

*Kingston Parish & Church  
Magazine*



**December 2015**

## Village Diary

Saturday 5th December	Pub Night 6-10pm
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Party 3.30-6.30pm
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 2.30-4pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Singing from Village Hall at 6.30pm
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Crib and Carol Service 4pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Communion 9.30pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day Family Communion 10.30am
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Quiz and Chips

## Wheelie bin collection dates

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Black bin
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Blue and green bins
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Black bin
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Blue Bin only</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Black Bin</b>

## Editorial

As December approaches, the calendar starts to fill up with the countdown to Christmas. There will be plenty of opportunities to use the newly refurbished village hall. As an added attraction, hot pizza will be on offer at Pub Night. The Christmas Fair offers a great chance to meet your neighbours over mulled wine and mince pies and there will be plenty of craft activities for young and old to get creative. Carol singing around the village will start and end at the hall and hopefully the whole village can either sing or be sung to. There is a special crib service this year in place of the more traditional carol service and it would be good to fill the church and support the children who are taking part. There will also be services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Wherever you are spending Christmas and New Year, may I wish you a happy and peaceful time.

Please send emails to me, Mandy Ray, by the 20th of each month.  
mja630@yahoo.co.uk

## Vicar's Letter

We're beginning a new year in church this month. No, this isn't the January letter a month early! The Church's year begins with Advent, those four weeks of watching and waiting and preparation which take place before the celebration of Christmas. Most of us recognise that December is a time of preparation as we buy presents, decorate houses, send cards and plan festive meals and events. This echoes the church's Advent preparation in as much as there is an eager anticipation of the feast of Christmas, but Advent isn't so much about preparing yourself for one single day, as preparing the whole world for the arrival of Jesus Christ.

The most iconic figure associated with Advent is John the Baptist. He was a cousin of Jesus, something of a miracle baby born to Elizabeth and Zechariah after years of trying when they were both getting on in years. He was a few months older than Jesus and he too had a charismatic ministry. His ministry began before Jesus' and he paved the way for the message of God's love and forgiveness that Jesus was to bring. John the Baptist probably came across as a bit of a strange fellow, though. He was a critic of contemporary society and attitudes. He was a bit wild in some ways, standing on the edge of society and commenting on the abuses and oppressions he saw. He called for radical change. He wanted people to have a sincere change of heart, to turn to God and to treat one another better. He reminds me of modern day campaigners for change who lobby parliament, initiate huge online movements, travel the world to galvanise passion and concern and anger about the abuses in our world and society: things like climate change, poverty, FGM, access to the world's natural resources, oppression of women and girls and so on. John the Baptist urged a change of heart (repentance), a sort of cleansing and a commitment to put things right in preparation for the arrival of the Messiah in the world. For the church, Advent carries this same imperative.

As we prepare for the festivities and enjoyment of Christmas, the call of Advent could stir our hearts to attend to the needs and injustices of the wider world as well. If you receive a request to lobby our MP about unfair trade laws, or make a donation to a charity supporting refugees, or are stirred to pray for peace and justice – why not do it? Together we can make a change, a change which makes the world more like the place of peace, love and justice which God intended. It's what we hope for every time we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

May you know peace and joy in your lives this Christmas time.

*Alexandra***Church Services for December**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Holy Communion 8.30am

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Carol/Crib Service 4.00pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Eve Holy Communion 9.30pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Day Family Service 10.30am

**Christmas Services**

As always, this Christmas everyone is very welcome to attend our services: parishioners, friends and visitors alike. On the 20<sup>th</sup> the Crib Service will be especially for families with young children; on Christmas Eve there will be a traditional "Midnight Mass" at 9.30pm and on Christmas Day a Family Service at 10.30am.

**Church cleaning**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Peter & Suzy Stokes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Donal & Monica O'Donnell
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Linda Rimmer
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Janet Clear
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Peter Reynolds

**Church flowers and brasses**

6 <sup>th</sup> December	Lee Steele
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christine Stone
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christine Allison
27 <sup>th</sup> December	Janet Clear

**Coffee, Cake and Conversation!**

Wrights Farm House  
High Street,  
Longstowe

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December  
10.30am to 12.30pm

Some bits, bobs and pretty things for sale.

In support of  
**VIP Companionship for Older People**  
Reg charity no. 1140646

Entrance: £3.00- coffee unlimited

A short, prayerful service of **Holy Communion**



Is celebrated Wednesday at midday in Bourn Church

Anyone from around the Team or beyond is welcome to attend.

