

# ***Oakington & Westwick***

**November 2018**

## ***Journal***



**Don't miss Bonfire Night  
Football Cup for School  
Plane Crash in Oakington**



## WEEKLY

Mon		<b>Toddler Rhyme Time</b> , 9.30-11. Crossways Café, £2 per family. Hanna Lumley - 0755 7090322
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. Paul Tann – C 235 567
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:oakingtoncubs@yahoo.co.uk">oakingtoncubs@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Tue		<b>Table Tennis</b> , 7.30pm. Pavilion, £2.50. Gillian L'angellier – C 234 758
Wed		<b>Tea &amp; Tots</b> , 0-4 yrs, 10-11.30am. Crossways Café. £2 per family. Hanna Lumley - 0755 7090322
Wed		<b>Jigsaw Puzzle Afternoon</b> , 1.30-3.30pm. Crossways Café. <a href="mailto:info@crosswayscommunitheacafe.co.uk">info@crosswayscommunitheacafe.co.uk</a>
Wed		<b>Oakington Viking Football Club</b> . Many teams. Recreation Ground. Info: James Wilson – <a href="mailto:james@selsius.co.uk">james@selsius.co.uk</a>
Wed		<b>Chess Café &amp; Games Night</b> , 7-9pm. Crossways Communithe Café. Ranko Pinter – <a href="mailto:ranpin@gmail.com">ranpin@gmail.com</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> , 1.30pm & 7.30pm. Pavilion, £4 per week. 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> , 10am. Pavilion. £4.50/£3.50 concessions. Simon – C 236945
Fri		<b>Beavers</b> followed by <b>Scouts</b> . £30 per term. For more information please contact Lou Ellis – <a href="mailto:kld1001@me.com">kld1001@me.com</a>
Mon	29 Oct	<b>Oakington &amp; Westwick Neighbours AGM</b> , 8pm. Crossways Café. All invited. <a href="mailto:owneighbours@gmail.com">owneighbours@gmail.com</a> .
Wed	31 Oct	<b>Gardening Society</b> , 7:30pm. Church Hall. Dr Geoff Hodge: "Grow your own vegetables". J Grove – C 233951
Sat	3 Nov	<b>Bonfire Night</b> . 5.30 pm. Recreation Ground. Community Association – <a href="mailto:celinepinter@gmail.com">celinepinter@gmail.com</a>
Wed	7 Nov	<b>Art Exhibition Opening Night</b> , 7pm. Crossways Café. "Trees and Things". Adrienne Chaplin
	7 - 30 Nov	<b>Art Exhibition</b> . Crossways Café. "Trees and Things". <a href="mailto:adrienne.dengerinkchaplin@gmail.com">adrienne.dengerinkchaplin@gmail.com</a>
Thu	8 Nov	<b>O&amp;W WI</b> , 7:30pm. Church Hall. Eva Clarke "Surviving the Holocaust". Helen Williams - C 232614
Sat	10 Nov	<b>Games Night</b> , 8pm. Crossways Café. Scrabble and other games. <a href="mailto:alice3000@mail.ru">alice3000@mail.ru</a>
Mon	12 Nov	<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	13 Nov	<b>Tuesday Talk &amp; Tea</b> , 2.45pm. School Hall. Filling Christmas Shoe Boxes. Joan Pettit
Fri	16 Nov	<b>Country Dancing</b> , 8-10pm. Histon Methodist Church Hall. £1.50/50p. Kathryn Coles - C 233191
Thu	15 Nov	<b>History Society</b> , 7:30pm. Church Hall. Julie Grove - C 233951
Wed	21 Nov	<b>Travel Hub Consultation</b> , 5 - 7pm. Pavilion.
Thu	22 Nov	<b>Travel Hub Consultation</b> , 10 am - 12pm. Crossways Café.
Sat	24 Nov	<b>District Councillors' Surgery</b> , 9.30-11.30am. Oakington Pavilion. <a href="mailto:cllr.malyon@scambs.gov.uk">cllr.malyon@scambs.gov.uk</a> 01954 202859
Sat	24 Nov	<b>"Knit &amp; Knatter"</b> , 3pm. Crossways Café. Info: <a href="mailto:alice3000@mail.ru">alice3000@mail.ru</a>
Sat	24 Nov	<b>Tennis Club Quiz Night</b> , 6:30pm. Pavilion. £10. Sue Heaver – <a href="mailto:heaver.sue@hotmail.co.uk">heaver.sue@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Wed	28 Nov	<b>Gardening Society</b> , 7:30pm. Church Hall. Z Sererzs: <i>Hungarian Christmas Decorations</i> . J Grove – C 233951
Wed	28 Nov	<b>Travel Hub Consultation</b> , 7 - 8.30pm. Cottenham Village Hall, Lambs Lane, Cottenham.
Wed	28 Nov	<b>Neighbourhood Watch Workshop</b> , 7pm. Longstanton Village Institute.
Through	Dec	<b>Art Exhibition</b> . Crossways Café. "Trees and Things". <a href="mailto:adrienne.dengerinkchaplin@gmail.com">adrienne.dengerinkchaplin@gmail.com</a>
Sat	1 Dec	Oakington Singers <b>Christmas Carols</b> , 11 am. Grand Arcade Cambridge. Collection. Paul Tann – C 235 567
Sat	1 Dec	<b>Christmas Fair</b> , 2 – 4:30pm. School. £1.00/50p.PSA. <a href="mailto:oakingtonpsa@hotmail.com">oakingtonpsa@hotmail.com</a>
Sat	8 Dec	Christmas Carol Concert, 2- 4pm. Pavilion. Lou Ellis – <a href="mailto:kld1001@me.com">kld1001@me.com</a>
Mon	10 Dec	<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>
Mon	10 Dec	<b>Games Night</b> , 8 pm. Crossways Café. Join in the fun with scrabble and other games. Info: <a href="mailto:alice3000@mail.ru">alice3000@mail.ru</a>
Tue	11 Dec	<b>Tuesday Talk &amp; Tea</b> , 2.45pm. School Hall. Christmas Party with carols & School Choir. Joan Pettit
Thu	13 Dec	<b>O&amp;W WI</b> , 7:30pm. Church Hall. Hi5 Quintet musical entertainment. Helen Williams - C 232614
Fri	14 Dec	<b>Country Dancing</b> , 8-10pm. Histon Methodist Church Hall. £1.50/50p. Kathryn Coles - C 233191
Mon	17 Dec	Oakington Singers <b>Christmas Concert</b> with Oaktet, 7pm. St Andrew's Ch. Collection. Paul Tann – C 235 567
Sun	24 Dec	<b>Christingle Service</b> , 3pm. St Andrew's Church. Ben Phillips - <a href="mailto:familyworker@standrewsoakington.co.uk">familyworker@standrewsoakington.co.uk</a>
Tue	8 Jan	<b>Tuesday Talk &amp; Tea</b> , 2.45pm. School Hall. Photos of Cottenham Then & Now. Joan Pettit
Mon	14 Jan	<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>

