

October & November 2025

THE TRUMPET

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by St Mary & St Michael Parish Church



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Who's Who

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*Cover: Have you tried out this beautifully designed play area beside the skate park?
(photo Sheila Betts)*

From the Churchwardens . . .

Revd Mandy has moved on to pastures new and we wish her and her family well for the future.

The church is now in *interregnum* (vacancy). The Church of England appointment process is quite a lengthy and complex one, but we hope we may have a new vicar in post by late next summer. We will of course keep you, our readers, updated of progress.

In the meantime, supported by the parochial church council (PCC) and the wider church community, we will continue to ensure 'business as usual' insofar as possible. Please refer enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals etc to us, via Emma in the office in the first instance. Requests for prayers can also be left in church.

We are thankful for the help we are continuing to receive from local clergy in Cambridge and the wider diocese, to maintain our usual Sunday morning pattern of services. We have a thriving Junior Church, which meets in the Bakehouse during the 10am service on 2nd and 4th Sundays, as well as activities for children and families in the church on other weeks.

Following on from Harvest Festival on 28 September, we will be having a churchyard clear-up day on Saturday 18 October, and on Sunday 9 November we will be remembering those who gave their lives during the two World Wars, with a Service of Remembrance in church and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. Everyone is invited to come back to the church afterwards for coffee.

All are welcome to our Sunday services and other events.

Edmund Brookes & Sheila Betts

Our Mothers' Union



What a wonderful coffee morning we had back in August.

The sun shone, the rain held off, the support was special and on top of that we raised £203 for Mothers' Union projects. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

The days are now becoming shorter and so our Autumn and Winter meetings start a little earlier at 2pm, at 75 Bishops Road.

At our meeting on 23 October Arthur Brookes has kindly offered to come and tell us about his time working at the Cambridge American Cemetery. It should be an interesting afternoon.

On 27 November we will have a Christmas theme as this will be our last branch meeting before Christmas.

We shall celebrate *The Wave of Prayer* together on 12 December at 11am and follow it with lunch. The linked dioceses we will be praying for are Lusaka in Zambia, Shyogwe in Rwanda, Sokoto and Ikka in Nigeria, Karimnagar in India and Ely in England.

If you would like to find out about joining the Mothers' Union please call me on 01223 510256 or email mothersunion@trumpington.church
Stella Chandler



The MumCo (formerly MOPS)

You might have seen this MumCo bit in *The Trumpet* every time, talking about what we've been up to, but don't know the who/what/when/where/why, so if you didn't know, you now can...

Who? Mums! - whether on maternity leave, 'stay at home', pregnant, single, working with newborns, toddlers, school-aged children or teens. And if your gang have flown the nest and you'd like to help us, why not get in touch?!

Why? You want to get out more, or you're keen to make some local Mum friends, you're looking for community, or you'd simply like to have a hot cup of tea.

What can I expect? Childcare in a crèche run by experienced Mums (with DBS clearance), creative activities (for you!), refreshments, games and discussion, alternating with Stay & Play sessions.

When? Daytime, weekly on Tuesday mornings in term time from 10am and monthly in the evening from 8 to 9.30pm on Thursdays.

Where? The Community Rooms at Trumpington Meadows Primary School, Kestrel Rise, Trumpington (Tuesday mornings)

What do MumCo Mums say about MumCo?

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How can I find out more? - get in touch:

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WhatsApp Jo on 07979 379731



From the Parish Registers

Interment of Ashes

13/06/2025 Andrew Colin Renfrew (correction)

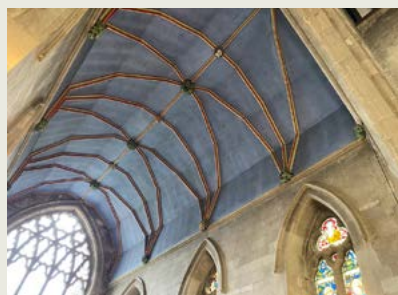
Funeral and Burial in the Churchyard

16/07/2025 Joy Margaret Thompson

06/08/2025 Philippa Blair

Baptism

10/08/2025 Elliot Douglas Carpenter



Services at St Mary & St Michael in October & November

Our 10am Sunday services are in-person and Zoomed; other services are in-person only. You can find the Zoom link here: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2697/>