Please note: The last communion for this year will be 16 December. This will be followed by a simple lunch, with a suggested donation of £2 towards lunch. We will restart communion in 2016 on 6 January

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## Arrivals

A warm welcome to Peter Holly and Kay Forsythe who will be moving into 2 Field Row when their renovations have been completed. They are currently renting a property in Haslingfield.

Nigel and Fiona Higgin and their children Peter and Ella Roberts who moved into Old Mead House (Rectory Lane) in November.

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## Wave Café Church

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the 'Abantu' coffee shop in Bourn, 7.45 for 8pm until 9pm**



For those who are interested in exploring Christianity in a relaxed and informal way with live music, mince pies, mulled wine and quiz. Please come and bring a friend.

For more information please contact Ruth Terrell on 01954 718575.

## Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Drive, Ride and Stride 2015

Many thanks to Chris Reid who visited 35 churches in September and raised the splendid amount of £322.50: half this sum goes to the Churches Trust and half to our own church in Kingston.

Joan Reynolds,  
Parish Organizer.

With  
*'Cambridge & Surrounding District'*  
brass band

## The Village Carol Countdown

Sing the top ten carols  
as voted for by you!

Saturday 19th December, 4.30pm

At The Great Barn Manor Farm, Alms Hill.

Standing room, seating on straw bales (chairs on request).

*A Carol Singers' Supper raffle  
(family-sized)  
by Knibbs Meat Safe & Café Abantu.  
Refreshments: Mulled wine & mince pies.*

Come and share this magical Christmas experience,  
but wrap up warmly as it will be cold!

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For more information contact Pip Brooks on 712833 or Joy Naylor on 715396.

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## Parish Council News

**Allotment Plot Available – Children’s Allotment?** One of the allotment plots in Crane’s Lane has become available. We would welcome an application from someone who would be willing to lead a project for this to be a Children’s Allotment. You would encourage and guide a group of interested village children to cultivate the plot, growing vegetables and/or fruit. We do not have a rigid or fixed idea of how this would work, and would love to hear from anybody who is interested and has a workable proposal. There would be no rental charged, and the plot will be initially cleared to give you a head start.

Alternatively the plot is offered for rental in the usual way. The annual rent is normally £15, but will be reduced to £10 this year as the plot is offered part-way through the season. The tenant will need to sign an agreement which – amongst other things – agrees that the plot will be kept cultivated.

Please contact me if you are interested in either option or would like more information.

**Community Led Plan:** in accordance with official guidance, the parish council is in the process of reviewing the plan, published two years ago, to assess the extent to which we have achieved the objectives defined in the plan, and to look at what is needed to continue this work. The results will be published in due course.

**Local Highways Improvement initiative:** we have now learned that our application for this year’s funding was only partially successful: we will get a sign and associated road markings in Tinker’s Lane to warn North-bound traffic of the Crane’s Lane turning, but not the requested speed bumps in Tinker’s Lane and Church Lane. We have therefore re-applied for the speed bumps in next year’s round of funding.

**Permissive path at the old Toft railway bridge:** by kind permission of the landowner this continues to be available to walkers and cyclists travelling between Kingston and Toft. It has now been agreed that the parish council’s contractor will carry out a regular cut-back of the brambles etc along this path.

*Peter Stokes, Parish Clerk [kingstonpc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kingstonpc@tiscali.co.uk) tel 262207*

*Pub Night 5 December.  
Pizza available, hot from our new kitchen*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>T.E.W</b>	<b>Bourn</b>	<b>Kingston</b>	<b>Caxton</b>	<b>Longstowe</b>
<b>Dec 6</b>	Advent 2		10.30am HC(1)	8.30am HC	3.00pm Christingle	
<b>Dec 13</b>	Advent 3		6.00pm Carol Service		10.30am Carol Service	8.30am HC(2)
<b>Dec 20</b>	Advent 4		8.30am HC(1)	4.00pm Carol/ Crib Service		10.30am Carol Service
<b>Dec 24</b>	Christmas Eve		3.00pm Crib Service 11.30pm HC(1)	9.30pm HC(1)		
<b>Dec 25</b>	Christmas Day		10.30am FS	10.30am FS	10.30am HC	9.30am HC
<b>Dec 27</b>	Christmas 1		8.30am HC at Bourn 10.30am HC at Papworth			
<b>Jan 3</b>	Epiphany		10.30am HC(1)	8.30am HC(2)	8.30am HC(2)	
<b>Jan 10</b>	Baptism of Christ		10.30am WfA+Baptism 6.00pm EP		10.30am HC	8.30am HC(2)
<b>Jan 17</b>	Epiphany 2	6.00pm Caxton	8.30am HC(1)	10.30am FS	10.30am All- Age Service	
<b>Jan 24</b>	Epiphany 3		10.30am Songs of Praise	6.00pm EP		10.30am HC
<b>Jan 31</b>	Candlemas		6.00pm EP		10.30am All-Age Communion	