### Past and Future

November is a month for remembering, and this issue features memories from one of the people who have lived here most of their lives. Read about a terrifying night in Oakington, 75 years ago. If you also have an interesting story to share from the villages' past, please get in touch.

The future of Oakington and Westwick is also debated. Everyone's views are now sought on whether the Travel Hub is a facility we want built for our community, and for those

elsewhere who would use Oakington and Westwick as a transport interchange.

This issue arrives a little earlier than expected, in time to remind everyone about Oakington and Westwick's very popular Bonfire Night celebration.

Come along: enjoy food, fireworks and spotting friends and neighbours by torchlight!

Jenny Prince

Editors: Jenny Prince & Irène Butlin



### Community Association Update

All the planning for the Village Bonfire Night on 3 November is underway. As usual, there will be a BBQ and fantastic fireworks display. Humpty Dumpty will be serving brownies and mulled wine, and the PSA will be selling glow toys etc. Tickets are on sale at the Village Shop and the White Horse. See the advert on the back page.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Village Market in September, but may be able to arrange one later in the year.

Jo Mills

#### Sport & Fitness at the Pavilion

Mon	Bodysculpt Pilates 9:30 - 10:30 am, Senior Pilates 1:15 - 2:15 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 1:30 - 3:30pm & 7:30 - 9:30pm
Fri	Over 55s Exercise 10 - 11:30am
Sat	Yoga 10 - 11:30

### Oakington & Westwick Journal

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### Centenary of the End of the First World War

Mike Petty returned to **Oakington & Westwick History Society** to give the September talk with an account of Cambridge during the First World War. Mike is a welcome speaker, with a dynamic personality. He gave us websites and help to take our tribute to the fallen of Oakington forward.

Several members, including Stephen Gamble and myself, have made a good start. It is addictive work, in particular when you start to link names to families, where they lived, worked and relatives left behind. We hope to have at least a poster ready by the 11th November, finalising with a display at the Village Day next year. Please contribute any information about your relatives from the village. Mike will return in April to see what we have achieved and give any further help.



Oakington and Westwick History Society was formed in 2008. We have a meeting on the third Thursday of the month September to April in St Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30 pm. Membership fee is £15.00 single, £25.00 Family.

We have a growing archive which Nick and Sarah Harrison have been working on over the past ten years. Our village is changing dramatically and at a more rapid pace than ever envisaged. Please join us to help preserve and record the history of our village.

Thanks to those who responded to the request for memories of the Airfield! I got the answer to a question that had been intriguing me for some time. Aged five or six, I remember cycling over from Girton with my parents and brother, to what appeared to be a huge open day at RAF Oakington. I now know it was Battle of Britain Day.

Our November meeting will be announced nearer the time: please watch out for posters around the village and the Oaky Folk Facebook site.

Julie Grove 01223 233951



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### Cubs, Scouts and Beavers

During term time, each of our enthusiastic packs meets once a week at the Pavilion. In addition, the boys and girls take part in a range of exciting and adventurous activities. We also perform in the Harvest Festival, attend the Remembrance Service, fundraise with the Jumble Sale and of course, put on the Christmas Carol Concert alongside 1st Oakington Brownies.

The new **Beaver colony** has been a great success. The leaders have loads of energy and they are putting on an amazing and varied programme. For example, they have recently been hiking and had a trip to the Cambridge Observatory. The Beavers have also worked on many badges such as Nature Spotting, Global Issues, Communicator, Hobbies as well as raising funds for Meningitis Awareness.



The **Cub pack** has recently returned from the District Camp, which was attended by 19 Oakington Cubs, several of them new to the cub camp experience. On Village Day, they put on the ever popular plate smashing, and they performed Imagine by John Lennon at the Harvest Festival concert. This term, they are working towards their Cycling badge, learning how to be safe on their bikes and how to maintain them. The Cub pack is currently full with 32 boys and girls. There is a waiting list for the next places, which will be filled in January and at Easter.



