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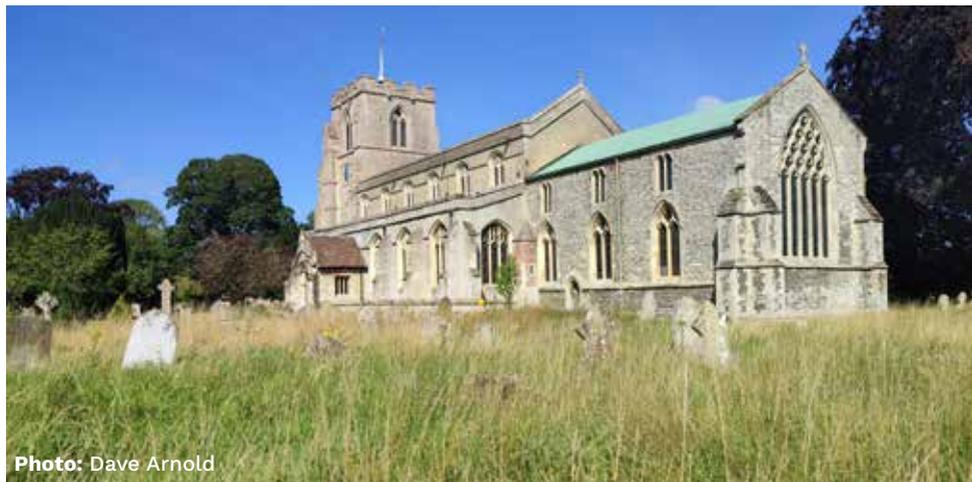


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The church on a (rare) sunny day



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Brown Argus on Marjoram



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Painted Lady on Verbena

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# Editorial

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On page 12 you can see an article written some years ago about first steps or more realistically, wheels, with a mobility scooter in Balsham. The main problem was the state of the roads and pathways around the village. It is now several years since the state of the roads, and especially the part of Church Lane/High Street outside The Old School and The House on the Green was brought to the attention of Cambridgeshire Highways Department. Once there were yellow and white lines clearly marked where repair was necessary, but these have long worn away. Many low-slung cars have scraped along the centre of the road, but far worse is that more than one person has fallen in the biggest pothole. The latest occasion involved a trip to A&E for a villager who walks around the village everyday with his wife, just because of a different trip caused by a long-unrepaired pothole. Let's hope it really will be done soon, before another accident happens.

It's sad to have another whinge about a Council, this time it is South Cambs and Cambridge City

Council who collect our rubbish. Yes, we knew they had informed us that there would be a four-day week for their 'bin-men', but I understood it would happen in the Autumn with plenty of notice, and a letter to every home to inform us. I suppose 20th September is just Autumn and there is still time for a letter, but so far there has been little information, apart from Facebook's posts by villagers, and not everyone sees these.

It is good to have so many villagers coming into the church nowadays, sometimes for a quiet moment, or to take a child to the children's corner, to see the display about the churchyard or even to use the toilets. Unfortunately having the church open has allowed some undesirable people to come in too. We have had several things taken recently, including two microphones, air-freshener and cleaning materials, toilet rolls, lots of biscuits and coffee, and even the padlock from the gate (without the key!). We have also had some of the food we were collecting to take to Reach, in Haverhill, to aid families who need help, taken from the bin in church. We hope it was needed by whoever took it.

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**Gill Parry Brown**

EDITOR, BALSHAM REVIEW

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# Letters

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Letters to the Editor for publication **MUST** be signed and include your telephone number. Names can be withheld, if requested.

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## DEAR EDITOR

### IT RECYCLING

The next collection is postponed till late October. Please bring your donated IT on or before Friday 27th October. Please hang on to large items (printers, towers etc) until that week, but I do have limited space to store smaller items like laptops, phones, and tablets.

Please leave donations in the wooden box marked "Deliveries" in our sideway at 67 High Street Balsham.

**Neil Dunlop**

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### BALSHAM WRITERS, ARTISTS & MAKERS GROUP

Calling writers, artists and makers who are resident in Balsham and who are 18 years and over.

I've learned from experience that when creative people no matter the

medium, get together to discuss, talk about and share their work, their personal confidence begins to grow. In addition, meeting other people can often generate new ideas, broaden horizons and stimulate different ways of thinking about personal work.

The Group will aim to meet once a month in the evening, in the village. There is potential space in the village for future art exhibitions, if we feel that we want to 'step it out' a bit later on.

If you are interested in or have some thoughts and ideas about a Group like this, do please contact me. I would be very pleased to hear with you.

**Jan Cassidy**

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# Balsham September Diary

DATE	EVENT & TIME	VENUE
1st Friday	Community Café, 10-12	Mays Avenue
2nd Saturday	Picture House, <b>'Allelujah'</b> , 7 for 7.30	Church Institute
2nd Saturday	Ella's Money Raising Stall	Nine Chimneys Lane
2nd-3rd Sat/Sun	Gail's Walk (see <i>page 15</i> )	South Coast
12th Tuesday	WI, 7.30pm	Pavilion
18th Monday	Parish Council, 7.30pm	Pavilion
19th Tuesday	Community Café, 10-12	Church Institute
19th Tuesday	Linton & District Historical Society	Linton Village Hall
20th Wednesday	<b>Black Bin Collection</b>	ALL Village
24th Sunday	Harvest Songs of Praise, 11am	Church
26th Tuesday	LALA, Film Music, 10.15—12.15	Linton Village Hall
27th Wednesday	<b>Blue and Green Bin Collection</b>	ALL Village
30th Saturday	Last Day for Allotment payments ( <i>page 11</i> )	

## Bin Collections September/October

# IMPORTANT

With effect from **15th September** bin days are changing in South

Cambridgeshire. This will mean that your black bin will need to be out on **Wednesday 20th September** and **NOT Monday 18th September**.

