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COVERING THE NEWS FOR ST IVES AND AROUND

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July - another busy month in St Ives

This month started with the first Music on The Waits concert, featuring The Lightwaves. Sadly it coincided with the first wet day for months, and although the rain was welcomed by gardeners it did mean the concert was held in the Methodist Church, rather than under the bandstand.

The rain also resulted in Sunday's **Flea on The Quay** being cancelled. The next one will be on 3rd August.

Fortunately the warm weather has returned just in time for this weekend's **Carnival and Music Festival**. In fact, typical of the UK, there is now a heat wave warning and Carnival organisers are hoping that everyone attending will seek shade, even bringing their own gazebos to sit under.

Saturday's programme (right) starts at midday and involves local group performances, two films and the popular Proms in the Park with local Soprano, Karen England.





One of the regular features over both days are the Fairground rides.

Sunday sees the popular Music Festival featuring 10 bands (left).

Sunday also features another Music on The Waits concert at the Bandstand between 2 and 4pm. This week it features The Piano Man, Paul Dodson.

St Ives has a reputation for lots of free to attend events and this continues with the Carnival and Music on The Waits and other events taking place this month see centre pages.

Rotary and The Ladybird Trust working together

New Rotary President Sandra King (pictured) was recently delighted to be invited for a trip on The Ladybird Trust boat alongside former crew members and others.



This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the ways in which the two charitable organisations work together and support each other.

Rotarian Bill Knight (left of picture) is one of several current and former Rotarians who also volunteer as Ladybird boat crew members, and the Rotary Club of St Ives have often donated to The Ladybird Trust over the years.

Ladybird crew members Ed Elton and Mike Wood (both also in the picture) have helped the Rotary club with their fundraising efforts through volunteering to be Quizmasters for the popular twice-yearly inter-Pub Charity Quiz, and other Ladybird Crew have been seen on the streets at Christmas, helping Santa to complete his rounds!

Both of the charitable organisations are proud of their healthy working relationship; if any readers would like to volunteer some time to help either, or make a donation, please contact Rotary on **membership@stivesrotarycambs.org.uk** or The Ladybird Trust on **secretary@ladybirdboat.org.uk**.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Please email: editor@theriverporter.uk

JULY

Every Sunday in July and August - **Music on The Waits** - 2.30pm.

Saturday 12th - **The Eco Cafe** will be meeting at the Library, 10am-Noon, to talk about the events of St Ives Big Green Week and anything else that anyone would like to bring along for discussion. Everyone welcome!

Sunday 20th - **WOW** - A series of events and walks along the Ouse Valley Way. For details of what is happening see page 2.

Sunday 20th - **600 Anniversary Celebrations** - Toll Games Day. Instead of paying a Toll to cross the bridge - play a game. Hence 'Toll Games Day'!

Saturday 26th - **600 Anniversary Celebrations** - Civil War re-enactment blowing up the bridge. Town centre 11am and at Hill Rise Park from 2pm.

Saturday 26th - **600 Anniversary Celebrations** - Ceilidh with ***Catch The Pigeon*** at St Ives Corn Exchange 7pm. Tickets £5 from the venue or www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents.

Sunday 27th - **600 Anniversary Celebrations** - Living History Display, troop displays and full scale battle. Hill Rise Park from 10am.

AUGUST

Sunday 3rd - **Flea on The Quay** - 10am to 1pm The Quay St Ives.

Wednesday 6th - **Fairtrade and the History of the Co-op** - 2pm St Ives Library -Donations Welcome. Discover the history and background to Fairtrade products, and how they are linked to the Co-operative movement. This in turn has influence on the way that the Co-op trades.

Friday 15th - **VJ Day**.

