



# Doddington

DIARY



Sept  
2020

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Dear Residents of Doddington,

In our August edition, we explained that the Diary Team had reached a stage where we needed to discuss the viability of continuing to print the Diary when we felt there was little to report.

We have been heartened by your encouraging comments and it would appear that many of the residents of the village would be disappointed to see the Diary return to the electronic format. David's articles about the history of the village have been particularly popular and the Diary remains a good way of keeping everyone informed about how the groups and organisations are managing in these unusual times.

With this in mind we revisited our financial position to see how printing the Diary could be achieved. Our proposed plan for the next six months was agreed as follows:

- We would trim our software expenses and utilise free computer programmes that are available.
- We would print the Diary every other month - November, January and March.
- We would then prepare an "interim" Diary for October, December and February which will be available on our website and emailed to everyone on our mailing list. You can sign up for an emailed copy by visiting our website : **[www.doddingtondiary.co.uk](http://www.doddingtondiary.co.uk)**
- We would print a limited number of "interim" Diaries that will be available in the Newsagents and the One Stop shop.
- If we eliminate the printing expenses for three months, this will help to alleviate the financial burden on us and our advertisers. We have sufficient funds to cover these reduced costs and it will give us all time to see what the winter has in store.
- To further support our advertisers, we have added their telephone number to our website - under Advertise with Us.

**HOWEVER**, we are pleased to say that since our meeting, we have received more news this month (***special thanks to David Edwards, David Richards and Neil Boyden for the history of the football club***) and provided we can maintain at least 28 pages per Diary, we will continue to print monthly. If the content drops below this level, we will email and print an "interim" Diary containing date specific information and the remaining content will appear the following month, in accordance with our plan. So, now more than ever we need to hear about your news and plans, please remember to share how your clubs, organisations and businesses are adapting. The more things you send us, the fewer "interim" editions will be necessary.

We hope you support these measures. By working together we will get through these strange times and hopefully it will be without losing our village magazine.

Take Care from the Diary Team

## Thoughts from the Rectory



### Every One Loves a Hug

I was at our church at Doddington last Sunday and having finished our time of quiet prayer Lynda and I headed off out side towards the car park only to be met by the four or five people who had left the service before us. A strange, two meter distancing, facial masked meeting then took place as we all caught up on old news and people we have missed since the Coronavirus came upon our village communities and everything changed. One parishioner said 'I do miss sharing the peace', another said 'I miss the hugs' and yet another said 'I miss the hugs and a kiss'. Strange I've never presided at a service where people have shared the peace with a hug and a kiss, it doesn't happen when I'm there - I'm sure its nothing personal.

With the mentioning of hugs in our conversation I was reminded of a time when Lynda and I were walking through Hyde Park in London many years ago and came upon a couple who had taken up residence at Speakers Corner. They had a poster and written upon the poster in large letters was 'Free Hugs'. The couple had their arms outstretched to the crowd that normally gathers at Speakers Corner on a Saturday afternoon. People were not forming queues for a hug, but some folk did respond and some of the on lookers were suspicious. What's the catch? What will it lead to? What impression will I give? I have to say that I was so nervous about the whole thing that I was starting to look around for any hidden cameras or people filming what was going on.

In the end Lynda went forward for an embrace, so I then followed and I have to say the lady who embraced me gave a good old grip. It was just a few seconds of warmth and affection, no harm done and from what I could observe as others came up to be hugged and went on their merry way a great deal of good came out of it. I'm sure someone from a TV morning chat show would say that the concept that was adopted by this couple with their free hugs could have a positive effect upon the well being of those people who were hugged that morning at Speakers Corner.

A specialist family therapist has said: 'We need four hugs a day for survival, eight hugs a day for maintenance and twelve hugs a day for growth.' The theory being that touch is not only nice, but also needed. It has been known for years and there is loads of research out there that supports the idea that a tactile approach is absolutely necessary for our physical as well as our emotional well being and I would add our spiritual health as well.

