

# THE BABRAHAM NEWSLETTER

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END OF SUMMER 2025

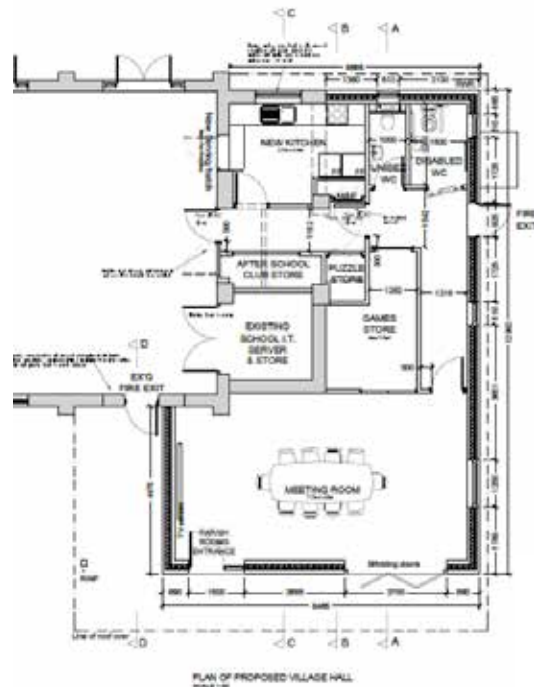
## Great News for the Village and the School

Good news we have approval from Bush & Bennett that we can now start the build of the village hall on the school site. We have been out to tender for building companies and have selected 5 companies for detailed quotes. We are expecting some building work to start early Dec!

There's going to be a village room which the village will have access to throughout the day and evening. The Village Hall (School Hall with some TLC) will be available for the village to use in the evenings and weekends.

We would love suggestions on what you might like to use this space for as a village community. Some ideas so far are table tennis, pool, darts, pickle ball, badminton, yoga, pottery, gardening club, parish council meetings and movie nights. We would love to see this space used as much as possible so please contact the parish council for any other ideas.

Thank go Sandra Bandy and her fellow committee members that finally after 43 years have got the project into the home straight and passed the chequered flag!



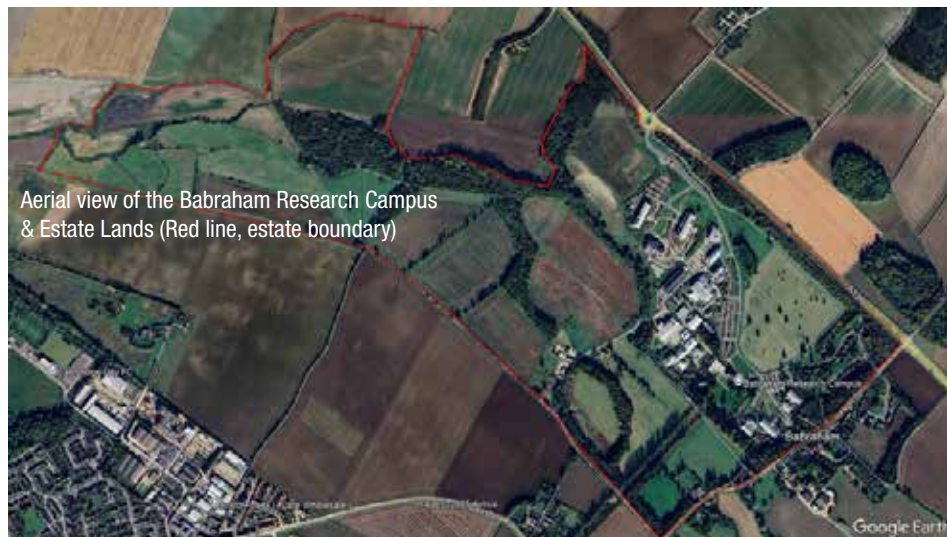
**CSET: Decision from the Dept of Transport. The deadline has been extended to 19 September 2025 to allow all parties additional time!...to submit their Statements of Case.**

### Biodiversity on the Babraham Estate

The Babraham Research Campus. Known to be a world leading place for early-stage discovery, bioscience and innovation, which nurtures and grows the life science industry. This core research campus occupies around 100 acres of the overall site.

In addition to the fantastic and life-saving work carried out by core research

function, the campus also includes circa 350 acres of land attached to the campus and managed by our Ecology and Land Management (ELM) team. Not readily visible from the road for passers-by, we invite you to discover a little more about this hidden gem of publicly accessible land that is managed for conservation and biodiversity.



### Parish Councillors

#### Stuart Laurie (Chair)

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### Cambridgeshire County Council

Peter Fane

### South Cambridgeshire District Council

Peter McDonald

### Member of Parliament

Pippa Heylings (MP),  
Liberal Democrat

# Chairs report

Regarding the parish council, we are still 1 councillor short which makes meetings difficult as 3 members are required to be quorate. The council is non-political and only deals with matters which directly affect the parish. If you are interested, please contact Anne Charteris (council clerk) or myself.