DATE	BLACK	BLUE	GREEN
Monday September 4 <sup>TH</sup>	✓		
Monday September 11 <sup>TH</sup>		✓	✓
<b>Wednesday September 20<sup>TH</sup></b>	✓		
<b>Wednesday September 27<sup>TH</sup></b>		✓	✓
<b>Wednesday October 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	✓		
<b>Wednesday October 11<sup>TH</sup></b>		✓	✓
<b>Wednesday October 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	✓		



# Church Services

**Services will be shown on the benefice website and the Church Notice Board.**

Information about services in Holy Trinity Church, Balsham can be found on the Church Notice Board and on the website [www.grantavale.org.uk](http://www.grantavale.org.uk) under the calendar section, or by signing up to our weekly newsletter, details of which can also be found on the website.

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## SERVICES at other CHURCHES when possible

**ROMAN CATHOLIC** Masses at:

**Cherry Hinton:** St Philip Howard Church

Saturday: 5.30pm (Vigil Mass) & Sunday: 10.00am & 12 noon

**Haverhill:** St Felix, Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 10am

**Sawston:** Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunday: 8.45am & 11.15am

**FREE CHURCH:** Horn Lane, Linton. Sundays: 10.30am

**CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH**, meeting as a house group, for further information please contact. [www.facebook.com/Linton cornerstone](http://www.facebook.com/Linton%20cornerstone)

**METHODIST:** Haverhill Methodist Church, Camps Road

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER MEETINGS** 4th Monday of the month at 2pm, when possible. If you would like to attend contact Penny Cook **892203, 07754 723355** or [prcook@talktalk.net](mailto:prcook@talktalk.net)

**BALSHAM GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME** if you need help or can offer help for the community please contact: [balshamgns@gmail.com](mailto:balshamgns@gmail.com) or phone **07508 430057**

# News from the Community Minister

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Well, what a super first couple of months I've been able to have within these parishes! I really do feel blessed to be given this opportunity as a community minister with the chance to walk alongside all.



hope to help build links. One of the most humbling elements of my work is the home visits; these are indeed very special moments. To be invited into someone's home: to listen to people's worries, concerns, fears and joys! To be able to sit

My time has been spent getting out and about, attending many coffee mornings (need to watch my cake intake!) and community groups, and meeting with those who work so hard to ensure the community is supported and cared for. I always feel so honoured as I leave a meeting, feeling refreshed that so much kindness, care and love is being given within our communities. God's work indeed.

beside someone, connect with them and to offer prayer is a wonderful gift and something indeed which we can all do. The strength it may provide can be immense and powerful.

If there is a group, organisation or someone you feel would appreciate a visit, please do let me know. Do say hello if you see me out and about!

With blessings

It has been wonderful to discover so many groups, organisations and activities that are happening within our parishes and it is here that I

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Hannah will be commissioned as our Community Minister on **Sunday 3rd September** as part of the **United Service at Balsham**. The service starts at **11.00am** and all are warmly welcome to attend.

There will be refreshments after the service.

<b>September Services</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>3rd</b>		<b>United Service with Holy Communion</b> Balsham <i>Revd Iain McColl/ Hannah Threlfall to preach</i>	
<b>10th</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Weston Colville <i>Revd Iain McColl/ Alistair Collen</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> West Wickham <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> West Wrattling <i>Rev Ben Brady</i>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Hildersham <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> Balsham <i>Rev Ben Brady</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> Little Abington <i>Revd Iain McColl/ Alistair Collen</i>	
<b>17th</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> West Wickham <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Balsham <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> Great Abington <i>Steven Wheeler</i>	<b>3.00pm</b> <b>Harvest</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b> West Wrattling <i>John and Scilla Harvey</i> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b> Hildersham <i>Alistair Collen</i>
<b>24th</b>	<b>Harvest Communion</b> West Wickham <i>Revd Iain McColl/ Hannah Threlfall</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> Weston Colville <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i>	<b>Harvest</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b> Balsham <i>Hannah Threlfall</i> <b>Harvest</b> <b>Songs of Praise</b> Weston Colville <i>Steven Wheeler</i> <b>Harvest Café Church</b> Hildersham <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> Great Abington <i>Steven Wheeler</i>

# Balsham Good Neighbour Scheme

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The BGNS has been going for nearly three years. In that time we have:

- Provided transport to many residents to medical appointments, the vet and shopping trips
- Collected prescriptions daily from Linton Medical Centre, brought them to the Post Office and delivered to residents who cannot collect them themselves
- Spent time with residents who feel isolated or lonely
- Run two Community Cafés a month
- In conjunction with the church, run a Community Lunch once a month, the most recent one with nearly 50 people attending
- Provided specific support to individuals such as a bed for a

young child and a heater during cold weather

Sincere thanks go to all the volunteers who do driving, delivering, befriending, catering and helping others. The scheme could not operate without you. Recently, during the summer months when volunteers have been on holiday, several people were not able to receive the support they requested. I am sorry about this. If you think you could join the team of volunteers and help in any way, let me know at  
**E: [balshamgns@gmail.com](mailto:balshamgns@gmail.com)**  
or text or leave a message at  
**M: 07508 430057**

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## Steve Jordan

COORDINATOR,  
BALSHAM GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

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## Community Cafés

For the rest of this year these will all be from **10:00** to **12:00**:

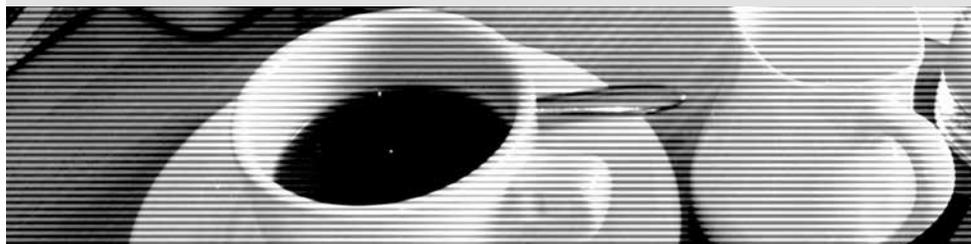
**Tuesdays** at the **Balsham Church Institute** on:

**September 19; Oct 17; Nov 14; Dec 19**

**Fridays** at the **Mays Avenue Community Hall** on:

**September 1; Oct 6; Nov 3; Dec 1**

*If you are interested in coming along to the **Community Lunch**, feel free to contact us for more details.*



# Balsham Allotments

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## NOTICE TO BALSHAM ALLOTMENT TENANTS OF ANNUAL INSPECTIONS AND REMINDER OF RENEWAL FEES

Per Balsham Allotment Policy, there will be an annual allotment inspection in the next few weeks prior to tenancy renewals. Renewal fees (*and water fees if applicable*) are due annually by **30th September**.