## Methodist Church

The Methodist Church has been open since the 5th July for Sunday Worship at 11.00 a.m. We have limited seating of 12 due to the virus, but we enjoy a relaxed hour of music and poetry and short stories with a bible theme. Our Friendship Group commenced at the beginning of August. We are required to request permission to use the Church for any other purposes.

At present the rear of the building remains out of bounds although permission for use can be sought in accordance with Social Distance rules. Toilets are available, but personal cleansing of the area after use is requested. It is also the responsibility of the team leader to clean all areas after use before leaving the building. Full instructions are available as supplied by the Methodist Church Organisation. We look forward to full use in the not too distant future

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The early Christians must have known the benefits of a hug as in numerous early church writings believers were encouraged to 'greet each other warmly in the Lord's name, this may well have meant a warm embrace in church, but equally it could mean as in the Old Testament a 'time to embrace' (Ecclesiastes 3:5. NIV). Indeed Jesus told his listeners a story to show how God welcomes those who stop their wrong doing and turn to him. It is the story of the prodigal son. I love the part of the passage where it describes what an anxious father did when his runaway son returned: 'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son threw his arms around him and kissed him'.(Luke 15:20. NIV).

It really reassures me that God waits to welcome with a hug all who follow the prodigal son's lead.

Take care, keep safe.  
Rev Ian Brady



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## Recreation Committee

The Pavilion is now open for the use of groups and organisations who are permitted to meet under Government guidelines. The committee have worked hard to put in place measures to keep our community safe, but still be able to provide an outstanding facility for the village.

Fitness and Zumba classes and football training are all being held at the ground and more bookings are planned from September. The committee do not currently have any fundraising events planned, we are following the guidelines and will resume events when is safe to do so. Please contact us if you would like to hire the Pavilion and we will be happy to discuss your needs.

The committee would like to welcome back Doddington United Football Club, who have a team ready for when football games may take place and we have great pleasure to announce that two of March Town Athletic FC's youth teams will also be playing at the ground. It's great to see the tradition of football in Doddington is continuing and provides our fantastic ground with a bright and secure future!

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## Doddington Village Hall

After a long period of closure, we will be back open again for limited activities from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. The management committee also welcomes back our Caretaker Stephen after a lengthy time on Furlough. Our committee and Caretaker have been working hard to put into place the necessary measures and precautions to open safely and comply with the governments Covid 19 safety policy. Also we have been working with two of our regular users to help them to meet all new rules and regulations to be able to operate within the hall.

Sadly at the moment and the foreseeable future there will be a vastly reduced programme of bookings. Currently Mondays we welcome back Dawn and the Slimming World group sessions. Also around the same week it's anticipated to be home again to the Allgood Dance School.

When visiting the hall, please be aware that there is a one way entry and exit system. **The 'new' entrance is to be found via the middle side door.** Please use the hand sanitiser available at the entry doors, and please be prepared for your temperature to be taken via a non contact infra red device.

Also our client will need to take your name, telephone number or email for contact tracing requirements. The hall is operating at the 2 meter social distancing space, please adhere to this guidance and face masks are to be worn at all times.

The way out of the hall is as before, hand sanitiser is available to use on exit. Unfortunately, we are currently not accepting any children's party, adult birthday party or wedding reception bookings of any size.

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## Girlguiding in Doddington

We have a very special Brownie, 'Isla Smiler.' Isla has a form of brain cancer called Medulloblasoma.

On 1<sup>st</sup> August we were very proud and honoured to be able to present Isla with a 'Guiding Star' Award. This is a very prestigious award within our Girlguiding Community. Isla is thought to be, one of just seven members within Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East to have ever received this award for bravery and courage!



She really does deserve this award and we are so pleased that our Guiding HQ agreed with us! They said in a letter that Isla received, signed by the Girlguiding Chief Commissioner,

*'Isla is an exceptionally brave girl who is coping with her difficulties with a resilience and resourcefulness way beyond her seven years. Known for her smiling and positive outlook, Isla has been able to cope with her all her challenges and kept on taking part in her Brownie activities. Her Brownie friends speak warmly of how kind and helpful she is despite the fact she is very poorly. Adults are amazed at how well she copes and the determination she shows. We are delighted to award Isla a Guiding Star.'*

The presentation took place socially distanced in Isla's front garden with members of our leadership team present and Ann Mitchell the Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East County President. Ann also brought along the County Standard and Greeting Cards, in March put together a lovely set of balloons that said 'Isla Smiler, you are a Star. Girlguides can Achieve anything!' Brown Owl also made a lovely chocolate cake!