*HC Holy Communion MP Morning Prayer MW Morning Worship FS Family Service EP Evening Prayer*

Occasional Driver required,  
usually evenings, sometimes  
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or 01763248969 (day) or  
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## Village Carol Singing

The Village Carol Singing will take place on **Thursday 17th December 2015.**

Meeting at the **Village Hall at 6.30pm.**

Carol Sheets are provided but please bring a Torch.

Refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall.

If you would like to join in, please contact us

Janet and James Clear

## Foodbank

If you, or someone you know, is in urgent need of food because of a sudden emergency (eg change to benefits, illness, job loss etc), you/they may be able to receive 3 days emergency food supplies from a local foodbank distribution centre. The nearest is in The Ark in Cambourne. Food is distributed to those who have a foodbank voucher. Various agencies can administer vouchers, including the church. If you are in need, contact Revd Alexandra Clarke, Bourn Rectory, 01954 710426, [alexandra.clarke@btinternet.com](mailto:alexandra.clarke@btinternet.com)



at Manor Farm, Bourn CB23 2SH from 28<sup>th</sup> November

## Home Visiting

As the weather worsens it may become difficult for you to attend worship but if you would still like to be able to share in the life of your Christian community the Ministry Team would be delighted to visit you in your home. If you would like a cup of tea and chat then we would be pleased to meet with you in your home and we are always happy to offer home communion to anyone who would like it.

If you are able to leave your house but are having difficulty getting to church, and a lift would make that possible please contact either your churchwardens or member of the Ministry Team (numbers can be found on the back of the pew sheet) and we will try to help.



If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit please let the Ministry Team know.

## Christmas at Wimpole Hall and Farm

Join in making decorations and gifts to take home; come and see the house, gardens and farm magnificently decorated for Christmas. Craft activities, storytelling, take tea with an expert, Christmas wreath making, wild winter walks, hot chocolate bar and the perfect Christmas shopping experience away from the high street crowds. Live music with a Brass band in the Stables and Folk at the Farm. Weekends in December leading up to Christmas 11-4pm

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**Papworth Team Ministry**



# Team Evening Service

There is no Team Evening Service in December starting again in January.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 6.00 pm at Caxton

*Praise, Prayer, Teaching*

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## Letter from Santa

See a child's face light up this year when they discover they've received a magical letter from Santa Claus. Here at Sue Ryder St John's Hospice, Santa has asked for our help by turning our offices into 'Santa's Mail Room.'

For a suggested donation of £5, a child will receive a personalised letter from the big man himself.

Please help keep our naughty elves busy by registering at [www.sueryder.org/sjhsantaletter](http://www.sueryder.org/sjhsantaletter) or for further information contact our St John's Hospice elf team on **01767 641421** or email [michelle.aitcheson@suerydercare.org](mailto:michelle.aitcheson@suerydercare.org)

Merry Wishes

**St John's Helpers**

## Visit of The University of the Third Age

Around 40 members of the University of the Third Age's Sawston Group visited Kingston church on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Derek Cupit, their chairman, wrote to say that their visit was '...one of the highlights of our programme over the past 15 years. The coffee, biscuits and cakes were excellent and added to the enjoyment of the occasion'. Thanks to Joan Reynolds and Janet Clear for providing refreshments, and to Peter Stokes for organising car parking.

