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## Summer 2024



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**STOP PRESS:** Just Announced. We're on the move.

The Combined Authority has just released the list of routes put forward for new bus services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough from late September. And the Wilbrahams route is on the list! Talks with bus operators are now underway, and provided these all these go well, we should be able to go to and from Bottisham, Newmarket, Addenbrookes on an hourly bus service, from late September. The services are funded in large part through the mayoral precept we pay as part of our council tax.

Welcome to the summer edition of the Warbler, once again it's a packed edition. Martin has decided to step down as one of our editors. His contribution has been enormous. It will be no mean feat to find a replacement. We all appreciate the work you have done making the Warbler the successful magazine it is today and has been over a number of years. Anyone that is interested in taking on the role please contact the editors or the Parish Councils.

We have all the regular things you can expect. A view from the garden talks about the last 6 months being the wettest and warmest and what that's done for the fruit and veg grown in the garden. On the farm also talks about water but in a conservation sense, building two ponds in the fields behind the school.

The team behind the Vegetable Flower and Produce village show are also gearing up for the show. If you are worried about what to get for your garden pop over to Red2Green and I'm sure they will be happy to help.

Speaking of green spaces, the Rec looks in good nick. Andy Goryn was doing the Mow & Throw dance prior to the first cricket match of the season. Roddy also looks forward to more cricket and back on the football season.

Tony Goryn introduces us to Poetry with Around the Roundel Table with a cunning plan to try and get more people writing poetry.

In Memoriam looks at the lives of three people: Edward Bond, internationally famous playwright, author and poet, and a resident of Great Wilbraham for many years. Andrew Collins, a rugby player with a habit of breaking limbs and Joan Collins his wife for over 50 years. They were hardly apart.

We also have the parish reports from Little Wilbraham Parish Council and Great Wilbraham Parish Council as well as County Councillor Claire Daunton.

Then there's rubbish. As you know there is lots of rubbish thrown at the side of the road. You would not believe what was picked up in recent litter picks so I'm not going to tell you, you will just have to read on.

Bottisham Air Museum is hosting the MG Owners Club summer picnic on Sunday 2nd June, and they hope to have between 40 and 80 MG cars attending. Please keep your letters, articles and pictures coming in.

John Torode

The front cover picture is an AI generated picture. (Cricket, Warbler, Thatched cottage)

# Letters

Editors,

Through the Warbler, I would like to say A Big thank you to all the kind people who offered help and lifts during Ronnie's three-week stay in hospital. Also, those who enquired about how he was recovering. This meant so much to us, and made us realise what a close little village we are.

Pauline Munday

## In Memoriam Andrew Richard Collins

26<sup>th</sup> October 1939 – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Andrew Richard Collins was born in 1939 in Norwich. His father was at war, and so Andrew met him when he was six years old at Norwich station. He was very sporty and always broke limbs climbing on bomb sites or playing rugby. He had a big sister Jennifer and a little brother Robert. He met Joan at Sunday school when they were still both at school, and since then, they have been hardly apart for over fifty years.

His uncle encouraged him to become a dentist, and he had to work hard to get the grades. Once he qualified at the London Hospital in 1964, he married Joan, and they went to live in America and drove around in a bust-up Chevrolet. They came back to the UK and Andrew practiced dentistry in Cherry Hinton from 1969-1999. They had two sons, Richard and Gordon, and the family moved to 51 Church Road Little Wilbraham in 1974, and Andy was to live there for the rest of his life. On Wednesday evenings he would drive to the Café Royal for meetings of the American Dental Society of London. He would become the treasurer and then president of that institution and then the treasurer of the American Dental Society of Europe for European dentists who had studied in America.

His hobby, which he inherited from his father, was woodwork and in particular fixing up tea caddies but he would fix almost anything with a



bit of wood from the garage. He also played squash and later real tennis which took him to courts all around the world.

For a while he was a parish councillor, but he was always more of a doer than a talker. In Little Wilbraham, he managed the Mary Leyton cottages and helped organise the village fetes. He maintained the church, cut the grass, fought the ivy, installed the sound system and made the notice board.

He retired in 1999, and they celebrated with an around-the-world air ticket. Once, on a whim, they took a trip on Concorde for a weekend in New York. In the following years, they toured China, India, Australia, Japan and many other places. At home, he was at his happiest mucking around with his grandchildren: Marcus and Miyu.

Joan and Andy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2014 but then Joan got dementia and had to move to a home in Bottisham. Andrew wasn't the same without her.

He is survived by his wife Joan, his sons Richard and Gordon, and their families. He is fondly remembered.

A service of remembrance was held for Andrew on the March 7th at St John's Church, Little Wilbraham.

Gordon Collins

## In Memoriam Edward Bond

(1934 – 2024)

It is sad to mark the death on 3rd March of Edward Bond, internationally famous playwright, author and poet, and a resident of Great Wilbraham for many years. Edward lived on Station Road by the entrance to the common, but how many of us knew he was there? He was a private man, and the closest many of us may have come to meeting him was when avoiding one of his peacocks wandering along the road.

Edward burst onto the English theatrical scene with *Saved*, one of the most controversial plays of the 1960s. Set on a London council estate, *Saved* included a violent scene that caused near hysteria in the tabloid press and prompted the Lord Chancellor – who then had jurisdiction to censor theatrical works - to demand that passages of the text be removed. Edward refused. To avoid a ban, the Royal Court Theatre turned itself into a theatre club to put on the play. Edward's next play, *Early Morning*, was *banned outright*, and *these two plays together were instrumental in abolishing theatre censorship*.

His parents were labourers in East Anglia who went to London looking for work. Edward was one of four children and was born in Holloway in 1934. During the war, he was evacuated to live with his grandparents in Ely for a time before returning to London in 1944. He left school without any qualifications when he

was just 15 years old. His achievements—he left 50 plays still being performed around the world—are the more remarkable in that he was mostly self-taught. Youth theatre was a life-long passion and the source of several of his works. In 1999, he wrote a play, *The Children*, to be performed by students at Manor Community College in Arbury Road. Controversial as ever, the play was a success and went on to be performed in many schools and theatres in England and abroad.

In recent years, although still critically admired, Edward's work has become rather isolated in the UK, although he is now being re-discovered by students.



However, he continues to enjoy success elsewhere, particularly in France, where he is greatly admired. When I met him a few months ago, he was 88 and finalising the text of a new work to be published there. At the same time, he was exchanging emails with a PhD student in Pakistan who was writing a thesis on Edward's work. His enthusiasm is worth sharing on his website:

<https://edwardbonddrama.org/> .

Edward married another writer, Elisabeth Pablé in 1971 and they lived here in Great Wilbraham until her death in 2017. Despite the violence often to be found in his work, Edward spent much of his time peacefully making his Wilbraham garden into a nature reserve. In one of those increasingly rare years

when you hear a cuckoo in the village, it may well be calling from Edward's garden.

Much of Edward's work is concerned with death, and in one of his poems, he considers even his own, which is a good point on which to finish:

*Missing Button*

*Let me be buried in jeans*

*And a white shirt*

*With bare feet*

*And from the neck of the shirt a button missing*

*So that if at a later time*

*Men dig up our cities*

*They find not only bones*

*In rotting medals and braid*



*But I wait to greet them and tell them  
How in our time too  
We were able to love  
The things that are simple*

I wonder. I'd like to think so.

David Richer

Poem: ©Edward Bond

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## **In Memoriam Joan Collins**

8th October 1940 - 20th April 2024

JOAN FLORENCE MOORE was born in Settle, Yorkshire on 8th October 1940, after her mother had been evacuated there to escape the Blitz in Norwich. After the war, Joan and her sister Monica grew up in Cringleford near Norwich. Her passion, which she inherited from her father, was following the cricket on the radio or at weekends when they would cycle to Lakenham to swim in the lido (Monica's preference) or watch the cricket (Joan's preference) She cycled to the Norwich High School for Girls for her education. She also attended Sunday school at Park Lane Methodist Church, where she met Andrew Collins while they were both still at school.



After school, she worked at the Norwich Union and was on course to become an actuary there. Instead, she married Andrew, and in 1965, they went to live



in Rochester, New York, where Andrew worked as a lecturer and dentist. They toured around America before coming back to London, where Richard was born in 1967, and then to Fulbourn, where Gordon was born in 1970. In 1974, the family settled at 51 Church Road, Little Wilbraham, which Joan made their dream home. Joan took on many charitable roles: meals on wheels, driving villagers to the doctor's surgery, chairing

the Johnson Bede Charity, organising the village fete and working as the county treasurer for Cambridgeshire WI. Andrew was treasurer of the American Dental Society of London and the American Dental Society of Europe, but it was really

Joan and Andrew doing it together. They worked together quite naturally as a team.

She was a private person. She was mostly reserved, but then she would make a very occasional, devastatingly witty remark. She was comfortable at the Great Wilbraham Women's Institute, but she lived most happily at home, on her own in the kitchen, weeding the garden, or having a cup of tea while doing the crossword. She always said that the most important thing in the world was family. After Andrew retired, they bought a round-the-world ticket and travelled the world in the years that followed. Apart from Little Wilbraham, one other special place captured Joan's heart: the Swiss alps, where they returned year after year.

She contracted dementia and was in Oaklands Care home in Bottisham for the last years of her life, not able to communicate or move. She eventually died just a couple of months after Andrew passed away. She is survived by her sister Monica, her sons Richard and Gordon, their wives Camilla and Hiroko and her grandchildren Marcus and Miyu.

The family will be holding a private day of remembrance for Joan.

Gordon Collins

## **A View from the Garden**

This Spring the contrast between gardener and gardens couldn't have been greater. What has now become the wettest (and warmest) 6-monthly spell on record has given many of our garden plants a terrific boost. Our surroundings are full of a vibrant green energy that shouts growth for leaves and flowers this Summer. It's also helped produce a massive population of slugs and snails that have started to chomp away at fresh tender shoots. I've resorted to using some rather bizarre control methods like using bowls of beer where the slugs can over-indulge and tramping the garden at night with a torch wearing a pair of heavy boots with a satisfying squashing power. I'm also informed that strips of wool insulation are an effective deterrent when used as a barrier.

In the vegetable garden, I've only just started planting summer crops, so once again, we're getting the 'concertina' effect, and I have to accept the mantra 'go with the season' in early May. Farmers and gardeners alike have had a very frustrating time. The saving grace has been my trusty polytunnel where I have been able to sow carrots, onions, brassica seeds, strawberries and a succession of mange-tout plants during March when it was crashing with rain outside. The simple frame with a tough polythene cover has become increasingly important in protecting crops from extremes in weather as well as extending the seasons at both ends of the year.

Nigel Start

## Working with nature: the wonder of weeds!

Earlier this year, I went to Memorial Hall to watch the film ‘Six Inches of Soil’, a documentary that focuses on the importance of soil health to our health and the health of the planet. It follows three inspiring stories of regenerative farmers who work with nature, rather than against it.

One of the questions asked during the audience Q&A was about how we can use the same principles in our own gardens – an excellent question because those of us with gardens can play a key role in helping to protect nature.

Soil would be the obvious first subject for this feature but, given the time of year, I’ve decided to start with the contentious subject of weeds.

I’m sure just reading the word will have induced a few sweaty palms and furrowed brows, but please bear with me because weeds have a critical role to play in the health of our planet and gardens.