Friday 29th - **Chapel Arts concert with Johnny 'Magic Boy' Wright and Ranjan Vasudevan** - Two great guitarists play blues , jazz and more. St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from the Bar or www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 3rd - **Autism and ADHD today: Pathology or Personality?** - 2pm - St Ives Library -Donations Welcome

Are autism and ADHD disorders? Or are they part of natural human variation? In this presentation, Dr Kevin Bryant takes a critical look at some of the evidence in an attempt to shed some light on this controversial area.

Thursday 11th - Sun14th - **The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival** - A FREE to attend Festival. Details from **www.stivescambridgeshire.co.uk**

Saturday 13th - **Heritage Day** when many of the most important town buildings will be open to the public.

Saturday 13th **Royal Air forces Association, Battle of Britain band concert.** Huntingdonshire Concert Band, at the Free Church, in aid of the RAFA wings appeal. Tickets £15 are available from the Free Church or ticketsource.co.uk/rafa-wings-concert.

Saturday 27th - **Freedom Parade by 42 Engineers (Geographic)** who will exercise their right to march in the Town Centre.

OCTOBER

Saturday 11th - **The Old Riverport Ukulele Festival.** St Ives Corn Exchange 9.30 am. Tickets £10 - **www.ticketsource.co.uk/eventsstives**.

Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th - **The Michaelmas Fair.**

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The Taproom Celebrates 20th Anniversary with revamp and new management

The Taproom, which, under Amanda Buttriss' management had become known for it's 'loud vibe' has had a change of management and is heading in a new direction, according to Robin Mackney, one of the new management team. A little more sophisticated and quieter seems the aim.

On Friday 4th July the new team of Chloe Madjoub, Robin Mackney and Neil and Liane Greatorex opened the new Taproom, 20 years after it first opened. It has gone through a few changes in that period and is now seeking to blend the café's original values with a refreshed, elevated experience.

A Renewed Space

The Taproom's revamped interior offers a comfortable and inviting atmosphere for guests to enjoy throughout the day and evening. Featuring new furniture and artwork by local artists, the space has been designed to foster relaxation while remaining versatile for intimate evening gatherings.

We invite you to come and explore our changes and let us know what you think!

Refined Menu and New Culinary Focus

Under new head chef James Heffer, previously of the Whiskey Café and The River Terrace, The Taproom introduces a refreshed menu focused on high-quality, seasonal ingredients. The breakfast, brunch, and lunch menus have been elevated with a selection of chef specials. In August, we will also launch a new small plates menu for an exciting evening dining experience.



New menus are accompanied by a new wine menu, premium lagers and signature classic cocktails.



A New Music Experience

The Taproom is introducing a curated music direction, featuring live performances and vinyl DJs, with a focus on creating an enjoyable, conversation-friendly atmosphere. Guests can expect music played at a volume that enhances the experience without overwhelming it.



Community and Events

True to its community roots, The Taproom is focused on re-establishing its position as the heart of the community. The café will host a variety of events, from unique music experiences to wine tastings and seasonal supper clubs. Local artists and musicians will continue to collaborate with The Taproom to offer an enriching experience for all guests.



PAPERWORK STRESS

A new survey has revealed that 92% of people in the region are in the grips of paperwork pandemonium with missed deadlines, lost documents and rising stress levels taking their toll.

The research, carried out by digital life admin platform SafeKeep has revealed that only 8% of adults in the East of England have all their important documents stored in one place, and 37% have missed a renewal or expiry deadline for insurance, passports or out of date policies.

What's more, 27% said it would take between 3 and 10 hours to locate all their key documents and just 1% could pull everything together in under 30 minutes.

And the mess doesn't end there.

Almost half of adults with living parents wouldn't know where to find all their loved ones' key documents in the event of their death with 50% admitting they don't even have the location of mum and dad's will.

From passwords and pensions to wills and insurance, our lives are more complex than ever – but shockingly most of us are winging it, relying on a mixture of kitchen drawers, email inboxes and paperwork piles to try to keep things in check.

This makes life admin stressful, time-consuming and can be costly when you miss renewal dates or lose key paperwork.