Inspections will be carried out by one of the Balsham Parish Council Allotment Committee members (Heather Pierce, Nick Coates, or Jennie Tipler), so you'll see us out and about amongst the plots in the next few weeks.

The current Balsham Allotment Policy from the Balsham Parish Council states that the expected requirements for tenants for the benefit of all allotment tenants are:

- all allotments are to be kept well maintained and in good fertile working order with minimal weeds/grass
- 70% cultivated, 30% for structures
- no materials left on the allotment not pertaining to allotment growing
- all allotments are to be kept within their borders
- borders around allotments are to be kept tidy.

If our inspection of an allotment



finds that the tenant has not made satisfactory progress toward the requirements of the Balsham Allotment Policy, the tenant will receive written notification of the inspection results and the tenant will have a period of 1 month to make the requested improvements. If these improvements are not carried out satisfactorily within this time frame, Balsham Parish Council will give the tenant one month's notice to vacate the plot.

If you are experiencing ill health or other short-term personal circumstances that are keeping you from maintaining your plot, please contact me so we can have a chat and discuss possible solutions. I want to keep everyone gardening if I can!

If you already know that you will not be renewing your tenancy in September for whatever reason, could you please notify us as soon as possible so we can offer the plot to someone on our waiting list?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Heather Pierce** by email ([balshamallotments@balsham.net](mailto:balshamallotments@balsham.net)) or by phone (**07535 777 701**).

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**Heather Pierce**

BALSHAM PARISH COUNCILLOR (ALLOTMENTS)

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# Exploits of a New Mobility Scooter Rider

***This article written by Janet Pettit was given to the Editor of today by Del Kunish, who had kept it from when it was published in the Review at least fifteen years ago. Not many of the problems Janet describes seem to have changed and there are others now!***

Having now had to resort to the use of a mobility scooter, I thought you all might like to share the adventures of a trip down the High Street.

Firstly I have to negotiate the sharp left - and right-angle corners through the passage from Plumian Way - it can be done with care! Now down Burrell Way, the smoothest route being to follow where the 'services' dug the last trench. I now appreciate how a child feels in a buggy as the surfaces are very rough. Through the churchyard is all fairly uneventful. Once through the church gates I hope anyone who may have parked on the left—which they have a perfect right to do—has pulled far enough forward so that I can get on the path, I can't stay on the road as the 'humps' are too high and I would be stranded on top!! The corner by the 'Old School' is rather narrow but providing the shrubs don't grow too much this year I will be OK. Follow the path on past 'The

House on the Green' and down the dropped kerb—wait, look and listen very carefully—you can't see too far on the left—then cross quickly. Yippee, I've made it to the Post Office. Next stop the Butcher's—go along on the pavement to Park House to go down the only

dropped kerb—once again hoping no one has parked too far forward, especially where the lamppost is, so that I can pass freely. Now back home via the High Street. I must cross at the front of the Black Bull as the path is too narrow by the cottage at the end of Sleaford Close, then at the front of the school, I cross back again to Balsham Buildings and follow past the Bell and cross again at the end of Bartons Close—hoping no workmen have parked half on the path - as they have recently - to Burrell Way and do the return through the passage to Plumian Way.



You can now see that I have learned my route, but then today I decided that it would be good to go to the Bull for the coffee morning with my friend Jenny, so the trip went down the High Street until we reached the 'coned off area' where I had to cross sooner than normal as the pedestrian route didn't have a dropped kerb,

no matter, I went sailing on past the school to the end of Trinity Close where the very thoughtful workmen had placed their 'Men at Work' sign right over the dropped kerb. 'Never mind' says Jenny 'I'll move it'. Easier said than done, as the sandbag holding it down was very heavy—bless you Jenny!!

Of course the other trip further down the High Street is quite straight forward until you come almost to the Rookery, where the

path has quite a camber, leaning one well into the road, another tricky move, but if you move quickly you can whizz round the corner up into the Rookery, hoping no one is coming down in the opposite direction.

Life has now become quite a challenge and it can be quite funny. Now when I drive I park with a great deal more thought.

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**Janet Pettit**

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## Film Music – With LALA

**Linton Area Learning Alliance (LALA)** starts a new 10 week course looking at **Film Music**, on Tuesday mornings from **26th September**. We meet in **Linton Village Hall**, Coles Lane from **10.15** to **12.15**.

Come and explore the development of music in film from the earliest silent movies to the present day. Join composer and writer Christopher Budd to look at the work of many great film composers, with clips from *King Kong*, *Once Upon a Time in the West*, *Psycho*, *Jaws*, *The Third Man*, *The Day The Earth Stood Still*, *2001:A Space*

*Odyssey* and more.

Alongside the Hollywood giants, we'll also enjoy and study the work of some of the great British film composers, some sophisticated sounds from across Europe, a bit of Hammer horror and some very silly comedies.

Please contact me for more information or to register interest. Cost for the 10 weeks remains at £50 and includes a coffee break.

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**Sue Mudge**

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## Balsham Parish Council

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **18th September, 2023** at **7.30 pm** in **Balsham Pavilion**.  
**ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND**

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# South Coast Challenge

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Hello, my name is Gail Collis and I have lived back in Balsham since 2006. If you can't put a face to the name I am the lady that walks my spaniel Darcy!! and lots of you will know my mum, Jeanne Clements.

By the time you read the review I will be on my way to Eastbourne where I will be walking **62.4 miles** along the South Coast raising money for Cancer Research UK.