Weed flowers are an important part of our food web, providing pollen and nectar for our pollinators. Their roots, leaves and seeds also provide food for other insects, such as caterpillars, which in turn provide food for our garden birds.

Weeds also improve our soil. Perennial weeds, such as dock and dandelion, have deep root systems that help to break up compacted soil (healthy soil needs air and water flow) and bring nutrients up from the subsoil to the soil surface.

If we all set aside small areas of our gardens for these hardworking wildflowers, we could enjoy the benefit of their efforts while gaining back a little of our valuable time to just sit and enjoy nature. Perfect.



### Did you know?

Stinging nettles (pictured above), provide food for over 100 species of invertebrates, including a variety of butterflies, and are a favourite place for wonderful aphid munching ladybirds to lay their eggs. They can also be made into a highly nutritious homemade fertiliser for your plants and a healthy tea for you!



The cheery dandelion (pictured left) can be a sign that your soil is lacking in calcium – something they’ll fix for you by drawing this and other nutrients up from deep in the soil, making them available for other plants.

Garlic mustard leaves (pictured right) make a delicious and nutritious addition to salads. The plant was traditionally used as an antiseptic.

Angela Morton



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## On the Farm

Well, what a farming year this has been. One to remember!



On the last Saturday of April, we finally finished drilling. This means that we have drilled every month since last July—we have never done this before!

Due to the wet Autumn, we hadn't drilled 200 ha of winter crops. This has meant the spring has been very busy with extra crops going in. Some of these have gone into less-than-ideal conditions. Cropping has had to be adapted as so many farmers

across the country were in the same predicament, and so there were seed shortages.

We have planted Spring Barley for Malting, Spring Oats for Milling, and Peas which are grown on contract for Herba's at Fulbourn and Sugar Beet.

We are some of the lucky ones as I hear some farms will not get drilled this season putting more financial pressure on them.

We have moved a lot of grain out of our stores over the last few months, Barley for seed, Hard Wheat going to Weetabix, Milling Wheat going to Heygates for flour, Rye going to Yorkshire for pig food and peas going to Herba's at Fulbourn. We also had American rice come from Ipswich Docks to be stored which has then also been carted into Herba Foods.

Routine cropping jobs are now continuing with herbicides and fertiliser being applied. Compound which is Phosphate and Potash is being applied via variable rate application. This means it is only applied where it needs to be. Each field has been mapped via satellite imagery, and with the aid of an iPad, which is plugged into the tractor GPS system, we drive up and down the tramlines, and the product is applied automatically where it needs it with variable rates.

Despite the wet weather, we have kept busy. Nearly all the store lambs that came down from Northumberland to be finished have now gone. We have finished all our home-bred cattle, but more were bought in to use up the excess straw, silage, and barley.

As of the beginning of May, we have nearly completed calving, and all the cattle have finally been turned out to grass.

On the conservation side, many of you have probably noticed that we have been planting hedges on field boundaries around the village. This will be a rolling programme where we intend to have all fields with hedges on their boundaries.

In March, many of you would have noticed a digger operating in the two fields behind the school. This is the second phase of our conservation project on these two fields. We have dug four ponds and made a scrape, hoping to encourage more wildlife in that area. Later in the year, we will be redrilling the field with grass and fencing ready for us to graze next year with sheep and cattle.



Other conservation jobs to do over the next month include planting Wild Bird food for the winter and grass margins around the edges of fields to encourage hares and small mammals.

Before we know it, harvest will be with us in July, and the farming year will come to an end to restart in September.

Let us all hope for a kind summer and Autumn this year.

James Kiddy

## Cambridge Accordion Club at the Memorial Hall

We meet in the Memorial Hall on the third Tuesday of the month. Our members are mixed ability and most of the time we play music selected by the members



from our library. Occasionally, we have events, like the one on Sunday, April 21st, when we opened our doors to the public for an afternoon tea concert with Camcordions and Jenny's Accordionists, in aid of Dementia UK. Camcordions is a local band of accordions, most of whom are members of the

accordion club, and Jenny's accordionists are based in Colchester, playing a repertoire of swing, classical and show tunes mainly in East Anglia. Putting the two bands together at the end of the concert created a wall of sound, with lively tunes like Rock Around the Clock. Our next event is on 21<sup>st</sup> May in the evening, starting 8:15 pm, when local accordionist Jane Ward will accompany Gwendal Moële (tenor), singing Italian songs from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present day. Other events are planned for later in the year, and all are most welcome to join us.

Jeremy Davis

## Bottisham Air Museum



As the month of June begins the museum is hosting the MG Owners Club summer picnic on Sunday 2nd June, and we hope to have between 40 and 80 MG cars attending. Groups of reenactors will also give demonstrations as part of the 80th Anniversary D-Day commemoration. Our major event of the year is Bottisham at War/Forties weekend on July 6th and 7th. There will be a number of military vehicles and various military camps and demonstrations showing the different types of equipment that were used during WW2, as well as living history displays. There will be two wartime singers and other attractions on both

days. Hot food and a beer tent will be provided, and as usual, the Flying Tractor Café will serve hot and cold drinks and snacks. Admission prices are adult purchased in advance £10, or £12 on the day. Concessions (child under 16, senior 65) are £5 purchased in advance or £7 on the day. There is also a family ticket for two adults and two concessions for £22 in advance or £28 at the gate. For tickets and more information please see our website, [Bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk](http://Bottishamairfieldmuseum.org.uk)

On Tuesday 30th April the funeral of Steve Gotts took place. Steve was born in 1946 and was dedicated to historical research and aircraft preservation from an early age. He was a founding member of the 'Friends of the Eighth Air Force' and dedicated many years of his life to writing his book 'Little Friends', a pictorial history of the 361st Fighter Group. He was one of the three founders of the Bottisham Airfield Museum and served for many years as a Trustee. He will be greatly missed.

Charles Cook

## A Page of Poetry

A page of poetry follows! It is a trial. If you write poems, we invite you to send them to me - [tonygoryn@icloud.com](mailto:tonygoryn@icloud.com) for the next Warbler issue. The idea is to include three new poems in each publication. There are two rules - both so as to fit the page. No more than 12 lines (including break lines) per poem. No more than 65 characters/spaces per line. The first poem - by way of introduction - tells us all about the "Roundel" and much about what makes a poem.

Tony Goryn

## Around the Roundel Table

### **The Roundel** by Algernon Charles Swinburne 1837-1909

A roundel is wrought as a ring or a starbright sphere,  
With craft of delight and with cunning of sound unsought,  
That the heart of the hearer may smile if to pleasure his ear  
A roundel is wrought.

Its jewel of music is carven of all or of aught—  
Love, laughter, or mourning—remembrance of rapture or fear—  
That fancy may fashion to hang in the ear of thought.

As a bird's quick song runs round, and the hearts in us hear  
Pause answer to pause, and again the same strain caught,  
So moves the device whence, round as a pearl or tear,  
A roundel is wrought.

### **An Untitled Poem** by Emily Oliver

God knows what I'm meant to say,  
It happened just the other day,  
You were out and I was wrong,  
Tragedy struck and you were gone  
It happened just the other day,  
God knows what I'm meant to say.

Understand nothing, it's far too complex,  
Reason after reason what's coming next?  
Searching and searching nothing to find,  
Running and running we're all blind,  
One day you're happy, a birthday wish,  
One day you're sad, somebody's missed.

### **Content** by Tony Goryn

The old lady in her stocking socks sits content  
with her dog at her feet. It is the same as the famous screen one.  
The floor is a litter of canine toys, fluff that squeaks,  
scuffed shoes. There is a faint smell of TCP.





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Thursday evenings, 8 pm, once a month to start with. No agenda. Starting May 23rd and then the third Thursday in the month.

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I look forward to seeing you

Emma [emmagent8@gmail.com](mailto:emmagent8@gmail.com) 07812766864

## Johnson Bede Lane Trust

This local charity can make small grants to people and projects that benefit those who live in Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom. We currently support people with winter fuel grants and funds for equipment to support health and educational needs. Enquiries and applications are treated in strict confidence. You can contact the Trustees via [JohnsonBedeLane@gmail.com](mailto:JohnsonBedeLane@gmail.com). Trustees: Adele Helmy, Guy Mulley, Karen Ostenfeld, Juliet Carter, Holly Tilbrook, and Revd. Alice Goodman.

Thanks in anticipation Karen (Ostenfeld)

## A new bus service for the Wilbrahams?

### Our recent survey

In 1961, residents of Great Wilbraham proudly declared their new bus shelter open. The bus shelter was a 'much needed' amenity, since 'many residents use the bus service, and all must wait out in the open unprotected from the weather'. So important was this to the village that land was gifted from Squire Hicks, a levy of 8d was made on the Parish and after a lot of discussion an architecturally designed shelter was built.



Fast forward 60 years and the bus service has dwindled so much that it is almost impossible to live in the Wilbrahams or Six Mile Bottom without a car. Is it too

much to hope that things might change? Is there any chance that this ‘much needed’ service might be reinstated?

Several factors have come together recently to set the stage for a POSSIBLE NEW BUS SERVICE THROUGH GREAT AND LITTLE WILBRAHAM, and both Parish Councils have been closely involved in pressing the case.

Cambridge has expanded massively, largely in the high-technology areas that surround the city. One of the biggest is the Biomedical Campus on the Addenbrooke’s site, described as one of Europe’s largest centres for healthcare and medical research and employing upwards of 23,000 people. Villages have expanded to provide homes for the increasing population, but there is congestion on all the routes into Cambridge – and we are in the middle of a climate emergency.

In 2023, the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) responded to all these problems by setting aside almost £15 million to improve rural transport, get people out of their cars, relieve the pressure on Cambridge, improve the quality of life and tackle climate change. £11 million of this will come directly from an increase in the precept which we are all paying. The CPCA invited suggestions for new bus routes and one that was shortlisted in March 2024 was a possible new route from Newmarket, via Burwell and villages along the B1102 as far as Lode and thence to Bottisham, Wilbrahams and Fulbourn to Addenbrooke’s Hospital (eventually to the new Cambridge South Station).

This suggested route came as no surprise to people in the Wilbrahams, who are acutely aware of the constant use of our roads as a rat-run connecting Bottisham and Fulbourn. Recent Great Wilbraham MVAS data shows that during the working week around 450 vehicles travel along The Lanes past Great Wilbraham school in the Bottisham to Cambridge direction between 7.00 and 10.00 and 350 vehicles make the return journey between 3 pm and 6 pm.

But the Parish Councils wanted to make sure that we added our voice to those supporting the route, so in April 2024, we launched a survey. Thanks to all of you who responded, particularly those who shared their stories of travel and how they manage without public transport.

We share here some interim results that have been used to support the case for this new route, persuade officers that it will be used, and describe the transformative effect it would have on our village life. The full results, when available, will be published on the Wilbrahams website.

The survey was shared widely with neighbouring villages. In total we had 448 responses, including 234 from the Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom (GW 173, LW 56, SMB 15). This increased coverage reflects intensive sharing via our various Wilbrahams networks as well as diligent leafletting and door-knocking

from both our Parish Council teams. Here we provide data extracted for our parishes.

People were overwhelmingly supportive of the new service – with indications that a reliable, hourly service would be used by all ages: adults to commute to Biomedical Campus (12 people) and onward journeys including Cambridge; young people to get to schools, especially 6th form colleges (8 students); many people to connect with the rail station; and almost all people to get to Addenbrooke's Hospital; or for shopping, leisure and cultural opportunities in Cambridge.

