives.

Humpty Dumpty is an Ofsted-rated good pre-school setting and provides a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for the children who attend. Last year many of the pre-school sessions were full, which is testament to the quality of care provided.

With the start of a new term we are also losing some of the long-standing committee members, whom we would like to thank for their commitment and dedication. As a result, we would urge parents of children who attend to consider joining the friendly committee to ensure the continued success of the pre-school.

The Annual General Meeting is coming up and your presence and support would be much appreciated!

You can find out more about what joining the committee involves by contacting pre-school manager Laura Peat, on 01223 237504.

*Sarah Stokes*

### Neighbourhood Watch

Notices from the Community Police Officer recently have included an appeal to watch out for Hare Coursing:



"We are encouraging the public to do their part for rural communities and help tackle hare coursing. The most obvious sign of hare coursing is a group of vehicles parked in a rural area with dogs, perhaps by a gateway to farmland or on a grass verge, and I would urge people to report any suspicions, no matter how insignificant they may seem. Ring 999 if you notice anything suspicious."

We can continue to look out for our neighbours and around the village, for example a recent report of an apparently abandoned car. Check for open windows when you leave the house in the hot weather, that sheds are locked, and that your neighbours know when you are off on holiday.

*Jillian Wilkinson, lead co-ordinator.  
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#### Enjoyed a book? Got a favourite recipe?



Share it with others through the Journal – contact [oakwestjournal@gmail.com](mailto:oakwestjournal@gmail.com) or ring 233510.

### What is Pétanque?

It's a warm Wednesday night at the White Horse pub. In a corner of the garden there's an atmosphere of friendly concentration. Eighteen men are gathered around a pair of long, gravel strips – the 'pistes'. They're playing Pétanque.

The rules are straightforward. Each player has a set of metal boules, which are tossed towards a smaller, coloured jack, or 'kosh'. The winning side scores for the number of their boules closer to the kosh than their opponents' closest boule. Then the kosh is thrown again, and the game continued until one team reaches 13 points.

A match consists of five games, and can last several hours – teams have been known to shake hands at one in the morning!

The North Cambridge Pétanque League has eleven teams. Tonight is a 'top of the table clash' between White Horse B, in fourth position, and The Boot, Histon, in second. White Horse A is captained by Mark Bullimore and White Horse B by Josh Wilson, and all the players live here or have a local connection.

What's the attraction of the game? "It's a night out," explains Andy Hunt, from White Horse A. But the tactics are also compelling. Josh Wilson has been playing for twelve years. "It's more strategic than I first gave it credit for."

The White Horse teams need no new players, but the pistes are available for anyone to use on other nights. "It's the perfect game to play on a hot weekend," says Josh.



Results as of end of August: White Horse A is 8th, White Horse B second in the League. Well done!

*Jenny Prince*

#### What's On at the White Horse

Tuesday:	Poker night
Wednesday:	Pétanque
Thursday:	Quiz night
Friday:	Mexican night
Sunday:	Sunday Roast menu



### Lucy and David Livingston

Hands up if you remember “Mrs Livingston”! Lucy Livingston was a much loved teacher for a whole generation of children in Class 2 at our local school.

On retiring in 2002 Lucy and husband David moved back to their native Scotland “to enjoy the hills and crisper air”. They settled in Inverness, with its better than average (Scottish) climate and to reconnect with relatives there. They felt fortunate to find a new-built house overlooking the Moray Firth and quickly got involved in the local community and church. This included Lucy being Guild convener for many years, organising fundraising projects for needy causes.

They love entertaining and many summers hosted Chernobyl children. More recently they have offered American tourists from the big cruise ships “Dinner with the Locals”.

Lucy loved her time at the happy Oakington school, with delightful children and great staff. She fondly remembers the special history projects they undertook. One year the theme was Native Americans, which included work on Longfellow’s “Hiawatha” with the children learning and acting out parts of the poem. During this national project about 1,000 little “Indians” were all invited to a memorable day of entertainment and performing at Homerton College.

Then in the 70s and 80s there were the annual School Fetes with fabulous floats decorated by village organisations, maypole dancing, a Village Queen and a variety of children’s races. The community was also drawn together by “Community Capers” shows and themed evenings with food and entertainment in the school hall.

Lucy was born in Fort William and David in Bermuda, to Scottish parents working there. They met in Edinburgh, where Lucy had her first teaching post. She shared a flat across the street from David’s family and watched this handsome young man coming and going. Her mates dared her to invite him in for a coffee!