*1st Oakington Cubs, Beavers, Scouts & Brownies would like to invite you to our*

### Christmas Carol Concert

Saturday 8th December 2-4 p.m.

Oakington and Westwick Pavilion

Whereas Cubs is full, the **Scout section** is looking for new members. The Leaders and Young Leaders work incredibly hard to give the Scouts a wide range of activities. Five Scouts attended Winter Camp along with Crafts Hill Scouts in January with one of our Scouts taking the award for best marksman. In addition, eight Scouts and Young Leaders went to Easter Camp. This summer, the Scouts accompanied the Cubs on a trek from Rampton back to Oakington pavilion. Fundraisers this year included a Nerf gun alley at the Village Day. Important badges the Scouts have completed this year consist of DIY, Communicator, Hobbies, Sports Enthusiast and Chef, and several earned their Nights Away and Camping badges. This term they are working towards the Astronomy and Cyclists Badges.

We always appreciate help with activities and fundraising and we are currently looking for a **new Leaders, committee members** and a new chairperson. If you are interested in getting involved please contact

*Lou Ellis: [kld1001@me.com](mailto:kld1001@me.com)*

### Brownies

Is your daughter nearly seven and interested in joining Brownies? We meet Monday evenings and enjoy crafts, games, activities, singing, adventurous days out and unit holidays!



To register your daughter go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and follow the parents section. For enquiries contact:

*Anne Christie [oakingtonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:oakingtonbrownies@gmail.com)*

Are you ready to inspire girls just by being you?  
1st Oakington Brownies needs leaders!

It is fun and looks great on your CV!

Brownies meet for one evening a week in term time.

No skills or experience needed!

Please message Anne Christie directly at [oakingtonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:oakingtonbrownies@gmail.com) or, for more information, go to: [www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/)  
**#girlguidinguk #community #volunteersrock**

### Book Corner

The book I have chosen to review is called **'My Funny Family's Got Talent'** by **Chris Higgins**. This book is part of the 'My Funny Family' series which is about a 9 year old girl called Mattie and her big, crazy family, each book has a different, fun adventure in store for you, this one is all about a talent show held at the school, and the fun the family have organising and starring in it. I really enjoyed the whole series and would recommend them for children aged 7-10. I liked reading them with my mum before bedtime.

*By Olivia Lumley aged 11*





## From our Parish Council chair

Let me start by updating you on developments on the **Rural Travel Hub**. In early/ mid October Sarah Cheung Johnson, one of our District Councillors, represented us at a meeting with the Greater Cambridge Partnership (the Parish Council was not invited). Sarah took a series of questions from the PC regarding the purpose, traffic impact, costs and public transport implications. Overall the responses received were unsatisfactory. However, one fact of interest did emerge. If the C6 bus is to go to the proposed hub, then the route will be changed so that it will run along Water Lane/ Station Rd, omitting High St and Mill Rd. I am told that consultations will take place in November.



On the subject of consultations, Homes England (the developers of **Phase 3 Northstowe**) will be having further visits to the village in November to get your views on a number of issues, including a possible road from Northstowe into Dry Drayton Road.

Chairing the Parish Council this year has brought home to me just how many different issues the Council deals with regarding development, traffic and flood threats, as well as the more routine activities to make life pleasant in the village. In October, the PC adopted a **12-month plan** of actions which we will seek to achieve, prioritising anti-

flooding measures and traffic. I believe this is the first time we have done this. We will be extending this to a **three - year plan** over the next year. You can view this plan on the PC website. Any suggestions are always welcome.

It never stops to amaze me how life in a small village throws up extreme examples of behaviour, from the selfish to the most generous. Let's begin with the selfish. To my astonishment, despite notices placed around the recreation ground forbidding dog walking, there are still people who allow their **dogs onto the rec**, leaving faeces on the football pitches and in the play area. Come on!

Think of others!

A reminder that when you take your dog for a walk, please collect their faeces and deposit them in the marked bins around the village or take them home.

Now the generous. The PC has been approached by two couples in the village who have offered to look after the **village orchards**. How kind and thoughtful! I look forward to bumper crops. Perhaps an apple festival next year? Indeed, there are lots of individuals and groups - often working in conjunction with the Parish Council - who give time and effort to make Oakington and Westwick a pleasant place to live. Thanks to all of you.

Finally, there is once again a **vacancy** for a Parish Councillor. It is a guarantee of endless hours of pleasure. Come and join us!

*Stephen Moore – oakingtonchairman@gmail.com*

## From our District Councillors

### District Rural Travel Hubs Consultation

The public consultation on the proposed Oakington Travel Hub will be starting on November 12th and running through until January. The first question asked will be whether people want a Travel Hub in Oakington. They will consult on two designs, one with parking and one without. Both designs include a bus turning circle, disabled parking, and cycle lockers. It will include questions on plans to re-route the Citi 6. We met with the GCP project team early in October to get an update and they emphasised that the views of residents would be extremely important in influencing decisions about the project. We will give further updates on the consultation process on our website and Facebook page.

### Guided Busway Services

Many of you will have seen the news that Go Whippet are cancelling their Busway service C from 10th November. This means that Stagecoach will now be the only operator on the Busway, which we believe is not good news for passengers. We have written to the Mayor, as the Combined Authority is now the Strategic Transport Authority, and to Stagecoach expressing concerns about bus services. We will be campaigning for improvements to the Busway service. If you are affected by these changes or any other issues with the Busway services, then please let us know and we can collate your complaints.