80% of residents said they would use the service daily (66 people) or weekly (122) people.

Currently 96% of journeys from the Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom are made by car.

50 people cycle, with some regularly cycling long distances to and from work or college, although this is generally deemed to be too dangerous (including by the cyclists themselves!)

Many comment that they spend a lot of money on taxi services which are expensive.

More than 25% of people described themselves as being dependent on lifts or taxis, although these options are a constant worry (having to ask favours or rely on friends and family) and expensive.

Many people are marooned in the villages with little social life and constant worry about their next appointments.

Many parents spend a lot of time ferrying children to and from school and various activities – with some saying they are unable to take a job because this is so time-consuming.

People expect that a bus service would enable them to greatly reduce car miles and, in the medium to longer term, to reduce car ownership in their household.

People perceived great advantages from a bus service – for themselves, (more time, less stress, cheaper, more independence, increased access to social and leisure opportunities; specifically able to get into Cambridge); for their children (more independence, freedom and ability to socialise); for their carbon footprint and the planet; for older people – relief of constant worry, ability to retain independence and continue living in the village once they can no longer drive.

Overall – people think that a bus service would be 'life-changing', 'transformative' for themselves and their families – as well as improving community cohesion and increasing the viability of the village as a place to live.

We do hope that we may soon be able to give you good news about a new regular bus service through the Wilbrahams - which will finally and properly connect us

all to the wider world. We will try to make sure Six Mile Bottom is connected likewise.

If we are lucky enough to get this – PLEASE USE IT - even if only to support your fellow residents. And let's look forward to refurbishing the bus shelter, maybe even installing a display system for real-time tracking! Now that would really take us into the 21st century.

Thanks to Parish Councillors from Great Wilbraham and Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom, who took this work forward, and to James Harmer (GW Parish Councillor), Jackie Beadsmoore, and Max Laverack, who contributed to our Working Group.

Hilary Burton and David Gill

## Wilbrahams' Community Choir



The Wilbrahams' Community Choir have been busy rehearsing for our Summer Concert and has already performed some of our songs in the recent Fulbourn URC Coffee Morning (photo). The theme of the Coffee morning was 'What a load of Rubbish' but fortunately we were assured that this did not apply to our singing!

The Choir would like to welcome you to our Summer Concert at 5 pm on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Memorial Hall, Great Wilbraham.

Music will include Adiemus by Karl Jenkins and music by such varied composers as Simon and Garfunkel, Elgar and Henry VIII. We will also be performing songs from the musicals 'The King and I', 'Les Miserables' and 'Chicago', ably accompanied by Deb Unitt.

We will be joined by Jeremy Davis and Oscar Acebras playing Argentinian Tango music on guitar and accordion.

Strawberries and cream will be served with prosecco and soft drinks, (included in the ticket price). Proceeds from the concert will go to the Memorial Hall.

Tickets are £7 adults, £3 children (16 & under) and will include refreshments.

Tickets are available from Tony Goryn ([tonygoryn@icloud.com](mailto:tonygoryn@icloud.com))

The choir rehearses at 8 pm on Thursday evenings in the Memorial Hall. We would be delighted to welcome new singers. The only requirement is enthusiasm; There is no audition, and you do not need to be able to read music to join us  
Gill Humphrey

## The Saint Nicholas Great Wilbraham Trust

On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024, the Trust's Legacy Capital Fund was valued at £228,682, showing a rise in capital value of £5,178 or an increase of 2.3% from it's value of £223,504 on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 when it was last reported. The capital fund's annual dividend income target of £10,000 is hoped to be achieved again over 2024. The trust's available cash is currently £17,757, most of which is already reserved and allocated for the PCC's programme of repairs works to the church this year. It is comprised of: further stonework repairs around some windows and a full refurbishment of all the cast iron rainwater goods made up by gutters/hoppers/downpipes/etc. The trustees continue to be very thankful to those who make one-off donations and to those who are making regular contributions to the Trust via banker's standing orders, which currently produces an extra regular income of around £1,500 pa (including the Gift Aid Tax Refund, if you are a taxpayer).

**On the morning of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, some of the trustees will be at a stall selling plants at the monthly Farmers' Market and will be glad to offer any more information about the trust to anyone interested.** For further information on how to make donations and how to contribute most efficiently to the Trust's Capital Legacy Fund, please contact our treasurer, Tony Ryan, who can most easily be contacted via email: [lyansan@btinternet.com](mailto:lyansan@btinternet.com) or myself via email: [graham@clarkesresidential.co.uk](mailto:graham@clarkesresidential.co.uk).

With my best wishes Graham Clarke, Chairman

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## The Feast – 2024



The annual family picnic for all the residents of the Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom is fast approaching so add it to your calendar now.

Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 12 Midday

Ken Davison Recreation Ground - Little Wilbraham Entrance off Orchard Close.

There will be games for the kids and adults, a few surprises and some prizes. Bring a picnic, a rug and comfortable seating and join with your neighbours for a fun, relaxed day. Drinks will be free for the children and beer and wine for the adults will be available to purchase.

It is always a great day so come join us and celebrate Midsummer. If you would like to help before or on the day, drop us an email we would love to hear from you.

Alan Cody [cllr.cody@wilbrahams.co.uk](mailto:cllr.cody@wilbrahams.co.uk)



### Fulbourn Women's Institute (WI)

What a hectic few months we have had, in February we had a fascinating talk by Kevin Pigny about his work as a wildlife photographer, which all started when he asked for a camera seven years ago as a Christmas present. He joined a local camera club and now teaches there and is also a volunteer at Wicken Fen. In March, we had a talk from David Dukar about World War II pilots, especially those who fought in the Battle of Britain and in particular, a pilot from our region, Victor Ekin. Many of you may recognise him as Vic Ekin, who, after the war, became an Estate Agent in Cambridge, Huntingdon and his hometown of St Neots. It really was a thought-provoking afternoon.

April, we saw a visit by Dr Gwenda Kyd, who spoke about Edible and Drinkable plants, where, amongst other things, we learnt that a baby is born with 3,000 taste buds, which reduce to 1,000 by the time they become adults. Also, eating too many carrots can cause the skin to become orange, especially in children, which is easily amended by cutting carrots from the diet until the skin returns to a normal colour. Having a vivid imagination, all I could think about was the excited children thinking they would become an Oompah Loompah and live with Willy Wonka in a chocolate factory - bliss.

Our meeting in June is a members-only meeting, and our meeting on 17th July will be a return visit by Kevin Boardman this time to tell us about the "Underground Railway - the escape of slaves from the South to the North in the American Civil War. As usual, we will be meeting at the Swifts at 2pm. Men who would like to join us are very welcome as visitors.

Marilyn Moyse (Fulbourn WI President)



## Friends of St John's Little Wilbraham – Remembering D Day



Eighty years ago, on 6th June 1944, the calm of Little Wilbraham was broken as Mustangs of the 361st Fighter Group of the US Air Force took off from the runway where now the tree belt crosses Wilbraham Road. They were heading for Normandy to provide air support for the D Day landings.

Most of us in Little Wilbraham will have driven out of the village towards

Bottisham along the eastern edge of the former airfield and seen the Stars and Stripes flying from the Bottisham Airfield Museum – and many of us will have visited. And if you have not – you should!

On 15th June 2024, the Friends of St John's Church are delighted that Jason Webb from the Museum will give an illustrated talk about the history of the airfield during the war, about the work of the volunteers in bringing it back to life, and about the role that it played in the liberation of Europe. Sadly, he cannot bring the Mustang – but he will bring his jeep! There will also be activities for children.



Do come and join us in St John's Church, Little Wilbraham at 5 pm for Jason's talk and refreshments (wine, soft drinks, snacks). It will be a great opportunity to learn more about an important part of our local story.

This event is part of our efforts to make the church an important community building for our villages and to raise funds to maintain its fabric. Tickets for the event are £7.50 for adults, including refreshments; there is no charge for children. If you are able to pay more - donations will be welcome and The Friends will benefit from GiftAid.

Tickets will be available on the door, but it would be a help to know numbers in advance. Tickets may be purchased in advance from our Treasurer, Nigel Wathen at [nigelwathen@gmail.com](mailto:nigelwathen@gmail.com)

Martin Daunton Chair of the Friends

## UNTOLD STORIES 34 Steve Longland

*You may have seen Steve Longland around in his big beaver hat. Under it there are some surprising stories.*

I was born at Nelson, Lancs, the first of five children, the experimental one. I grew up cautious of close relationships. Years ago I drew illustrations for a children's book I intended to write. One character was based on a devout relative who disapproved of sin, but was still rather partial to it, as represented by a caterpillar with some of its legs and arms signalling 'come here' and others 'go away'!



*Was that kind of tension important for your creativity?*

The suffering artist thing is a bit overdone, but there is a dynamic, a fuel, in the things that happen to you, and if you are lucky, they resolve into something creative. If you are unlucky they can be very destructive. They can be both.

*You were lucky.*

Yes, but divided by my genetic inheritance! My father's side were engineers and blacksmiths. A branch of my mother's side were artists. I can never decide which path to focus on. Aged about 11, I was drawing things, including a giant spaceship which you might have seen in the exhibition, The Wilbraham Collection. I had a child's eye for detail, even down to the contents of the tank under the ship's only toilet! I had an old desk diary which I filled with designs for aeroplanes and how I would build them. I was a keen aeromodeller- crashed everything! That was the engineering side: the arty bit was the drawings. In the gliding-related graphics I do now, I try to simplify down to the essentials. Minimum detail can make for much clearer technical points.

*So, your concern with detail changed.*

Yes. But not until about ten years after I'd been to the Royal Academy of Music. The level of talent there was impressive, and I thought I would never compose or play anywhere near such a high level and after two and a half years I left without a degree. My highly-regarded music teacher at school had tried to get me to play the piano with dedication (work!), but I resisted, something which I now regret. We had played piano duets I'd written, and they displayed many of the stylistic fingerprints of what I write now.

*You have composed a lot of music, symphonies, concertos, duets...*



That sounds far more grand and productive than the reality, but Yes. Many pieces have one thing in common: they are unfinished. The very first music I wrote was truly awful, and besides, I was able to draw passably well, so I focused on that for many years. I experimented a lot.

*Did you exhibit?*

Occasionally. For me there is a depressing comeback from exhibitions. The lack of real response brings up the memory of being admitted to hospital aged 8, and waking up in the middle of the night, alone and cold in a huge empty ward, and desperate to go to the loo. I called for a nurse but had to wait ages before one came.

*So, let's talk about gliding. When did you take it up, and why?*

Pure chance. I was staying with a friend who lived near a gliding site, and he suggested a flight. It was a windy day. The launch was by winch, so I was slammed into the back of my seat; the glider went up like a rocket, and at the top of the launch, there was a huge bang as the cable was released. It was frightening, largely because my pilot did not tell me what to expect. A few years later my younger sister, then in Cambridge, went for a flight and persuaded me to have another go. Despite some nervousness, this time I was bowled over by the stunning views and flight's dreamlike magic; I knew this was the sport for me. Gliding relies a lot on your personal judgement, and I really liked that.