They came to Oakington in 1967, through David’s work for the Ministry of Agriculture. He was quickly roped into the very active Oakington & Westwick Branch of the British Legion and with Dennis Smith organised the Poppy Appeal. The group, which met in the Bakery house, also organised



the annual Produce Show with competitions for the ‘best sponge’ or ‘perfect vegetables’. This big event engaged the whole village, raising about £1,000 a year.

With an aging committee it wasn’t long before David “the Boy” was asked to be the ‘Standard Bearer’, a role he had until they left the village and which daughter Catriona took over from him. A highlight was the Oakington & Westwick Branch being chosen to participate in the high profile annual Remembrance Service at

the Royal Albert Hall, and David had the honour of carrying the Standard. He remembers the challenge of keeping in line, walking down the steep steps while looking straight ahead and holding the Standard upright!

Perhaps what Lucy will be best remembered for is her starting, with neighbour Shirley Withers, the **Humpty Dumpty Playgroup**.

This was back in November 1972 and the group is still thriving today. At the time there were few playgroup facilities for their two sons, so Lucy and Shirley formally constituted the “Humpty Dumpty Playgroup” with a committee and themselves as trustees. They opened their homes and gardens in Coles Lane for two days a week to 15 under-5s. There was soon a waiting list and pressure to open for more days, which they resisted due to their own growing families. It is remarkable that after just a couple of months (January 1973) they called a public meeting at the school “to assess enthusiasm and commitment towards a permanent Playgroup Building and amenity for the village of Oakington”! The growth and development of Humpty Dumpty, with the turf of its first building being cut in August 1977, is a fascinating story and will be covered in a future article. However, Lucy is still in awe of the enthusiasm and practical help she and Shirley received from the village during this period. For instance, 1976 records show they had a Fundraising Committee of 30 members!



Lucy and David lived in Oakington for 34 years and on looking back they remember a strong community pulling together. It gives them great pleasure to see Humpty Dumpty going from strength to strength and to hear of “Lucy’s children” doing well.

*Irène Butlin*

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Sunday	Shop: 7 am – 4 pm

### From our County Councillor

#### A14 legacy fund

I was very pleased to be informed that the parish's grant request in respect of traffic calming has been approved by the A14 legacy committee for the sum of £42,000.

#### BBC Panorama asks 'Who Cares?'

The BBC's Panorama 'Who Cares?' showed the impacts caused by the national shortfalls in adult social care funding as it affects Somerset County Council.

Across Cambridgeshire, the County Council is working hard to help all adults stay in control of their own lives – staying safe and well for as long as possible, particularly as they grow older. This is important as the number of over-65s is expected to grow by 75,000 over the next 20 years.

To meet this growing demand, the council is investing in a variety of approaches, such as falls prevention campaigns like Stronger For Longer, and installing technology in people's homes to maintain independence. The County Council is also working hard to develop good community support, provide good information and signposting to communities, so people can use options local to them.

#### Investing in the future

The County Council has made another major investment in a commercial property as part of the continuing work to protect frontline services. The Cromwell Leisure Park in Wisbech includes a cinema and three units used as restaurants.



The annual rental income from all four will provide a

healthy return of more than 10% a year – enough in fact to employ 15 social workers or pay for 24 care home placements for older people each year.

#### Record year for Music Live

Music Live, a festival run by the County Council's music tuition team Cambridgeshire Music, brings bands and orchestras into the county's schools where they give live performances. It reached a record audience of 16,000 young people this year – many of whom have been inspired to take their music further. They included concerts, musical workshops, and masterclasses in which more than 6,700 young musicians in Cambridgeshire were able to learn in small groups with the professional musicians involved. These events included at least 2,200 young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

#### Powering up St Ives Park & Ride

An energy project transforming St Ives Park & Ride into a renewable energy generator is getting closer. The project will see solar panels on carports generating renewable electricity, powering not only the site, but also electric vehicle charge points, and allow the sale of power to local businesses, including battery storage housed in container-sized cabinets. The £3.6 million project will be one of the first of its kind in the country, and will avoid the release of nearly 2,400 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. Construction starts later this year. The Council's vision is to secure renewable and resilient energy supplies that can support local needs, whilst maximising the commercial benefit to support front line services.

*Peter Hudson*



### From our District Councillors

We hope everyone has had a good summer. Alex particularly enjoyed joining villagers at the Lakeside Jazz with cake!