Peter Reynolds

# Christmas Services



## Sunday 6th December

3.00 pm Christingle at Caxton

## Sunday 13th December

10.30 am Carol Service at Caxton

6.00 pm Carol Service at Bourn

## Sunday 20th December

10.30 am Carols at Longstowe

4.00 pm Carol/Crib Service at  
Kingston

## Christmas Eve

3.00 pm Crib Service at Bourn

9.30 pm Holy Communion at  
Kingston

11.30 pm Holy Communion at  
Bourn

## Christmas Day

9.30 am Holy Communion at  
Longstowe

10.30 am Holy Communion at  
Caxton

10.30 am Family Service at Bourn

10.30 am Family Service at  
Kingston

## John Leonard Frederick Parslow 1935 - 2015

John Parslow was one of the most distinguished ornithologists of his generation, a pioneer in the use of radar in investigating bird migration, a co-founder of the bird observatory in the Scilly Isles, a researcher at Monks Wood into the effects of pesticides on birds of prey, and one of those who helped to draft the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981. John worked for the Edward Grey Institute in Oxford, the British Ornithologists' Union, the International Council for Bird Preservation, the British Trust for Ornithology, the Council of Europe, and the Nature Conservancy Council,

finishing his career as Director of Conservation for the RSPB. He was the author of the definitive study *Breeding Birds of Britain and Ireland* (1973) and co-author, with Richard Fitter and Herman Heinzel, of Collins' Pocket Guide, *The Birds of Britain and Europe*, still in print and translated into several European languages.

John died peacefully at home on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, and was buried at the Arbory Trust Woodland Burial Ground in Barton. We publish his Bird List for Orchard Cottage in his memory.

Peter Reynolds

## John Parslow's Bird List

## Orchard Cottage, Kingston

***Bird species recorded 1986-2011.***

***Garden = ca. 0.1ha.***

***Regular (annual/formerly annual)***

***(\* has bred at least once)***

**(34 species)**

\*Mallard

Pheasant

Sparrowhawk

\*Moorhen

\*Woodpigeon

\*Collared Dove

Tawny Owl (now < annual)

Green Woodpecker

Great Spotted Woodpecker

\*Wren

\*Duncock

\*Robin

\*Blackbird

Fieldfare

\*Song Thrush

Redwing

Mistle Thrush

\*Blackcap

Chiffchaff

Willow Warbler

\*Spotted Flycatcher (now < annual)

\*Long-tailed Tit

\*Blue Tit

\*Great Tit

Coal Tit

Jackdaw

Rook

Carrion Crow

Starling

\*House Sparrow

\*Chaffinch

\*Greenfinch

\*Goldfinch

Bullfinch

***Occasional (some only once!)*****(29 additional species)**

Mandarin Duck

Teal

Red-legged Partridge

Woodcock

Black-headed Gull

Stock Dove

Turtle Dove

Kingfisher

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker

Grey Wagtail

Pied Wagtail

Sedge Warbler

Reed Warbler

Lesser Whitethroat

Whitethroat

Garden Warbler

Goldcrest

Firecrest

Pied Flycatcher

Marsh Tit

Nuthatch

Treetreeper

Jay

Brambling

Siskin

Linnet

Lesser Redpoll

Yellowhammer

Reed Bunting

***Seen from garden – flying over (\*) or  
'next-door' (40 additional species)***

\*Mute Swan

\*Bewick's Swan

\*Pink-footed Goose

\*White-fronted Goose

\*Greylag Goose

\*Canada Goose

\*Wigeon

Grey Partridge

\*Quail

Little Grebe

\*Cormorant

Grey Heron

\*Goshawk

\*Buzzard

\*Kestrel

\*Hobby

\*Common Crane

\*Oystercatcher

\*Golden Plover

\*Lapwing

Snipe

\*Whimbrel

\*Greenshank

\*Redshank

Green Sandpiper

\*Common Gull

\*Lesser Black-backed Gull

\*Herring Gull

\*Great Black-backed Gull

Rock Dove (feral)

Cuckoo

Barn Owl

Little Owl

Long-eared Owl

\*Swift

\*Skylark

\*Sand Martin

\*Swallow

\*House Martin

Whinchat

# KINGSTON CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 13th December  
2:30 – 4:00pm.  
Village Hall



✦ *Plants, preserves, baked goods, decorations*



✦ *Chocolate Tombola!*



✦ *Raffle*

✦ *Tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies*

✦ *Make your own Christmas decorations! Fun for ALL the family*

This is a great chance to meet and mingle during the festive season over refreshments. Please bring any donations of gifts or produce (no jumble or books please), chocolate items for the Tombola (from a Mars bar to a box of chocs!) and raffle prizes any time up to **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** to Suzy Stokes (The Old Post Office, Rectory Lane) or Miki Ellar (Wainstones, Cranes Lane). Food items such as cakes up to **11.00 on the day of the Fair. ALL PROCEEDS TO THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Suzy**

**and Miki**

## Heidi Allen's November Newsletter

Well, October was an interesting month!

