



GREAT & LITTLE GIDDING

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024

This Parish Council newsletter will be displayed on noticeboards throughout the Parish and submitted via WhatsApp, Facebook and the Giddings website. If you are aware of anyone in the parish who cannot access the noticeboards or the community social media platforms, please contact the Parish Council so a printed copy can be made available for them. If you would prefer to receive a copy of the monthly newsletter via email, please contact the Parish Council. Additionally, please notify us if you would like to promote a community event or facility, or have a suggestion for any information you would like to see posted on this monthly newsletter in the future.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The next Parish Council meeting will take place at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 20th August 2024** from 7:30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend, or submit questions in a timely manner prior to the meeting. The next AGM (Annual General Meeting) will take place at the Village Hall on **Tuesday 20th May 2025**, details of which will be published nearer to the time. The agenda of upcoming meetings and minutes of previous meetings are available to view online at:

<https://www.thegiddings.org.uk/community/parish-council>



The current Parish Councillors are:

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| ~ Jan Maciag (Chair) | ~ Andrea Hargrave (Vice) |
| ~ Jack Bolton | ~ Fabio D'Altilia |
| ~ Paul Hodson | ~ Karen Moody |
| ~ Lee Sanders | |
| | ~ Clerk: Julie Trolove |

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Council. You need to be:
i. A British/Commonwealth citizen; ii. At least 18 years old; iii. Registered to vote in the Parish, or have lived, worked, or owned property here for at least 12 months.

THE VILLAGE HALL

If you would like to book the village hall, or have suggestions for a community event, please contact the Village Hall Committee on:

ggvillagehall@gmail.com

Upcoming events at the Village Hall:

Drawing Class

Thursday 8th August 2024 10am-12pm

To book, contact Krystyna on 01832 293175 or email krystyna@intamail.com

(Further details on page 2 of this newsletter)

Yoga

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 6pm-7pm

To book, contact Janice on 01832 293483 or email janice@radiancy-yoga.co.uk

The current Village Hall Committee Members are:

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| ~ Andrea Hargrave | ~ Paul Hargrave |
| ~ Darren Mist | ~ Debra Mist |
| ~ Janice Procter | |

If you are interested in joining the Village Hall Committee, please contact us on the above email.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The new Village Hall Committee are planning a coffee morning on **Saturday 28th September 2024** from 10am to 12.30pm to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Cancer impacts everyone; individuals, families, friends and Macmillan carry out invaluable work supporting people dealing with its impact.

The plan is to serve coffee/tea and cakes to raise money and have a chat. Please put this date in your diary and come along to support us and the charity.

If you would like to help by baking a wonderful treat please let us know via an e-mail:

ggvillagehall@gmail.com

DRAWING GROUP

Like drawing or haven't ever tried? Our friendly, informal group meet once a month for two hours to sketch or paint a still life. The sessions are untutored but we do a couple of short drawing exercises followed by a longer drawing session and help and advice will be freely available. All you will need to bring is a sketchbook and pencil or your chosen materials. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Time: 10am-12pm
 Date: Thursday 8th August 2024
 Location: Great Gidding Village Hall
 Cost: £5 per session (cash only please)

If you're not able to join us on this occasion, the next session is scheduled for Thursday 19th September 2024.

If you are interested in attending contact Krystyna on 01832 293175 or email krystyna@intamail.com



COFFEE POD RECYCLING

Cambridgeshire County Council, in partnership with Podback, have introduced coffee pod recycling at all nine of their Household Recycling Centres, including Alconbury. The new coffee pod bins offer residents an environmentally friendly way to separately dispose of both aluminium and plastic coffee pods. For further information, please visit:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres>



Alconbury Household Recycling Centre
 Wood Walton Road, Alconbury Hill PE28 4JH
 -Mon-Sun (Apr-Sep) 8am-5pm
 -Mon-Sun (Oct-Mar) 9am-4pm

LOCAL EVENTS

Events occurring within or around the Parish in the coming month:

Poetry Afternoon

Tuesday 13th August 2024 From 2.30pm
 Regular meeting of the Poetry Society at Ferrar House, Little Gidding. For further information, please visit:

<https://www.ferrarhouse.co.uk/events-and-news.html>



Lap of Anglia

Friday 23rd August 2024
 A 4-day, 435-mile, charity cycling event which raises money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The route passes through Great Gidding on Day 3 of the event, with participants stopping at the Village Hall for lunch. For further information, a route plan, or to apply to participate, please visit:

<https://www.lapofanglia.co.uk>



GENERAL ELECTION

As you may no doubt be aware, Labour MP Sam Carling is the new parliamentary representative for the North West Cambridgeshire constituency. He succeeds Conservative MP Shailesh Vara, from whom he won the seat at the House of Commons by 39 votes at the General Election on Thursday 4th July 2024.