We are all very proud of the way Isla has continued to enjoy her Guiding throughout her

illness, even before her diagnosis. We are also proud of the way her sister Enya, who is a Rainbow, is coping, therefore as a village organisation we also presented both Isla and Enya with a campfire blanket each and a Girlguiding Teddy Bear! When

we are able to get back to our face-face meetings again we will be holding a big party to celebrate Isla's amazing resilience with all her Girlguiding friends and family!

If you would like to volunteer with Girlguiding in Doddington please please contact Jane Groves on 01354 740222 or go to

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## Doddington Football Club – The First 50 Years

Football in its “modern” form had been played in March and Chatteris since the 1880’s, but it was not until 18<sup>th</sup> September 1903 that a public meeting was called in Doddington to discuss forming a team. The meeting, which was chaired by Dr Cecil Stephens, agreed to form a team and the following officials were elected: President, Dr Stephens; secretary, Mr H Abel; treasurer, Mr R Wade; captain, Mr HJ Abel and vice-captain, Mr H Reeves. Committee: Messrs E Davies, F Dore, T Oakey, F Dunham, W Mason and H Beard. Messrs Goodman of Manor Farm agreed that their field on the corner of Childs lane and Wimblington Road could be used as the pitch and the team was to play in white shirts.

The first match was played on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1903 at Doddington when the Chatteris Church Lads Brigade were comprehensively beaten 5-0.

### **Standing:**

*J Duffield, F Dunham, J Ellington,  
C Abel, R Wade*

### **Middle:**

*W Woodbine, W Jackson,  
J Hudson*

### **Floor:**

*M Dack, F Sutton, G Dawson,  
A Waterfall, H Beard*

For the 1904/5 season it was agreed to change to red and black striped shirts and to enter some of the junior cup competitions.



The first competitive match was a bit of a disaster when they lost 0-11 to Grantchester in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Cambs Junior Cup. The following year they joined Chatteris Engineers Reserves, March Town, Wisbech East Anglians and Upwell in the newly formed Isle of Ely Junior League. Upwell dropped out before the end of the season and Doddington finished the season in last place without winning a game.

Doddington captain H J Able was picked by the Cambs FA to play in a match against Huntingdonshire. A more dubious honour was achieved by my Great Uncle, Herbert Beard, who became the first Doddington player to be sent off, this during an Isle Junior Cup Semi-final 2<sup>nd</sup> replay against Upwell, which Doddington lost 0-1.

In 1907/8 Doddington reached the Cambs Junior Cup semi-final, but lost 0-3 to Shepreth on Parker’s Piece, Cambridge. This first Doddington team folded towards the end of this season when only four players turned up to play a March team. After 30 minutes the match was abandoned when Doddington keeper Matthew Dack broke his leg with the team already 0-7 down.

The team was not re-formed until the 1912/13 season and now played in red and white stripes. They did not enter a league, but did win the Isle of Ely Lower Junior Cup, beating March Great Eastern Railway Reserves 2-1. The next year they joined the Isle Junior League, but again finished bottom of the six clubs. An attempt to start a reserve team was abandoned when they lost their first match to Manea 0-15!

No matches were played during the First World War, so it was not until 1919 that football returned to Doddington. Briefly two teams existed, one formed by returning ex-servicemen which soon merged with the old team to create the first Doddington United FC. The 1919/20 season ended with Doddington finishing seventh of the 8 teams in the Isle League and the Reserves losing the Isle Lower Junior Cup final 0-3 to Upwell.

A reorganisation of the leagues for 1920/21 led to Doddington winning the six club Isle Junior League (Central) Division and a first recorded match against Wimblington resulted in a 6-0 win.

