

## An occasional Great & Little Gidding Parish Council newsletter

July 2008

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*This newsletter is published occasionally when the Parish Council has particular news that we wish to publish throughout the village, including those households who do not have access to the monthly Parish Magazine or the Giddings website at <[www.thegiddings.org.uk](http://www.thegiddings.org.uk)>.*

### Gidding Post Office to Close

Great Gidding is one of 26 post offices in Cambridgeshire that have been marked for closure.

The consultation period runs to 26th August and we will be working as a council to get the decision changed.

It is proposed to replace the post office with a van in the Village Hall car park at the following hours:

Monday	12:00 – 2:00
Tuesday	11:45 – 1:45
Wednesday	10:30 – 12:30
Thursday	1:15 – 2:15
Friday	12:00 – 1:00
Saturday	closed

With the proposed closures of Holme and Catworth, this will mean that there is no Post Office between Ramsey and Kimbolton, apart from Sawtry.

While your council will be working through channels, you can also campaign individually – the village Post Office has

leaflets with forms to complete, or you can write to:

National Consultation Team

Post Office Ltd

FREEPOST CONSULTATION TEAM  
(no stamp is required)

or phone 08457 223344

or comment online by going to [www.postoffice.co.uk](http://www.postoffice.co.uk), selecting “Network change update” on the right hand menu, then “Contact us” on the left hand menu, then “Contact us” in the main body of the text. The full link is:

<http://www.postoffice.co.uk/link/po/content1?catId=57600693&mediaId=66300707>

*(Does anyone think that they don't want to make it too easy?)*

### Advice

Further advice and information is available from Cambridgeshire ACRE's website on [http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/services/advice\\_funding.htm](http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/services/advice_funding.htm)

**Let's see if we can make a difference!**

### Parish Council Election

The Parish Council election was uncontested.

Work commitments have forced Sue Shepherd to stand down after five years on the Parish Council, latterly as Footpaths Officer. We would like to thank Sue for all her hard work.

The Parish Councillors are now:

Andrew Alexander (Chair)	62 Main Street	293315
Ian Stapleton (Vice-Chair)	70 Main Street	293463
Robin Hayden	Warren House, Main Street	293360
Paul Hodson	17 Chapel End	293782
Henry Hill	9 Mill Road	293404
Adam Titmus	The Cottage, Milking Slade Lane	293302

This leaves a vacancy, for which we are looking for an enthusiastic and indomitable candidate!

*The Parish Council Office in the Village Hall is open  
on Tuesdays and Thursday from 11:30 to 1:00. Phone 293068*

### Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

No planned meeting in August.

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### Police

A message from PCSO Emily Conroy:

*I will be holding regular Police Surgeries in your Village Hall*

*This is an ideal opportunity for residents who live in the village to meet with me and raise any concerns or issues you may have. This is also a way to receive up to date advice on crime prevention where I will be able to provide some literature. The surgeries will be held every 2 months and the next one will be on Thursday 31st July between 1200 – 1300hours. I look forward to seeing you there.*

*Security – Please remain vigilant during these summer months, if you are in your home or garden take precautions by being security aware. If you are in your garden ensure your front door is locked or door chain in place, keep windows closed as it would only take a few moments for a potential thief to remove your belonging's. Always keep your sheds/garages locked and secure when you are not using them. In an emergency call 999 – when a life is in danger or a crime is being committed. For non-emergencies call 0845 456 456 4 – when your call does not require immediate police attendance, contacting your local Neighbourhood Policing Team or any other enquiry. Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 – to give information anonymously about crime. On line – [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk).*

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### Clean It Up

Please be a responsible dog owner.

Dog clean-up bags provided by the District Council are available from the Parish Council Office.

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### Safety Surface under Swings

A new Grassmat surface has been provided under the 4 set swing bay at the recreation field.

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### Bus Services

Bus 409 Huntingdon – Gidding – Huntingdon  
Fridays only, leaving Gidding 9:45am and returning 1:17pm – see the following website for details:

[http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/bus\\_timetables/Bustimetabbusno.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/bus_timetables/Bustimetabbusno.htm)

Bus 209 Oundle – Gidding – Oundle  
Thursdays only, leaving Gidding 9:27am and returning 11:52am and 2:52pm. This connects with a Peterborough service – see the following website for details:

[http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Transport/PublicTransport/bus\\_timetables.htm](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Transport/PublicTransport/bus_timetables.htm)

*(There is also said to be a monthly Peterborough service, but your editor does not have details. Ask at the village Post Office while we still have one!)*

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### Cambridgeshire Mobile Libraries

Chapel End, alternate Thursdays 2.05 - 2.20pm  
July 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, etc

For renewals or enquiries please ring 0845 045 5225

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### Huntingdonshire Development Plan

This will form the basis for decisions about the use and development of land in the area. Copies are available at libraries (Sawtry) or follow the links to the Planning Policy web page at [www.huntsdc.gov.uk](http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk). Representations on the document are invited, and must be received by 15th August 2008.

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### Other Contacts

#### Amenities Committee

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#### Churchwardens

Mr John De Val; Tel.: 293417  
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#### Baptist Chapel

Rev Albert Mulligan; Tel.: 293525

#### Friends of St Michael's Church

Chairman Patrick Jarvis; Tel.: 293271  
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