Works on the A14 have continued with new junctions but with this has come the increased issue of **construction noise**. Oakington residents have reported hearing A14 piling works at night. We sought advice from our fellow councillors in Histon who have been dealing with this issue for over a year. Please email all complaints to [ldf@southcambs.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@southcambs.gov.uk) as well as Highways England [a14cambridgehuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:a14cambridgehuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk) with details of the noise, times, and any videos. It appears Highways England are meant to notify the parish council 10 days in advance of piling work, and we have asked for them to ensure this is adhered to in future.

South Cambs District Council are now demanding stricter thresholds for noise and vibration under Section 61 of the Highways Act 1980 – something which was not being done in the past. This means that Highways England must apply for permission for out-of-hours working, and night works should be kept to a minimum, only taking place if the work would be too dangerous or disruptive during the day. It also means that Highways England should carry out 'best

practical means', such as using noise-absorbing barriers.

Highways England is appealing against the District Council's use of Section 61. The appeal is ongoing and is currently with the Secretary of State. The council is standing firm on this and enforcing the conditions wherever it can.

**Northstowe Phase 3** public consultations are being held in September. Further details of the plans will be available on [www.northstowe.com](http://www.northstowe.com).

The **Zero Carbon Communities** grant has now been launched. The grant supports voluntary and community sector groups, charities and parish councils seeking to deliver bold, ambitious projects that engage communities and help the district shift towards a cleaner, greener future in support of the aim of zero carbon emissions by 2050. Applications are invited for grants of between £1,000 and £15,000. We encourage South Cambridgeshire communities of all sizes and levels of experience to apply for these grants and bid for a share of just over £91,000. The deadline for applications is 5pm on 31st October.

*Alex Malyon &*

*Sarah Cheung Johnson*





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## From our Parish Council chair

The planning proposals for Phase 3 of Northstowe were recently released. They are on display on September 13/14 at the Homes England offices in Longstanton, and some of you may have seen them. The fact that the plans are on display in Longstanton, when Phase 3 is in Oakington parish, plus the lack of response to a series of requests to be informed of the plans at an early opportunity, seem to me to display a dismissive attitude towards us. I have written to South Cambs District Council and Homes England to express my concern.

Although supportive of Northstowe, the PC must safeguard the interests of our residents. At the September Parish Council meeting, we will consider **instituting a committee**, meeting fortnightly, to scrutinise the plans. If you have relevant expertise, or wish to volunteer someone else, please let me know ([oakingtonchairman@gmail.com](mailto:oakingtonchairman@gmail.com)).

In mid-August, I attended a meeting at County Hall, along with County Councillor, Peter Hudson, where we were informed that the plans for a **Rural Travel Hub** were back on again. Despite our protests, it may be that the GCP will forge ahead with the Hub. The argument seems to be that the blessed residents of Cambridge should not be disturbed by any of us driving in their city.

Well, Oakington and Westwick too has its problems with traffic. We can all see and experience the huge increase in traffic passing through the village. There is no funding available, from either the County Council or the Greater Cambridge Partnership, to alleviate our problems. However, thanks to the efforts of Tony Starling (Vice-Chair of the PC), we have obtained funds from the A14 Highways people to introduce **additional traffic calming** measures in the village. More on that in the next edition of the Journal.

And still on the traffic theme, the Parish Council, in consultation with the school, have persuaded Cambridge County Council to institute further **parking restrictions around the school** in Water Lane. However, I should add that we are having to pay. The restrictions are being put into place because of recent incidents in which children were in danger from drivers seeking to pass the vehicles parked near the school.

The Parish Council, in collaboration with TAG (Transport Action Group) also applied to the County Council's competitive funding scheme to institute a 40 mph speed limit for vehicles entering the village from the A14. I am pleased to say that we were successful! The limit will start just before the Business Centre on Dry Drayton Road. The work for both of

the above will begin soon.

Finally, thank you to Graham Tregonning and Gerard Cavander for their selfless work on the Recreation Ground Orchard.



This motivated Tony Starling and me to repair the picnic table at the orchard (well, Tony repaired and I watched), paint the table and benches, and even install a rubbish bin there. Please do go along and enjoy an autumn evening picnic there.



*Dr Stephen Moore - [oakingtonchairman@gmail.com](mailto:oakingtonchairman@gmail.com)*

### Who is responsible for what?

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				<b>councillor:</b> Jenny Broadway <i>Marketing and fundraising at the University of Cambridge</i>	

Geoffrey Butlin



### Oakington Primary School

It's been a busy summer at Oakington Church of England Primary School – we've been renovating some of the older portions of our building using funds from the Diocese of Ely.