1921/22 saw success in two cup competitions. Doddington secured their second Isle Lower Junior Cup beating Chatteris Town 2-1 and a few days later beat the same team 2-1 in the Chatteris Lower Junior Cup final.



**1921/22 with Isle of Ely Lower Junior Cup and Chatteris Junior Cup**

**Standing:** Charlie Brittin, George Dawson, Jack Dack, Jim Kingham, Billy Dawson, Sid Pamby, Ellis Stimpson, Henry Kingham, Harry Weedon

**Middle:** Jim Edgeley, Tom Hudson, Bill Southon, Frank Kingham, Herb Eggett

**Floor:** Harry Wool and Harry Butcher

Following a change of ownership at Manor Farm, 1922/23 matches were played at what is now the Newgate Pocket Park. The team won the Junior Central League and then beat the winners of the north and south leagues to take the Isle Lower Junior Shield Championship League as well, but they failed to retain the Chatteris Lower Junior Cup, losing the final 0-1 to Wimblington after two replays.

Little information can be found for the next two seasons, only three matches appear to have been played against Benwick in 1924/5 and the team withdrew from the Isle FA in 1925/6 when they were unable to find a ground.

The Club was re-formed for the 1926/7 season and returned to the Manor field and finished second of 8 teams in the Isle Lower Junior League (North). It was suggested at the beginning of the 1927/8 season that Doddington should merge with Wimblington, but no response was received from Wimblington. Doddington went on to finish second in a league of six.

The club tried to expand in 1928/9, entering the first team in the Isle of Ely League and a Reserve team in the Isle Lower Junior League (south), but after the first team lost their first match 4-10 to Upwell, they withdrew from that league and concentrated on the Lower League, which they won, but lost to the winners of the North league in the Championship match.

In 1929/30 Doddington tried a new league, finishing eighth of 17 in the Upwell and District League. There were only three teams left in the Isle Lower Junior League, which they won and they also won the Lower Junior Cup for the third time, beating Adelaide 1-0.

The 1930's saw mixed fortunes. The Reserves won the Isle Junior League in 1930/1 after the first team withdrew from the higher league due to lack of funds. In 1932/3 the first team had to be abandoned due to lack of players, for one match they had to pick seven people from the crowd to make up the team! However, in 1933/4 they again secured the Lower Junior Cup, beating March St Mary's 2-1. In 1935/6 they were again unable to find a ground, but competed in 1936/7 winning the Isle Junior League and Cup beating Co-op Wholesale Sports 4-1 in the final. No team was formed in 1937/8 or 1938/9 and the War put a stop to any further matches.

From 1943/44 play moved to the field behind the Hospital. Only friendlies were played that season between a March XI and the Doddington Searchlight Unit. In 1944/5 the Isle of Ely War League was formed and Doddington finished joint top, but lost the deciding play off to March Rovers 2-3, but they did beat them 2-1 in the new Doddington Nursing Cup final.

After the War, football returned to normal for 1945/6 and Doddington went on to enjoy a period of success. They won the Isle Junior Cup, beating March Rovers 4-2 and retained the Nursing Cup by beating Parson Drove 3-0.

In 1946/7 the First team played in the Cambs League Division 1 and the Reserves were beaten in the Lower Junior Cup final 0-5 to Chain Bridge.

In 1948/9 the First team moved to the Peterborough League Division 2 with the Reserves in the Isle League Division 2. The Reserves shared the Isle League 2 Cup with Benwick after a 1-1 draw and lost the Robinson Cup Final 4-1 to Chatteris Town.

In 1949/50 the Reserves were very successful winning two leagues and two cups, although they shared the Upwell League Cup with Leverington after a drawn match.