We were disappointed at our meeting in July to hear that the call for sites for building the extraordinary number of houses in the Cambridge area had been revisited and the vision put forward by Cheveley Park Farms to develop their land was back on the table for consideration. Obviously if accepted it will have a profound effect on the village and our community.

The drought this year has come with it's associated problems and to this end Rob Attwood and Chris Morris have done a sterling job maintaining the paths and watering the trees and hedgerow in the forest garden. The verges in the village are unsightly due to the dry weather but it is hoped that, in the future, it will be possible to clear the weed-ridden areas and sow grass seed and possibly plant spring bulbs next to the Institute wall. The river is becoming increasingly overgrown with reeds and it is hoped that the water authority will be carrying out clearance over the autumn ready for the winter rain.

**Road works:** At last, we have a agreement for the replacement of the speed bumps which lifted and were removed over a year ago. The highways department apologised for the delay and will be replacing the missing bumps as soon as they can when traffic light control will be implemented. They have also agreed to examine the pothole on the link road to the A505 where the railway bridge stood, the pavements on both sides of the High Street, the loose drain cover outside the school and the area which floods by Honeysuckle Lane. We wait with baited breath.

**Wild life:** We are lucky to see many species of birds including regular visits of heron, kites and buzzards and the occasional little egrets. I was thrilled to see a goldcrest (one of our smallest birds) bathing in my pond waterfall. Muntjak deer roam the area and can be heard barking with a rasping tone at night. The little owl nested by the river again this

## Babraham Community Forest Garden

Next foraging layer starts in October 🍷



Next round of planting is on Saturday 11 October. Join us for digging, planting & watering for our future.

## Forest Garden

Gardens are suffering in the heatwave but hey ho! . . . us Brits do find a way and a few stalwart members of the village who re-planted a hedge along by the Forest Garden are trying to keep it alive. I have to say it has been a bit of a trial and we have had many false starts,

hoses and pumps sound easy but I can assure you it has been anything but! Mind you we have had many people, mostly dog walkers who have offered so much advice! Talkers not doers . . . and some of them can't even pick up a bit of pool!

Snap around the village! . . . Little Owl



year and the squirrels are back stealing nuts from the trees.

Sandra Bandy has included a piece regarding the school hall and preparations continue to bring the long-awaited facility to fruition.

If you have queries or ideas relating to the village, please feel free to contact Anne, our clerk, for inclusion in the forthcoming meetings. And don't forget our meetings are open to you, the public, so please come along and hear what is going on.

**Stuart Laurie**



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# Church events & services

Over the next couple of months there are a number of events in the church. Between 10am and 4pm on Saturday 13th September we will be holding our annual Art, Craft and Photography exhibition. Do come along and support local artists. Teas and cake will be available all day. More details can be found on the flyer.



On Saturday 4th October from 2.30-4.30 pm we will be holding our Harvest Treasure Hunt for all the family. Afternoon teas will also be available. The following day, on Sunday 5th October at 11am our Harvest Festival Service will take place followed by a Harvest lunch.



## Photo of the issue

Photo: Chris Morris

Sunday services continue on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11am to which everyone is welcome. The church is open every day for visiting, reflection or prayer. Please do just pop in. On Wednesdays between 12 noon and 2pm one of the ministry team will be in the church and available for a chat over a cuppa if you would like one. More details of all our events and services can be found on our Facebook page and website.

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**St Peter's Babraham**  
A little church with a big heart

### ART, CRAFT AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

St Peter's Church, Babraham  
Saturday 13 September, 10am-4pm

Celebrating local artists, crafters and photographers.

Coffee and cake available all day.

Interested in exhibiting?  
Please contact  
office@stmaryssawston.org.uk /  
vicar@stmaryssawston.org.uk  
for further information.  
Set up Friday 12th, 10am-6pm or  
Saturday 13th, before 10am

Free entrance and parking but donations to support St Peter's gratefully received.

Directions: From A11, proceed on A1307 towards Cambridge. Turn right into Babraham Village. Sign for Church is on right just after small stone bridge in High Street. Proceed along long drive and park near church.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**St Peter's Church Babraham**

### The kettle's on You're welcome here

St Peter's Babraham is open for you – whether you're seeking a moment of quiet, a conversation over tea, or a place to think about life's big questions

We're here for everyone – including the scientific community

**Every Wednesday 12-2pm**

Come and visit us – our quiet location makes it an ideal stop

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### NEED A HAIRCUT?

Hi I'm Jo, I have over 20 years hairdressing experience. Appointments now available at my home salon in Babraham or in Newmarket.

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## All functions are considered!

The Rolls Royce and Bentley Car Show on August 16th was a huge success. "We all enjoyed a wonderful day the setting was perfect, the service even better and the food outstanding, what more can I say, except a huge thank you to Simon, Claire and the team."



Found a very old photo of the pub, looks many moons ago, you can just see Simon in the upper window when he was about 30!

## SEASONED FIREWOOD

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