### Neighbourhood Watch Workshop

There has already been lots of interest locally in Neighbourhood Watch and our local PCSOs are organising

an NHW Workshop on 28 November 7pm @ Longstanton Village Institute. They will be offering advice on crime prevention and details about Community Speedwatch.

They also urged us to remind residents to **continue to report** crime and concerns either via 101 or online. This will help them to know where to target existing police resources and make a better case for more resources and officers. [www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report](http://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report)

To get regular updates about crime and policing locally sign up via [www.cambs.police.uk/signuppecops](http://www.cambs.police.uk/signuppecops)

Our **next surgery is on November 24, 9.30am – 11.30am**, Oakington Pavilion. Please come along if there is anything we can help with.

Otherwise there are a number of ways you can **keep up to date** with our news:

- \* Monthly email newsletter. Sign up via: [www.sclibdems.org.uk/email\\_signup\\_longstanton](http://www.sclibdems.org.uk/email_signup_longstanton)
- \* For all the latest news & updates: [www.sclibdems.org.uk/longstanton\\_news](http://www.sclibdems.org.uk/longstanton_news)
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*Alex Malyon & Sarah Cheung Johnson*

### From our County Councillor

**Crossroads Sign** - Costings have been agreed by the Parish Council. I would very much like to thank County Highways for not charging any labour costs to put the signs up.



**Cycle path updates** - Oakington to Girton - The cycling team are designing options within the budget available. These options will be reviewed then brought to our Transport Action Group and Parish Council for final discussions and decision.

Oakington to Cottenham - There is insufficient highway width to accommodate a cycle path, so the team is currently investigating land acquisition from adjacent plots. All land owners on the southern side of Oakington Road have been written to, with some responses being received. The process of procuring a Property Consultant is underway, so that land acquisition can be progressed further.

#### **Support and services for young children in Cambridgeshire commended**

Energy and a strong commitment to putting children and families first have been recognised in a review of services for young children in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The strong leadership and effective multi-agency working across the two local authorities was praised and the commitment to prioritise early years, including speech, language and communication recognised. The report highlighted the positive culture across both authorities and a

willingness to share learning and work together to improve outcomes.

Elected members are working well together to ensure there is an effective Early Years offer across the two authorities. Although this joint working is relatively new there was a consensus that 'politics are left at the door and it is about children.' Suggestions for further improvement included boosting the take-up rates for free childcare for eligible two-year-olds.

#### **Council recognised for its support to our armed forces**

The County Council has secured a silver award for showing support to the armed forces and their families; this includes helping Reserves, Service leavers, veterans, the wounded, injured and sick. The County Council employs a number of staff who have connections to the Armed Forces and is a lead signatory to the Cambridgeshire Armed Forces Community Covenant, which ensures that those who serve or have served, and their families, are treated fairly within the community.

Having served over 40 years to date as a regular and reservist member of our armed forces, I'm very proud to be part of an organisation which is passionate and dedicated towards our armed forces communities. The council will continue to work closely with the military community to support them, and will officially receive its award at Emmanuel College on Thursday 8 November.

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

Adverts removed for online version

## A Night to Remember

On Saturday 14 March 1943 at 9pm, a four engine Stirling bomber crashed in front of our house! The exact location was in an L-shaped field which fronted Coles Lane and Croft Lane in Oakington. The field was part grass and part orchard, now houses.



*Stirling bombers pictured above Cambridge during WWII  
All photos from the internet*

At the time I was about 10 years old. I was thinking of getting into bed, but not with this happening! We were used to the Stirlings taking off and doing circuits around the airfield, which meant over-flying the villages of Oakington, Cottenham, Rampton and Longstanton. When all were airborne, they would go off on their mission.

On this particular night I do not think there were any missions. I heard this plane coming and the noise was increasing more than usual. I heard what I thought were the slates coming off our roof! In fact, the Stirling had crashed onto the grass area of the field, depositing at least two of its four Hercules engines in the ground. Then, with its 90 foot wing span it swept through the orchard destroying most of the trees, including a very large pear tree with a thick trunk.

Fortunately for the occupants of the houses in Coles Lane, the plane stopped well short of the road. It burst into flames. Thankfully it had no bombs on board, but it was loaded up with 303 ammunition - which, as it got hot, proceeded to explode. The bullets were popping, mostly harmlessly, but I believe one window in 'East View' was broken: the home of Mr Smith, the baker.

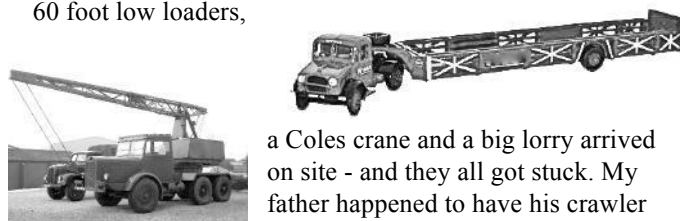
Within a short time various fire engines turned up from Oakington and Waterbeach airfields, Cottenham and of course Cambridge. The first engine tried to ram the hedge to get to the crashed plane, but the heat was too intense with all the fuel burning – it was an inferno.

