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The Pistons to Places raises £75,000

Hundreds turned out to welcome the Pistons to Places rally home at St Ives Rugby Club on Monday June 29, after completing the 2,400-mile drive to Pisa and back in support of Little Miracles.

The rally involved 33 teams setting off in cars worth £1,000 or less on June 26. The return journey took them through Tuscany and over the Alps again to Dijon.

Nick Jones, who organised the event said the rally went out with 33 cars and returned with 30, as a couple unfortunately had to be towed and left in Europe.

Mr Jones also thanked all the supporters who got involved with the cause. *'Despite all the challenges, you all made this happen. Thank you to every single person who supported us - what a team, what a cause!'*

Their route included the famous Stelvio Pass featured in Top Gear, and an overnight stop in the Italian city of Lucca before reaching Pisa.

As of 29th June, the total had already nearly reached an incredible £75,000!

Mr Jones said he never expected the idea to receive such a strong response. *'When I first started this I thought I'd be lucky if I get 10 cars. I told the charity I'd raise them £20,000 and I was going to go and work hard at doing that.'*



Why Pistons to Places matters

After sadly losing their daughter, who had complex disabilities, Nick with his wife, Wendy wanted to create something that would bring people together while raising money for a cause close to their hearts.

The money raised will help Little Miracles continue supporting children with additional needs, disabilities and life-limiting conditions, along with their families.

Looking ahead to 2027

Pistons to Places rally next year will be to Venice.

Anglia In Bloom judges visit St Ives

Pictured in front of the Wellbeing Garden by the bandstand on The Waits are Anglia in Bloom judges, Margaret Spencer from Clacton, and Ian Haynes from Milton Keynes. St Ives In Bloom members showed Margaret and Ian around the town and their decisions will be known at the Awards ceremony in St Ives Burgess Hall on 24th September. St Ives In Bloom Chair, Phil Davies, thanked all the people who have worked hard to make St Ives look so good again. 'We are gradually making St Ives even better - one plant at a time', he told The Riverporter.



Flea on the Quay

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DIARY OF EVENTS

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JULY

Friday 10th - **A Fleetwood Mac Candlelight Experience** - All Saints Parish Church 3 sittings 5pm, 7pm and 9pm. Tickets from www.lumos-experiences.com.

Saturday 11th - **Songs from a Big Country** - a concert by the Meridian Singers at St Mary's Church Bluntisham at 7pm. Tickets £10.

Saturday 11th/12th - **St Ives Carnival and Music Festival**.

Saturday 11th - **COSI Summer Concert** 7.30pm at the Free Church. Tickets £10, www.ticketsource.co.uk/chamber-orchestra-of-st-ives or on the door. Under 16s free.

Sunday 12th - **Flea on The Quay** - 10am until 1pm.

Sunday 12th - **WOW! Day** Walk The Ouse Valley Way between St Neots and Earith, a FREE event. Details - greatousevalleytrust.org.uk.

Tuesday 14th - **Coffee with a Cop** - 11am until 1pm, Café Nero.

Friday 17th - **Kaveri Blues** - Ranjan Vasudevan in The Chapel.

Sunday 26th - **Flea on The Quay** - 10am until 1pm.

Friday 31st - **Picking with a Heart** - David Youngs in The Chapel.

AUGUST

Saturday 1st - Lunchtime Piano Recital with Oksana King - A FREE to attend concert. There will be a retiring collection with profits going to the Mayor's Charities. 12.30pm St Ives Free Church.

Sunday 9th - **Flea on The Quay** - 10am until 1pm.

Sunday 23rd - **Flea on The Quay** - 10am until 1pm.

Friday 28th - **Percussion evening** - Derek Scurll in The Chapel.

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th - **The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival** - 32 FREE to attend concerts over 4 days, see the Town Team website fo details: www.stivescambridgeshire.co.uk.

Saturday 12th - **Heritage Open Day** - Visit many of St Ives historic buildings open on this day.

Sunday 13th - **Flea on The Quay** - 10am until 1pm.

Sunday 20th - **Civic Sunday** - Service followed by Parade.

Sunday 27th - **Last Flea on The Quay for 2026** - 10am until 1pm.