Sunday 5 October

Revd Ceri Payne:

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am All Age Communion

Sunday 12 October

Canon James Shakespeare:

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

Revd John Summers:

10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

6pm Evensong: St Mark's, Newnham

Sunday 19 October

Canon James Shakespeare:

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Experience & Explore (local team)

Sunday 26 October

8.30am * BCP Holy Communion

10am * Holy Communion with Junior Church

Sunday 2 November

8.30am * BCP Holy Communion

Canon James Shakespeare:

10am All Age Communion

Sunday 9 November

8.30am * BCP Holy Communion

The Revd John Summers:

10am Remembrance Service with Junior Church

10.55am Laying of wreaths at War Memorial followed by coffee in church

6pm Evensong: St Andrew's, Grantchester

Sunday 16 November

8.30am * BCP Holy Communion

10am Experience & Explore (local team)

Sunday 23 November

8.30am * BCP Holy Communion

The Revd John Summers:

10am Holy Communion with Junior Church

Sunday 30 November

Revd Alison Kennedy:

8.30am BCP Holy Communion

10am Fifth Sunday Holy Communion

* Identity of priest not confirmed at the time of going to press.

See the website for up-to-date information: <https://trumpington.church/whats-on>

A guide to our services

8.30am BCP Holy Communion is from the Book of Common Prayer – a quiet, traditional communion service.

10am Holy Communion is a service using liturgy from Common Worship with hymns and music, and with Junior Church on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

10am All Age Communion is a more contemporary communion service specifically for 'all ages'. There is no Junior Church on this Sunday as the children stay for the service.

10am Third Sunday Experience and Explore is an informal service without communion; it includes a talk, a time for personal reflection, activities for all ages and refreshments.

Memory Café

Our July meeting consisted of a morning of music and a quiz, plus the usual delicious refreshments. We started with our *Welcome* song and two songs from our songbook, then handed over to the Ukelele group Flukes, who entertained us with songs from the 1930s to the '60s and '70s. There was a lot of toe-tapping, hand-dancing and singing along. We took a break for the quiz and to colour in items for a kitchen collage, then Flukes gave us another session of playing and singing along to some rousing tunes. We finished with songs from our songbook and our *Goodbye* song.

The August meeting had a completely different feel. We opened at 10.15am to serve refreshments to early arrivals and we welcomed four new members, John (who was standing in for Antony as pianist) and Pam our bingo caller. After some singing we settled down for Bingo. Everyone concentrated hard on their cards for a tense 'full house'. We broke up the concentration with a Beetle Drive which was a lively interlude, then eyes down again for two more games. We concluded with two more songs from the songbook and our *Goodbye* song. As people left, they were saying how much they had enjoyed the morning, so it's something we will offer again. Thank you to Pam and John.

In September we celebrated our 4th Birthday with guest singers, a magician and a visit from the Deputy Mayor, as well as some special cakes.

If you would like to bring a person with memory loss to the café please contact Janet Hookham on 01223 840268.



Trumpington Memory Café

A place where people with varying forms of memory loss, with their carers, can visit and support each other and have fun

**The Pavilion, Paget Road, T. Junction to Anstey Way,
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**Third Wednesday
of the month
1030 to 1230**

Please call 01223 840268 to book a place and please give your name(s)

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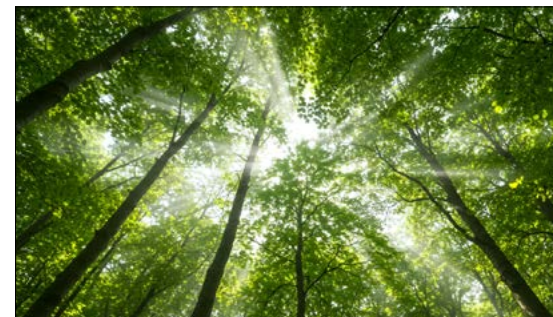
Rotary Club of Cambridge



New Sunday afternoon group for young teens

Starting on 28 September, we are launching a new twice-monthly Sunday afternoon group for kids in school years 7-11. Come and join us for activities like film nights, litter picks, baking, table tennis, crafts and a chance to talk about what Jesus has to teach us in these things.