58.5% of voters turned out in North West Cambridgeshire (44,424 people voted out of 75,915 registered voters).

LAB	33.3%	Sam Carling	14,785
CON	33.2%	Shailesh Vara	14,746
REF	19.7%	James Sidlow	8,741
LIB	7.2%	Bridget Smith	3,192
GRE	6.6%	Elliot Tong	2,960

You can contact MP Sam Carling if you, or people in your area, are affected by decisions made by the UK Parliament or by the Government. MP Sam Carling can be contacted in writing at *House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA*, or via email:

sam.carling.mp@parliament.uk

UNWANTED GARDEN BINS

Huntingdonshire District Council have commenced collection of unwanted garden waste bins and will be in the area again to collect on the weeks commencing **Monday 5th August 2024** and **Monday 19th August 2024**. They will only remove bins from residents who have requested for them to do so. For further information and to request collection, please visit:

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/news/removal-of-unwanted-garden-bins/>



ROADWORKS

Scheduled

Location: Station Road / Long Drove, Holme
 Activity: National Rail Works
 Dates: 03/08/2024 – 04/08/2024
 Impact: Road Closure

Location: Glatton Ways, Glatton
 Activity: Gigaclear Utility Works
 Dates: 10/08/2024 – 16/08/2024
 Impact: Two-way signals

At the time of publication, there are no other scheduled major roadworks in or around the parish for the coming month. Cambridgeshire County Council publish new schedules of roadworks fortnightly, therefore, for updated information, please visit:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/roadwork-and-traffic-information>



CARE & SUPPORT SERVICES

If you are elderly, disabled, or have specific health needs, and you require a personalised care or support package, then contact the Care Micro Enterprise Department at Cambridgeshire County Council, who can refer one or more of the 25 locally registered care businesses to help you. The services available include personal care (*i.e. personal hygiene*), holistic homecare (*i.e. cleaning, cooking, gardening, transport, medication collection, companionship, administration, pet care and home maintenance*), respite care, or a blend of care combinations. Contact the Care Micro Enterprise Department at Cambridgeshire County Council on 01223 706100, or for further information visit:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/adults/organising-care-and-support/types-of-support/help-at-home-care-micro-enterprises>



THE GREAT GIDDING CHARITY

The Great Gidding Charity was established a few years ago, following the amalgamation of a few previous charities, with the intent of making it suitable for the current generation. There are currently three Charity Trustees and a small membership. The aim of the charity is to work for the benefit of all Great Gidding residents. The charity owns Jubilee Wood, off Mill Road, which includes the community orchard and the allotments (the latter are rented to the Parish Council), together with two tenanted fields in the village.

Jubilee Wood requires regular maintenance and upkeep and the Great Gidding Charity welcomes more members and local residents who are able to offer a small amount of their time to contribute to keeping this area suitable for residents and visitors to the village.

If you would like to volunteer for a task, join the membership or the committee (just four meetings a year), make a donation of cash or bird feed, or have an idea for improvements or use of the wood, please email gparishcouncil@outlook.com

The current Great Gidding Charity Trustees are:
 ~ Jane Alvey ~ Paul Hodson
 ~ Julie Trolove

BIN CALENDAR

The bin collection schedule for AUGUST:

GREAT GIDDING							LITTLE GIDDING						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31		26	27	28	29	30	31	

For further information regarding the refuse collection schedule, please visit:

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/refuse-calendar/>



ANGLIAN WATER

Anglian Water will be commencing work at the Water Recycling Centre on Back Lane from **Monday 19th August 2024** until December 2024. They are upgrading equipment at the site, which will increase the amount of phosphorus that can be removed from used water before it is safely returned to the environment. Phosphorus is used in soaps and cleaning products and can be harmful to wildlife. Anglian Water are not anticipating any impact to residents, but for updates and further information, please visit:

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/your-local-area/report-an-issue/#>



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PLANNING

At the time of publication, there have been no new planning applications in or around the parish in the previous month. To view or comment on existing planning applications, please visit the planning portal at Huntingdon District Council website:

<https://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>



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COMMUNICATIONS

Below is a list of known communication and social media platforms being used by the residents of Great & Little Gidding.

Internet

Official website of Great & Little Gidding

<https://www.thegiddings.org.uk>



Facebook

*Independently run community Facebook group
"The Giddings"*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/418015279128101>



WhatsApp

Independently run community WhatsApp groups. Speak to your neighbours to find out how you can join these groups.

"Gidding Community Hub"

"Gidding Environmental"

"GGGG" (Great Gidding Gardening Group)

"Jubilee Wood"