Friday 25th - **Chapel Arts Concert - Richard Exall & Art Toper** - An evening classic Jazz (Benny Goodman etc.) St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from venue or www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents.

OCTOBER

Monday 12th - **Michaelmas Fair** - in the town centre.

Friday 30th - **Chapel Arts Concert - Stella's Musical Amigos** - with Stella Hensley, Myke Clifford, Chris Newman, Art Toper and Malek Hyde Smith. An evening of high class music in St Ives Corn Exchange 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from venue or www.ticketsource.co.uk/cexevents.

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See Oksana's performance in The Bridge Chapel which received over 7,000 views on The Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival Facebook page.

Chapel Arts @ the Free Church

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

OKSANA KING



A FREE lunchtime Piano recital at 12.30pm in St Ives Free Church

The programme will include:

Bach, the Italian Concerto.
Beethoven Sonata No 8 Pathetique.
June, July and August from Tchaikovsky's The Seasons, Mendelssohn and Holiday Diaries by Benjamin Britten.

Oksana King was educated at St Petersburg Conservatoire, with Distinction and performed as a soloist throughout Russia and the Czech Republic. In the UK, Oksana has performed recitals at Stowe Music School and from 2016 she has performed piano recitals at every annual Brixworth Music Festival, most recently dueting with Andrew King.

There will be a retiring collection with all profits going to the Mayor's Charities.

Intimate concerts by excellent musicians
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Fleet to set off from The Quay

A fleet of boats will set off from St Ives Quay in a public campaign calling for urgent investment in the UK's inland waterways, in an attempt to highlight the 'crisis' of funding for this region.



The campaign will travel along the River Great Ouse from St Ives to Bedford.

The event, which will take place from July 13 to 18, is being organised by the Great Ouse Boating Association (GOBA) and Fund Britain's Waterways (FBW).

The approximately 25-mile journey will include stops at Huntingdon and St Neots before arriving in Bedford on July 17 for the Bedford River Festival, one of the largest free outdoor events in the east of England.

The campaign aims to highlight what organisers describe as a *'chronic and documented funding crisis'* affecting the region's waterways.

According to the Environment Agency (EA), which is responsible for maintaining the river, the Anglia region faces an annual funding shortfall of between £6m and £11m.

Out of 60 locks and weirs in the area, approximately 40 are approaching the end of their serviceable life, and no capital renewal programme is currently in place.

As a result, campaigners warn the river is *'approaching a point of no return'.*

Mike Starnes, campaign organiser, said: *'The Great Ouse is not in decline because the Environment Agency isn't trying - it's in decline because the Government is not giving them the money they need to do their job.*

'We are taking this message directly to MPs, town councils and the public along the river, and we will be arriving in Bedford to make sure it cannot be ignored.

'This is not just about boaters, we are representing canoeists, kayakers, paddleboarders, anglers or riverside walkers, in fact all who value our waterways.'

In 2024/25, navigation on the River Cam was halted for more than 18 months due to the structural failure of two lock islands, with repairs estimated at £10m.

Brandon Lock on the River Little Ouse also remains closed because of insufficient funds for repairs and channel clearance.

Organisers have argued that the deteriorating infrastructure has had a knock-on effect on local businesses, including boat hire companies and repair workshops.

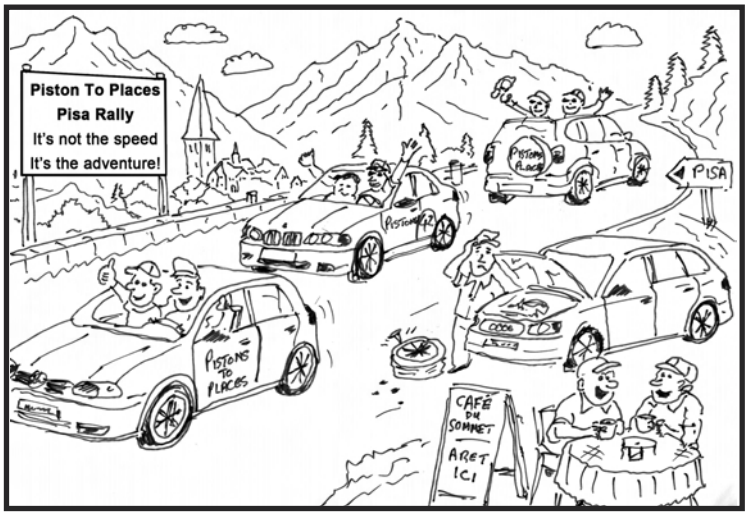
They claim that in 2025, a boat hire company closed their hire business due to the cost of compensating holiday makers due to closures.