### Doddington FC Reserves 1949-50



Winners Isle League Division 2, Upwell league Division 2, Isle League 2 Cup and Upwell League Cup (shared)

**Standing:** Arthur Maxim, Bill Weldon, John Clapham, Cyril Buck, Bill Leeder, Bridgestock, Jack Richards, Jack Leeder, Jack Gowler, Ron Philpot, Percy Dack

**Sitting:** ??, Len Jackson, Jack Wilson, Des Ruse, Reg Clarke, Ernie Bradshaw

**Mascot:** R Clarke

**Right** the team line up for the 1950/51 Robinson Cup Final which they lost 1-4 to Chatteris Town.

**Standing:** Norman Welcher, Bill Weldon, Bill Atkins/Adkins, ??, Don Harding, Arnold Upex, Bill Leeder, Jack Moxon, Harry Wool

**Kneeling:** Arthur Maxim, Jack Richards, George Fovargue, Roy Pope, Herb Bradshaw, Reg Clarke, Jack Watson, Ron Philpot



1951/52 the first XI began in Peterborough League Division One, but in November they dropped down to Division Three South taking over the Reserve team fixtures and finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place of 14. In July 1952 Doddington United FC were disbanded due to lack of support and were not re-formed for ten years.

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Flu clinics take a lot of organising every year and this year brings a whole new set of challenges - not least how we can maintain safe practice and social distancing whilst arranging vaccinations over all of our sites.

One of our biggest challenges will be the staggered delivery of the vaccines whilst prioritising the most vulnerable patient groups and then extending the vaccine season to include the newly introduced over 50's group later in the year, (subject to vaccine supply). **This year more than ever we ask patients to visit our website for up-to-date information about how the programme is being delivered in our area.**

2020 has been a difficult year for everyone, but one of the positive things to come from staying at home is that more of us have seen and experienced the benefits of online communications, whether this has been talking to family and friends, working from home or arranging delivery of the weekly shopping.

It has been no different at the surgery as we have also adapted and increased the use of technology. We completely accept that not everyone is comfortable with Online Services and there will always be times when a face-to-face consultation is the best option, but for the many times you have a quick question or reviewing an on-going problem, online is likely to be the quickest option.

We are therefore encouraging as many patients as possible to get online. More information about **Systmonline** or the **NHS app** can be found in the **ONLINE SERVICES** section of our website.



## Doddington United Football Club—The Next Chapter

Doddington United Football Club was reformed in 1962 after a gap of some six or seven years. The previous year a Doddington Youth Team had enjoyed success in the Isle of Ely Youth League and with many of the players reaching the maximum age of 18 they entered the team into the Isle of Ely League.



**Doddington Youths 1960/61**

**Back left to right:**

*Michael Davis, Chris Clapham, Morris Hill, George Bowers, Michael Giddings, David Richards, Colin Fovargue*

**Front left to right:**

*Rodney Ruff, Michael Gull, George Spooner, Ernie German, Roger Lenton*

The headquarters for the club was established at the Three Tuns, with Mr Roy Kilby taking on the role of Chairman. The new President, Mr Thacker, offered his field in Wood Street for the club's football pitch. The club purchased red and white stripe tops, but the players had to supply their own socks and shorts! Each player had to pay a 5/- (25p) signing on fee and 1/- (5p) each week towards medical supplies.

Their opening game was at Wood Street against Wimblington, but the visitors won 4-2. After two more defeats, their first point was in a 2-2 draw at Leverington. A week later they had their first win. Michael Gull scored 6 goals in the 7-2 win over Manea Reserves. DUFC finished mid table in their first year.

In November of that first year nearly 300 people attended a fundraising dance. A "Miss Doddington United" competition was judged by "POSH" players Ellis Stafford and Ollie Hopkins and they selected Miss Carole Upex as the winner.



**Celebration Dinner (around mid-1960's)**

**Left and across the back:**

*Wilf Thompson, Win Thompson, Joyce Negus, Ken Negus, Mrs Nicholas, Norman Welcher, Evelyn Welcher, Ray Nicolas, Betty Driver*

**Middle row:**

*Bill Bayes, Rodney Ruff, Cyril Scotcher, Horace Blowers, Mrs Scotcher, Marjorie Blowers*

**Right:**

*Jim Jones*

In 1965 a reserve team was entered into the newly formed Isle League Division Two. The number of clubs in this league was small, so two leagues were played, one before Christmas and one after. The reserve team did really well and won the pre-Christmas league, but they couldn't sustain their good form and they finished well down the table in the post-Christmas league.