Email safeguarding-assistant@trumpington.church for details of where and when.




Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday & Sunday 13 & 14 December

An event for the whole community – we would love YOU to get involved!

Decorate and enter a Tree

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£45 plus booking fee – scan the QR code or visit
<https://wreaths-trumpington2025.eventbrite.co.uk>



Community News and Events

Royal British Legion

It was pleasing that a group of us, including the widow of a Chindit, were able to remember the fallen in the Far East at our War Memorial on VJ Day 80, Friday 15 August. The considerable national and local press coverage of VJ 80 made numerous references to World War II in South East Asia and the Far East, and I have a sincere hope that the term 'Forgotten Army' may no longer need to be applied to the XIV Army, fighting in Assam and Burma after VE Day in 1945.

Looking ahead, the two-week 2025 Poppy Appeal will start on 25 October and I am amazed at the support I have already had to help run the table in our Waitrose store through the 15 days of the appeal.



It is not too late to offer to help. Please make any donation you feel able to contribute, and wear your poppy with pride: I try and wear mine all year.

This year Remembrance Day is Sunday 9 November and we will assemble at the War Memorial at 10.50am to remember the fallen of the two World Wars and conflicts since. Do go along to the church afterwards for coffee.

Despite being no longer able to stop the traffic, the short ceremony and wreath-laying takes place in an orderly calm manner as befits the occasion. An increasing number of villagers attend and this alone demonstrates the understanding people have of the sacrifices made by the fallen that we might enjoy the peace we do. We just pray that the armed conflicts taking place around the globe can all move to an honourable and lasting peace.

Edmund Brookes, RBL, 01223 840374, edmundbrookes@outlook.com

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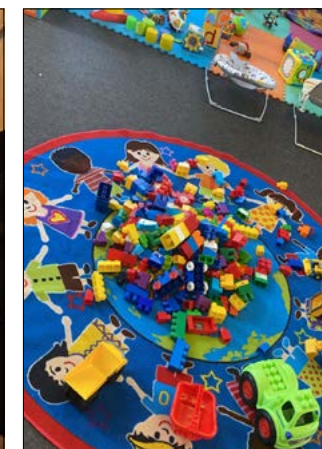
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Helping Relationships Thrive with Connected Lives

Connected Lives helps parents and children thrive through connection, care, and community.

Hands on the Circle (HonCI) Stay-and-play with toys, crafts, singing, and cake! Runs Wednesdays (term time) 10–11.30 am at Clay Farm Centre.

Trumpington Meadows Community Hub Weekly term time sessions at TM Primary School on a Friday, 10am–12pm Includes brunch, stay-and-play, crafts, storytelling, free baby clothes, and support for all ages.

Parenting Courses Parenting isn't about perfection, it's about connection. Join our Circle of Security Parenting group starting on 8 October and grow closer to your child in just 8 weeks. Clay Farm Centre, 10-11.30am, 8 October to 3 December with a break at half term, crèche available.

Body Mind Connection Join one of our hour-and-a-half sessions combining storytelling and bodywork; providing opportunities for deeper thinking for parents/carers through reflection, exercise and relaxation.

Next sessions: Saturdays 11 October and 15 November.

Find out more:

*connectedlives.org.uk/cambridgeshire-hub or QR Code or email
katie.logan@connectedlives.org.uk | helen.bell@connectedlives.org.uk*



Trumpington Parochial Charity

The Charity has limited annual income and the trustees find it beneficial to support community groups who work with individuals of all ages and families, rather than giving directly to individuals. The trustees also consider applications from the schools and healthcare providers in Trumpington.

The trustees next meet in November to consider grant applications.

Find the application form here: <https://trumpington-parochial-charity.org> and then email it to info@trumpington-parochial-charity.org by 10 November.