Increasing incidents of flooding have also been linked to the state of decaying infrastructure along the river.

The campaign cruise, named ***'Navigating for Change',*** will meet MPs from constituencies along the river.

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Drivers - welcome to St Ives after 4pm



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THE OLD RIVERPORT ST IVES Jazz & Blues FESTIVAL 2026

10th to 13th September

4 ENJOY DAYS OF FREE CONCERTS

This year's Old Riverport Jazz & Blues Festival should be the biggest and best yet with 31 concerts featuring national and international artists.

As usual there is a mixture of new bands for St Ives and old favourites, providing a wide range of music styles …it's not all Jazz & Blues.

The Festival starts in the Golden Lion on the Thursday evening with Richard Exall's Benny Goodman Quartet with the brilliant Art Toper on keyboard, Mark Adams on bass and John Watson, of the Big Chris Barber Band, on drums. This really is one of the very best swing jazz bands around.

Thursday evening ends with Santiago and The Soul Movers in the Corn Exchange.



Friday sees two new bands, Trio Plus, featuring guitarist Keith Winters of Shakatak fame and The Kendall Connection.



Nick Kendall, who was recently touring with Sting in The Last Ship is joined by three of London's finest session musicians.

This year's T-shirts and Double CD or sim card will be available from the Flea on The Quay or from the Farmers' Market.

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER			
6pm	Golden Lion Hotel	Richard Exall's Benny Goodman Quartet	The music of Benny Goodman
6.30pm	Amore Restaurant	Chris Newman & Humfry Finkel	Ragtime
7pm	Oliver Cromwell	The Lightwaves	A bit of everything
7.30pm	The Taproom	Brooks Williams & Aaron Catlow	UK folk and Americana
8.30pm	Nelson's Head	Sure-Can Playboys	Roots & Blues
10pm	The Corn Exchange	Santiago & The Soul Movers	Rock & Soul
FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER			
5.30pm	Floods Tavern	Split Whiskers	Chicago Blues
6.30pm	Golden Lion Hotel	Shufflepack	Shuffling Blues
7pm	Broadway Cellars	Trio Plus	Jazz, Funk
7.30pm	The Taproom	Greg Brice	Accoustic Blues
8.30pm	Ivy leaf Club	Max & Veronica	Vintage Blues, Jazz & Ragtime
10pm	The Corn Exchange	The Kendall Connection	Blues-Rock
SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER			
11am	Sheep Market	The Barefoot Doctors	Electric Blues
12.30pm	Whisky Café	Gravy Train Trio	Funk, Soul, Jazz
1pm	The Bandstand	RUBY MUSE	Folk, Blues and Americana
2pm	The Quay	GETNOTGOT	Groovy Jazz-funk
4pm	The Corn Exchange	The Gray Project	Jazz and Soul
5pm	Floods Tavern	Johnny Wright & Marina Bush	Feisty Country
6.30pm	The Taproom	Will Sketches Quartet	Funk, Soul, Blues
7pm	Golden Lion Hotel	Blues Boy Kings	Blues
8.30pm	Ivy leaf Club	Chris Lord & her Blues Express	Rhythm & Blues
10pm	The Corn Exchange	Thomas Atlas	Contemporary Blues & Soul
SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER			
11.30am	Golden Lion Hotel	M G Boulter & Jenny Sturgeon	Indie Folk
12.30pm	Ivo Lounge	Django's Tiger	Gypsy Jazz
1pm	The Quay	The 29th Funktion	Rhythm & Blues
2.30pm	The Free Church	Upbeat Big Band	Big Band Swing and Jazz
3pm	The Taproom	Dan Walsh	Banjo Virtuoso
3.30pm	Broadway Cellars	Myke Clifford Quartet	Pure Jazz
4pm	Oliver Cromwell	Jonno's 3 piece Blues Quartet	Blues
4.30pm	Nelson's Head	Rich Young & Chris Newman	Roots
6.30pm	The Lounge	Mr Griff & The Grifters	Dynamic Soul Fusion

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

An extra act added

Following his stunning saxophone performance on the Chapel balcony during our Piano Week in May, which was seen by over 48,000 people, Stan Wright will be performing again.