Sadly it was impossible to do anything for the three men who were trapped, but amazingly four others did survive. Coles Lane became a mass of pipes for water being pumped to the fire. In those days we had a pond behind our house, and this was pumped dry. The pond near the Crossroads was pumped dry, too. Another pond, in the field now completely built over (Mead View), was also drained. Water was being sucked out of the mains and tankers were bringing water from elsewhere. The whole area was lit like daylight. Virtually everybody in the village was there. Our front windows were quite hot for a while. My mother made tea for the 70 or so firemen, using our entire ration up and she had to borrow some from the neighbours.

Eventually I had to go to bed but my parents were busy all night. Next morning when I came down, our kitchen was a dull red. I think it was to do with the foam from the firemen's overalls. The crash area was now guarded. However, as it was our field my father took me to the site. The first thing I saw were the belts of ammunition in one big heap - it seemed as high as me. We then found the engines, which were virtually buried in the field. Then we saw what was left of the orchard – most of the trees had been either cut down or burnt from the heat of the plane. Later that morning my father found the yellow tip from one of the Stirling's propellers in one of the poultry enclosures behind our house.

The site was guarded for two weeks before any attempt was made to move the wreckage. Every morning a big canister of lumpy porridge was delivered to the site and about an hour later it was delivered to our house for the chickens!!

Before the removal of the wreckage, we had quite a bit of rain, so the site became rather boggy. Three Queen Mary 60 foot low loaders,



a Coles crane and a big lorry arrived on site - and they all got stuck. My father happened to have his crawler tractor, an International TD9, in the

yard. As he pulled the machines out of the site, the field became a real mess.

I was allowed to ride on the tractor with my father - no bother from the Health and Safety Executive in those days!

The ambulance people had not found all the body parts, so as the crane lifted pieces of the fuselage onto the low loaders, various bits of body fell on the ground.



It is amazing what a 10 year old remembers.

*Derek Chapman  
retired farmer and former Parish Councillor*

### From our MP, Heidi Allen:

My next "by appointment" surgery will be on **Fri 2 Nov**, 3-5pm in Bassingbourn. My next "drop in" surgery will be on **Sat 1 Dec** at the Parish Council office, Links Road, Sawston CB22 3GB, 10.30am - 2.30pm. More info: [www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries](http://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/residents-drop-surgeries)

Christingle Service  
Sun 24 December, 3pm  
St Andrew's Church,  
Oakington





## Humpty Dumpty's Wall



Those of you with beady eyes will have noticed the brand new fence running down the side of the pre-school adjacent to the sheep field. This is the start of some much needed maintenance being made to improve the pre-school and its outside area. Watch this space!

The committee for the last academic year has now stood down. We are extremely grateful to the commitment and support of Ben Phillips (*outgoing Chair*), Sarah Mathew (*outgoing Secretary*), Lydia Dickinson (*outgoing Treasurer* but remaining as Accounts support) and Clare Wale (*outgoing Fundraising lead*).

We welcome Claire and Neil Brown as the new *Chairpersons*, Chanda Jordan (*Secretary*) and Amy Bland (*Treasurer*). The pre-school currently have some **spaces available** for new children so do get in touch if you would like to arrange a visit.

**Upcoming fundraisers** are 3 November pop-up bar at the Fireworks Display, Humpty Dumpty's Cracking Christmas Raffle which will launch in December and the Annual Jumble Sale in February.

We have also joined [easyfundraising.co.uk](http://easyfundraising.co.uk). If you do lots of online shopping, please register and click on 'Humpty Dumpty Pre-School Oakington' as the cause you wish to support. Every time you buy anything, the company will send the pre-school a small donation. Here's the link: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/humptydumptypre-schooloakington/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/humptydumptypre-schooloakington/)

Jessica Summers

## OWN

Oakington and Westwick Neighbours' AGM takes place on Monday **29 October** at Crossways Community Café at 8pm and all are very welcome.

It's been another busy year of social events and providing support in the village, and more volunteers are coming on board. Welcome to all those who have offered to help – the event on 29 October is intended to be an induction for recent joiners and a refresher for those who have been with us longer, as well as an opportunity to meet up and get to know each other better.

We're working on a new leaflet and aiming to have it delivered to every house again using the distribution network that the village Journal uses. We want to remind people we are a resource in the village and that we'd welcome more users. If you or someone you know could benefit from some company or a bit of practical help, we'd be very pleased to hear from you. We are there for people of all ages. Our contact details are:

**07902 111786** and email: [owneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:owneighbours@gmail.com)

Jo Bryant

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## Oakington Rural Travel Hub – we want your views!

The Greater Cambridge Partnership is set to launch a consultation for a proposed new transport interchange in Oakington.

Following initial engagement with the local community this summer we are now planning to consult on the proposals for a pilot Rural Travel Hub which, if agreed, would be one of the first in the area.

Rural Travel Hubs are small transport interchanges which encourage people to change to a more environmentally friendly way of travelling. The potential Rural Travel Hub would be next to Station Road and adjacent to the Oakington Guided Busway stop. It will provide new links to connect Oakington and the surrounding villages with public transport, walking, and cycling routes. We're looking for your views on the need for a Rural Travel Hub in Oakington, what facilities

should be provided at any hub, and any comments on some initial design options.