*So you took up gliding.*

That was over 50 years ago. I became an instructor, was Chief Flying Instructor twice, and was also one of the region's gliding examiners. I did not like that position much because occasionally I had to fail people.

*You wrote and illustrated text books on gliding.*

The first had 500 drawings and some errors, took four years and needed a fifth, but the publisher was impatient. I was then approached by another publisher to write a book in their "Sports" series and given 6 months to write and illustrate



what is, in retrospect, the book I would like to have read before my first-ever flight. To my genuine surprise, clubs began using it as a primer, and it still yields an income. The illustrations done for the British Gliding Association's Instructors' Manual have been sold to other countries. It was about then that Penny was ill for the first time, so our collective stress level was high.

*You mentioned Penny. How did you meet her?*

She tried gliding when she was at Girton College. I do not remember our first flight together, but an entry in her diary mentioned that the sun was setting, it was misty, and I was doing aerobatics! She then took up gliding!

*So then you courted her.*

Yes. We lived in Cambridge and spent time improving the house and garden. Penny loved gardens. At some point I said that I was not going to marry her. It was the most terrible mistake. Off she went to Australia. We did keep in touch, though, and eventually, I went out to see her. We tripped around her favourite continent, and then I returned home alone. About 6 months later she came back to the UK and we took up again, something which her family weren't terribly happy about at the time. During a later visit to Australia, we got married under a jacaranda tree in Sydney's Botanical Gardens. We were together for 38 years. No children.

*You looked after her through a long and painful illness.*

She was plagued for 14 years with various cancers (*Steve became distressed at this point*). I was with her when she died in the hospice seven years ago.

*Since then, you have been composing a lot of music.*

Yes. In painting and drawing, you see shapes. In music, you hear them. Part of composing's appeal for me is that, unromantically, it has much in common with engineering and architecture. Do it badly, and you know it because everything falls to bits.

*You wrote that delightful suite for cello and piano for my 80th birthday, which was a lovely thing to do. Thank you, Steve, for sharing so much with us.*

John Tanburn

## Good News from St John's

The parish church of St John the Evangelist, Little Wilbraham, is the peaceful heart of a peaceful village. The large, peaceful heart of a small peaceful village. It's unlocked during the day: go in through the glass doors and the ancient wooden door, down a step, and walk up the south aisle towards the chancel. There is the Ascension window: the risen Christ going up to heaven in a starry pink robe and blessing his disciples on the hilltop below. Over to the left, the double-decker pulpit, repaired last year through the generosity of the Wells family, and beyond that, the village bier, never used for its original purpose nowadays, but the place where the school harvest gifts are heaped up, and the Christmas crib is set out. Look up at the carved angels on the roofbeams, and down at the old brick floor. And then sit down and be at peace.

St John's has had a tough few years, what with the major repairs to the south window and parapet during lockdown and a year in which the governance of the church was a mystery wrapped in an enigma. Things are looking up now, though.

There is a new group, The Friends of St John's, who, under the chairmanship of Professor Martin Daunton, are raising money by means of gifts, grants, and events for the repair and upkeep of the church's mediaeval fabric. They have a considerable task ahead of them.

There's also a new PCC, composed of Holly Tilbrook as Secretary, Gill Humphrey, Eleanor Laws, and Andrew Tristram (who is serving as churchwarden and treasurer), with the Rector as Chair. Our meetings are hopeful and encouraging. Our tasks include the day-to-day running of the church and its services, among them our twice-monthly Sunday morning services (Matins and Holy Communion), the school services at Harvest and Epiphany and also the big special services we all remember: village funerals, weddings, and baptisms, the service of lessons and carols, and the Midnight mass. These are the life of St John's, maintaining it as a place of peace and communal memory for villagers and visitors alike. The running costs of St John's are not the business of the Friends, and there are no charities that provide grants to keep churches alive as we hope to keep St John's alive. These costs are far less than the sums that the Friends need to raise, but they have to be raised by collections, subscriptions, and donations. They're not solely the responsibility of the small Sunday congregations, generous though they be. We need to raise approximately £7000 a year to pay our utility bills, insurance, and parish share. Without that, however much money the Friends raise, St John's cannot stay open.

We very much hope that you, the people of the Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom, will be able to help. We're not including St George's in this plea. Thanks to a very generous anonymous donation, St George's fabric is now ready to face the next fifty years, and its running costs will be met separately.

A simple way to help is the Parish Giving Scheme. This scheme is run nationally to help all Church of England parishes. The scheme automatically adds Gift Aid if relevant and will, if you wish, increase your donation in line with inflation. Your gift, however large or small, will be gratefully received. It is easy to contribute via the following link:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/little-wilbraham-st-john-cambridge/>

The Revd Alice Goodman, Rector Dr Andrew Tristram, Church Warden

## **Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom Parish Council**

### **New Bus Service?**

You will see below that a new bus service serving the Wilbrahams is at an advanced stage of consideration by the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority. A high response rate to the survey of residents confirms the need for

such a service. While this parish council certainly played our part in the survey, a big shout-out to Great Wilbraham for coordinating and collating the responses.

### **Annual Litter Picks**

The turnout for the annual litter pick in both villages was enthusiastic. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, volunteers collected some 40 bags around Little Wilbraham. The following week, a further 30 bags were collected around Six Mile Bottom.

Volunteers at Six Mile Bottom were mindful of the fact that no collective effort had been required for a couple of years because of the almost daily litter collection undertaken willingly by Richard Wilcockson of New Station House. Richard sadly passed away in 2023 and is greatly missed.



### **New Parish Councillor**

Among the volunteers at the litter pick in Six Mile Bottom was a relatively new resident, physicist Dr Eswar Rajendran. Eswar has now been co-opted to the Parish Council, filling a noticeable gap and enabling a more effective distribution of duties falling on parish councillors.

### **Site of the former *Green Man***

Work is now well underway on the construction of four new homes on the site of the former Green Man public house [*photograph below*]. While many residents will regret the loss of one of the few public amenities in Six Mile Bottom, numerous efforts had been made to find an alternative solution and closure was in line with national trends.



Research published earlier this year showed that the number of licensed premises in the UK declined from 103,682 to 99,916 over the 12 months to December 2023. <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/hospitality-industry-closures-energy-bills-covid-b2473830.html> Perhaps an influx of new families once the houses are complete will help maintain the recent level of community engagement in village projects.

### **Six Oaks Renewable Energy Park**

Plans are being progressed for the potential cabling route to connect the energy park to the national grid. Ridge Clean Energy are developing the site (a solar farm and battery energy storage system) on land between the A14 and A11,

approximately 1km southeast of the edge of Bottisham. Ridge Clean Energy received planning permission for the Six Oaks Renewable Energy Park from East Cambridgeshire District Council in December 2023. The associated benefit fund is projected to provide £30,000 per year for the expected 40-year lifespan of the project, enabling the neighbouring villages to share some of the proceeds of the development. All the parish councils affected (Bottisham, Great Wilbraham and Little Wilbraham & Six Mile Bottom) are cooperating on planning issues arising as well as distribution of benefit fund in due course.

### **Little Wilbraham's Temporary Lake**

Little Wilbraham's Church Road developed its own lake a few weeks ago, during one of the many bouts of heavy rain. We are grateful to Alex Wright, owner of the field there, for clearing the ditch and are now waiting for the county council to come and clear the gullies again. Keeping ditches and gullies clear is becoming more important than ever as the rain keeps coming in ever-heavier bursts at all times of year.

Finally, grass cutting: we are looking at our areas mowed across the parish as part of consolidation with our mowing contractor.

David Gill

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Luke will walk the 84 miles from the West to East of Britain, with the aim to

raise money to further research into MND and help support those affected by the disease. He hopes to inspire others who are struggling with difficult moments or

news in life, to see his undertaking this challenge and believe that they too can build memories and experiences, even facing adversity. Luke's wife Kate is the Daughter of Sally Hames who lives in Squires field. Kate is part of the wonderful support team of family and close friends who will be walking the 84 miles with him. Luke is fundraising for two fantastic charities: My Name's 5 Doddie Foundation and Motor Neurone Disease Association.

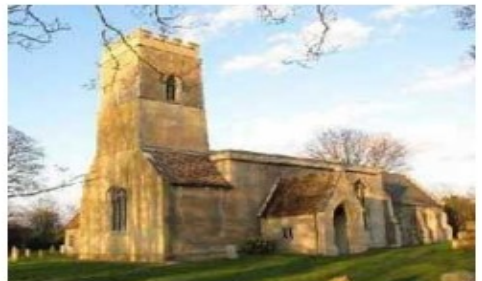


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## August Coffee and Chat at St. John's and St. Nicholas' Churches

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## Rubbish – What People Dump . . .

On March 16th, 2024, it was done and dusted; the annual Little Wilbraham Litter pick was a fantastic success. About 30 volunteers, ranging in age from a babe in arms to, let's say, slightly older, arrived for tea, coffee, and Juliet's famous flapjacks.

This is our biggest group yet, and it may have something to do with the sunshine. It's great to see so many residents taking care of their environs.

A big thank you for your time and energy; they are really appreciated.

So what turned up this year? Over 25 bags of rubbish were dumped by some selfish fellow citizens.



Our prime find – a human poo in a bucket – was left for somebody else to clear up the mess; thanks; we really appreciate your generosity!

truck and car tyres

a car battery

an iron manhole cover set in perfect condition

a smashed-up kitchen thrown over a hedge

the usual energy drink cans and foil wrappers

paint cans – at least 8 in a batch – hope the living room looks nice.

empty wine and spirit bottles

lots of plastic bits off vehicles

A big thanks to Andrew Carter for organising the day and the Wilbrahams Environment group and the Great Wilbraham Parish Council for lending us the bag hoops. Let's not forget the South Cambridgeshire District Council for lending the pickers, gloves, and rubbish bags and for taking the rubbish away.

Thank you. Little Wilbraham Parish Council

## Pick of the Litter a Car - Six Mile Bottom

Not often a car is brought back from a local Saturday morning litter pick but it just happened - a full-sized electric toy car complete with three forward gears, reverse and, for the connoisseur, a USB charging port and an MP3 player input. Sadly, the manual was missing.



Coordinated by David Gill, the Six Mile Bottom pick had a great turnout, with lots of residents and, of course, lots of rubbish. A group of 16 locals did their village proud and hoovered their way across the village and beyond. Altogether, about twenty bags were collected, which, if added to the thirteen bags collected by Bob the previous month, adds up to a

staggering amount of roadside rubbish.

A big thank you to you all.

When you look at the area covered in the parish over the last two weeks, it feels like all 526 hectares (or in old money 1200 acres) was actually cleaned, ranging from the old airfield tree line outside Little Wilbraham to the A11 in Six Mile Bottom. On this path alone it is 3.5 miles.

This year has been a great year for volunteers with the combined count for the two villages nearing 50 residents. A lot of new faces which is really encouraging and it is really nice to see the number of children that came along and helped out.

So what was found :

a sophisticated toy electric car

hub caps

smashed wing mirrors and bits of plastic from cars that came off second best

the usual cans, wrappers and Ibuprofen tablet packs

some doors, or was it a bench?

a perfectly serviceable wheelbarrow

wine and beer bottles, which is always amusing given where they are disposed of

And what is a bit sad are lots of abandoned National Highways road works signs.

We hope they will be collected, but nobody is holding their breath.

To be picked up by the council on Monday

Finally, a tribute must be paid to Richard Wilcockson, who passed away recently.