This time during the Festival from midday on Sunday 13th September - again from the Bridge Chapel balcony.

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Cecil Amey, an independent, family-run business established in Norwich in 1924, is proud to provide comprehensive, professional eye and hearing care to our local communities. With 12 practices across Norfolk and Suffolk, they are East Anglia's largest independent opticians.



Josh Newman told The Riverporter *'We are excited to announce our first franchised site in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, and look forward to offering the highest level of care with our highly qualified team of opticians and audiologists'.*

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St Ives & Warboys Cricket Club aim to provide cricket for all

ST IVES TOWN & WARBOYS Cricket Club

The clubs activities range from competitive to recreational adult teams with a focus on encouraging youth players into adult cricket.

They also support the development of all youth players in all our age groups, providing them with fun, exciting training sessions - giving them the love for the game.

The club is committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment where players of all skill levels can thrive.

Whether you're a seasoned cricketer or new to the sport, you'll find a place in their teams. The club believes in the power of cricket to bring people together, promote physical fitness, and build lifelong friendships.

Tom Hopkins from the club told *The Riverporter* that *'within the club, we have a close-knit feel amongst all members and enjoy spending time with each other after matches, training, or separate social events.*

'With a reasonably priced membership across the board, you can afford to have a drink with us after the game and get to know the players. Our clubhouse is a hub of activity, where stories are shared, victories celebrated, and camaraderie strengthened.

'We take pride in our community involvement and regularly host events that bring together players, families, and supporters. From charity matches to family fun days, there's always something happening at St Ives & Warboys Cricket Club. Our dedicated coaching staff works tirelessly to ensure that every player receives the guidance and support they need to improve their skills and enjoy the game'.

If you have any questions about the club, please email: admin@siwcc.co.uk

'We look forward to welcoming you to our cricket family and sharing the joy of the game with you'.



Open Day at The Grove

Grove Medical Practice, St Ives are holding an Open Day for patients on Tuesday 21 July 2026 between 14:00pm and 17:00pm

Grove Medical Practice, a GP Surgery in St Ives Cambridgeshire, are delighted to announce that they will be holding an Open Day on Tuesday 21 July 2026.

The Open Day will run between 14:00pm and 17:00pm and will be open to all patients registered with the practice and anybody who cares for or supports a patient registered with the practice. This year's Open Day is focused on older patients and patients living with frailty.

Grove Medical Practice

Commenting on the Open Day, Dr Jo Pritchard, Managing GP Partner for Grove Medical Practice said:

'We are delighted to be offering an open afternoon to our patients on Tuesday 21 July 2026, between 2pm and 5pm. This year we are focusing on older patients and patients living with frailty. Frailty describes when individuals no longer bounce back quickly from illness, injury or other stressful events and is a long-term state that makes people more vulnerable to sudden deteriorations in health from minor triggers like an infection.

We have invited a number of organisations and local support groups from the community to attend with information and advice for patients including Citizens Advice, EDS UK, St Ives Dementia Friends and Alzheimers UK, P3, One Leisure, St Ives Cares, Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre, Change Grove Live and many more. Colleagues from the NHS will also be helping patients to sign up for the NHS App if they would like. Refreshments will be available and we look forward to welcoming everybody'.

Grove Medical Practice is located on Cromwell Place, St Ives and provides GP services to over 15,000 patients registered within the local community. The practice provides a diverse range of services and can also dispense medication to patients who live more than one mile from a pharmacy.

For further information, please contact Simon Stitson, Practice Business Manager, Grove Medical Practice, Cromwell Place, St Ives, PE27 5JD. Email: cpicb.grove.medical@nhs.net

A postcard from St Ives Cambridgeshire

Three weeks ago the organisers of the UK Town of Culture competition requested that all the towns which had entered the competition, send them a postcard - *an image that captures your town, a piece of design that highlights your cultural offering or something else entirely.* They also requested a message of no more than 100 words.