An even more sobering thought is that when you die, this chaos is inevitably passed on – making it more challenging and more stressful for your loved ones dealing with funerals, wills and the loss of a relative or friend.

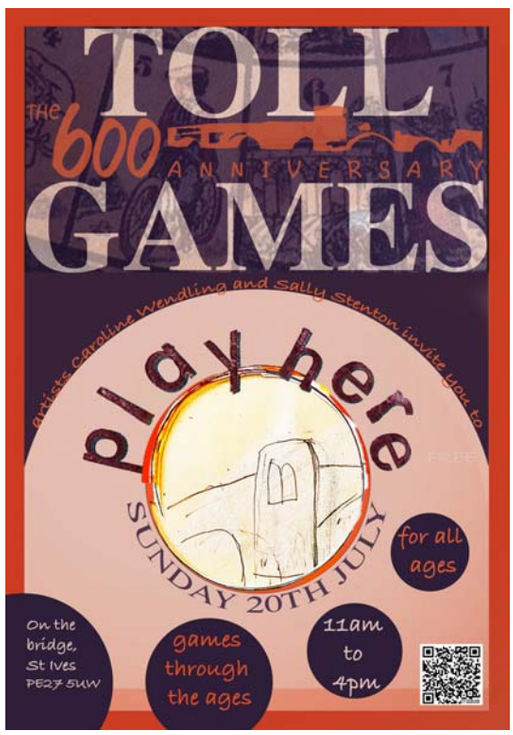


THE 600 ANNIVERSARY

Celebrations for the 600th anniversary of our bridge have been building up towards the re-enactment weekend, Saturday and Sunday 26/27th July when there will be full scale 'Civil War' battles at Hill Rise Park and the town bridge will be blown up again. This pull-out section has full details of the events taking place.

Toll Games Day - Sunday 20th July

On Sunday 20th July anyone crossing the bridge will be asked to pay a toll. But you needn't worry as the toll is not a payment of money but the playing of a game.



It could include any game played over the past 600 years. Sally Stenton and Caroline Wendling have been engaging with our local schools and asking students to invent new games.

Tolls played an important part in the history of the bridge and were in place for several hundred years, only ceasing in 1920, following lots of complaints. This must have been quite a relief at the time as the bridge was the only way in and out of St Ives for all traffic.

We hope the public will join in with the fun and in particular help demonstrate some of the games they played as a child. Sally and Caroline found that many of the games prevalent in playgrounds the 1950s, 60s and 70s are no longer played and children are unaware of them. So if you know how to play games such as *French skipping, hopscotch* or *Two Ball* why not come along and demonstrate them?

What happens if you don't want to play?

Don't worry - playing a game to cross the bridge isn't compulsory.



From 19th July there is something for children to find.

Thanks to Star Crafters, the people behind the fabulous knitted decorations we often see around town there are 90 knitted badges hidden around town for children to find.

Forty five badges are knitted in green and brown, which represents the Parliament troops' colours and forty five use red and gold wool, which represents the king's colours.

The badges are all in small plastic bags with a label so that when found the finder can become a Roundhead or Cavalier supporter. The safety pin on the back allows the finder to attach it to their hat or their clothes. So we hope to see lots of children wearing badges during the weekend of 26th/27th July.



The colours come from the song 'Red & Gold' written by Ralph McTell and performed by Fairport Convention on the album of the same name - *Red and gold are royal colours, peasant colours are green and brown …*

Road closure a plea…

Road signs will be going up and letters going out over the next few days, informing motorists residents and businesses of the road closures that will be in place on the morning of Saturday 26th July.

To allow the English Civil War troops to do the re-enactment, and for the public to safely watch it, the town centre will be closed to traffic from 9am until the event is over around 12.30pm. It is important that no cars are left in Market Hill or Bridge Street in particular during this time as this would restrict the room available for the troops and could result the event being curtailed.