As well as seeing our Year 6's move on to secondary school, we have also been welcoming our new pupils for September who have visited our reception class. We have excellent staff in place for this school year and our class structure remains unchanged. We do have vacancies for midday supervisors – please do pop in for an informal chat if you are interested.

Our summer term saw our older students heading off for a three-day residential trip in the rain... they returned damp but full of enthusiasm about climbing, canoeing and their other activities! Over the summer term we enjoyed wonderful music from a string trio (funded by the Ruth and Poppy Nicholas Music Fund), a performance by West End in Schools, and our pupils are enjoying not only piano lessons, but also brass and drumming lessons now. We hope you enjoyed our choir performance at the Village Day. Our Key Stage 2 children put on a fantastic summer play and we are really proud of how well they all performed. We were also really impressed with the effort and sportsmanship during our school sports day.

Our children have been enjoying a whole range of sports including dance, football, athletics and gymnastics. Our

football team won the league trophy in July! As well as sports, we've been expanding our clubs offering to include computer coding, and this coming term we will offer a cookery club and a robotics club, as well as a variety of sport and dance clubs!

We were in the 'blue tokens' scheme at Tesco Bar Hill for June and July – thank you to everyone who popped tokens in our box! The £2000 raised will be used to develop a quiet garden area in our playground, possibly including an outdoor library – any offers of carpentry skills, or donations of benches, planters, or plants would be very welcome.

#### Governance

As a result of joining DEMAT in May, there are a few changes to the governing body, which is now known as the Local Governing Body (LGB). This is headed by three Co-Chairs: Ben Beaumont, Edmund Buss and Helen Bryant. We have also introduced a portfolio system of working that will enable the LGB to operate effectively and closely with the school for the benefit of the children, parents and carers, and the staff as a whole. At the start of a new school year, we look forward to a new and exciting phase in the school's history. We hope that you will find each of us accessible and approachable so that we can work together to make sure all the children have the best, positive experience of school.

Finally we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fete on 15th June – local families who joined us, and local businesses too for donating so many prizes. We had a very happy day celebrating our school together.

Nathan Clark  
Acting Head of School



### 38.7°C at Cambridge Botanic Gardens

As you probably know, this temperature recorded on Thursday 27th July is the highest temperature ever recorded in the UK. It beats the previous highest recorded at Brogdale Research Station, Faversham, Kent on 3rd August 2003, by 0.2°C. These temperatures brought problems to rail and road transport as well as worries about health for the old and very young. This new record was quickly followed by a Met. Office report that the hottest 10 years on record in the UK have all occurred this century. Did this persuade doubters that climate change is real?



Perhaps if they had read the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report some of the doubts might be diluted. The Oakington Eco Worriers discussed this report at their July meeting (ironically on the 27th). The IPCC was set up 30 years ago 'to provide the world with a clear scientific view on the current state of knowledge on climate change and its potential environmental and socio-economic impacts'. Thousands of experts from around the world synthesize the latest scientific findings, and the report is released every 5 to 7 years.

The 2018 report analysed the effects of a 1.5°C increase in global average temperature above pre-industrial levels (we are already at 1°C increase). At current rates of warming, we

will reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052. This is why the Panel is stressing the need to cut greenhouse gases dramatically in the next decade.

I have heard some people say 'Why bother when the US and China are still burning millions of tonnes of coal?' We'd be very interested to hear how you would respond. Please e-mail [johnterry23@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnterry23@hotmail.co.uk)

In August, floods following heavy rain in North Yorkshire and Derbyshire and threats to Whaley Bridge Dam reminded us that 'global warming' is only one aspect of climate change. The IPCC warn of droughts, storm events, floods, loss of wildlife, sea level rise, loss of low-lying land to the sea and shortages of fresh water. Surely the question should not be 'Why bother?' but 'How can we all reduce our greenhouse gas emissions?' Some of the visitors to the EAG stand at the village day seemed prepared to reduce their meat and dairy intake and buy locally grown produce to reduce food miles. Is this an option you could consider?

*John Terry*

### Thank you for recycling right

Most of us recycle right but there are still some items that cause issues when taken to Materials Recycling Facility to be segregated for further recycling.

It costs Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service £10,000 every month to remove and dispose of incorrect items from recycling collected from blue bins.

When the wrong items are put in the recycling, this reduces its quality and, if there are a lot of incorrect items, can cause large quantities of materials to be rejected and not recycled. This means your Council Tax money is wasted, instead of being spent on improving local services.