Here is our postcard, based on a painting by local artist Ann Priddy. Not only does it show our beautiful Quayside but shows our creative abilities and suggests that St Ives is a fun place with a lot going on.

You can see the postcards from all the towns that have entered the competition and their messages on an interactive digital map at: **https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1Su-761mY3NPLpd4d948m5ppY7R-bslw&usp=sharing.**

We were interested to see the range of cards. At first we couldn't see ours because, as often happens, the person compiling the map thought we were in Cornwall!

‘St Ives Overground Map’ helps residents and visitors to navigate the local bus network

St Ives Town Council’s Cares Project with Cambridge Area Bus Users have launched a new easy-to-use bus information leaflet designed to help residents and visitors make better use of local bus services and find their way by bus to key destinations.

The leaflet highlights services operating from and into St Ives Bus Station, with clear and visually engaging network maps of bus routes across the town and from surrounding towns and villages.

Inspired by the iconic London Underground map, the *‘St Ives Overground’* offers a simplified view of the town’s bus connections, making it easier to understand routes at a glance.

Town Clerk Libby White said: *‘In an age where we are actively encouraging people to choose public transport, it’s vital that information is easy to access and understand. This leaflet is about giving people the confidence to try the bus, whether for the first time or more often.’*

The initiative aims to:

- Encourage greater use of public transport
- Improve accessibility of travel information
- Enable people who might otherwise be isolated to access work, education and leisure opportunities
- Support sustainable travel choices
- Help residents and visitors better connect with surrounding areas

The project has been delivered locally, with design and printing costs met by the Town Council.

The Town Council is now approaching Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority to seek support for further initiatives.

Cambridge Area Bus Users group members in St Ives, who partnered with the Town Council to produce the booklet, emphasised the importance of clear, passenger-friendly information in increasing bus usage. Anthony Stanton, St Ives rep. for Cambridge Area Bus Users, said:

‘St Ives and surrounding areas have excellent, reliable local bus services, many of which are not well publicised nor well used. This joint effort with St Ives Town Council Cares is an important step in getting information out to local people about the range of services available to them, enabling those who would otherwise be isolated to access work, education and leisure facilities, and giving car owners choice about how they travel. Buses are free all day every day to Senior or Disabled Bus Pass holders; and for young people holding a Tiger Pass the single fare is just £1. For everyone else, the maximum fare for a single journey is currently capped at £3, whilst some operators offer daily, weekly and group tickets which may be worth enquiring about.’

Copies of the leaflet are available at St Ives Town Hall, Library, Norris Museum, St Ives Corn Exchange and will be distributed across the town.



Pictured above (left to right) *Anthony Stanton, Libby White (Town Clerk), Ian Hill, Jane Jenner and Gilly James with copies of the new map.*



The annual Riverport Singers Summer Concert, always a treat, ended on a rocking note last weekend when Tina Turner (at least we think it was her) delivered a storming finale with her version of Proud Mary. She was, everyone agreed, Simply The Best.



ADVERTORIAL

It’s important to live your life your way

At Care UK’s Field Lodge in St Ives, every resident is supported to live their life the way they choose. Our experienced team takes pride in offering quality residential, nursing, dementia and respite care.



Angela, a Care UK care home resident, shares how the team works hard to help keep her connected with loved ones near and far.

‘My daughter feels reassured’

Angela’s daughter moved to New Zealand more than 30 years ago. She has always kept in close contact with her over WhatsApp, but since moving into a Care UK care home, the team has supported both Angela and her family to stay connected. *‘My daughter feels reassured, and we’ve discussed it together several times that it’s best if I live here,’* Angela explains.

While Angela manages phone calls on her own, the team are there to step in whenever she needs a helping hand. *‘The team help me to send parcels and letters to my family in New Zealand,’* she says.

And on the other side of the world, Angela’s daughter stays engaged with what Angela is doing in the home through regular updates on the Relish app. Care UK care homes use Relish to record the activities residents are involved in. Relatives can also use the app to share pictures and build their loved one’s life history, helping the team to get to know residents even better.

