



## Christmas lights –

the pouring rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the choir of Fulbourn Primary School although the event on 10 December had to be held in the old School building because of the appalling weather. The children gave a brilliant performance as usual and Father Christmas came to give them all a present. The lights on the tree and village sign however were affected by the weather and there was a delay while repairs were made. Thanks to David Wright, Fiona Thorpe and everyone else involved in making the event such a success and getting the lights set up.

**BOUNDARY REVIEW** – The Independent Local Government Commission have come to a decision. The number of District Councillors will decrease from 57 to 45 from May 2018. Given this change new boundaries have been put in place to ensure each councillor has roughly the same number of residents. Fulbourn will become a district served by 3 councillors and will now include Fen Ditton, Teversham, Little Wilbraham, Great Wilbraham, Stow cum Quy and Horningsea. This will leave Fen Ditton and Fulbourn ward with an electorate of 8067 based on numbers from 2015.

## GRITTING –

following the announcement from County that they would be reducing the gritting routes this year, at the full Council meeting on 13 December County Councillors agreed to reinstate the 2015/16 gritting routes. County's gritting web page and associated map will be updated shortly. You can also email any queries to : [local.highways@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:local.highways@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)



## Parish Council vacancies –

following the retirement of Cllr Scarr and the very sad death of Cllr Bullen, there is now two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in finding out what becoming a Parish Councillor entails and the commitment involved, please contact the Clerk on 01223 881042 to discuss or speak to one of the Parish Councillors.

## Dates for your Diary

5 Feb	2.00pm – Snowdrop Walk and Concert – Fulbourn Manor Grounds
8 Feb	7.30pm – PC meeting/Fulbourn Centre
13 Feb	7.30pm – 'Pencils in the Pub'/Six Bells
15/18 Feb	7.30pm – St Johns Players/The Railway Children - Townley Hall
4 Mar	10.00am – Coffee morning/Fulbourn Library
8 Mar	7.30pm – PC meeting/Fulbourn Centre
13 Mar	7.30pm – 'Pencils in the Pub'/Six Bells
1 Apr	10.00am – Coffee morning/Fulbourn Library
10 Apr	7.30pm – 'Pencils in the Pub'/Six Bells
12 Apr	7.30pm – PC meeting/Fulbourn Centre

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mary Drage, <b>Chair</b>	880712
Derek Thorn, <b>Vice Chair</b>	881309
Dawne Brown	573495
Graham Cone ( <b>and District Councillor</b> )	07595 361285
Sid Dawson	510307
Robert Lacey	881469
Tina Lockwood	881713
Julian Mair	572181
Robin Newell	880129
John Rickett	700065
Jacky Sitton	880130
Dave Smith	881334
Gill Ward	881757
Tish Newman, <b>Parish Clerk</b>	881042
<b>District and County Councillor</b>	
John Williams	880940
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<a href="mailto:lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk">lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk</a>	

Bookings for the Swifts and news items for the Village Web site – publicise your event  
Contact Cllr Derek Thorn, Tel: 01223 881309, email: [derek.thorn@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:derek.thorn@tiscali.co.uk)

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## COUNTY SEE THE LIGHT!

Fulbourn PC is very pleased by County's decision to turn all its street lights back on between 2am and 6am. All Parishes, including Fulbourn, who elected to pay to keep the lights on will be contacted and will only have to pay for the period before County's decision.



## BT phone boxes

SCDC is currently in consultation with BT regarding public phone boxes. Now that public phone boxes are less widely used, BT is looking to reduce costs and remove underused phone boxes. The two under consideration in Fulbourn are the one on School Lane and the one on Cambridge Road. The one SCDC recommend is kept because of its location and higher usage is the one on Cambridge Road and Fulbourn PC support this recommendation.

## DEVOLUTION

All local authorities, including SCDC, have now voted to support devolution which ultimately means powers being devolved from Government to a cabinet of elected leaders in each authority with an elected Mayor heading up the cabinet. SCDC will retain its powers currently held and will still have control over planning and where development is situated in our district. The newly elected Mayoral cabinet will recognise each authority's Local Plan and SCDC is pushing very hard to get our Local Plan in place as soon as possible to set out where housing, infrastructure and employment sites are to be situated. A Local Plan should help stop speculative developments being put forward which have been a problem for Fulbourn over the last few months.

## CAMBS COUNTY COUNCIL

– has partnered with ICHOOSR to secure a good rate for energy bills for the year ahead for residents by collective switching.

To sign up visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cambsenergyswitch](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cambsenergyswitch)

## STOP PRESS

a vacancy will arise shortly for a person to take over and run the bookings for the Swifts meeting rooms, collect the fees and open up and close up the Swifts when booked. You will need to have a computer and be able to manage the online diary. Full training will be given. Please contact the Clerk 01223 881042 or Cllr Thorn 01223 881309 for further details.





## CALLING ALL FULBOURN GARDENERS... IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN...

Every other year village gardeners open their gates to raise money for Fulbourn Primary School, this time for computer equipment and swimming pool costs. Please join us for the next Fulbourn Open Gardens weekend of **June 17th & 18th 2017**. Whether your garden is small or large, just begun or long-established, tidy or wild, full of colour or simply a green space, please join us to provide a weekend of gardening variety right across the village. There's always a need for both new and returning gardeners. Almost all of us who open our gardens were initially hesitant but then delighted by the positive feedback and enthusiasm from our many visitors, many of whom come back time after time (even in years when the gardens are not open!). Whether you are hesitating to join in and would like to know more, or a returning gardener, please come to a drop-in meeting at **19 Station Road on Thursday 2nd February any time from 7 to 8.30pm**. Please phone or email any of us for further details.