You can find out more about the proposals and meet us in person - see venues and dates below. The consultation will run in the late autumn until the New Year. Full information about the consultation, including potential features of a Rural Travel Hub and mock-ups of how the site could look, can be found on our website at

[www.greatercambridge.org.uk/ruraltravelhubsconsultation](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/ruraltravelhubsconsultation)

Sarah Prentice, Communications and Engagement Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council



Consultation Location	Date	Time	Address
Oakington Pavilion	Wed 21 November	5-7pm	Oakington Recreation Ground
Crossways Café	Thur 22 November	10am-12 noon	1 Longstanton Rd, Oakington
Cottenham Village Hall	Wed 28 November	7-8.30pm	Lambs Lane, Cottenham CB24 8TB



### Environment Action Group

The **Flood Mitigation Group** (FMG), led by Andrew Dennis, is continuing to work behind the scenes with the Environment Agency (EA) and the Northstowe developers to press for the promised flood attenuation ponds between Oakington and the A14. The FMG is also taking an active interest in the drainage strategy for Northstowe. No rainwater from Northstowe phases 1 and 2 is planned to come towards Oakington, as it should all drain into the waterpark beside the busway and then be released into Cottenham Lode; we are pressing for the phase 3 plans to be scrutinised to ensure that all drainage from phase 3 also goes into the waterpark. Meanwhile, the FMG is working with the EA to promote ongoing maintenance of Oakington Brook to improve flow rates, and to improve the flood alert system to reduce the number of false alarms during periods of heavy rain.

Our **footpath sweeping** work has continued this month, with small teams of volunteers sweeping up leaves, and clearing weeds, moss, and encroaching vegetation. We are very grateful to those volunteers who have offered their time to help with this work. However we urgently need more volunteers, so if you could spare an occasional



hour or so to help keep our walkways safe and attractive we would love to hear from you: please contact James Youd (C 233639, [jamesyoud51@icloud.com](mailto:jamesyoud51@icloud.com)).

The flower tubs from our **Oakington and Westwick in Bloom** project have been looking amazing all summer thanks to care and watering by village volunteers, to whom we are very grateful. The tubs have been restocked with winter plants that we hope will continue to provide colour throughout the winter. Three additional tubs kindly funded by the Community Association may also be in place by the time this article appears in the Journal.

We received several ideas for our **Open Spaces** initiative to develop the area around the recreation ground at the Village Day in June, and we are continuing to work with the Parish Council and others to develop these into a feasible plan. Meanwhile, the need to preserve biodiversity and habitats continues, and we are particularly keen to promote proper management and maintenance of **trees** in the village. Did you know that trees provide numerous benefits including removal of toxic nitrous oxides and other pollutants from the air, providing a cooling effect in a heatwave, and catching up to 25% of rainwater?

*Stephanie Smith*

### Transport Action Group

As many of you will know there are details of **eight walks** that are available on the Parish council website; follow the links from the Home Page to Local Information and then click on the Local Walks tab. Each walk has clear directions and pictures to guide you along the route. There are plans to provide a hard surface on Walk 8 – Westwick to Rampton, to make it more accessible to cyclists.

Additionally, the Parish Council have been in discussions with the various Northstowe teams to **open up old paths** onto the airfield (closed during the time that it was a military base) and to provide a path through the proposed “green belt” between us and Northstowe, from Longstanton Road towards Station Road. Furthermore, a route that heads towards the A14 from Cambridge Road but ending on the Dry Drayton Road near the bridle path towards Wilson Road is also on the wish list. This would provide a circular walk around the parish.



Speed through the parish is a concern for many residents. The **movable speed measuring equipment** now looks likely to be available from November onwards. To make best use of the equipment we are looking for some additional volunteers to be part of the team to physically move and install the

equipment periodically to other positions around the village. It would also be good if someone with experience of using spreadsheets could help analyse the data. If you think that you can be of assistance, please email me on the Transport Action Group (TAG) email address below.

There have been some developments in the proposed **travel hub** project. The Greater Cambridge Partnership will be consulting Oakington and Westwick residents on several



schemes for a travel hub near the guided busway stop. The consultation period is from early November through to January 2019. Stagecoach have been asked about extending the Citi6 route to the travel hub; in recent discussions they have sounded slightly more positive about this. Full details of the proposal will be made available in November.

If you have any questions on what TAG does or have issues regarding travel and transport that you would like to raise please contact us using the details below. Email is probably the best option given the poor mobile signal in the area.

*Jim Bryant*

*Chair: Transport Action Group*  
*[owcp.tag@gmail.com](mailto:owcp.tag@gmail.com) 07807184691*

### Crossways Hair Studio Celebrates Twenty Years

"A little bit daunting": Sue describes how it felt to be setting up an independent business with friend and ex-colleague Vanessa, on 3rd November 1998. But several customers followed her from her previous job in Cottenham, and over the two decades the Crossways ladies have proved the success of their style.

"It's not just about the haircut!" explains Vanessa. While she and Sue enjoy the creativity of transforming a look, the part of their work they love most is meeting and chatting to people. They have known some customers for thirty years - "they feel like part of your family." A friendly welcome is really important - and there's a bit of banter between the two professionals, which customers love. Fashions have changed over the years. They used to do a lot of perms and weekly sets on rollers, now rarely asked for. They continue to offer the usual range of hairdressing services, to men and women, and for all ages, including children from around ten years old. The salon is small but families can enjoy the Communita Café while they wait.

To thank their customers, whether longstanding or new, Vanessa and Sue are offering **20% off all prices during their birthday week of 6th - 10th November**. They look forward to seeing you!

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Tel 233984. Appointments not always necessary.