‘My friends enjoy their visits’

As well as supporting Angela to stay connected with far-flung family, the care home team helps to arrange trips out around the local community. *‘My niece takes me shopping or out for lunch sometimes, and to church on Sundays quite often.’* Recently, team members helped Angela to take a whole day out to visit her sister who lives in another county.

Friends and family also visit Angela in the home. *‘I’ve had my niece to Sunday lunch, and she’s really enjoyed the food,’* Angela says. *‘My friends enjoy their visits. They’ve taken part in the quiz at the prosecco club on Fridays, and one friend greatly enjoyed one of the garden parties last year.’*

Trust us to care

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Dear Milly & Tilly,
The long project on the (reputedly) Fenstanton Parish Council kindly gift to the town of the Vindis site is a concern to most people I speak to. Commuters already tail back at this roundabout during peak times but there are more worries than traffic.

Is it true that this site will be filled en-bloc by Bedford County Council?

Have Hunts had talks about local demands - schooling, transport, policing(?), special needs, vulnerabilities etc?

I hope the Town Council are showing interest as it does come up a good deal.
Yours Nige

Dear Nige this is what we know about the allocation of these properties according to the authorities.

All rented homes will be delivered in accordance with Huntingdonshire 'Council's Choice Based Lettings' (Homelink) process. Settle's Lettings team will work with Huntingdonshire's allocations team to manage this process. Settle has entered into a nomination agreement with the Council which will provide HDC with 100% of nominations on first lets.

This means they will be provided to people on the Council's waiting list.

Shared Ownership homes:
We are committed to ensuring that local residents have the best chance to apply and secure these new homes. In order to ensure as many people as possible in Fenstanton and the surrounding areas are aware, Settle has been engaging with the Council's officers to agree details of a comprehensive local marketing campaign which will include open days and clear guidance on how to register interest. For those who would like to register their interest in the shared ownership properties for sale, please visit settlesales.co.uk/halcyon.

We will also place adverts in The Hunts Post, Cambridgeshire Live, as well as social media advertising which will only be visible within set local boundaries.

It is uncommon for shared ownership to be exclusively provided for people living in the location where the development is built.

Provided they are eligible for shared ownership (unable to afford market housing), people from other areas can apply and be considered.

New Woodgreen Shop opens



The new larger shop at 3 Station Road has a bright spacious feel, although Milly preferred it when it was a pet shop!

woodgreen
Helping pets and their people



OTHER NEWS

New Plaque for town centre

Readers may remember seeing two overalled conservators at work in the doorway of what is now Mountain Warehouse, cleaning the carved oak lintel, the remnant of the medieval Coat of Arms of Ramsey Abbey.

The Civic Society then commissioned a Black Plaque to tell its story and to protect it from accidental future demolition, which sharp-eyed folk may have spotted recently on the shop facade. A formal launch of the plaque by Mayor Alex Thompson to which readers and other town residents are invited will take place on Monday 20th July 2026 at 6pm outside Mountain Warehouse, followed by refreshments in the Corn Exchange.

Thank yous are due to Mountain Warehouse for their generous sponsorship of the conservation and to HDC for funding the plaque and its launch. The beam is a precious historic artefact which the town is proud of and the Civic Society is pleased to add a new plaque to those already installed in town. For more info: Chair@stivescivic.org.uk

What a waste

24 tonnes of food waste blocked the Harrison Way bypass, between Hemingford Road and Meadow Lane in both directions on Monday.

Another incident near Barhill brought the A14 to standstill, causing even more havoc on our local roads.



St Ives car wash plan rejected



Huntingdonshire District Council has refused a bid to turn land next to the Seven Wives pub in St Ives into a hand car wash after councillors, highways officers and residents raised strong objections over traffic and safety.

Residents also raised fears about congestion from having another car wash so close to an existing facility, and questioned the need for a second operation in the area.

Reform councillors should retract comments

Huntingdonshire Liberal Democrats are calling for Reform UK councillors to retract their comments that *'symbols of the LGBTQ+ community supports minor attraction people'.*

A spokesperson for the HDC Liberal Democrat Group said: *Liberal Democrats are proud to stand up for the LGBTQ+ community here in Huntingdonshire and across the country. The claims repeated by HDC Reform UK councillors legitimises false, damaging, and borderline conspiratorial claims about a marginalised group. This is irresponsible and wrong.*

Meanwhile in Cambridgeshire, Reform councillors are resigning triggering by-elections. Tony Nelson (St Neots) resigned from HDC. James Sidlow (Ramsey) resigned from Cambs County Council and Andy Osborn (Roman Bank) vacated his County Council seat after being found guilty of breaking electoral law.