With over 100 armed troops and several horses the organisers cannot be held responsible should any cars be damaged.



Timetable of events for Saturday 26th July

Events start at **10am** in **Market Hill** on Saturday with 17th century singing and dancing. Members from the Living History display will entertain you with songs and dances, playing instruments and songs that would have been common in the 17th century.

At approximately **10.30am** Parliamentary Troops, including cavalry (with horses) will arrive to parade and at **11am** will be inspected by The Mayor of St Ives, Councillor Julie Kerr.

Shortly afterwards, around **11.30am**, Royalist forces will march into town from Ramsey Road, along The Waits and into The Broadway. Their arrival will be announced by a peal of bells of All Saints Parish Church, signalling that they are a rival force.

The two armies will meet at the top of Bridge Street, where the battle will commence and continue down the street until the interloping army is ejected from the town by being forced across the bridge. At **Noon** the bridge will be blown up to stop the troops from coming back!

Once this event is concluded the action moves up to **Hill Rise Park.**

Free Shuttle bus

To help transport people to the Park there will be a free shuttle bus from the bus station up to the park entrance so people do not have to drive there.

(We suggest visitors park in the Park and Ride, which is free and less than 500 metres from the bus station).

The electric shuttle bus from Whippet, will help reduce emissions and will continue to go to and from the park all day from 9.30am until 6pm so you will be able to get back to the town centre easily once the event ends at 5pm.

What is happening at Hill Rise Park

The Park opens at **10am** with the **Living History Village**, where you can experience what life was like in the 1600s. There will be authentic cooking for lower classes and fine dining for gentry and officers. You will be able to see how they added delicious flavours without supermarkets or spices from abroad.

There will be a laundry on site where you can smell 17th century soap and see how washing was done and how linens were kept white with only the summer sun. Telescopes are available for you to view distance parts of the Park and mathematical tools that made these and other discoveries possible are here for you to try yourself. You can see how quills are turned into pens and try writing with a quill and ink.







Ladies will play beautiful music for you with stringed instruments, others have bagpipes and fiddle so you can dance – and there will be someone to teach you the steps.

See the arts of lace making and embroidery being created while you watch.

Members of the artillery will be available to answer questions after their display on the battlefield and the Sword Master will demonstrate his skill.

There will be skilled craftsmen making muskets and demonstrating how effective a longbow and musket were against English civil war armour.

Battle in the Park (it's no picnic).

At **2pm** all the troops of the two armies will march into the Park and a full scale battle will take place with cannon, horses, muskets and pikes.



See a full scale battle with horses, canon and around 400 troops.
Sunday 27th July at Hill Rise Park, St Ives.

There are around 450 members of the English Civil War Society (ECWS) spending their weekend in St Ives. Only around 200 of them will come to the town centre to 'blow up' the bridge due to the lack of space.

All of them and their 13 horses, will be at Hill Rise, which will be a major event, not only for the people of St Ives, but the ECWS members as well, as the Park will allow a full scale battle to take place.





Timetable for Sunday 27th July

The living History Display continues throughout the day from **10am** to **4pm.**

At **11am** there will be a **17th century Cricket Match**. Yes, cricket was played back then, and you can witness how cricket was played in the 1600s.

At **Noon** there will be an **Exercise of Arms and displays** by the troops before the **Final Battle** is held at **2pm**. Unlike the real thing, here is a chance for the losing army to get its revenge!

Please note that there will be no bus transport provided on Sunday. There is no parking in the park as the car park will only be available for blue badge holders on a first come first served basis.

Concessions. There will be food and drinks available both days including a coffee drinks bar, ice creams, pizzas, burgers and fries and duck and chicken wraps. Please be aware that it could be hot, so please be prepared with sun hats, sun tan cream and some water.