Richard was the Six Mile Bottom Champion Litter Picker who, for many years, cleaned somebody else's rubbish daily. Thank you, Richard.

It was great to see Richard's daughter and partner there at the litter pick.

David Gill

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### School Terms

#### Summer Term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June School re-opens

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - School Closes

Autum term

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – School re-opens

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – School Closes

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - School re-opens

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – School closes

### Bin Collections

(Wednesdays unless otherwise stated)

5<sup>th</sup> June – Blue / Green

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10<sup>th</sup> July – Black

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28<sup>th</sup> August – Blue / Green

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#### Great Wilbraham

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### LW & SMB Parish Council

Next Meeting

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Little Wilbraham Church

7.30 pm

### GW Parish Council

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Check website for more details

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## Great Wilbraham Parish Council

As I write this Great Wilbraham Parish Council update, the Spring is making way for early signs of Summer, with hot and sunny spells that are a welcome relief from the incessant rain we have had, which have caused us some challenges (read on). The optimism that comes with a change in temperature and a good helping of vitamin D, is maybe a nice metaphor for the positive uplifting opportunities we're able to write optimistically about in this edition. We have had a very busy year, and there is more to come as we work to strengthen our village community and protect and enhance our environment.

### **APM back again!**

Back in March we held our Annual Parish Meeting (APM) in the Memorial Hall. It was an opportunity for an exchange between the Parish Council, other local officers, village organisations and many local residents who had come along to contribute. We had relaxed and enjoyable discussion over refreshments and provided the chance to find out what is going on in our beautiful village. It's quite incredible that a village of our size has so much to offer, and the APM was a great way to get to know each other better and strengthen and support village life in many varied ways. *Note: Background papers and a report of the meeting are available on the village website for those that want more detail.*



### **Water, water, everywhere...**

We continue to support efforts to maintain the rare chalk-stream habitat of the Little Wilbraham river. Although the recent problem has been too much rain and the river is currently well-filled, in drier periods, it risks drying out if it is not augmented by pumping in bore-hole water. It's a balance that Mother Nature seems to be finding harder to strike, and humans are gradually learning that we are not making life any easier for her.

A stakeholder group has been convened by Tony Goryn, including the Wilbraham River Protection Society and neighbouring Parish Councils, that will be meeting with the Environment Agency to press for improved and effective management of the augmentation system that supplies the Little Wilbraham River. Thank you, Tony!

The most pressing problem to deal with is standing water in our Parish Orchard, which is at the lower end of the land designated as our Parish Cemetery. This has been caused by the extremely wet weather over the winter, making the groundwater level rise. The Parish Council is well aware of the importance of this special corner of the village - as a quiet spot to enjoy nature but also a vital

sanctuary and place of rest for loved ones. We are working hard to understand the long-term viability of the Orchard as a cemetery and what can be done to reduce issues caused by flooding there.

### **Stop, look, listen... *and then act.***

It's no surprise to regular Warbler readers that long-standing problems related to traffic: the volume of traffic, especially Heavy Goods Vehicles, going through the village and the dangerous, ambiguous crossing outside the school, is of major concern. Our Highways, Transport and Cycleways Committee (HTCC) will be working to address these two difficult issues in the coming year.

The final agreement for the placement of double yellow lines outside The Carpenters Arms and around the bend into Church Street has now been given, so we look forward to this being implemented very shortly, as do the majority of villagers concerned about the dangers caused by parking outside the village pub. It may interest people to know that as the lines will be within our conservation area, they will be thinner and a lighter shade of yellow than 'normal'. Seemingly, the historic wonder of the Wilbrahams warrants a special kind of paint!

We continue to be supported by the dedicated Transport Working Group. Some of the data that's been collected by them regarding speeds through our village is quite staggering, and it's clear that the MVAS Units are having a preventative impact on speeding, whilst we await a final decision by the County Council about the reduction of the speed limit to 20mph. Although the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) application was successful, there is a requirement for the Council to review the representations made during the subsequent consultation and then decide the outcome. This has yet to happen. However, we remain hopeful that the new speed limit will be in place by the Autumn.

### **The wheels on the bus might come round and round...**

I'll be brief. Hilary has done an amazing job in galvanising support for the new proposed bus route. She has written a separate article in the Warbler on this, but if you took part in the bus usage survey **\*\*THANK YOU AND WELL DONE\*\***. You may have put the Wilbrahams on the map for careful consideration by the Mayor in May. We continue to live in hope that the wheels on the bus might come 'round and round' our villages, albeit probably not 'all day long'.

### **I want to ride my bicycle...**

Following our Highways, Transport and Cycleways meeting on 29th January, where the County Council Highways representatives were encouraging on the prospect of improving cycling links to the Wilbrahams, we have formed a working group together with Little Wilbraham and Six Mile Bottom Parish Council. The group has met to discuss possible routes, principally considering linking Little Wilbraham to Bottisham/Newmarket Road and Great Wilbraham to Fulbourn. We will soon be meeting with the County Council's Active Travel



Team to initiate feasibility studies to get villagers back on their bikes in a safe viable way.

### **A gift for administration!**

Our Parish Clerk, Sam Chambers, has been working hard to ensure that all the policies appropriate for the Council are now in place. She has also recently completed an Internal Audit. We are very fortunate to have such an experienced and highly competent clerk to support and guide us in our work. THANK YOU SAM!!!

### **Coffee with our Clerk!**



Our Clerk Sam Chambers-Turner continues to set up her desk in the Memorial Hall alongside the coffee, cake and chat provided by the Well-brahams in their Welcome Mornings; and there is usually also at least one Parish Councillor available to chat.

Do come along and say hello. If you have problems or queries Sam is usually your best first port of call; if she doesn't know the answer, she will most likely be able to direct

you to the person who does, whether this is someone on the District Council or one of the Parish Councillors.

She can be contacted by email on [clerk@greatwilbrahamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@greatwilbrahamparishcouncil.gov.uk) or by phoning 07369 248998

### **Onward and upward.**

So, in conclusion, we hope that you are reading this in your deck chair on a Summer's afternoon, enjoying village life and knowing that your Parish Council is busy with the business of representing our village community. Although we might also need to have a rest for a short while before taking on the next set of challenges we will report back on, in this Autumn's Warbler.

James Harmer – Parish Councillor



## **A beginner's guide to hedgerows**

As spring slowly gives way to summer and many of us enjoy walks in our local countryside, we may notice that our hedgerows are coming to life. But what, exactly, defines a hedgerow, and why are hedgerows so important?

Put simply, a hedgerow is a closely grown mass of woody vegetation that grows in a line—and this being in one long line distinguishes it from a bush or tree.

We often assume that most hedgerows are recent additions to the countryside following the Enclosure Acts between 1750 and 1850, but at least half of our hedgerows are older - and many are centuries old. The oldest known surviving hedgerow in England is in Cambridgeshire - Judith's Hedge, near Monks Wood, which is over 900 years old.

Judith's Hedge, near Monks Wood

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### **So, what exactly do hedgerows do for us?**

Hedgerows have many benefits for nature, the landscape, and the climate emergency.

The Climate Change Committee has recommended that the extent of hedgerows be increased by 40% as part of measures against the climate emergency. We hear a lot about planting trees to help store carbon,

but hedgerows do this and more; they're easier to slot into the landscape than whole woods, and they are important for the management of water, pollutants and soil and for their potential to reduce flooding. Hedgerows can be very effective at promoting healthy soils, and they prevent loss of soil from fields, either through reducing wind erosion or by acting as a barrier to water-borne run-off. In rural areas hedgerows protect crops and animals from extreme weather.

Hedgerows are vitally important for nature—in many cases, they're essential for keeping plants and animals alive. They contain a mixture of habitats and support a wealth of different species. Over 2,100 plant, insect, bird, and mammal species use UK hedgerows for food, shelter, and movement between areas. 130 species that have been identified as a priority for conservation are closely associated with hedgerows.

A loss of hedgerows, or a decline in their quality and care, would be likely to have a disastrous effect on all these species' populations. As we've changed the land to be used for more intensive farming, they're more important than ever, often acting as the last safe place many declining species can live.

The networks of hedgerows that cover so much of our countryside pick out changes in topography, soils and underlying geology, and define current, and often past, patterns of agriculture and other land use. They connect us to our landscape's past, giving a sense of continuity and connection to our heritage. They keep our local areas looking distinctive and give us a sense of place.

## **Threats to Hedgerows**

Many countryside hedgerows are protected by law - The Hedgerows Regulations (1997) were the first official rules protecting 'important' hedgerows. The government has recently announced new hedgerow regulations to be brought into law to protect wildlife.

However, local authorities can only refuse to remove a hedgerow if it falls into this 'important' category, which means that we're still losing too many of them. Roads and development, especially on the edges of towns and villages, have caused hedges to disappear; even protections for 'important' hedgerows can be overruled by permission for new developments.

Although many farmers care well for their hedgerows, moves towards more intensive farming mean they can be removed.

## **Hedgerows and CPRE**

CPRE has campaigned for the protection of hedgerows for many years. We're calling on the government to make changes that will mean many, many more hedgerows are restored or planted. We want to see them commit to working with the landowners who own them to create thousands of miles of new or improved hedgerows and better protect the ones we have already. CPRE is actively planting and restoring hedgerows across the country as part of our Hedgerow Heroes project.

To find out more, go to <https://www.cprecambs.org.uk/campaigns-countryside/2022/02/21/hedgerows/> and <https://www.cpre.org.uk/explainer/an-insiders-guide-to-hedgerows/>

## **Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall**

Hopefully we are finally rid of a very long, very wet winter/spring and we can all enjoy the wonderful surroundings of the Recreation Ground and Play Area in the sunshine for the summer months. It really is the 'Green Jewel in our Crown', and we would like to extend our thanks to Alex Morley, who, along with the Goryns (Tony, senior, and Andy, junior), keep the grounds trim and the pitches prepared... Alex is stepping down from this volunteer role after 8 years and we wish him well in his new job... We have been looking for replacement volunteers to pick up his edge strimming tasks, and if you think that could be you, please contact us. More generally, we are also looking to set up an email list of potential volunteers for odd jobs on the Hall & Recreation Ground. We already have a brilliant 'Events Team' list whose members cheerfully step up to help with events and festivities but would like to extend this system to occasional practical tasks. If you have DIY or gardening skills and are happy to be on an 'Odd Job' list and be contacted occasionally (no obligation to respond to every request), please get in touch, details below.

## 100+ Club

We are thrilled that this has been a success, and that we surpassed the 100 mark. . . 127 numbered tickets have been purchased, which raises £1270 for hall funds and £1270 for cash prizes over 4 draws. We will allocate the extra funds to a bumper Christmas draw. We hope our support club goes from strength to strength and will provide much-needed regular income to the hall over the years to come. A huge thanks to you if you are already a member. If you paid by cash / bank transfer, perhaps you would like to set up a standing order for 25<sup>th</sup> April, so that your support continues? Don't worry now though, we will remind you nearer the time 😊. Our May draw took place at the Memorial Hall meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May. You can watch the live video online, it is linked on our website <https://www.wilbrahamhall.co.uk/post/our-first-100-club-draw-results>

Congratulations to our winners this month:

Malcolm & Jacki Grant won 1st Prize (£150)

Trish Davis won 2nd Prize (£75)

Jane Munro won 3rd prize (£25)

## Solar panels on the main hall roof – project update

We are pleased to report that we were successful in receiving the £25,000 grant from Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund (only 1 in 6 projects got through, so that shows that we have a strong project proposal). We are still waiting for the outcome of two further £10,000 grants that we hope to hear back from in June. If they are successful, we can get on with making this a reality (fingers crossed)! We'll keep you posted.