Starting on Saturday 2nd I will be heading to Beachy Head along the Magnificent Seven Sisters on to the South Downs Way reaching Brighton, the halfway point (35.5

miles), continuously walking through the night along Devil's Dyke before finishing in historic Arundel on Sunday 3rd September (62.4 miles). I take on these challenges not only to raise much needed funds into research to help find a cure for this dreadful disease which affects the lives of so many families, but I also do them to challenge myself both physically and mentally.

I know times are tough right now but if you would like to make a donation it would be very much appreciated.

My fundraising page is [www.justgiving.com/Gail-](http://www.justgiving.com/Gail-Collis)

**Collis** or alternatively drop a cash donation or cheque made payable to 'Cancer Research UK' to 35, The Rookery Balsham.

Thank you,

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**Gail Collis** (*née Clements*)

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# Linton & District Historical Society

## Programme for 2023/2024

### 2023

#### Sept 19th

*Cambridge American Cemetery & Memorial*, Suzie Harrison

#### Oct 17th

*The Victorian School Room*  
Linda Bevan & Jo Porth  
(*Sturmer History Group*)

#### Nov 21st

*George Brewster (The last climbing boy Chimney Sweep)*, Joanna Hudson

#### Dec 19th

*Stories and songs from the 60's and 70's*, David Caulfield (*A history of his career in the music scene*)

### 2024

#### Jan 16th

*History of the Dogs Trust*, Paige Pope

#### Feb 20th

*Cambridge's Sporting Revolution*, Nigel Fenner (*the global impact thanks to a local tobacconist*)

#### March 19th

*Arsenics Toxic Legacy*, Neil Dickerson

#### April 16th

*The Homes of William Morris*, Fiona Rose (*Amongst many other things he was a textile designer and a social activist associated with the Arts and Crafts movement*)

#### May 21st

*Foul Murders in East Anglia*, Mike Wabe

## Cambridge Quilters

### Cambridge Quilters Exhibition

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October 2023 10am-4pm**

Our group was founded in the 1970s and has around 70 members. We are holding an exhibition in October at the David Rayner Centre at Scotsdales. We will be raising money for the centre as well as group funds which go towards other charitable work such as making cot quilts for the Rosie and on occasion, heart shaped cushions for breast cancer patients and drainage bags. Our ladies have made around 11,000 baby quilts so far and the David Rayner Centre is a well-established and wonderful charity.

**Cambridge Quilters Exhibition**

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October 2023  
10am-4pm

The David Rayner Building, Scotsdales Garden Centre,  
120 Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, CB22 5JT

- £3 admission, under 16's free
- Quilt raffle and pocket tombola
- Tea, coffee & cake on sale throughout the day
- Sales table with handmade items

Exhibition of 100+ quilts, free parking and disabled access, cash and card payments accepted.

Proceeds to David Rayner Centre & group funds.

# Arthur Rank Hospice

## Pick up pre-loved items at bargain prices



Did you know that Arthur Rank Hospice Charity now has seven retail premises? They have shops in Burleigh Street, Mill Road and Regent Street in Cambridge; Cottenham and Great Shelford, a Retail Hub, and a recently opened Outlet opposite, in Pampisford/Sawston, where you can find bargain clothes, bric-a-brac and furniture! Do your bit for your local community (and the planet) and recycle/upcycle by donating or purchasing preloved items. Please visit [arhc.org.uk/shops](http://arhc.org.uk/shops) for more information. They are also looking for volunteers to help in the shops, so if you can help please visit [arhc.org.uk/volunteer](http://arhc.org.uk/volunteer) or email [volunteer@arhc.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@arhc.org.uk) or telephone 01223 675872.

## Occupational Therapist takes on her first Marathon to support those she cares for

Occupational Therapist, Cat Gregory, works for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity which supports people in Cambridgeshire living with an advanced serious illness or other life-limiting condition.

On Sunday 1 October 2023, Cat will run her first marathon - in Scotland! For Cat, the Loch Ness Marathon holds a significant meaning - having grown up in Scotland, she fondly recalls family vacations at Loch Lommond, always keeping an eye out for Nessie, the mythical creature. With the Loch Ness Marathon serving as an opportunity to return to her roots, she hopes to create lasting memories while contributing to a cause close to her heart. Cat explained: *“Every day I see just how important the services the Charity provides are.”*

If you can help Cat reach her £500 target, please donate at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/GregoryCat](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/GregoryCat)





The newly refurbished War Memorial.  
This was made possible with  
funding generously supplied by  
the Balsham Ploughmen.



Photos: Lesley Bennett

# Balsham Bowls Club

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We have continued to battle the elements which resulted in the planned pairs league finals day being washed out, which was a shame with all the food already prepared. The working party spruce-up work could not be appreciated either. However the league season has continued in a similar way with the Cambridge league team having a poor run of results which looks destined for a mid-table finish. However the Friday night triples team has finally won division one thanks to a last game win at Clavering, and on a

good night for the club the B team had their first win of the season. We are all looking forward to our tour to Eastbourne with matches against Royal Sovereign Bowls Club, and Eastbourne Town Bowls Club, and a new exciting competition on the Friday, The Chairman's Cup. I will give a full report next time, and also the result of the delayed pairs league finals. Thoughts also turn to next season with the AGM in October.

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**Peter Day**

**M 07706 075 798**

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## Net Zero Now

Following on from the successful Spring Programme of Net Zero Now, applications will open on **Monday 11th September** for another **Net Zero Now** course for residents of South Cambridgeshire. This is a **FREE**, 6-week community climate action course designed to provide you with the knowledge and confidence to support your community on its journey to net zero. This challenge to net zero is a unique opportunity to build communities that are not just more sustainable but also healthier, happier and more resilient.