Who is this man?



Cambs News Editor John Elworthy, who caught up on the latest escapades of ex-HDC Leader Ryan Fuller in Whitby, posted an article claiming that he was settling into a role that represents a profound personal and professional reinvention. However the picture accompanying the article didn't look like Mr Fuller. Indeed it would be a profound reinvention if he now looks like this. But who is that man?

Friends of Holt Island AGM

Friends of Holt Island Nature Reserve

The Friends of Holt Island Nature Reserve hope that you will join them for their Annual Meeting on Thursday, 16th July at 7.15pm in St Ives Corn Exchange. There will be some outstanding new time lapse and trail cam videos of the island and Keith Grimwade, Chair of the Friends, will be giving a short talk about Holt Island's unique osier (willow) beds. The Friends are providing light refreshments. There is no charge and non-members are welcome.

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PASSENGER TRIPS FROM THE QUAY

Houghton Mill Trip

Join us for a wonderful boat trip along The River Great Ouse followed by a tour of Houghton Mill. The trip will leave St Ives Quay every Wednesday, heading under St Ives Bridge towards Houghton via Hemingford Lock.

The trip includes a tour of Houghton Mill which will be led by one of their guides, returning to the quay at the end of the day.



This trip is run in conjunction with the National Trust and is proving popular for everyone. National Trust members look for member prices.

Please contact us for details.



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Song Sung Blue
Thursday 6 August 2026 at 7:30pm
Doors open 7:00pm. Tickets £7
Director: Craig Brewer (2025), 132m, Cert: 12

Based on a true story, **Song Sung Blue** follows Mike and Claire Sardina (*Hugh Jackman* and *Kate Hudson*), two down-on-their-luck, middle-aged musicians in Milwaukee. Struggling with personal baggage and career setbacks, they find love and success forming a Neil Diamond tribute band named "Lightning & Thunder". Their journey takes them from dive bars to opening for Pearl Jam, before personal tragedy and a life-altering accident threaten to destroy their bond. The musical drama highlights their resilience and enduring love through music, proving it is never too late for a second chance.



Sentimental Value
Thursday 3 September 2026 at 7:30pm
Doors open 7:00pm. Tickets £7
Director: Joachim Trier (2025), 135m, Cert: 15

Directed by *Joachim Trier*, Sentimental Value follows successful stage actress Nora (*Renate Reinsve*) and her sister Agnes as they reunite with their estranged father, Gustav, a once-renowned film director. Following their mother's death, Gustav returns to the family's ancestral home in Oslo, hoping to reclaim his former glory by directing a deeply personal comeback film. When Nora declines the lead role, Gustav casts an eager young Hollywood starlet instead. This forces the sisters to navigate their complicated family dynamics while confronting generational trauma and the uneasy tension between artistic expression and personal connection.

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

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Hyperion Home & Antiques Centre

Since 1995 there has always been an opportunity to browse a wide range of antiques in St Ives town centre. As well as buying at auctions the Antique Centre offers collectors plenty of choice.

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The Centre has over 30 experienced dealers with years of knowledge in silver, jewellery and fine art alongside many more interesting antiquities and collectables.

With its wide-ranging selection and ever-changing displays, Hyperion Home and Antiques Centre promises to both surprise and delight you.

Come and see for yourself!

Nestled in the heart of St Ives' historic and bustling market square, next door to the bus station and main Cattle Market Car Park, Hyperion Home and Antiques Centre extends a warm welcome to every visitor.

The centre is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and from 10am to 4pm on Sundays.

Here are the auction dates for the rest of the year.

18th July	Antiques & Interiors
8th Aug	Antiques & Interiors
29th Aug	Antiques & Interiors
19th Sept	Antiques & Interiors
10th Oct	Antiques & Interiors
21st Nov	Antiques & Interiors
28th Nov	Fine Art & Design
12th Dec	Antiques & Interiors.

Some of the 30 dealers displays.