## New President & AGM Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm

We are delighted that Tony Goryn has accepted the position of President of the Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall Trustee Committee. Tony was born in the village and can be seen around

tending the cricket pitches, singing in the Tofties and Wilbrahams' Community Choir, organising 'Well-brahams' events, heading up the Table Tennis Club, manning the Social Club Bar and too many other things to mention. Tony has served on the Hall Committee in years gone by, so he knows what he is letting himself in for and will be a great asset and ambassador for our cause.

Each year the Committee holds an Annual General Meeting. This year it will be on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm**. The Committee work very hard to make our hall and facilities as successful as they are, and we would be grateful if you could come along and support us at this meeting. We are keen for new faces and new

ideas to keep what we offer relevant to our community, particularly the younger members. The hall is the hub and social glue of this community and getting involved (or just making suggestions) is an incredibly rewarding way to keep that going/make a difference/meet your neighbours.

## Events

The monthly **Farmers' Markets** have started again, and our next one is on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. We will take a break for July and August before picking up again in September (14<sup>th</sup>) through to December. For Farmers' Market news please follow: <https://www.facebook.com/wilbrahamfoodandcraft>. Please come and enjoy the wonderful variety of stalls - great local food, interesting and talented craft makers, plus the infamous 'Wilbraham Produce Stall' for delicious community baking, jams and plants. As usual, tea and fresh coffee will be served from the Social Club and the Parish Council usually have a stall to raise local issues.



## **The Wilbrahams' and Six Mile Bottom Vegetable, Flower & Produce Show 2024**

The Show will take place on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> – see detailed page.

We have pencilled in a date for our annual **FEAST** on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. If you enjoy homemade food, entertaining talks and demos, quizzes, and raffles, then this is for you! More details to follow in the next Warbler.

We have been approached about the hall potentially hosting a 'Repair Café'. There are quite a few in Cambridgeshire, the nearest in Fulbourn, which runs twice a year. They are coordinated by Cambridge Carbon Footprint, who provide training, support and tools. To do this, we would need a team of like-minded 'repairers' who are interested in the circular economy and have skills to share. Please contact us if you are interested in this.

If you would like to host a fundraising event for your own charity or for Hall funds, then please contact us. Our website calendar is kept up to date, and on the same page is a list of all the groups/classes and their contact details: <https://www.wilbrahamhall.co.uk/calendar>. If you haven't visited, or tried any – why not give something a go? If you would like to book the hall or have any practical queries, please contact Shirley Morley (Booking Secretary) [booking.wilbrahamsmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:booking.wilbrahamsmemorialhall@gmail.com) If you have any comments or suggestions for things you would like to see at the hall or would like to go on the 'Odd Jobs' email list, please contact me: [mail@emma-adams.co.uk](mailto:mail@emma-adams.co.uk)

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## Mow and Throw Tradition

As mentioned in the sports article, later in this edition, Tony Goryn and his team have been nurturing and cherishing the Wilbrahams' Recreation Ground again this year. We caught him reenacting the ancient Wilbraham tradition of 'throwing the grass'. Having given the cricket table its first mow, he ceremoniously threw some of the cuttings out onto the rest of the green. This will bring the cricket team good luck for a successful season, encourage grass growth on the ground and herald the new growth in sport in the village.



## Wilbraham Sport

### Leather on Willow.....Early Optimism

No doubt there will be other pontifications on the British weather elsewhere in this august journal, but let us not forget the travails of the poor old groundsman seeking to turn sodden, moss-ridden turf into a hard, flat, and fast surface suitable for bouncing leather into willow to the delight of the sun-drenched but only slightly inebriated crowd! Yes, the cricket season is here again and freshly cut grass fills the nostrils with optimism.

Maybe last season in the Senior 1 division was a bridge too far, but this season's Senior 2 campaign has started with a well-earned victory against Cambourne, albeit "by the barest of margins". Young George Cumming made an impressive debut, and hopefully, we can introduce more young blood into the side this year.... so send us your teenagers!

All the old crew are back (a year older!) but the side is being led this season by Tom Sweeney, a worthy successor to Charlie Moore who had captained the side admirably for five years. The fixtures are displayed on the Social Club window and The Wilbrahams website. Let's hope the sun shines. . we know that when we are at home you will fill the boundary, the bar will be open, and the teas great!

### Wilbrahams FC Continue to Flourish

Wilbrahams Football Club can hold their heads high after another entertaining season. Early promise at the top of the table did not quite come to fruition, but finishing in fourth (played 22, won 10, drawn 5, lost 7, goal difference +13) was a very creditable performance for a small village club.

Getting to the John Ablett Cup Final at Newmarket Town Stadium was the highlight—the club's first cup final for, we believe, over 30 years! However, the match itself against Melbourn, a much bigger club (and in front of a large Wilbrahams crowd), was a massive disappointment.



Huge credit goes to Kevin Turner, Josh Turner, and Andy Goryn for making this all happen. The team plays good attacking football, and when they push the ball around swiftly and accurately, they are a joy to watch. They have battled hard on dodgy pitches in howling gales....and Charlie Nicholas scored with two of the best free kicks I have ever seen. Premier League. . . eat your heart out!

Roddy Tippen Chairman, Wilbrahams Sports Club

## Over 60s

We continue to have a varied and exciting calendar for the rest of the year. Our Easter meeting saw a lot of Easter bonnets, with prizes for the winning bonnets. In April, we had our AGM , with all committee being re-elected. In May we have an outing to Windsor, with a full coach.

May 30th Talk by Jason Middleton

June 13th outing to Margate

June 27th David Caulfield

July 11th outing to Lowestoft

July 25th Talk by Jan Munt ( Ely Cathedral)

August 29th Bingo / Hoy & Tombola

Further information Carol Whitehouse 07770 973702 We also meet each last Thursday of the month at 2pm



## Red2Green's Summer Fair July 6th

With spring in full swing, the Bottisham garden team at Red2Green is embracing the season with open arms despite the challenges posed by the unpredictable weather. Our garden team have been potting up our new plant arrivals and learning about house plants and those we love outdoors. Our garden is a hive of activity, with maintenance tasks being tackled head-on thanks to the invaluable support of our volunteers, helping keep our garden looking its best, and for that, we are endlessly grateful. Now, the garden team are getting ready for our annual garden fair on Saturday, July 6th, 11



am - 2 pm and we extend a heartfelt invitation to the Wilbrahams communities to join us for a day filled with joy, delicious tea and cake, and a showcase of handmade crafts for sale. This event is not just a celebration; it's a chance to connect, learn more about Red2Green, and support our journey towards our 25th anniversary. Let's come together to foster growth in our gardens and our community.

But the spirit of creativity and learning doesn't stop at gardening. Over in our barns in Swaffham Bulbeck, an inspiring initiative has taken root, where our clients engage in weekly drama sessions. These sessions are designed to teach a variety of life skills and are fully interactive, with clients designing and creating their own props for the sessions in advance. From navigating a café to managing finances in a shop and even the more adventurous experiences of visiting a nightclub and a zoo, these activities foster both fun and practical learning for all.

Finally, don't forget that our spring and summer bedding plants are now ready for your gardens at only £2.50 per pot. Plus, we've got your compost needs sorted at just £6.50 per bag. For those who fancy a bit of personalised charm, our custom-made hanging baskets are sure to delight. For more details, feel free to email us at [info@red2green.org](mailto:info@red2green.org) or give us a ring at 01223 811 662.

Robyn Jarvis

## Great Wilbraham Primary School PTFA



This year the PTFA Summer Fete returns on a Saturday! We hope this will widen the opportunity for more of the local community to get involved and allow extended friends and family to come along and join in the fun.

Taking place on the school field and playground on Saturday, June 15th from 11 am until 2 pm, the fete will have an Olympic theme, as we look forward to Paris 2024. We will kick things off with a spectacular opening ceremony at 11.15 am, featuring performances from the whole school, choir and dance groups, medal presentations and a ceremonial opening of the event. There will also be a chance to meet a paralympic athlete!

A fantastic prize raffle, barbeque, bouncy castles, tombola, prize stalls, treasure hunt and face painting are among the many other activities to look forward to – it promises to be a great fun family event and we hope many will join us for our most important fundraising event of the year.

Caroline Bird & The PTFA Committee email: [wilbrahamptfa@gmail.com](mailto:wilbrahamptfa@gmail.com)

## Summer Games Anyone?



Just in case you have forgotten or would like to engage with some tennis, netball, basketball or pickleball, the Little Wilbraham multi-use games court is waiting for you.

It's free and is located in

Little Wilbraham off Orchard Close.

Just scan the QR code to book or use the link.

<https://www.wilbrahams.co.uk/services/multi-use-games-court/>



Alan Cody

## Temple End

In the last edition of *The Warbler*, there was an article comparing two photographs of Temple End, one from 1910 and one from today. It is surprising how little has changed, although in the centre of the early photograph, at the far end of the road, was an old thatched cottage. The cottage is no longer there, having burned down in the 1950s. There is more to tell.

Beryl Smith has lived in the village all her life, and her in-laws lived in the



cottage. Beryl has found a photograph dating from the 1950s, and although it is rather dark, it gives us an idea of the small house, which was then the gatekeeper's cottage for The Temple. One of the duties of Beryl's father-in-law, Oliver Smith, was to open the gate when the Squire wished to enter or leave his estate. Oliver, a widower

at the time of the photo, was not able to move easily, and when a fire broke out, probably caused by an electrical device bursting into flames, he was able to escape only with much difficulty. He was badly burned. The thatch caught fire, and despite many neighbours coming to help, it was too late to quench the flames and the cottage was damaged beyond repair.

On a lighter note, that car, complete with the long-forgotten running board, was the first car owned by Beryl's husband, Brian. It's a 1930s Ford 8hp "Tudor". It was called a Tudor because it had 'two doors'. And yes, before you ask, there was a four-door model and, yes, it was called the 'Fordor'. You couldn't make it up.

David Richer

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# The Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom Vegetable, Flower and Produce Show, Memorial Hall, Great Wilbraham

*Saturday, July 13th 2024*

PLEASE NOTE: The opening time of the Show has been brought forward to **2 pm** to allow more time for viewing the exhibits, buying raffle tickets, chatting and enjoying tea and homemade cake. There are some other changes, so please persevere and read the whole article!

## The timings for the day are:

**9-11am** The Hall is open for receiving entries. Entries arriving after 11 am cannot be accepted.

**11.15 am** The Hall is closed for judging to take place. All exhibitors must leave the Hall by this time.

**2.00 pm** Show opens for public viewing of the exhibits and who has won what! Refreshments and Raffle tickets will be on sale in the main Hall until

**3.30 pm** Please remove any exhibits not for the Auction.

**3.45 pm** Prize giving

**4.00 pm** Auction of donated exhibits

**4.30 pm** Raffle

**Show Schedule and Entry Forms** should have arrived with this edition of the Warbler...there's a large variety of classes to enter and lots of trophies to be won which are listed on the back. **Entry fee is 20 per item for adults and please note Under 18's entries are now free of charge!**



REMINDER, you may have two entries per class, apart from Class 22: The Spud in the Bucket and Class 41: The Plug plant.