*Jenny Prince*

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### Autumn Colours

Is this an 'Indian summer'? I guess so with October temperatures hitting 24 degrees C. The Met Office described an Indian summer in 1916 as 'a warm calm spell of weather occurring in Autumn in October and November'. John de Crevecoeur coined the phrase in 1778 in Mohawk Country (Eastern US) to describe conditions which allowed North American Indians to continue hunting. They also welcomed the delay in the onset of winter so food and fuel could stretch further. All this underlines the connection American Indians have with nature. The first of their ten commandments is 'treat the Earth and all that dwelleth therein with respect'. I guess we all need to do a lot more of that to help our planet.



The highest October temperature recorded in the UK was 29.4 degrees C in 1985, in March in Cambridgeshire. So, be ready for meteorologists' favourite quiz question. 'When was an October temperature record set in March?'

The conditions this year, a wet spring followed by a hot summer and an autumn with cool nights and dry, bright

sunny days, should mean special leaf colours.

The Woodland Trust explained recently that this weather causes a big build-up of sugar and hence anthocyanin, which is the red colour of autumn leaves. The orange colour comes from carotene. This autumn, horse chestnuts have turned golden (helped by diseased trees) with sycamore and ash not far behind. Oaks and beeches may turn as late as November this year.

Listen out for bird activity in November; many make a lot of noise to announce themselves in territories for next spring. Robins and blackbirds are especially noisy.

This is our final bulletin of the year, so it's appropriate that we mention Christmas. Have you ever wondered why Brazil nuts are much more expensive than other nuts? Whereas most nuts are grown in plantations and cheaper to grow, Brazil nut trees grow wild in the Brazilian rain forest. The tree flowers for one day each year and is only pollinated by a rare female orchid bee. The male spends time in the orchids to take on their perfume that makes him attractive to females. The seed, weighing some 2kg, drops to the forest floor, containing 10-25 nuts.

Harvesting is very labour intensive, but because Brazil nuts help the local economy, the trees are protected, so parts of the rain forest are preserved.



*John Terry*

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### Country Dance Club

Jane and I look forward to seeing you at Histon Methodist Church Hall on the **16th November** and **14th December** at 8.00 p.m. for evenings of dancing, fun and friendship. We will have live music and a caller each month. All dances will be walked through and we cater for all abilities so, whether you have two left feet or not, do come along!

Adults: £1.50, accompanied children: 50p. All welcome.

*Kathryn Coles*



### Tuesday Talk & Tea

In October Mr Hales talk detailed the colourful life of an 19th century Kew Gardens travelling botanist.

- **11 Dec** Our Christmas Party incorporating carols and School choir
- **8 Jan** Photographic views of Cottenham Then & Now

Both events at Oakington School Hall 2.45 pm

Come and join us and enjoy a varied programme for the year and of course Afternoon Tea - how could you refuse that!

*Joan Pettit ( Chairperson)*



### Knit & Knatter

At Crossways Communita Café on the last Saturday in the month. Got a craft project underway? Bring it along and chat.

- 3pm, Saturday 27 October & Saturday 24 November

Any questions: [alice3000@mail.ru](mailto:alice3000@mail.ru)



### Scrabble, Chess & Other Games

Board game players get together regularly at the Crossways Communita Café!

- **Chess Café**, every **Wednesday**, 7pm - 9pm, including '5asideCHESS', a cut-down speedy version with a mission to change the world. Other games available too. Ranko Pinter [ranpin@gmail.com](mailto:ranpin@gmail.com).
- **Scrabble & Other Games** - 8pm **Sat 10 Nov**. Join in the fun in a relaxed format. Last time's games included Carcassonne and Dobble! [alice3000@mail.ru](mailto:alice3000@mail.ru)

*Jenny Prince*



The next **art exhibition** at the Crosscommunita Gallery is called **'Trees & Things'** with paintings by Sarah Stephanides Price. Inspired by nature, the exhibition runs from 7 Nov to 7 Jan. The opening night will be 6-8pm on Wednesday 7 November.

### Oakington Singers

We were delighted to take part in the recent Harvest Concert in early October, which was an excellent evening all round. We sang one of our favourite pieces: a terrific medley of songs from the musical *Les Misérables*.



We are now rehearsing for our Christmas events, and have a busy couple of months coming up - do come and support us at any or all of the following engagements!

- **Sat 1 Dec** Carol singing in the Grand Arcade in Cambridge to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research (11am-1pm)
- **Sun 16 Dec** Christmas Carol Service, St Andrew's Church (4pm)
- **Mon 17 Dec** A joint Christmas Concert with the Oaktet in St Andrew's Church (7pm), raising money for the Ruth & Poppy Nicholas Music Fund which facilitates musical events at Oakington School

We will also be singing at the Sunday evening services in church for All Saints (4 November) and Advent (2 December).

If you enjoy singing, why not join us? We rehearse every Monday evening from 8.00-9.30 pm in St Andrew's Church Hall, Oakington. For further details please contact:

*Paul Tann 01223 235567 [paul.tann@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.tann@btinternet.com)*



### Garden Society

We meet on the last Wednesday of the month from September to April at St Andrew's Church Hall, 7.30 pm - approx 9.30 pm. Membership has remained at £15. This includes a very generous discount of 10% at the Oakington Garden Centre. (Please note: this does not include the Olive Tree Café.)



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.

- **Wed 28 Nov** Zsuzsa Sererzs: Christmas Decorations with a Hungarian Theme

We are always delighted to welcome old, regular and new members.

*Julie Grove 233951*



### 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. New membership for 2019 will be available from January so why not come along and give us a try?