3rd Trumpington Brownies

This autumn the Brownies are following the *Know Myself* theme from Girlguiding's programme. There'll be lots of games, crafts and activities, as well as celebrating a Gold Award (the highest award a Brownie can achieve), learning about Girlguiding's history, a campfire with singing and s'mores, and making decorations for our entry to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary & St Michael Church. We have a few spaces for girls aged 7-10 years. For more information please email: browniestrumpington@gmail.com
Lisa MacGregor



Trumpington Meadows Community Hub

All welcome for fun, friendship and food

Join us every Friday, term time from 10:00am to 12pm at Trumpington Meadows Community Rooms.

The Trumpington Meadows Community Hub is a partnership between the charity Connected Lives, NHS Social Prescribers and bpha. We provide a safe space where people of all ages can join the community every week.

We offer

- Brunch – porridge, croissants, muffins, yoghurts and fresh fruit
- Storytelling, singing and craft sessions
- Mental health and wellbeing support
- Community pantry
- Housing and cost of living support
- Support sessions for health, cooking and more
- Chance to make new friends, socialise and connect with people
- Shared car lift by Trumpington Car Share Scheme upto 4 people.



For more information please contact:
communityengagement@bpha.org.uk



Comberton Ramblers

We walk 5-6 miles alternate Sundays.

You can have 2 free walks before joining (£10 per person).

For more info visit combertonramblers.org.uk or email stella.hardwicke2274@hotmail.com



October & November 2025

Cambridge Flower Club

Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Whittlesford CB22 4NE on third Thursday at 7.15pm
Refreshments 6.45pm. Annual sub. £45, visitors £10 each meeting

16 October: Workshop led by Christine Carter:

Autumn Willow Door Wreath/Table Arrangement

Further information from co-chairs: Alison Drake 01223 840117; drakealison@gmail.com or Freda Orgee 01223 891464; fredaorgee@gmail.com

At our recent Open Meeting Kathy Stangaard, National NAFAS Demonstrator, gave an outstanding display of varied flower arrangements. Over 90 attended the show in Whittlesford Memorial Hall from around the county, enjoying a delicious buffet beforehand. Four ladies from Trumpington Church were lucky to win in the raffle and carried home beautiful arrangements which adorned the church over the following weekend.

Sian Jones, Assistant Secretary Cambridge Flower Club



The Clay Farm Centre

We have lots going on here this autumn! As well as our usual Lego Club in the Clay Farm café every Thursday 4-6pm, we have some special events planned for October Half Term!

On Friday 24 October Disco Dan will be here for our annual Halloween Disco – fancy dress is encouraged! There will be two discos, 4.15-5.30pm (for children aged up to 5 years old) and 6.15-7.30pm (for children aged 6-11 years old). This is a ticketed event, and tickets will be available from the Clay Farm Library reception desk from 6 October. Tickets are free but everyone planning to attend must have a ticket for health and safety reasons.

On Wednesday 29 October spooky crafts and activities will be available in the Eva Hartree Hall from 10.30am-12pm. A free holiday lunch provided by Cambridge Sustainable Food will be served from 12-1pm. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Well done to all those who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge! Those who completed the challenge but couldn't attend the awards ceremony in September can still pick up their medal and certificate from the Clay Farm Centre Reception. Thank you to our SRC volunteers who helped make the Challenge so successful – we couldn't do it without you!

For more information about the Centre and our regular events visit our social media pages. You can find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/clayfarmcentre or on our City Council website: www.cambridge.gov.uk/clay-farm-centre

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Trumpington Stitchers

Here is our flyer for October and November workshops: We have some new topics on offer this time around.

In the new year, we will be moving to an online booking and payment system. We will ensure there is still a way to book by email for those unable to easily use online systems. The change will streamline the process and we hope it might reduce the number of no-shows that result in no payment with our current system.

We are looking for a volunteer to become our Workshops Coordinator. If you would like to know more, please contact our Chair, Dana, on the email address below. It's not onerous and it's quite fun to plan with tutors what we can offer next.

As well as workshops, we will be busy making poppies for the wreath that we lay on behalf of Stitchers on Remembrance Sunday. We will represent other conflicts and the white peace poppy as well as the traditional red poppy, so do get in touch for the pattern if you would like to make some.