*"Really enjoyed the course and found it very beneficial. ... Great speakers and interesting, inspiring participants. It has been very*

*informative and always interesting and engaging."* **Spring 2023 Net Zero Now participant.**

Run by Cambridge Carbon Footprint with the support of South Cambs District Council and the National Lottery Community Fund, Net Zero Now will give you the opportunity to connect with others working on community climate action in the area and discuss a range of themes including: how to communicate climate action effectively; engaging with volunteers; working towards a clear goal; and what support is available locally to you.

Applications close on **Sunday 8th October**. Find out more and apply now. [scambs.gov.uk/net-zero-now](https://scambs.gov.uk/net-zero-now)

# Balsham Cricket Club

## Balsham Saturday Results

Saturday 15th July	Haslingfield	Away	LOST By 9 Wickets
Saturday 22nd July	Linton II	Away	Cancelled - Rain
Saturday 29th July	Little Shelford II	Home	WON by 134 Runs
Saturday 12th August	Linton II	Home	WON by 4 Runs

## Balsham Midweek Results

Weds 19th July	Hundon	Away	WON by 7 Wickets
Weds 26th July	Abington II	Home	WON by 8 Wickets
Weds 2nd August	TAC	Home	Abandoned - Rain

## Balsham Saturday Fixture - League 3 South

Saturday 2nd Sept	Fulbourn II	Away
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### **BALSHAM CC MIDWEEK XI TAKE HAVERHILL & DISTRICT MIDWEEK CRICKET LEAGUE (DIVISION 4) BY STORM.**

On the evening of Wednesday 2nd August, history was made at the Balsham Recreation Ground with Balsham CC winning the Division 4 midweek league. It was in fact the weather we had to thank after a winner-takes-all clash against TAC, the team just behind us in second place, had to be abandoned after some biblical storms rendered the pitch unplayable. As a result, both teams stayed in their existing league positions and so we were crowned champions. Chasing a mammoth 218 for victory after some quite ferocious batting (and some questionable umpiring decisions), the game had to be cut short after 10 overs of our reply. Of course, given the recent Ashes series, we are all

very familiar with controversial decisions, rain stopping play and spirit of cricket coming into question. However, the wrath of groundsmen Phil and Mick is greater than that of the England and Wales Cricket Board! Of course, the title was not won on that decision or evening alone. Things may have been a little easier if Balsham had been able to field a side for the first game of the season, which, unfortunately, had to be conceded. Equally, the first played game of the campaign resulted in an entertaining tie (an unusual occurrence in cricket) with Balsham only able to field 10 players and the captain being out stumped on the last ball, only requiring a single to win. Then followed a string of victories over Abington, Hundon, TAC and Chesterfords which included some power hitting from Faisal Hira and Torin Reedman and



some canny bowling from Adrian Reedman. Victories also coincided with a change of captaincy, with the team now being impressively led by the young Fletcher Daniels. Then followed our only blemish of the season, a defeat in the semi-final of the League Cup against Reach, a team from the division above us, unfortunately putting an end to the impressive cup run. Defeat only drove the team on and we bounced back with victories over Haverhill (including the biggest six ever seen at Haverhill CC from Alex Thompson), Hundon & Abington, in part due to impressive all-round

displays from the ever-dependable Sam Crack.

A most impressive and enjoyable return to midweek cricket in the village, which justified all the hard work put in by Mick and Smudger (groundsmen) who work tirelessly all year to ensure they provide the best facilities possible. A special mention to Harry Eade who took home the coveted “*Thanks for Coming*” trophy during the end of season presentations.

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**Paul Brown**

TEAM CAPTAIN (REPLACED)

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## Balsham Football Club

AFC Balsham would like to thank the Balsham Ploughmen very much for their generous donation of £500 for the club’s youth teams.

The club also takes this opportunity to remind everyone that our new season starts in September. We run a men’s team and two youth teams: under 8s and under 11s. The youth

teams play Saturday mornings and the men’s team on Saturday afternoons. New players are always welcome to join all the teams, to include girls and boys for the youth teams.

Anyone interested and not yet signed up, please contact **Ali Collins** in the first instance on: **07596 833094**

## Sunday Paper Girl - *continued*

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Upon reaching the age of 10 and being presented with a brand new bike I was by now getting used to the Sunday paper round. We were still living at No 2 Cambridge Road which had a deep ditch running all along the front of the houses allowing water to run away from the village. There were 2 railway sleepers per house placed over this ditch providing access and I soon became proficient at riding the said bike, loaded with paper bags, over these sleepers. To this day I honestly do not know how I avoided a ducking. I was beginning to take more notice of the people and their surroundings and looked forward to knocking on doors, chatting and sometimes carrying out little favours for some of the more senior villagers. I sussed out later that Dad sent me to these houses so he didn't get caught, he once got asked to chop a whole week's worth of kindling!

I was very taken by an attractive blonde lady, June Harrison Rayner, who together with her mother moved into the village in the late 50's; I assume she had a theatre background as she quickly established a children's concert party. June and her mother had us children rehearsing for weeks in a bitterly cold room at the Men's hut culminating in a Christmas Concert at the Institute. It was actually very good and went down a storm. I had a solo spot as an acrobatic teddy

bear in an all-encompassing fluffy costume!

It's not so much the titles and amount of papers delivered that I remember so well as much as where and who we delivered to. To name just a few there was a Miss Cheese at April Cottage, a doughty lady with a Tam O'Shanter glued to her head and forever walking her little Norfolk terrier; 'Daddy Palmer' from Hay House (perhaps someone can tell me why we called him that), who on receiving his paper would then walk the mile to the Queens Head to read it; Rose Slater, who taught piano and ran the after-school Girls' Friendly Society (GFS) in her tiny little front room; 'Aunt' Liza Silverston, true Aunt to the Edwards family, who was a seamstress and you couldn't sit down in her room as every surface was covered with materials and sewing ephemera. Liza was a WW1 widow and each year regularly attended the Remembrance Service at the London Cenotaph. Then there was Winnie Biggs from Church Lane who kept goats in a field next to the Institute and would take them for a walk through what is now the recreation field. Lily and Albert Beeton, landlords of the White Lion: Lily once gave me half a crown, a small fortune at that time, for me and my friend Jane to visit the travelling fair behind the Bell after school. Unfortunately I had not told

anyone where I was going so you can imagine the reception when I eventually went home.