It wasn't long before it was decided that the "dressing room" in Wood Street was just not big enough so after many discussions; the clubs' then Vice-Chairman, Norman Welcher agreed they could use his field in Hospital Road and the members erected new changing rooms ready for the start of the 1966/67 season.

The luxury of showers was added to the dressing rooms in 1973 in preparation for the club's first season in the Peterborough League. The first XI really did the club proud and skipper Bill Bayes and his side won the Division Four at the first attempt.

In fact, the 73/74 season proved to be very successful with the club winning four trophies including a victory for the reserves in the Isle Minor Cup.



### **Doddington United Football Club - 1973/74**

***Back left to right:***

*Bill Bayes, Bob Platter, Barry Short, Kenny Fisher, Horace Blowers, Winnie Fox, Neil Clifton, Kevin Sutton, Phil Gail, Colin Moat, Gordon Ashman, Chris Smith, Kenny Fairbrother, Ron Bayes, Mike Boyden, Neil Boyden, Frank Bradshaw, Kevin Casbon, Colin Grey, Alan Right, Alan Boyden, Trevor Moat, Martin Bamford*

***Front left to right:***

*Rodney Ruff, Brian Elms, Wilf Thompson, Roy Kilby, David Richards, Mervin Miller, Robert Miller*

Members of DUFC have also enjoyed a very active “social” side to the club! In 1966 a party of club members went on an exhausting “tour” of Belgium which consisted of only **one** game!! Apparently, the activity in the bars of Ostend more than made up for the lack of football.

The “European” connection was renewed in 1972 when through the efforts of Heinz Miller and Robert Plater, the club began an association with a German football team from Tonisberg. This was a big event for the whole village as on alternate years a coach of players, family and friends would travel to Germany to play in friendly matches. When the Germans visited Doddington they would stay in the homes of local residents with many strong friendships being made. It is difficult to be sure how good the football was, but many would agree that the parties were certainly good.

The 1970s were a busy time for DUFC and to raise funds a twenty-week pool was organised along with bingo. Dinner dances were held for the end of season celebrations. The football club also took over organising of the village sports, which were held at the school, providing afternoon tea and a wide selection of prizes and trophies. The club also held a Christmas party for the village children. All of this was possible as they enjoyed a large committee of round 30 people!



### Committee

**Back left to right:**

*John Wright, Kenny Fairbrother, Peter Sutton, Alan Boyden, Kevin Casbon, Roger Snesby, John Dickerson, Kevin Sutton, Martin Bamford, Mike Gull, Neil Boyden, Ron Bayes, Chris Smith, Barry Short, Mike Boyden, Winnie Fox, Gordon Ashman, Colin Grey, Bob Platter, Horace Blowers, David Rose*

**Front left to right:**

*Rodney Ruff, Robert Miller, Mervin Miller, David Richards, Roy Kilby, Wilf Thompson, Brian Elms, Dorothy Sutton, Bill Bayes*

Not for the first time in its history Doddington has been without a football team for last couple of years, but we are pleased to say that they have reformed again this year and are registered with the Cambridgeshire Football League.

They are training at the Recreation Field, Benwick Road, every Tuesday and Thursday 7pm and would welcome new players. They also would appreciate your support once the new season starts.



For more information you can contact Roger 07402844556.

## Doddington Horticultural Society

This year's Summer Show, as you may have seen, was a little different! For the first time in its 74 years, the Show was held as an online event, embracing fully the digital age and doing that extremely British thing, of carrying on in spite of the extraordinary circumstances we are all finding ourselves dealing with.



The committee hoped that continuing with the Show in some form would provide a small piece of entertainment and community activity which we have all sorely missed over the past few months. In order for this to be a success we needed the support of the village and having never organised an online Show the committee were uncertain what sort of response we would receive. However we had no need for worry, we were overwhelmed with the response, receiving nearly 200 entries!