If you are not an active news reader, listener or watcher, you may not know that I made my official maiden speech in Parliament on 20th October. Although I had spoken in the Chamber on many occasions since my election in May, I had not so far made a "formal" speech. A local parish publication is not the place to be political so I won't spend too long talking about its content – but suffice to say I failed miserably to follow the conventions of a maiden speech! Short, yes.... polite, I hope so...but uncontroversial, no!

In brief, I challenged the Government's approach to tax credit reform, requesting that the pace be slowed down and the impact reconsidered. If you'd like to read the full text, you can do so here....<http://www.heidisouthcams.co.uk/news/heidis-maiden-speech>

I would like to say thank you for the overwhelming support I received from South Cambridgeshire constituents. I was literally inundated with emails, letters, tweets and phone calls. It was a challenging time for me with my party, so I am so grateful for your backing. The most pleasing result is that the Chancellor agreed to look at mitigating the effects of the reforms and we will hear his plans in the Autumn statement.

We have had a lot of what we call "sitting Fridays" in Westminster, which means my time in the constituency was restricted in October. However, I was delighted to help open Cottenham's new £640 000 sports pavilion, alongside three-time Paralympic medallist Dan West. This was such a successful community project. It was great to see local builders, engineers and residents come together to deliver a valuable asset for the community. Well done team Cottenham and thank you for the early morning champers!

Later in the month, I met with representatives of the student bodies of Homerton and Girton colleges to discuss the new student finance proposals. It became very clear to me how the way Government communicates change can really make or break the implementation of a policy. Students were concerned about the thought of having more debt as maintenance grants are changed to loans, despite the fact that they would be unlikely to have to pay it back. But it shows we must never forget how people "feel" – it's not just about black and white policy.

On the same day I met with a group of Junior Doctors from Addenbrooke's hospital in light of the proposed changes to contracts. As I listened to the variety of specialisms and careers they were engaged in, it was a useful reminder for me that the word "Junior" is so misleading. These doctors will have up to 10 years of clinical experience

under their belts and are an essential part of our NHS. It is vital any new contract is fit for purpose so I will continue working with them to ensure their voices are heard. As always, you can contact me by [Heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:Heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk) Tel 01954 212707 Twitter @HeidiAllen75/ My next surgery is 11 December please contact my office for an appointment.



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## Arts Events in December

Dates	Events	Tickets and further info
Sat 5 Dec	<b>1940's Swing Dance</b> – One of the biggest 1940's nights in the country, promoted and compered by vocalist Peter Wayre, with Ashby Big Band.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/757338350980701/">https://www.facebook.com/events/757338350980701/</a> £15 advance / £20 door 07738 631288 <a href="mailto:enquiries@1940singer.co.uk">enquiries@1940singer.co.uk</a>
Sun 6 Dec	<b>Jill Bridger School of Dance – Christmas Dance Show</b>	<a href="http://www.danceschool.biz/">http://www.danceschool.biz/</a>
Tues 8 Dec	<b>Christmas Music Concert</b> – a mix of Christmas music and readings to get you in the Yuletide spirit. Everyone welcome.	Tickets available on the door.
Fri 11 Dec	<b>Custard Comedy – CHRISTMAS SPECIAL</b> Doug Segal, Scott Bennett, El Purnell with MC Laura Lexx	<a href="http://www.custardcomedy.co.uk/comberton.html">http://www.custardcomedy.co.uk/comberton.html</a> £5.50 adv / £10 door
Sat 12:Sun 13	<b>Stage Right – Christmas Show</b>	<a href="http://www.stagerightstudio.com/">http://www.stagerightstudio.com/</a>
Tues 15 Dec	<b>Winter Dance Showcase</b> – performed by CVC students for their families and friends.	<a href="http://www.combertonvc.org/Winter-DanceShowcase-2015">http://www.combertonvc.org/Winter-DanceShowcase-2015</a>
8 Jan	<b>Custard Comedy</b> – Line up tba	<a href="http://www.custardcomedy.co.uk/comberton.html">http://www.custardcomedy.co.uk/comberton.html</a>

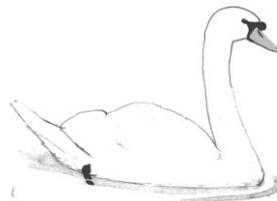
For more information about any of our shows please contact Richard Brown, Arts Development Manager, Comberton Village College – 01223 264444 / [rbrown@comberton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:rbrown@comberton.cambs.sch.uk)

## Swan Feeds at WWT Welney Wetland Centre, PE14 9TN

Watching wild swans being fed from the comfort of the centrally-heated main hide is something really special. The guide tells the story of the swans and their journeys to the Ouse Washes for winter before going out to feed the birds. Enjoy close-up views of whooper and mute swans. Any ringed swans you see can be entered into the swan computer to find out more about them. The guide returns to the hide after the feed, where there is time to ask any questions and get a bit of help reading any leg rings.