We also delivered to Worsted Lodge farm where Aunt Jane and Uncle Frank lived, they moved there in the 1920's following their marriage. Frank was a horseman on the farm and Jane his wife was general help which basically meant she did anything and everything asked of her. As this was our last call we would often stay awhile with Aunt Jane's latest home-made brew making an appearance. The parsnip wine was particularly potent. Being young I just assumed this was a type of cordial but I did wonder why I felt a bit woozy on the way home. There are so many more names and faces imprinted in my memory from these early years, mostly remembered with fondness and a lasting curiosity about these so-called village characters.

Balsham joined the main sewerage system in 1963 which then enabled the planned village expansion to start. The first two housing estates to be built were the Rookery and Linton Road, followed shortly by Mays Avenue, Sleaford Close, Trinity Close and The Brambles. Smaller local builders were buying plots of land and cottages deemed 'not fit for human habitation'. Obviously this meant quite an increase in customers and more paper bags to carry. After much persuasion dad invested in a van and a young Tim

Daniels was recruited to join us. I'm not sure which came first, Tim or the van, but whichever way round it was our load was definitely lightened. I don't think we saved much time but at least we could leave our bikes at home.

I so enjoyed going round all these newly built estates with their families, either recently married or with young children, and the 'newness' which they bought with them. Various clubs were established such as the Young Wives Club, a Babysitting Group and even a Tennis Club. Tupperware and Pippa Dee parties started doing the rounds (ask your parents) and Discos were making an appearance in the village hall. To get an idea of just how much the village expanded during this time the population in 1961 was 712, by 1971 it was 1204.

The winter of 1968/69 was long, cold and bitter. By then I was engaged to be married and burning the candle at both ends, late Saturday nights did not agree with early Sunday mornings so by mutual agreement I resigned and after 12 years was no longer a Sunday paper girl. Dad kept the round on for a couple of years longer but eventually decided to hang up his bags for good. William Harvey then assumed responsibility for the delivery round then and 50 years or so later is still providing this valuable service.

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**Jan Ellam**

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# Have You Come Across Telephone Spoofing?



Last week I was out walking Lizzie, the black lab, for half an hour and returned to hear the answer-phone tone bleeping. When I got there, there were five calls. I had a minor panic: something must be wrong somewhere in the family and they wanted to catch me urgently. Then I pressed the button to hear the first message. *'Just returning your call'*. The next was similar, and so on for all five.

My first thought was that the 'man who works in the big green box' had linked up the wrong cables, so I dialled 151 and was answered by a computerised voice asking what I needed. The outcome of several questions and answers was that there was nothing wrong with their line so perhaps I should get a new apparatus!

One of the calls had been from a Cambridge number, so I called them. *'No, I didn't call you, whereabouts are you?' 'Chesterton, obviously BT have a problem'*.

I called BT again and this time

actually got a human to talk to.

When I explained what had happened he went to ask his supervisor about it. The result was that he and I learned about phone spoofing.

It is apparently quite legal to take over someone's phone number for a short time, and then call many other numbers to cold call for sales or work, and they don't appear on the firm's bill. If it is done to make scams obviously this is not acceptable/legal. I gather the point is also to get round phone blocking on private phones. I was assured that now it was over it wouldn't happen again, and had done no harm to my phone, the bill, or anything else. That didn't include my time or peace - over the next two days I had other people returning my calls, from Brechin, Flint, Billericay, Dudley (twice), and Wetherby. All very frustrating for both them and me.

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**Gill Parry Brown**

EDITOR, BALSHAM REVIEW

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# The Bell Inn

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Thank you to all those who supported our **Bank Holiday Beer Festival**. It was well attended, and hopefully you enjoyed it as much as we did.

The **Happy Kebab** van is in the car park from on **Mondays, 5.00 - 8.00pm**. We serve food Tues - Sat 12 - 2pm and 5.30 - 8.30pm, Sunday 12 - 3.30pm. Please book in advance if possible.

Our first **Bingo Evening** was quite successful, we are shifting it to a Monday evening, which this month will be **Monday 11th**.

The **Bell Inn Autumn Golf Day** is

**Friday 15th September**, there are still a few spaces available, please contact Phil at the pub for details.

The **Monthly Charity Quiz** is **Tuesday 26th September** and our regular **Lunch Club** is **Wednesday 27th September**, bookings and pre orders only.

Wednesday evening is **Buy One Get One Free** on Scampi and chips or Sausage and mash, please book in advance if possible.

*For menus, events etc please see The Bell Inn Balsham Facebook page, call **01223 892999**, or call in the pub to see us.*

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# The Black Bull

**Greetings to all Balsham Villagers from all at The Black Bull**

Thank you to all of you who have visited to enjoy Rob's summer menu – feedback is as good as ever.

By the time you read this we will be recovering from our **Caribbean Summer BBQ** – I hope you had a good time if you joined us for that.

Rob's next **Taster Menu** has been set – **Thursday 5th October**. We run these like a dinner party with everyone sitting down and being served at the same time, albeit at your own tables. Rob will treat us again to an inspired array of tastes, flavours and textures, often unusual, always stunningly presented in Rob's inimitable style. They are getting quite a following now, so be sure to book your table early as we cannot

do that many tables at this level.

**Some dates ahead for your diaries:**

**Pint of Music: Friday 8th September – Alton Wahlberg – Burger Specials Board**

**Rob's Taster Menu: Thursday 5th October 7:30 for 7:45pm**

We are continuing our extension of our Black Bull Brunches programme to include Saturdays as well as Sundays due to popular demand – every few weeks – next ones: **Saturday 2nd /Sunday 3rd Sept Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th Sept**

Places are limited so that we can still get ready for lunch, so please book ahead.