*Entry is restricted to residents of the Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom, apart from any children who live outside the Villages but attend Great Wilbraham Primary School or First Steps Nursery.*

## ENTRY FORMS

Please complete the entry form, including the tick box, if you wish to donate any prize money to the Memorial Hall funds and bring along with your entries (**apart from the Spud in the Bucket and Photography entries - see details below**). You will be issued with a numbered ticket to attach to each entry...judging is anonymous.

## AUCTION

Any donated exhibits will very gratefully received as all proceeds go to the Memorial Hall funds. **If you do not wish your exhibits to be auctioned**, please put a red dot on your numbered entry ticket in the morning or remove exhibits from the tables at 3.30pm (Adhesive red dots supplied).

## RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale 9-11am and 2-3.45pm in the Main Hall this year to avoid queuing and congestion in the entrance area. Donations for the Raffle are always welcome - please either bring along on the day of the Show or drop off at 13, High Street, Great Wilbraham.



## UNDER 12's SECTION

There are lots of classes for children so please encourage them to enter. They are also able to enter the main Classes if they wish! **Just to mention** that all the children at Great Wilbraham Primary School and many at First Steps Nursery have entries in the Show so do come along and see their amazing artwork displays in the afternoon.

## PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

See Andrew Evans's notes for Class subjects. Entries to be submitted to [vfpphotos@gmail.com](mailto:vfpphotos@gmail.com) by midnight on Wednesday, **July 10th**. A digital display of the photos entered will be projected in the Hall on the afternoon of the Show.



## NOTES

For those of you who are entering the following competitions:

**SPUD IN THE BUCKET** Please deliver your bucket intact to 13 High Street, Great Wilbraham, by Wednesday, **July 10th**, clearly labelled with your name and phone number. Please cut off the tops and do not water the bucket for 2 days before, or it will be heavy to carry and very messy to empty out when the potatoes are weighed! If you need help transporting your bucket, please contact me. The **RICHARD WRIGHT CUP** will be awarded for the heaviest yield.

**PLUG PLANT** Please bring your plant (whatever the size) to the Hall on the day of the Show 9 -11 am. The winner of the 'best' plant will be awarded the **DAVID WATERS MEMORIAL CUP**....big isn't always best!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to join our band of helpers we would love to hear from you so please get in touch (details below).

Looking forward to seeing you with your entries at the Hall on Saturday, 13th July....GOOD LUCK!

**Any queries at all please contact:** Rosie White Tel: 01223 881293 mobile: 07757982934 Email: [rosiewhite77@hotmail.com](mailto:rosiewhite77@hotmail.com)

## Dear budding Photographers,

The Wilbrahams and Six Mile Bottom Vegetable, Flower and Produce Show Photography competition is looming ever closer! As a reminder, here are the category titles and hints.

Remember that you may use either a camera or camera phone, and you may enter up to two images into each class.

**Class 70: Landscape**—This is your opportunity to present a striking image of a seascape, countryside, or cityscape.



**Class 71: Old and New** - This image should capture something that shows both Old AND New in a single image.

**Class 72: Buildings or Architecture** - An image that conveys the majesty of a building or the intricacy of beautiful architecture.e.g.

**Class 73: Patterns** - A photograph of anything with repeated shapes, colours or objects.e.g.

**Class 74: Light and Dark** -

An image encompassing both Light AND Dark. This does not necessarily mean 'black and white', but it should be bold with extremes of brightness.

Entries should be E-Mailed to [vfpphotos@gmail.com](mailto:vfpphotos@gmail.com) by Midnight on Wednesday the 10th July to allow time for judging.



I wish you all the best of luck and look forward to seeing your entries at the show!

Andrew Evans

## Proceeds delivered by rail

Train Running on April 20<sup>th</sup> saw the Wilbrahams' Memorial Hall filled with model train layouts, admiring parents and excited children. Among others, there were gauge 0 electric and Hornby clockwork trains and even some very early pre-WWI small continental models.

Many of the children enjoyed the chance to operate the controls. A Dinky vehicle display also attracted attention.



Daunton, President of the Friends of St John's Church, Little Wilbraham. The money raised will go to the Friends of St John's Church, Little Wilbraham, where they are on track to keep the church open for all.

Volunteers helped make cakes and distribute tea and coffee. Train running organiser, Roger Burton, sent the £900 proceeds of the day by rail to Martin



## Village Encounters

I was knocking on doors recently – as one does – in a village not too far from here. There were the usual first greetings from dogs – all sizes and colours, all pitches of bark - then the greetings from the owners. One stand-out greeting for me was from a 97-year old: it was warm, straightforward, lively and positive. We talked about politics but also her own well-being. She was frail but continuing to live alone. Her family visited when they could and – very good to hear – she said ‘the council’ was looking after her. It was not the only time I heard that during the course of that door-knocking episode.

I know that for all the stories of good care, there will be those where the council falls short, but it was heartening to hear of good practice. It's important for all of us not only because we will all age but also because our council tax funds social care. By far the greatest proportion of what we pay in council tax goes to funding

adult social care and care for children needing social support of several kinds. There might come a time when either we or members of our extended family need that support.

The 97-year-old and others I came across that day wanted to stay in the familiar surroundings of their own homes and their neighbourhood. The ‘Care Together’ programme is working to create more locally-based teams and link them with those needing homecare. It is also supporting those interested in setting up new small care businesses, with the added benefit of creating new jobs in the community. It is also paying attention to family members providing unpaid care, offering advice, training, and respite care. Groups for memory loss, coping skills and for loneliness have been established; and existing groups can apply for small grants. The local coordinator is hoping to come and talk to groups in the Wilbrahams about what is on offer.

The website has more information [Care Together - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Another lively conversation in a different village, taking place just after the lawn had been mowed, with someone not far off 90 whose husband had had a stroke and was being nursed in a care home not far away. It highlighted the issue of transport poverty. I learnt that unable to drive and reliant on a bus service which was not so frequent and did not run at the weekends, her ability to visit her husband was really restricted.

Without transport life becomes very complicated. The bus proposal for the Wilbrahams, one of several put forward for funding from our additional precept payment (certainly supported by me), is now at the final stage. Others include an orbital route connecting the rail stations to park and ride sites and the science park, and the possibility of demand-response transport in some rural areas. These are the culmination of much work, over quite some time, in the Combined Authority, County, Districts and GCP. We also understand that current routes, important in various villages, should not be adversely affected, and for this, we must speak out for Six Mile Bottom. We should hear very soon.

Cllr Claire Daunton : 07905 473395 [Claire.daunton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.daunton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## **Cambridge’s first country park is celebrating 70 years**

Local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future is celebrating 70 years of Wandlebury Country Park. On 26 April 1954 it announced that it was buying the Wandlebury Estate to make it a public open space. It became Cambridge’s first Country Park and has provided generations of people with a beautiful greenspace to enjoy. With the help of the charity’s supporters, they have also been able to protect the nationally important iron-age archaeology, maintain historic buildings and provide a home for nature.





James Littlewood, the charity's Chief Executive, is helping to lead the celebrations, "we know how much pleasure Wandlebury has given to generations of people and we are proud of our work to increase nature and preserve history."

Bill Clark was the Warden at Wandlebury from 1973-1997 and still lives on the estate, one of his

special memories is how he created the first meadow and gave it a name "Getting the charity to agree to turning the wheat field into a flower meadow, was not as

easy as I expected. The majority believed keeping financially solvent was very important - and rightly so, for the charity was living hand to mouth, and did not want to forego the cash the crops brought in. I

persevered, gaining some sympathy by announcing that 85% of England's chalk grassland had disappeared -

years later, satellite technology proved it was more like 95%! Permission was finally given when the Countryside Commission agreed to grant-aid the meadow, although only on condition that we named it for a specific public use, so I named it the 'Picnic Field'."



*Pruning the new beech avenue 1984*

### **Save the Gogs**

The rolling chalk hills on the southern edge of Cambridge have held a special attraction to people for over 2300 years. On top of the Gog Magog Hills, or "the Gogs", lies the remains of a large and important circular Iron-Age fort, where the Icenii tribe lived. The Romans arrived and built a road over the Gogs that connected Cambridge to Colchester.

From 1865, the racehorses of King Charles II and King James II were trained there. In the 1730s, the Duke of Leeds built a country estate and stables there, where the famous Godolphin Arabian sired a generation of thoroughbred racehorses. Although Wandlebury was a private estate, it was a popular place when opportunity allowed: in 1933, 18,000 people attended a fete at Wandlebury that was addressed by the Prime Minister.

As housing started to sprawl out of Cambridge in the 1920s the wonderful views from the Gogs made it an ideal place to build a house. By the early 1930s, Cambridge Past, Present & Future became seriously concerned that without intervention, the hills would be built over, destroying them forever. They launched a major 'Save the Gogs' appeal with the aim of raising a large sum of money to pay landowners to give up their development rights.

Although they raised the equivalent of £1.1m in today's money, it was not enough. As fate would have it, World War 2 intervened, and afterwards, more effective planning legislation was introduced, which, with their campaigning, protected the Gogs from development.

Following the deaths of Sir Harold and Lady Gray in 1953, their son, Terance, began seeking a purchaser for the Wandlebury Estate, which was in a seriously neglected condition. Frantic negotiations and discussions took place to secure Wandlebury for public benefit, and the charity resolved to use the 'Save the Gogs' money for this purpose. Even with the offer of these funds, the County Council could not be persuaded to buy the estate and so it fell to Cambridge Past, Present & Future to step up. There is no doubt that without the generosity of Terance Gray, this would not have been possible; he effectively gifted half of the estate.

Louise Palmer

## **The Wilbraham River Protection Society**

We were delighted to have a great turnout for the showings of Tony Eva's film Pure Clean Water, first in Great Wilbraham with the Wilbrahams Environmental Group and second in Fulbourn with the Forum. The film gave a balanced overview of the problems with water provision for Cambridge, in particular, the benefits and significant costs to the environment and chalk streams.

At the moment due to the unprecedented rainfall the river is flowing well and looking at its best. Probably because the water levels have been high, there have been several reports of wildlife returning on and in the river. Otters have been seen on two occasions and caught on camera, and Water Voles were seen several times, and evidence of their presence was also recorded. If you see anything of interest along or around the river, flora or fauna, please do let us know. It would be helpful to know when, where and what. There is a sightings list on the notice board at Hawk Mill Farm. We will soon have another notice board just outside the Fulbourn Nature Reserve. This is thanks to a generous donation from Wrights Clock Land CIO.

Many thanks also to those who supported our plant stall at the Farmer's market in April. It was a lovely day, and we raised £230 for the society. We have a new promotional banner based on a beautiful illustration drawn by Pat Nutbourne. This can be found as the frontispiece to Desmond Hawkins's book The Drainage

of Wilbraham Fulbourn and Teversham Fens. His book is available in the history section of our website at <https://www.thewrps.org/> and is a very topical read.

The WRPS annual walk will be on Sunday, May 19th, at 2 pm, starting at Hawk Mill Farm in Little Wilbraham. It will be a 6km circular guided walk across Wilbraham Common to Herrings House and the Parish Acre and back after tea along the New Cut to Hawk Mill Farm. More details are available and can be supplied by emailing me at [bex@drccr.info](mailto:bex@drccr.info). Members of the society will be mailed the details, which will be made available on the website.