These items do not belong in your blue recycling bin:

- nappies, wet wipes, sanitary towels → black bin
- tissues and kitchen roll → green bin
- black bags → black bin
- clothes, textiles, shoes – donate, swap, place in a textile / shoe bank, Household Recycling Centre
- food and liquid remains – empty and rinse containers. Squash, and replace caps before recycling.

More information can be found in the South Cambs magazine or on the website at: [www.scambs.gov.uk/bins](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/bins)

*South Cambridgeshire District Council*



*1<sup>st</sup> Oakington Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownies*

### JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Oakington Pavilion**

**12 noon – 2 pm**

Entrance 50p



Men's, Ladies' and Children's Clothing Toys,  
Books, Bric-a-Brac.

A café to buy tea, coffee and cake  
Come and grab a bargain!



Jumble can be dropped off on Tuesday 6 pm till 7pm or Fridays 6 – 9pm to the pavilion and 9 – 11:30 on the morning of the sale.  
(Please no electrical goods or large furniture.)

### Waste Incinerator proposed at Waterbeach

Amey Cespa are appealing against the decision by the County Council not to grant planning permission for this large and controversial facility.

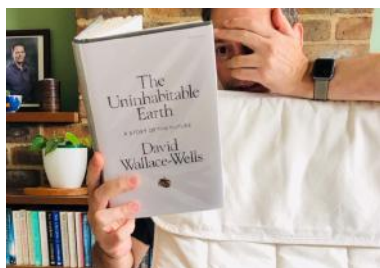
Cambridge Without Incineration (CBWIN) is a community campaigning group opposing the development. Find out more at [www.cbwin.co.uk](http://www.cbwin.co.uk).

The appeal will be heard on 5 November.

**CBWIN**

## Book Corner

***The Uninhabitable Earth:***  
***A Story of the Future***  
by David Wallace-Wells



For fans of the Book of Revelations, Armageddon, the end of days, or if you just want something that will give you nightmares, this is a must-read. It takes vaguenesses that you may have heard bandied about in what passes for the news these days and brings them to life explicitly, engagingly and urgently.

Although the UK, the instigator of the industrial age, may not be so directly affected by the climate collapse that being locked into a 1.5°C increase entails, the book brings to light in stunning detail how you will be indirectly affected and why there is NO escaping it.

Non-fiction; hide-behind-the-sofa horror; enjoy...

*Paul Kershaw*

## Gluten-free Chocolate Cake

This cake was very popular at the recent Lakeside Tea & Jazz event!

110g butter  
170g chocolate 60–70 % cocoa solids  
4 eggs, separated  
1 tsp baking powder  
75g caster sugar  
60g potato flour/starch

Heat the oven to 180°C. Grease a 20 cm loose bottomed cake tin.

Put the butter in a small pan over a low heat, with the chocolate broken into pieces, until all is melted. Remove from the heat and whisk in the egg yolks, then the potato flour, sugar and baking powder.

Whisk the egg whites to soft peaks, and gently fold into the chocolate mixture. Turn into the tin and bake for 30 – 40 minutes, until it seems done.

Leave in the tin to cool. Best served with whipped cream.

*Jillian Wilkinson*

## Sport & Fitness at the Pavilion

Mon	Bodysculpt Pilates 9:30–10:30 am, Senior Pilates 1:30–2:30 pm, Good Exercise 7–8pm
Tue	Table Tennis 7:30–9:30 pm
Wed	Pilates 10:30–11:30am, Yoga 7:30–9pm
Thu	Bowls 7:30–10pm
Fri	Over 55s Exercise 10–11:30am
Sat	Yoga 10–11:30

## Garden Cuttings

With the leaves now starting to turn to brilliant shades of red and gold, and mellow days drawing in to misty evenings – autumn is here.



After a long dry summer, where the Cambridge Botanic Garden recorded the hottest ever UK temperature at 38.7°C, many trees, crops and plants have struggled to survive or develop fully.

With any garden the key to success is planting and growing to the soil and climate conditions. To help plants thrive in a fluctuating environment, improve soil structure and nutrients.

First, remove weeds, then lightly fork in well rotted compost (dragged down into the soil by worms over the winter). A top dressing of a slow release fertiliser can also be added.

Finish harvesting crops, and remove weeds. Compost any healthy plant material, avoiding perennial weeds which may survive composting, and instead, put them in the green bin.