Please bring a brief description of less than 100 words of your garden for inclusion in the brochure.

### THE OPEN GARDENS TEAM:

Karen Downs	karendowns@uwclub.net	881112
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Tamsin Fry	tamsinlb@hotmail.com	562240
Sarah Konig	skonig@hotmail.co.uk	529326
Pauline Jakes	poingdestre@btinternet.com	882394
Matt Hurles	hurles@gmail.com	412646

### NEW LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE BID

Fulbourn PC has submitted a Local Highways Initiative bid to County for lighting along the cycle path from Fulbourn village to Yarrow Road. A decision will be known in the next few months.

### LAST YEAR'S LOCAL HIGHWAYS INITIATIVE BID

Fulbourn PC is waiting for County to agree the siting of the zebra crossing on Cambridge Road before work can commence.

### Teversham Road appeal/site -

while the Inspector dismissed the appeal he did so on matters relating to the long term management and maintenance of the open spaces and not on grounds of the environmental and ecological objections put forward by SCDC, the Parish Council and other parties. It is open to Castlefield to submit a fresh application on the management of the open spaces to meet the Inspector's reasons for dismissal so the PC remains cautious. In relation to the designation of the area as a Public Open Space in the Local Plan, Castlefield have objected to this. The PC has responded to SCDC's request for the PC to provide a further, updated submission to support them.

**Committed Authority** – Cambs County Council has become a 'Committed Authority' so in future all road works will have to display a permit number and end date.

**Public Rights of Way** – a new Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way for Cambridgeshire has been produced which shows all legal changes that have taken place since 11 May 2016. It can be viewed on the County Council's web site – [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rightsofway](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rightsofway)

**CITY DEAL** – the City Deal commissioned a review of 12 existing 'greenway' radial cycle routes from outlying villages such as Fulbourn to identify improvements. There is currently no funding but it is expected that the review will be used to obtain s106 contributions. The next stage will be consulting stakeholders including Parish Councils.

## Bus Services No17 and No18

From January 2017 there are important changes to the timetable of the above two local bus services



From 4 January 2017 there were important changes to the timetable of the No 17 bus service, and from 17 January to the No18 bus service. The fully commercial, unsubsidised, No 17 service by Stagecoach has been running four times a day (Monday to Saturday, two-hourly) from the Fen Estate, Chesterton via the Grafton Centre and the Beehive Centre, to Fulbourn (High Street and White Hart), and then returning to the Fen Estate. In addition, a single early morning run of the No 17 came from Stetchworth, through Fulbourn (Six Bells, 07.57hr) and the Beehive Centre/Grafton Centre to the City Centre, returning from the City Centre at 17.45hr back to Stetchworth, again via the Beehive Centre/Chesterton Road and Fulbourn.

The two-hourly day-time service has now been discontinued leaving just the early morning service from Stetchworth to the City Centre, and the late afternoon service from the City Centre to Stetchworth. There is no longer a link to Chesterton. These two remaining No17 services, run through Fulbourn, in the morning (Monday to Friday) leaving the Six Bells at 07.39hr (earlier than before), and in the late afternoon leaving Emmanuel Street at 18.00hr (later than before). The corresponding times on Saturday are 07.57hr and 17.45hr.

Discussions have taken place with County but, being a commercial service, they have no control and no resources for subsidies. However, it has been confirmed that the subsidy for the No18 service by Whippet Coaches, three times a week (Tuesday, Friday and Saturday) to Newmarket will continue for at least another year (until April 2018), and County have been able to negotiate a small change to the route which will provide a partial replacement (indirect) link to the Beehive Centre and the Grafton Centre via Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

The No 18 service will now commence in Little Wilbraham at 09.30hr, stop at the Six Bells, Fulbourn at 09.40hr, before continuing through Teversham to the City Centre (Drummer Street Bus Station) via Newmarket Road. Stops in Newmarket Road will give access via a short walk to the Beehive Centre and the Grafton Centre – the buses cannot use Coldhams Lane because the double-deckers are unable to get under the railway bridge. Arriving in the City Centre at 10.08hr, the bus will leave at 10.15hr to return along the same route to Teversham, Fulbourn (10.40hr, High Street) and the Wilbrahams, then to Newmarket, arriving at 11.10hr. The bus returns from Newmarket at 13.30hr arriving in Fulbourn at 14.00hr before continuing to Cambridge, arriving 14.28hr. The bus then returns to Teversham only, arriving 14.53hr. Anyone wishing to return to Fulbourn from the Beehive Centre or Grafton Centre can catch the Stagecoach No3 service in Newmarket Road (heading in the City Centre direction).

New timetables will be displayed outside the pharmacy in Fulbourn High Street – please check these to confirm that the above is still correct or check the Stagecoach web site.

### Ida Darwin site –

following on from the Public Exhibition on 16 November 2016, the comment forms are still being evaluated by the Trust and the PC is waiting to hear the results.