The T-shirt. We have designed and printed a 600 Anniversary T-shirt. It is a navy (very dark blue) shirt with the 600 logo printed on the front and at only £10 we hope this will be a good momento of the occasion. They will be available at the next Farmers' market. We have only printed a limited number so if you wish to ensure getting one please email **townteam@stivescambridgeshire.co.uk** with you name, address and details of the sizes required.



St Ives Town Team, which has organised this free event, would like to thank St Ives Town Council and Huntingdonshire District Council for their grants and the many other groups and individuals that have offered help and support.

Please note the times of the events are only indications and may vary slightly on the day.

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- **1 hour Self-Drive Hire boat trip** - courtesy of St Ives Electric Riverboats
- **A meal for two including wine** - courtesy of The Oliver Cromwell Pub
- **Afternoon Tea for two** - courtesy of The Golden Lion Hotel

Ceilidh

At 7pm on Saturday there is a Ceilidh in St Ives Corn Exchange with The Catch The Pigeon Ceilidh Band.

Tickets are just £5 from the venue or www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents.

King's Army

The English Civil War Society
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www.ecws.org.uk

Roundhead Association

11th to 14th September

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With several international performers and 12 new acts, this year's Festival is the most ambitious yet. Twenty eight concerts over 4 days, all FREE to attend, also makes this one of the best value Festival around and once again a double CD or Slim Card USB stick featuring the bands is available, along with the 'must have' T-shirt.



Santiago & The Soulmovers

The Corn Exchange - Saturday 13th September 10pm

Santiago (right) is a talented, passionate singer/songwriter/Guitarist who brings the vibrant energy of his native Argentina to his regular appearances on the London music scene. Santiago released three albums with his first band in Argentina. In 2017 Santiago embarked upon his solo career with two Blues releases that opened the doors for performances in Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Mexico, Ecuador, and Brazil before making London his home.

Santiago had been working on new material with producer Wayne Proctor and co-writer Oli Brown for 'Santiago and the Soulmovers' which combines Blues Rock with Soul and Nashville vibes, offering a fresh twist on traditional blues.

They have had the honor of performing at notable international festivals such as The Harvest Blues Festival (Ireland), Dereham Blues Festival (UK), Salva Blues Festival (Mexico), and Quito Blues (Ecuador). They recently released a new album and are currently touring across the UK and Europe. One of their live performances on YouTube has garnered over 600,000 views, reflecting their growing fan base and the vibrant energy we bring to the stage.

They are thrilled to bring their unique blend of Blues Rock and Soul to The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival and we can't wait to see their full-on performance.

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER			
6pm	Golden Lion Hotel	Brooks Williams & Aaron Catlow	UK Americana
6.30pm	Amore Restaurant	Soloman Smith Trio	Folk, Funk, Blues & Jazz
7pm	Floods Tavern	JUDVH	Black Soul & Funk
7.30pm	The Oliver Cromwell	Claude Bourbon	Guitar virtuoso
8.30pm	Nelson's Head	The Lightwaves	A bit of everything …
10pm	The Corn Exchange	The Houndogs	Rockabilly
FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER			
5.30pm	Floods Tavern	GETNOTGOT	Jazz , Funk & Soul
6pm	Slepe Hall Hotel	Greg Brice Duo	Acoustic Blues
7pm	The Corn Exchange	Mr Griff & The Grifters	Dynamic Soul Fusion
7.30pm	Ivy leaf Club	The Scoundrels	Punchy covers
8.30pm	Golden Lion Hotel	Mim Grey	Acclaimed singer-songwriter
10pm	The Corn Exchange	Connor Selby	Brillant Blues artist
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER			
11am	Sheep Market	The Barefoot Doctors	Electric Blues
12.30pm	Golden Lion Hotel	Will Sketches Band	Jazz, Funk, Fusion
1pm	The Bandstand	We Got That Swing!	Swing Band, Jazz
2pm	The Quay	The 29th Funktion	Blues, Funk, R&B
4pm	Floods Tavern	Upwood Ukuleles	Reggae with attitude
5pm	The Corn Exchange	Riverport Dancers	Blues dance lesson
6pm	Golden Lion Hotel	Split Whiskers	Chicago Blues
7pm	The Royal Oak	Dan Walsh	Banjo Virtuoso
8pm	Ivy leaf Club	The Blues Boy Kings	Rocking Blues
10pm	The Corn Exchange	Santiago & The Soulmovers	Rock & Soul
SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER			
11.30am	Golden Lion Hotel	Myke Clifford Quartet	Pure Jazz
12.30pm	Ivo Lounge	Django's Tiger	Gypsy Jazz
1.30pm	The Quay	Chris Lord & her Blues Express	Rhythm & Blues
3pm	The Corn Exchange	Fred's House	Award-winning Folk/Rock
3pm	The Bandstand	Jazz Division	Big Band Jazz
4.30pm	Nelson's Head	Jonno's 3-piece Blues Quartet	Blues
6.30pm	The Lounge	Jamie Williams & the Roots Collective	Rocking Roots