Judging was undertaken by the committee and proved to be very challenging, particularly with the baking section, where we all agreed it would have been much better if we could have tasted the entries - purely for accuracy of the judging of course!

The committee would like to thank everyone who entered the Show, you really have proved what a great village Doddington is! We will now start planning for next year, a 75th celebration, which we hope will be back to the traditional display of art, craft, cookery and homegrown produce, but if not, rest assured we will have a Show in some shape or form!

To view photographs of all the entries, please check out our Facebook page @DoddingtonVillageSummerShow, if you are not on Facebook we will have all photos on display in our 2020 year book at next year's Show.

**First place winners;** Aliona Betts, Francie Betts, Bob Wild, Grace Duncan-Finn, Deborah Winn, Duncan Boughton, Jenny Lowde, Sandra Wright, Deb Reed.



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This is ideal for cooler days or can be frozen for a taste of summer in the wintertime.

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### **WARNING – Attempted “Dog Snatch” in the Village**

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### **Abbey Recreation Ground**

The CCTV system, that overlooks the recreation ground and skate park, is now operational. Images from the equipment are automatically sent to a central control hub organised by Fenland District Council who can refer matters directly to the police if instances of vandalism or anti-social behaviour are noted.

### **Cleaning of the Clock Tower**

The concrete edging stones and plinths of the clock tower have now been cleaned. The Parish Council is making arrangements to remove the two existing lights from the top of the tower and to install uplighters on three sides of the tower.

### **Possible traffic calming arrangements for Benwick Road**

Discussions have continued with Cambridgeshire County Highways on options to provide possible traffic calming measures along Benwick Road which has seen instances of speeding and accidents. In due course a public consultation exercise will be arranged.

### **Parish Council Website**

This can be viewed at [www.doddingtonparishcouncil.com](http://www.doddingtonparishcouncil.com) For residents information, the Clerk to the Parish Council can be contacted by email at [doddingtonpc@aol.com](mailto:doddingtonpc@aol.com)

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Please be aware as always there are some unsavoury characters waiting to turn an unfortunate situation into a scam, whether this is at the door, on the telephone, by text or email. To keep yourself updated, you can join the fight against scams by registering to become a Friend Against Scams at <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/Cambridgeshire>. You can also follow the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP) on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CAPASP19/> or Twitter @CAPA5P or visit our website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/against-scams](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/against-scams) for more information.

The police are working hard to keep our communities safe especially during this time. However, please remember to always report any suspicious or actual criminal activity direct to the police by ringing 101 or if a crime is in progress 999. Don't forget you can report online at [www.cambs.police.uk/](http://www.cambs.police.uk/) report. If you post incidents on Facebook with the good intention of warning friends, remember that the police are not necessarily going to be aware of your posting and it could hinder their general enquiries. If you wish to be kept updated on local crime then visit [www.facebook.com/FenCops](https://www.facebook.com/FenCops).

With many returning to work and more facilities opening, we are seeing an increase in traffic and speed. We can restart patrols under guidelines and our local group would like to get restarted, however since it requires 3 people to operate, we need more residents to come forward to for training and to help assist with patrols. Currently we do not have sufficient volunteers to operate.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** if you would like Speedwatch to continue. Please remember to drive safely and within the speed limits. Previously we have had many people stop us saying we are not doing enough patrols, not doing it in the right place or at the right time. Agreed, but we need your help to be able to do this. The training is simple, taking only about an hour and if we could get 6 more volunteers trained, we could treble the number of patrols once we are able to start again. For further information on Community Speedwatch please contact Andrea Harrison for Doddington by email at [csw.wimblington@hotmail.com](mailto:csw.wimblington@hotmail.com).

If you require further NHW information or would like to join, then please contact Andrea Harrison 07766 658701.

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Fortunately at this point alarm bells rang, I put the phone down and rang the local police, who confirmed 161 didn’t exist and it was a scam.

**My advice: - Always ring on a different telephone to verify a number, as the fraudster could still be on the phone when you ring out.**

**Google the telephone number and ring the police yourself, if you are concerned that it is an authentic case.**

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