Could you please email me if you wish to join us or have any wildlife sightings?

We look forward to seeing you and hope for a sunny afternoon.

Rebecca Lomas

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## Six Inches of Soil...

If you were not amongst the 140 people who packed the Memorial Hall in March for our showing of this film about regenerative farming, it is on a nationwide tour of Picturehouse cinemas and other venues, including a showing in Fulbourn in November this year. David White, who farms regeneratively at Little Wilbraham, had encouraged some of us to join in crowd-funding for the film, so it felt close to our hearts. We had a lively, well-informed and inspiring discussion afterwards chaired by David and the film's producer. There is now a book spin-off from the film

### What can we all do?

To find out more about regen farming, have a look at <https://wakelyns.co.uk>, a long-established agroforestry farm in Suffolk where 'population wheat' was invented. Wild Farmed are developing a network of farmers growing regenerative wheat (including David). <https://www.wildfarmed.co.uk> If you want to buy organic vegetables locally, try <https://flourishfarmshop.co.uk> between Hildersham & Linton; Adrienne of <https://sweetpeamarketgarden.co.uk> appeared in the film; <https://www.waterlandcsa.co.uk> are based in Lode; <https://www.cofarm.co/cambridge> is a local community farm where you can volunteer to work.

Growing your own vegetables in your garden or pots reduces the food miles even further. Charles Dowding <https://www.charlesdowding.co.uk> is the guru on no-dig gardening and reducing carbon loss from bare soil by intercropping. Or if you just want to be a more mindful consumer, then support Wilbrahams' Farmers' Market to source seasonal, local produce; try to reduce your meat consumption, buy from local producers and look at food labels to avoid fruit and vegetables imported by air freight. And . . .

### **Our next free Open Evening: Gardening with Wildlife in Mind June 11th in the Memorial Hall.**

We at WEG are extremely grateful to members of the former Wilbrahams' Gardening Club for making a substantial donation to WEG from their closing funds. In recognition of this, we are running an Open Evening on 11 June (7.15 pm start) at which Iain Webb, Community Conservation Officer at our local Wildlife Trust, will give an illustrated talk. If the weather is kind we plan then to break into small groups to walk around the village and visit some gardens to see what some of us are already doing to help Nature.

## Pure Clean Water



Lots of villagers watched this brilliant documentary film earlier this year about the history and sources of the water supply to Cambridge and the threats we all face. An adequate water supply for the Cambridge area is – rightly - a hot topic now because of increasing demand and a diminishing supply from the Chalk aquifer which is supposed to feed our own Little Wilbraham River.

The past 18 months have been the wettest period in England since at least 1836 when the Met Office started its record keeping! Our river is filled with lots of rainwater just now – no thanks to Cambridge Water or to the Environment Agency!

### **The water shortage is not OUR fault.**

– but we can all do a little to help. Average consumption through our domestic taps is about 140 litres per person; Cambridge Water Company’s plan is to reduce this to 110 litres – but only by 2050! Some experts believe we should be aiming for 80 litres per person per day – as soon as possible.

What can we all do? Here are three ideas:-

Toilet flushing: “If it’s yellow, let it mellow; if it’s brown, flush it down”.

Hosepipes: Try to cut out or cut back your use of garden hose or sprinkler: they typically consume 1000 litres per hour!

### **Do you know how much water you are using?**

Check your own overall consumption. If you have a water meter, on your latest half-yearly bill, find your “water volume charge” - stated in cubic metres.

Multiply by 1000 to get litres, then divide by 183 days and then divide again by the number of people in your household; e.g.  $40m^3 \times 1000 / 183 = 218$  litres per day; if there are 2 of you, divide by 2 = 109 litres per day. Better still: look at bills for a whole year to see your average consumption. We would love to know what you discover.

### **GET INVOLVED!!**

We are keen to involve everyone, young and old, in what we do. Have a look at our section of the Wilbrahams website [www.wilbrahams.co.uk/information/weg](http://www.wilbrahams.co.uk/information/weg); or our Facebook site (Wilbrahams Environment Group) or contact us by email [wilbrahamseg@gmail.com](mailto:wilbrahamseg@gmail.com) or ring 07594 601205 (Nick Toovey).

Nick Toovey

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## Well-brahams News

The month of June brings much to celebrate – plans made during the cold winter months and nurtured in the Spring come to fruition, and with luck, the weather warms and energises us. If we are fortunate, our gardens are in full bloom at this time – hopefully, our efforts will be rewarded with an abundance of vegetables and fruit! As the sun reaches its highest point during the summer solstice, it marks another turning point in the year when we experience the longest day and the shortest night.

One interpretation of the name ‘June’ is that it comes from the Latin ‘juvenis’, or young people, who were celebrated at that time. The Well-brahams group continues to focus on the youngsters in our community and will once again be



hosting three days of fantastic sporting activities and creative and relaxing sessions. Run by our ‘Dream Team’ of Charlie Brown and Rachael Cox, these will take place on 27th, 28th and 29th August, just before the start of the Autumn term. These are incredibly popular, and arrangements are currently being finalised, so keep a lookout for full details on

posters, on Facebook and on the village website.

Our revamped ‘Welcome Mornings’ continue to grow in popularity, and we are delighted to be able to carry them through the summer months. We are extremely grateful for the incredible support we receive, from the generous donations to the Food Bank table, but also to all the people who shift tables and chairs, clear plates and wash up, provide games and puzzles, and bake wonderful cakes. Not least we must mention Dru Goryn, who every month pits her wits against the tea urn (not for the faint-hearted), and still manages to



serve coffee, tea, and her incredible scones with a smile! Please come along and spread the word about these events – the breadth of interesting conversations may surprise you, but most importantly the sense of friendship and community is priceless and must be greatly valued in these troubled times.

In September we are planning a new season of free talks and workshops on subjects relating to general wellbeing and mental health. The first will focus on the subject of Dementia, to be presented by Robert Colbert, the Community



Development Coordinator of the Alzheimer's Society. Robert will be talking about Alzheimer's but will compare the different types of Dementia, describing the symptoms and the effect these can have on sufferers and also their families and carers. He will also offer practical advice on how to cope as dementia progresses. Full details will be posted soon.

It's worth noting that the Well-brahams group do have a small library of books which we are very pleased to lend to anyone who might be interested in a particular subject or who is looking for advice. Recently we have had a generous donation of books specifically about Dementia. Some are practical, some are more general, and an updated list of what we have can be found on the Well-brahams website. We can also make suggestions for books which can be ordered from libraries.



Lastly, if you ever listen to 'All in the Mind' on Radio Four, you'll know that the presenter is Professor Claudia Hammond, whose book 'The Keys to Kindness' has been published recently in paperback and is well worth a read. To quote, "Kindness can be your super-power. It feels good to be kind to others, and it feels good to receive kindness. Did you know that kinder bosses are more successful bosses? Being kind strengthens relationships, and acts of kindness, whether given or received, improve our mental and physical health. It's time for a kindness revolution." Enjoy your summer!

Julia A'Court

## Cambridge Open Studios

Wilbrahams' artists are again participating in the Cambridge Open Studios which takes place every weekend in July. Cambridge Open Studios, is a thriving community of more than 500 artists, and one of the oldest artist-run open studio initiatives in the country, is hosting its famous art festival every weekend in July (06 – 07, 13 – 14, 20 – 21, 27 – 28 July 2024). Open to all members of the public, the art festival offers people the opportunity to meet more than 350 working artists, explore their studios and learn more about the creative process. It won't be long before artists in and around Cambridge will be opening their studios to visitors in July and there are four different artists on your doorstep, ready to welcome you and show you what they have been working on since last year. Look out for the yellow flags displayed outside their venues and the Open Studio Guide {paper and on-line} listing every participant.

The artists in Great Wilbraham are:

No. 157 Helen Clarke Summer House Studio, 1 High Street, Great Wilbraham CB21 5JD Open weekends 1, 2 and 3 6th/7th, 13th/14th and 20/21st July. She has a variety of paintings, framed and unframed in watercolour and mixed media

covering different subjects, all inspired by the beauty of nature, together with original painted cards.

No. 158 Richard Bray is showing sculptures in wood and drawings during weekend 2 and 4 in July Cambridge Open Studios this year. He can be found at 62 Angle End, Great Wilbraham, Cambridge CB21 5JG. His work can also be seen this summer at Cambridge ArtSpace, 5-7 Portugal Place, Cambridge until September by appointment with him on [richardbray515@gmail.com](mailto:richardbray515@gmail.com). All are welcome!



No. 159 Mark Jackman, The Chapel 84 Angle End, Great Wilbraham CB21 5JD. Open weekends 1.,2, 3 and 4; 6th/7th, 13th/14th



,20/21st and 26th/27th July. He makes

comfortable traditional and modern-styled chairs to fit the sitter's native hardwoods.



Nindy Dhaliwa at 5 Station Road, Great Wilbraham Saturday and Sunday, July 13th, 14th.

New to Open Studios, Nindy Dhaliwal is a jewellery designer based in Great Wilbraham, specialising in crafting pieces using recycled silver teaspoons and broken gold jewellery collected from charity shops and markets, thus reflecting her commitment to environmental sustainability. Inspired by the



trees, flowers, and birds in her garden - sparrows, tits, robins, swifts, and the occasional curious crow, Nindy's designs embody the beauty of nature's intricate shapes and textures. A highlight of Nindy's craftsmanship includes the use of the reticulation technique, which lends unique surface patterns and textures to metal, making each piece truly one-of-a-kind: enamelling, skilfully melting and fusing beautiful colours of glass and crystals onto silver and gold pieces and making individual

moulds. Her jewellery is known for being not only visually stunning but also exceptionally comfortable to wear, reflecting her commitment to crafting pieces that bring joy and elegance to their wearers. Motherhood, marriage, and teaching Nindy brings a unique blend of roles to her work. Please come and visit her Open Studio on Saturday and Sunday, July 13th, 14th at 5 Station Road, Great Wilbraham.

# THE WILBRAHAMS' SOCIAL CLUB

The Saturday Coffee Mornings are very popular and often packed out, it will be good when the weather improves, and everyone can spill out onto the patio. It is a great chance to catch up with friends, with good coffee, a great selection of homemade cakes and a raffle. We'd like to thank everyone for the generous donations of raffle prizes.



## Next dates

Coffee Mornings

May 25th, June 29th, July 27th, August 31st, and September 28th

The Cricket season is now underway and the bar will be busy with supporters relaxing on the boundary enjoying drinks and cricket teas throughout the Summer. The fixture list is on the club door.

Home Games

May 18th, 25th, June 15th, July 6th, 20th, August 3rd, 10th, 31st.

Over the winter, the home football games enjoyed good afternoons, with many staying on after the match. We open on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and they continue to be well supported by the Table Tennis club and the Choir.

If you are interested in helping the club, we would like more volunteers to work on the bar, eg this could be once a week/fortnight/month, and also committee members to bring new ideas, enthusiasm and help us with the routine management of the club. Please think about this and let one of the committee know, as the club is a great resource for our community.

The annual membership is £5, and new members are always welcome. the renewal date is April 1st. Membership application forms are available at the bar. Junior members can join at 14.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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