Programme may be subject to change **www.stivescambridgeshire.co.uk**

Chapel Arts @ the Corn Exchange

29th August
Johnny and Ranjan



Johnny Wright and Ranjan Vasudevan last played here in 2023 and will be making a welcomed return to once again delight us with their brilliant playing. Two superb guitarists and entertainers.

29th November
Stella Hensley's Magical Colours



Featuring Stella Hensley, vocals; Myke Clifford on Duduk, wooden flute, saxophone and vocals; Art Toper, keyboard, Malek Hyde-Smith, percussion and Chris Newman on guitar and vocals. Five of our finest musicians will not fail to provide the very best entertainment for a Friday evening!

Doors open at 7pm.
Concerts start at 7.30pm.
Tickets £10 from the venue or www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents

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Milly looking a little concerned by the paperwork!

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Dear Millie & Tilly,

Subject Quaker Meetings

I would be very grateful if you could flag up in an upcoming edition of The Riverporter that the monthly Quaker Meetings for Worship at the Free Church, originally planned for just three months, will now continue, for at least the next year. The Meetings take place in the Lounge at the Free Church, starting at 10.30 for an hour, followed by coffee and chat; they are open to everyone, of any faith or none - all are welcome.

With many thanks, **Ann**

Dear Millie & Tilly,

I would just like to say how pleased I am to hear that I won't be hearing The Taproom quite so loud.

As a neighbour it will be nice to be able to enjoy a peaceful evening overlooking the wonderful bridge and quayside and I wish the new management well. **Jeffery**

Dear Millie & Tilly,

Subject Fly Tipping

Old Ramsey Road is a favourite of mine as a walking and cycling route as part of my efforts to keep fit. I use it between 4-5 times per week.

Its also well used by a lot of other people; walkers, cyclists , dog walkers and joggers. Its a safe route as there is very little traffic. The 'dead end' road then leads onto a track across the fields to the RAF Camp with the track coming out on Sawtry Way.

In the last 12 months I have reported to HDC 4 instances of fly tipping, all of which the Council have removed. The illegal tipping has been old car tyres, canisters of laughing gas, builders rubble including asbestos tiles and branches etc. from tree and hedge trimmings.

I regard this route as a little gem and I'm sad to see people spoil it and not dispose of their waste in the legal way.

I doubt the offenders of the cases I've mentioned will be reading this but I hope this message will be heeded by some. They would need a vehicle to dispose of these items along Old Ramsey Road so why not use the vehicle and take the items to the recycling sites.

Please don't spoil the countryside that's on our doorstep. **Ian**



OTHER NEWS

St Ives Town Council left saddened



St Ives Town Council was disappointed when thieves stole their felled trees.Diseased trees had been felled on Slepe Hall Field and the wood was to be used for the benefit of the community - however, their plans were scuppered when the wood was stolen. Despite being questioned the thieves, who said they were from the council, disappeared with the wood.