Our Monday evening meetings continue from 7-9pm at the Pavilion (charge £3.50) and the Stitching for Charity group is ever expanding at the Clay Farm library on Tuesdays 10.30-12 (no charge). Feel free to drop in to either, you will be warmly welcomed.

Email our Chair Dana at trumpingtonstitchers@gmail.com
More information is on our website www.trumpingtonstitchers.net

Contact details for The Trumpet

Emma collates the copy and photos and also deals with advertising requests.
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Please be in touch by email to: admin@trumpington.church



October & November 2025
Monday evening workshops
7-9pm at the Trumpington Pavilion CB2 9JT • Cost £7.50 each

● 13 October
Knitting for beginners and improvers



● 27 October
Peg bag Sewing machine experience needed



● 10 November
Crochet for beginners and improvers



● 24 November
Stitched key fob
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The Clay Farm Centre

Half Term Holiday Lunch and Spooky Crafts

Wednesday 29th October

The Clay Farm Centre
 Eva Hartree Hall
 Crafts 10:30am-12noon
 followed by lunch 12noon-1pm

Free lunch-all are welcome!
 *Children will be served ahead of adults
 Children must be accompanied by an adult

Trumpington Pavilion

We have a varied programme of events and activities each week. There's something for everyone with yoga, tai-chi, a memory café, VIPs (Very Important Persons' group) Balkan Dance, parent and baby groups. Other activities include Singing Mamas, Trumpington Stitchers, Forever Active classes, youth club and many more.

Over the summer the local community enjoyed a hot dog picnic lunch along with crafts, soft play, and outdoor activities.

The autumn brings a new football season! Trumpington FC and Trumpington Rovers along with Ridgeons Veterans FC host their home matches on the King George V Playing Field so don't forget to come down and support your local teams.

Look online or on our noticeboard outside the Pavilion to see what's happening throughout the month. You can find us at www.cambridge.gov.uk/trumpington-pavilion or find us on Facebook. The Pavilion is a lovely space to hire for private parties or events. If you'd like more information, please email TrumpingtonPavilion@cambridge.gov.uk

Plan of Trumpington Parish

This map has been created especially for *The Trumpet* and is updated regularly, but please contact the Editor if you can help improve it as new roads become occupied.
Email: trumpet@trumpington.church

As the map becomes more complicated you may like to consult the regularly updated www.openstreetmap.org

- 1 Sole & Duck Restaurant
- 2 The Green Man
- 3 Hudson's Ale House
- 4 The Lord Byron
- 5 Farthings Trumpington Dry Cleaners, Rumbles Fish Bar, Rulo's Barber, Radhika Florist, The Bun Shop (post office/Londis convenience store)
- 6 Shell Petrol Station, Bidwells Estate Agent, Autograph Dental
- 7 Waitrose
- 8 Trumpington Food & Wine
- 9 Trumpington Village Hall
- 10 Wildlife Trust Office
- 11 Trumpington Pavilion
- 12 St Mary & St Michael Parish Church & Bakehouse (church office)
- 13 Anstey Hall
- 14 Rainbow Nursery
- 15 Trumpington Meadows Primary School
- 16 Fawcett Primary School
- 17 Trumpington Community College
- 18 Fawcett House (Cambridgeshire County Council)
- 19 Hobson Square area including Clay Farm Centre with RVS café, GP Surgery & Library, Welfare Pharmacy, NISA Local, Sainsbury's Local, Dentistry & More, Dao Cafe, O'Vesuvio Pizza
- 20 Clay Farm Allotments
- 21 Clay Farm Community Garden
- 22 Foster Road Allotments
- 23 Trumpington Community Orchard
- 24 Trumpington Park Primary School
- 25 Perse Prep School
- 26 St Faith's School
- 27 Cambridge Football Stadium & Kingsway Cambridge (formerly Cambridge Lakes) Golf course
- 28 Trumpington Park & Ride
- 29 John Lewis Distribution Centre
- 30 Nuffield Hospital
- 31 Trumpington Meadows Allotments
- 32 Christ Church Trumpington Church Centre
- 33 Cambridgeshire Care Home
- 34 Trumpington Bowls Club
- 35 Sainsbury's Local, Frankie's Hair Salon, La Reina Cafe
- 36 Glebe Farm Allotments
- 37 Skate Park
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Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub



What a lovely summer we had with plenty of sunshine to help us recharge our batteries!

