

## **January 2017 parish e-bulletin – news and information from South Cambridgeshire District Council**

Welcome to the latest parish e-bulletin. As in every edition, this one includes information that parish councils may want to discuss, important notices we want you to be aware of, as well as news from around the district.

### **1) Bin changes – 27 February**

From Monday 27 February most households across the area will have a change to the day that their bins are emptied, their collection sequence (the order in which blue and green or black bins are put out) or collection time. Black bins will continue to be emptied one week and blue and green bins the following week. A leaflet detailing the bin changes, and a spring 2017 collection calendar, are being delivered to every household over the next two weeks. The changes will make sure we continue to collect the bins in the most efficient way possible with our crews driving 20,000 less miles per year.

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### **2) South Cambs Magazine**

The spring edition of our quarterly residents' magazine will be delivered to all homes in the district between 28 February and 19 March. If anyone in your parish has not received a magazine by Monday 20 March please ask them to contact Smart Distribution on [scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk](mailto:scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk) or 0800 6444 011.

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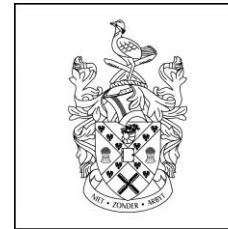
### **3) Village social media pages and groups**

We are compiling a list of village social media pages and groups. This will help us let people know about things we have going on that they may be interested in. If you are able to let us know of any in your community we would be most grateful. This might include email groups villages have set up to help inform residents about what is going on locally.

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### **4) Peer review**

We have recently taken part in a successful Peer Challenge review of our work by the Local Government Association. The review was carried out by a team of councillors and senior officers from councils around the country, and involved a four-day visit in November. During the visit, the team



interviewed over 100 internal and external people, including representatives from parish councils, businesses, partner local authorities and the voluntary sector. The review team has produced a [report and recommendations](#) which summarise a number of our strengths, as well as highlight areas for development. The review team praised lots of excellent examples of partnership working with parish councils, hearing that lots of our parish councils and voluntary organisations are ready and willing to get more involved in helping us make a difference in our communities. We'll work with parishes to explore how best to take advantage of this as part of detailed response plans which are now under development.

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### **5) Cabinet and parish councils liaison meetings 2017**

The cabinet and parish council liaison meetings will be held from 6.30pm to 8pm at South Cambridgeshire Hall on:

- Tuesday 27 June
- Wednesday 29 November

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### **6) South east parishes patch meeting**

There will be a meeting for the south east parishes from 6pm to 8pm on Wednesday 8 March at the Fulbourn Centre, Home End. The theme for the session is older people's services and will include information on what exists to help older people stay involved and active in their communities, prevent them becoming isolated and lonely, and what is missing and how can we fill the gaps?

To book a place, contact Kathryn Hawkes.

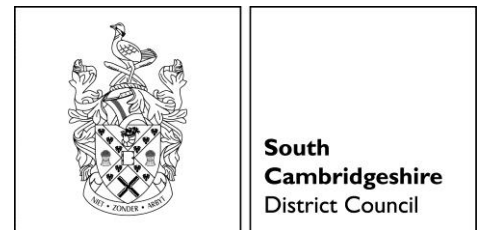
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### **7) Neighbourhood Planning policy writing workshop**

We are hosting an externally facilitated neighbourhood planning policy writing workshop for those in designated areas who are at the stage of writing policies or will be in the near future. The workshop is from 6pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday 22 February at South Cambridgeshire Hall.

Anyone attending will be expected to complete pre-event reading and submit, in advance of the workshop, any policy documents they wish to have reviewed at the session. Advance booking is essential.

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## 8) Tough Love

'Tough Love' is a new, hard-hitting and innovative applied theatre project performed by the company 'Alter Ego'. It raises awareness around coercive control and domestic abuse in teenage intimate relationships. The play is followed by an actor facilitated post-show talk exploring the issues raised. 'Tough Love' tells the story of 15 year-old Becka and her relationship with her violent and controlling boyfriend Danny: how they met, how they fell in love, how the control and violence started and how Becka eventually managed to get help.

You are welcome to attend a community performance of Tough Love from 10am to 12pm on Friday 10 March at South Cambridgeshire Hall. Please book a place if you would like to attend.

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## 9) Cambridgeshire physical activity audit

Do you provide physical activity / sport / exercise / fitness activities in your parish? If so, please complete this [short survey](#) to help our partners find out as much as they can about the sport and physical activity opportunities there currently are across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The survey will be open until Friday 10 February 2017.

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