His and Hers new plans



Plans have been submitted by Philip LLoyd for a bar on Bridge Street in the old His and Hers shoe shop. It would appear that work started (see right) before a change of use was applied for. The Barn St Ives said converting the shop, would bring 'vitality and viability' to the town centre. If approved, the bar would open between 12pm and 11pm Mon to Sat and between 12pm and 6pm on Sundays. Mr Lloyd had previously run the White Hart, which closed earlier this year.

Our Mp faces racial abuse



Mp Ben Obese-Jecty has posted online about the racial abuse he has received. He said 'I wouldn't usually post about the racist abuse I receive, but I do think it's important to shine a light on this and highlight that it still happens. I wasn't surprised to receive such a deluge of racist abuse after challenging Rupert Lowe online, but it's sad that any MP has a personal following that feels emboldened by his rhetoric.

Being compared to a monkey, being called a 'half-African gutter-snipe', being called an 'Uncle Tom', being described as a 'foreigner', being told I should be deported, being told I should 'return to my ethnic homeland'; all messages I've received in the past few days.

I will always call out the abuse people send me. It isn't going to deter me.

Swimming Club narrowly miss out on victory

The club travelled to Thetford for the fourth round of the Junior Fenland League competition, vying to be the 'fastest club swimmer' and make it to either the A, B, or C final in September. St Ives faced off against hosts Thetford Dolphins, Huntingdon Piranhas, and Bottisham Swimming Club. The competition was intense, with each club trying for the top spot during the two-hour contest and it all came down to the final event of the night, the relay. In a nail-biting finish, Thetford Dolphins just managed to secure the win, ending the night with 138 points to St Ives' 137. Despite the loss, the club's performance was enough to qualify for the A final in September.



Meanwhile, William Roberts, an international Down Syndrome swimmer from St Ives, has been selected to represent Great Britain at the European Down Syndrome Swimming Championships in Portugal in October.

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Mr Burton

Thursday 7 August 2025 at 7:30pm
Doors open 6:30pm. Tickets £7
Director: James Mangold, 141m, Cert: 15

Synopsis: *Mr. Burton* is a dramatic biopic that follows the life of enigmatic educator Edward Burton, whose unconventional teaching methods inspire a generation of troubled youth. Set in a struggling inner-city school, the film explores Burton's complex past, his battle against bureaucracy, and his deep belief in the power of second chances. As students begin to thrive under his guidance, Mr. Burton must confront personal demons to fully realise his mission. A story of redemption, resilience, and transformative education.



A Real Pain

Thursday 4 September 2025 at 7:30pm
Doors open 6:30pm. Tickets £7
Director: James Mangold, 141m, Cert: 15

Synopsis: *A Real Pain* is a 2024 comedy-drama directed by *Jesse Eisenberg*, who also stars alongside *Kieran Culkin*. The film follows cousins David and Benji Kaplan on a Jewish heritage tour through Poland to honour their late grandmother. Their contrasting personalities—David's neuroticism and Benji's extroversion—lead to comedic and poignant moments as they confront personal and ancestral pain. The film explores themes of grief, identity, and family, blending humour with emotional depth. Culkin's performance has been widely acclaimed, earning him multiple awards.

Tickets at screenstives.org.uk or in the Corn Exchange

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The Piano Man



The Lightwaves



July 6th	**The Lightwaves**	Think Bowie/Queen
July 13th	**The Piano Man**	Smooth Paul
July 20th	**Reggae Ray**	Relax Don't Worry
July 27th	**Brooks Williams**	Americana Blues and Folk
August 3rd	**Manea Town Band**	Silver Band
August 10th	**Musical Amigos**	Stella, Chris & Art
August 17th	**St Ives Musical Theatre**	Songs from Stage
August 24th	**Denim Roses**	Country Music Band
August 31st	**James Schouten**	Sinatra to Opera

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