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**Alex, Rob, Liz, Luke & the teams**  
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info@blackbull-balsham.co.uk

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# Support for Ella

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## **Cambridgeshire East Girlguiding Trip to the Girlguiding World Centre, Sangam, India 2024**

Thank you to everyone who has supported me so far in my fundraising efforts for my trip to India in 2024, it is very much appreciated. I thought I would share a little more detail about the trip, for those who are interested.

I will be travelling to India next year on a Cambridgeshire East Girlguiding trip to the Girlguiding World Centre, Sangam. I was selected to join this trip with 14 other young participants from around the County. The trip will consist of four leaders and 15 Rangers and Young Leaders, and will take place between 6th-21st August 2024.

We fly to Mumbai initially, before then travelling on to Sangam, the World Association for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, near Pune. Sangam, meaning 'Coming Together' in Sanskrit, was founded with the intent to unite Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from around the world. Since 1966, the World Centre in Pune, India, has been a place to

grow, connect and have fun with girl guides and girl scouts from around the world (<https://worldcentres.wagggg.org/sangam/>).



We will be participating in a Community Action Project working with one of Sangam's Community Partner Organisations to develop skills and attitudes to equip young people for the future. The

leadership event aims to equip young women with the latest global initiatives and international perspectives so that we can bring these experiences back to our own units, local area and discuss our international experiences. As a team we are also planning on sharing a science technology engineering maths (STEM) activity during the week.

The following week will be a jam packed week of sightseeing and cultural immersion including being fitted for Saris, trying authentic food, a Taj Mahal Sunset and Sunrise tour and an evening of traditional culture, dancing and food. I am very much looking forward to seeing India and am hoping to learn a bit more about

photography before I go, so I can come back with some amazing pictures, as well as the memories of this once in a lifetime experience. I have to raise a total of **£3,250** for this opportunity and I would very much appreciate any contributions anyone can make to my fundraising efforts by supporting events or sponsoring me please.

I am currently helping with jobs in the neighbourhood and planning several

### **'Plants, Crafts and Things'**

pop-up stalls at the garden gate on Nine Chimneys Lane. Hopefully some of you will have been able to support the previous events! All being well, we will hopefully have another successful event on the **2nd September**, so do please wander past and see what's available. We'll then aim to do another before the end of the year with some Christmas crafts and things.

As a team we are already planning for this trip, including choosing what colour hoodies and polo shirts we like, and designing a badge for the trip. I was really pleased as many of my design elements have been included in the final design, shown above.

I am also organising a **Sponsored**



**Bike Ride**, with some of my team mates, from Cambridge to Ely on the **30th September**. We are planning to ride from Cambridge, via Anglesey Abbey, Wicken Fen and on to Ely. My Godfather and Mum will be

riding with us, so hopefully it'll be a good day out, albeit a challenge. It will be the first time I am likely to have met the other Rangers and Young Leaders travelling to India!

As a County Group we are fundraising again the following month at **Ely Apple Day** on the **7th**

**October**. This is then followed by a **Bingo Night** on the evening of the **20th October** at Ely college.

I am very much looking forward to the trip as it will improve my teamwork and leadership skills as well as providing me with an amazing opportunity to travel to India as a young person and experience a huge cultural change. I am happy to keep you updated over the next year and more than happy to write a short article after my trip to share my experiences and no doubt many photos.

Thank you very much for all your support, it is very much appreciated.

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**Ella T**

NINE CHIMNEYS LANE

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# Gardening with Climate Change



The Gardening with Climate Change event took place at West Wickham Village Hall, on Saturday 12 August 2023. The event was organised by a planning group drawn from West Wickham, Balsham, Wickhambrook and Linton gardening clubs, with many more volunteers helping the event to run smoothly.

The morning session took place in a packed village hall, and consisted of three fascinating presentations. Jim Paine of the Walnut Tree Garden Nursery in Norfolk explained the reasons why global temperatures are rising, and why extreme weather is becoming more common. Sharka Baxter from Utopian Gardens discussed the changes we can make to our gardens to adapt to climate change, while Cathy Smith from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust covered how garden wildlife is impacted by climate change, and the steps we can take to support them. Pippa Heylings, Chair of South Cambs District Council Climate and Environment Committee, rounded off the morning with an empowering

message on climate change and community action.

The afternoon session comprised 23 different stands, all related to gardening and climate change. Many stands were family-friendly, with interactive activities and quizzes. There were demonstrations about garden ponds, scything, peat-free compost, garden wildlife and many more topics, as well climate-change-tolerant plants, wildflowers, and gardening books available to buy.

Sue Boase, chair of the event planning group, emphasised that: *“Thanks to the hard work of our planning group, the volunteers, and the support of our sponsors, the event was larger and more successful than we originally thought. We are now considering how to develop the group’s aims in the future.”*

Photographs of the event will shortly be available to view on [www.climatechangegardening.org](http://www.climatechangegardening.org)

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**Clive Boase**

WEST WICKHAM GARDENING CLUB

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# Granta Medical Practices

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## The NHS App

Did you know that you can use the NHS App to access a range of NHS services on your smartphone or tablet? It doesn't replace existing services, and you can still contact us in the usual ways.

However, once you have verified your identity in the app, you will have easy, 24/7 access to a growing range of health services and information. You can:

- Order repeat prescriptions
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- View your health records
- Book appointments
- And much more ...

If you have any problems using the NHS App, you can select "help" in the top right-hand corner of the app

or visit [www.nhs.uk/helpmeapp](http://www.nhs.uk/helpmeapp)

## Flu Clinics

Have you booked your flu jab yet? If not please call us now on 0300 234 5555. Details of dates and eligibility can be found on our website

<https://www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk/uncategorised/flu-vaccination-programme-2023/>

Please note that over 50's with no underlying conditions are no longer eligible for a free NHS flu vaccine. However, private flu vaccinations will be widely available through High Street pharmacies, etc.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Sandra East

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## Balsham WI

At our June meeting we visited the **Balsham Musical Maze** (*some members had been involved in the planting of it*). We managed not to lose anyone! Our meeting on 11th July was not quite as planned - we had hoped to try out the new outdoor gym equipment installed on the rec, but unfortunately the cricket match that evening meant that it wasn't possible to go ahead with that. We did, however, have a variety of garden games such as giant Jenga and lawn darts to have a go at, with a chance to socialize

with other members and eat cake!