Planning for our 2019 programme is well underway and will contain a good mix of meetings with an invited speaker as well as our own 'in house' members' craft evenings. In our latest meeting in October, for example, our own Helen Williams led us in coloured wax decorating of candles. The idea (and materials) came from some of her German friends and is an accessible art that Helen was keen to introduce to members.



Our last two meetings of 2018:

- **Thu 8 Nov** Eva Clarke: Surviving the Holocaust
- **Thu 13 Dec** Hi5 Quintet will be returning by popular demand to provide some musical entertainment for Christmas. Please remember your Secret Santa present!  
*Helen Williams*



### 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 and will soon be starting this season's in house competitions. There are two sessions of play: afternoon (1.30 - 3.30pm) and evening (7.30 - 10.00 pm). If you are considering attending the afternoon session or need any further details, please contact

*Dawn Stokes 01223 236427*

### Vikings Football Club



*FA Chartered standard*

Our teams and coaches:

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

Chair: James, Secretary: Jo, Treasurer: Sam, Welfare officer: Frank. Club contact number: James on 07834465188.

Please contact us if you are interested in getting involved!



In other football news... our School football team entered the South Cambs ESFA Small Schools Cup Competition and competed against 11 other schools from the area. They **won the whole tournament** and qualified for the regional tournament in which they will compete in a couple of months' time. Congratulations!

*James Wilson*

### Ten Sing



Coming up in Ten Sing, we are performing with choir 2000 at Histon Baptist Church as part of their Advent concert. We will be singing Christmas songs during the service and hope to see many of you there on December 7th!

We also hope to have a team building day on December 1st. This is a great opportunity for all members in the group to socialise with and get to know other members, particularly those whom they may not speak to weekly. We really enjoy these events as we always do something we find fun.

Cambridge Ten Sing is a youth performing arts group run for young people, by young people. We meet every Thursday at Histon Baptist Church between 7-9pm, and it's a place where we welcome everyone from years 7-13 to meet other like minded young people.

As ever, if you would be interested in joining Ten Sing please just turn up or email our administrator Terry King for more details on [jking47@aol.com](mailto:jking47@aol.com).

*Annie MacDonald*



Did you know there is a **DEFIBRILLATOR** at the pavilion (hanging outside the patio doors)? While doing CPR send 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.

### Police Update

From 10 Sep - 10 Oct, there were 5 crimes and 9 other incidents reported to Cambridge-shire Constabulary from residents and businesses within Oakington and Westwick.



#### How to beat the bogus caller

Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes people turn up unannounced, intending to trick their way into your home. Known as 'distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers', their aim is to distract you and steal your money or valuables. Always be aware when someone you don't know calls at your door.

Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the council, the police, health organisations or gas, water or electricity companies. They can be convincing and persuasive. They may be men, woman or even children. They may use any story to distract you. They often use 'props' like an identity card or wear overalls with a company logo. If you are expecting the caller, remember to check their identification very carefully against the letter you have been sent or the password you have agreed, before you let them in. And, if you are in doubt, keep them out!

Official visitors should always arrange an appointment beforehand. If you are not expecting them and are alone, ask them to call back when you have someone with you.

If you have any concerns that you would like to bring to my attention, please email me:

[bujar.mani@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:bujar.mani@cambs.pnn.police.uk) or call 101 and ask to be put through to my extension: 7113152

*PCSO 7009 Bujar Mani  
Safer Neighbourhood Team, Histon Police Station*

### MUGA hire (Multi Use Games Area)

Due to some last-minute cancellations we now have some prime evening slots available for hire.

We are a non-profit making voluntary committee, managing the Pavilion & MUGA on behalf of our residents. We rely on the MUGA income received during the winter months to ensure we cover the annual costs. Your help in promoting our facilities in, and outside, the village would be much appreciated.



For bookings, please contact  
**Tony Leadley on 07936 024587** or  
email [oakingtonpavilion@gmail.com](mailto:oakingtonpavilion@gmail.com)

*Laura Lawrence, Treasurer  
Oakington & Westwick Pavilion Management Committee*

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# OAKINGTON & WESTWICK BONFIRE NIGHT

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Village Recreation Ground

Gates open at 5:30pm

*BBQ from 5:30pm with burgers, hot dogs  
and veggie burgers.  
Other food and drinks available.*

**Firework display starts at  
6:30pm**

Family of four - £7.00 / Adult - £3.00  
Child - £2.00 / Under 2's FREE



## The Tennis Club Quiz is back!

The ever popular Oakington & Westwick Tennis Club Quiz returns this year on **Saturday 24 November** at the Pavilion, 6.30 for 7pm

Some things are simply best left unchanged so we will be repeating the winning formula of previous years.

For those who haven't been before this includes:

**Nibbles** to start, and something to get you thinking

**The Doubles Bar**, run by our very own barman extraordinaire, *Rick Philips*

**Delicious food:** Homemade and lovingly created by our team of talented volunteers. Served at the interval

A **raffle** with tantalizing prizes!

And of course **the quiz itself**, hosted by legendary Quiz Master, *John Barnett*

Lovely **prizes** for the winners!

Entry is in teams of 4 and costs just £10 each (£40 per team). For an entry form, please email [heaven.sue@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heaven.sue@hotmail.co.uk)

If you don't have a group of 4, the Oaky Folk Facebook group could be a great place to find team members

Proceeds from the evening will go towards keeping the Tennis Club going and the Addenbrookes Charitable Trust

We look forward to seeing you at what is always a great evening!

*The Oakington & Westwick Tennis Club Committee*