3.30pm Swan feed daily

6.30pm floodlit swan feed (Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only) The Reserve is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am - 4.30pm, Thursdays – Sundays 10am - 8pm (last admission 6.30pm). **Closed Christmas Day.** Adult £7.26, Conc £5.55, Child (4-16 years) £3.55, Children (U4 yrs) free.



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### Mill Road Winter Fair –Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am-4.30pm

The fair keeps expanding with over 120 local market and food stalls taking part this year.

**Highlights this year:** include a **bicycle-themed parade** and a **fire truckpull** along Mill Road.

Look out for loads of **children's activities** at Romsey Mill, Ross Street Community Centre as well as storytelling in St Barnabas. Chaos and the Cambridge University Museums will be based in St Philip's Church.

Classic favourites: The Gwydir Street food market will continue to feed the crowds; it has proven so popular that we have spread food fairs across various sites!

You can get your fill of **local art and jewellery** in the Covent Garden Drama Centre.

We also have a special **Santa's Grotto** and Winter Wonderland by the Railway Cottages (by the Bridge on the same side as the Mill Road Butchers).

There will be **dancing all day** in Romsey: from tango to capoeira to Lindy hop - the dancing looks stunning with dozens of people dancing in sync together. For more information visit [www.millroadwinterfair.org](http://www.millroadwinterfair.org)

## Stay well this winter

In the past year as many of one in four residents in Cambridgeshire visited A&E when they could have used an alternative service or looked after themselves at home.

Each visit to A&E costs the local NHS £87, and that's before any treatment is given. When you look at the figures, this costs the local NHS over £4million a year. In turn this is the equivalent cost of 677 hip replacements, or 287 liver transplants or 115 more dementia nurses.

Using A&E when you don't need to can also have a knock-on effect to the rest of the hospital, as busy A&E departments resulted in 500 cancelled operations and procedures because a bed was no longer available, and longer waiting and referral times.

But you can help

- Stay healthy – get a flu vaccination if you are eligible
- · Look after others – check on elderly friends, relatives and neighbours especially in spells of cold weather, help them to keep warm and have the medication they might need
- · Be prepared – get your prescriptions in early before the holidays and see your pharmacist or GP for any issues you might be putting off
- · Choose the right service – your local pharmacy can provide confidential, expert advice and treatment for a range of common illnesses and complaints, without having to wait for a GP appointment. For help with finding local NHS services visit <http://www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk/>

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## **Comberton Library**

Opening Hours:

Mon: 10am-1pm

Wed: 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm

Fri: 2pm-5pm

Sat: 10am-1pm

More details can be found on the Library Service website at

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries)

Are you interested in setting up a **Reading Group**? Are you aware your local library can help out? We can provide group sets of books of a wide variety of popular titles (often with Large Print or Audio copies if required) free of charge for extended loan periods, on a dedicated reading group membership card. We are also happy to provide a venue should you need one, within our normal opening hours. If your group might be interested please ask in the library for more details.

### **Volunteer urgently needed!**

Could you spare half-an-hour once a fortnight during term-time to sing with some of the lovely little ones who visit our library? From January we're looking to find a new volunteer to host our Rhymetime sessions for local babies (and their grown-ups). We need someone who can sing popular action and nursery rhymes for half an hour on a Monday morning in the library with our little group, but who doesn't have a child of their own to look after during the session. Toy props and shakers are provided, as is training in how to run a Rhymetime. It's a lovely little group with a very smiley bunch of babies who would be very grateful for someone to lead the singing! Please ask at the library if you may be able to help.

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec (10.30-11.00am). Dates from January will be dependent on staffing levels, please look out in the library for details.

Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too!

As usual Comberton Library will be closed between Christmas and New Year. We will be open Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015, closed over the festive period, and will be re-opening on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2016. Cambridge Central Library will be open over the break, please ask staff or see our website for their Christmas opening times.

All the staff at Comberton Library would like to wish their customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2016!



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