At our next meeting on **12th Sept** we have a speaker from the **National Trust** with a talk on working lives at Ickworth House. As usual, this will be followed by tea and cake.

We are a friendly bunch, and new members are always welcome. Our meetings are held on the **second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm** in the **Pavilion**. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us [balshamwi@gmail.com](mailto:balshamwi@gmail.com) or send a message on Facebook, [@Balsham WI](https://www.facebook.com/BalshamWI).

# Girlguiding Linton District

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What a summer we have had in Linton District. Our Leaders spent a wonderfully relaxed afternoon sitting in the sun selling cakes at picnic in the park. The cakes we had were absolutely gorgeous, well done to all our terrific bakers. Our Trefoil Guild held their annual summer barbecue and had a brilliant evening remembering that Trefoil celebrates its 80th birthday this year, with many celebrations still to come and not forgetting a badge or three as well.

All our guides and rangers went on their annual summer camp this year, at Phasels Wood and a good time was had by all. The site has over 30 activities for leaders to choose from for their girls, as well as beautiful grounds to camp in along with plenty of space for campfires.

All our Brownies and Rainbow units had fun outside during the end of term, with parties and picnics and a host of other activities. We have also now seen the new active wear for leaders as we go forward with our rebranding for the next couple

of years. There is much fun to be had and many adventures to take part in for adults and children alike and at any age too. One of our girls is fundraising for her trip to Sangam in Pune, India, visiting many places such as the Taj Mahal as well as helping the local communities there too. Everything girls do is led by leaders. Everything Girlguiding does is led by leaders too, some of whom run units or do many and varied roles and or have specific skills and use them for girl-guiding, such as Catering at Camp, making and reviewing our policies, finding leaders to do such things as Narrowboat or Archery Certificates so they can give girls even more experiences, as well as many more besides. Come and see what we do and have your own Guiding adventure.

**Rainbows** 5-7, **Brownies** 7-10,  
**Guides** 10-14, **Rangers** 14-18, **Inspire**  
18-26

[www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested)

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Trefoil Guild 18+ [www.trefoilguild.co.uk](http://www.trefoilguild.co.uk)

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## Cambridge Past, Present and Future

### **Autumn Wild Flowers at Wandlebury**

**Tue 5 Sep, 10am-12pm.**

*Free, donations welcome.*

Gentle guided walk to learn about late summer wildflowers at Wandlebury Country Park

### **The House, the Horse & the Holes in the Ground**

**Wed 13 Sep, 10.30am-12.30pm.**

*Free, donations welcome.*

Guided walk around Wandlebury to discover some of the history and heritage.

# Balsham Weather July 2023

Photo: Lesley Bennett



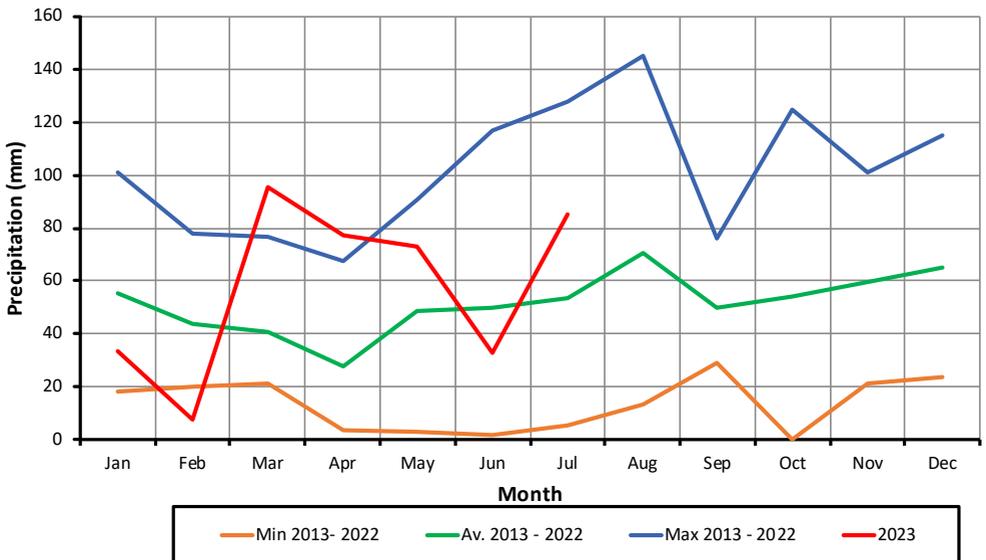
## Air Temperatures: Maximum & Minimum

recorded by Peter Neale, 11 Nine Chimneys Lane.

Daytime temperatures (in the shade)	Night time temperatures
<b>Highest:</b> 28° C on 7th July	<b>Highest:</b> 18° C on 8th July
<b>Lowest:</b> 17° C on 24th July	<b>Lowest:</b> 10° C on 26th July

## July Rainfall Measured at 11 Nine Chimneys Lane, Balsham

Total July 2023 Rainfall: 85.5mm / 3.37" (16 days of Rain )



recorded by Peter Neale, 11 Nine Chimneys Lane.



**Saturday September 2nd**

**Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute**

## **Allelujah (12)**



**Allelujah (12)** based on Alan Bennett's play *Allelujah* is a warm, humorous and deeply moving story about surviving old age. When a geriatric ward of a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure the hospital decides to fight back. Stars include **Derek Jacobi**, **Judi Dench** and **Jennifer Saunders**.

*Dave's bar will be open for pre-show drinks and nibbles as normal.*

*Join the Picture House with annual membership of just £12 or come as a guest member at £3/film show*



### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

**Saturday October 7th 2023**

**Ticket to Paradise (12)** George Clooney and Julia Roberts team up as exes who find themselves on a shared mission to stop their lovestruck daughter from making the same mistake they once made. The film is a romantic comedy about the sweet surprise of second chances.