Plant out bare-root trees and shrubs into well prepared planting holes. Tease out roots and give a dusting of mycorrhizal fungi powder, which will encourage strong root formation, back-fill and firm in well to previous soil levels, and water well until established.

Plant spring bulbs into holes at least double the depth of the bulb, adding coarse grit into the bottom. Giving a dusting of bone meal will encourage strong spring growth.

Autumn brings the first frosts of the season, so protect any frost-sensitive plants by covering, or bringing into a frost-free environment.

Take a look at the garden to see which plants have done well, and which have struggled and may need to be moved. Record any changes you want to make, which will help to form any new planting plans for next year.

Finally, sit back and enjoy the lovely sunshine and changing seasons, which herald in our glorious autumn.

*Jan Zelnick*

## HISTON WORRY TREE CAFÉ

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### The lungs of our planet are on fire

72,000 outbreaks of fire have been recorded in Brazil so far this year – up 84% on the same period in 2018. Wild fires are recorded every year in the Amazon, but nothing like this scale (Source: Brazilian Institute for Space Research).

The reason seems to be that farmers are setting fire to the rain forest so they can sow grass for cattle followed by soya beans. The Brazilian Government are encouraging agriculture to stimulate economic growth, ignoring the dangers these fires are bringing to the one million indigenous people who live traditional and eco-friendly ways of life, as well as to three million species of plants and animals. Additionally, all the Amazonian countries signed up in Paris 2015 to a commitment to cut deforestation, and to move to cleaner technologies.

As you know, the Amazon Basin contains the biggest Rain Forest on our planet, has more biodiversity than other parts of the Earth and is absolutely vital in stabilising our climate. Its ability to absorb millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide and release oxygen affects us all, so the outcry against the fires is appropriate. Of course, the inhabitants of Brazil have the right to some economic improvements but not at the expense of the planet's climate and biodiversity.

**Butterflies this summer.** In early August there were forecasts of mass migrations of *Painted Ladies* in the UK.



This butterfly flies from North Africa and Western Europe, often flying over hundreds of miles to reach our shores, in a series of life-cycle hops. For instance, the butterflies may reach Spain, lay eggs from which the caterpillar emerges, then chrysalis and adult. The adult then flies on to the next destination, perhaps in France, reaching the UK, and even Iceland, after 5 or 6 generations. Numbers were massive around the Mediterranean in April and May and there were

high hopes for a big influx, perhaps even matching the 11 million estimate of 2009. Butterfly Conservation is yet to release 2019 figures. Has our weather, or Brexit, put them off coming here? We will see. What we do know is that butterfly numbers continue to decline in the UK because of

habitat destruction, intensive agriculture and perhaps climate change.

**Hedgehogs.** We can end on a more positive note. We have received more reports of these prickly mammals in Oakington and that some people have enjoyed regular nightly visits for feeding. You may recall we recommended feeding dog food rather than bread and milk, building hedgehog hotels at ground level and leaving gaps in fences between your garden and next door, to extend their range.

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### OWN Does It Again!



Sunday 1 September dawned bright and (rather) breezy.

Oakington and Westwick Neighbours' hugely successful Lakeside Jazz and Tea was having its third outing and, according to Facebook, had generated a lot of interest. So much so that we wondered if we would cope! In the event over 250 people from babies aged 8 months to village friends in their 80s came to enjoy the beautiful setting, the luscious cakes, the enjoyable sounds of Black Coffee Jazz and Oaktet, and lively conversation with both old neighbours and new friends. The fabulous cakes on offer were second to none, and more than one person said they were



spoilt for choice, so we'd like to say a huge thank you to all the fantastic bakers who provided them.



The event works at several levels – it helps to raise the profile of OWN and what it does, it also helps raise funds (this year we have been able to provide free First Aid training by the Red Cross to 15 of our volunteers) and it has proved to be a popular opportunity for the local community to get together. We couldn't do it without our hosts allowing us to use their stunning lakeside garden, as well as the volunteers who publicise the event, put up gazebos, play music, provide seating, teacups, tables, and teatowels, make and serve the tea and cake, wash up, clear up and generally make sure everything runs smoothly. Thank you all so much for helping to make the day such a success.

The next date on OWN's agenda is our AGM in October. If you would like to find out more about what OWN does or, even better, you'd like to get involved contact us on 07902111786, email [OWNeighbours@gmail.com](mailto:OWNeighbours@gmail.com), find us on Facebook or visit [www.owneighbours.wordpress.com](http://www.owneighbours.wordpress.com)

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