During the school holidays, Clay Farm Library kindly let us put out a rail of school uniform, so that local families could help themselves and get ready for the new school year. We kept it topped up and it was a great success – during the time it was there, we retrieved well over 100 empty hangers, which had previously contained school trousers, dresses, jumpers, cardigans, t-shirts and PE kit.

We are also grateful to the three local primary schools, who gave us all their lost property. Our volunteers washed and sorted it and returned any items that were named, so that they could be reunited with their original owners. The rest of it was recycled back to local families, via the Clay Farm Library rail and our pop-up stall at the beginning of September. There was a lot of it!

By the way, did you catch the interview with our lovely Jo, on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire? She was on the Dotty McLeod morning show, chatting about the expense of kitting out children for school and explaining how we can help. The more people who get to hear about us, the better!

We have more pop-up stalls planned, so keep an eye on our social media, for details of when and where you can find us, then come along and join us, if you can.

As usual, thanks to all concerned for allowing us to use their facilities, free of charge and to our sponsors, who contribute so generously towards our running costs. You all make a huge difference. If you would like to sponsor one of our events, please do get in touch; we would be delighted to hear from you.

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Trumpington Community Orchard

It has been a strange summer at the Community Orchard, reflecting the various changes in the weather. The early summer rainfall resulted in many of the apple trees fruiting well despite the infestation of apple ermine moth caterpillars. However, the following long spell of dry sunny weather led to the ripening of the apples while still relatively small as it was impractical to keep watering the trees. There is now a good harvest of small apples for the local community to enjoy. The fruit on the quince tree seems to have escaped a similar fate and the welcome return of the rain should see an abundance of good fruit.

Despite the dry weather, the meadow continues to provide a habitat for a number of insect species including butterflies (such as the common blue), dragonflies, damselflies and moths. We have managed to take photographs of some of these, including some of the rarer species of moth and these can be seen on the Orchard website. In future years we hope to document more of these sightings as there is now a significant interest in recording insect species in Cambridge with an increasing number of natural wildlife areas in the region. The observational beehive remains very active and we wait to see how it fares this winter and if an opportunity arises to replace some of the comb supports.

The wildlife habitat continues to be occupied by sparrows and robins, with the abundance of insects on the fruit trees providing a good food source in the long spell of dry weather. The nesting swifts and their new offspring departed for southern territories in August and we were lucky to have eight pairs this year who we hope will return next spring.

While the Orchard remains a popular green space with much of the local community, we have unfortunately still been having problems with some antisocial behaviour and vandalism of the picnic benches. However, we continue trying to teach our youth to respect the environment and understand that it is they themselves who lose out by damaging the Orchard as it provides one of the few peaceful, safe places in the area that they can meet with their friends.

A more recent problem has been the use of the Orchard by a few dog owners, despite the clear 'no dogs' notice on the gate, who have their dogs off their leads in the orchard. We continue to try to explain that the purpose of the Orchard is to provide a natural green wildlife habitat, as well as a safe, peaceful area for everyone, including mothers and toddlers. We hope that some recent conversations about a local dog run in Trumpington may provide an alternative, that will also avoid problems such as chewing of the Orchard picnic benches by young puppies.

We hope that all users of the Community Orchard realise that it is maintained by kind volunteers and persistent problems are rather demoralising for people who give their free time, so the local community can continue to enjoy this much-needed green space.

Our next maintenance session is on Sunday 14 December; as always dress in suitable clothing and footwear and we will provide gloves and tools. Hope to see you soon!

Contact us by email – trumpingtonorchard@yahoo.co.uk or call Susanna on 07722 568020 or visit trumpingtonorchard.org



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Trumpington's first Community Nature Day a wild success

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the very first Community Nature Day at Trumpington Pavilion on 21 June. It was a delightful day where human primates of all ages got to connect with the smaller – but no less fascinating – creatures that crawl, flutter, fly, swim, or bloom around us. Around King George V Playing Field, the event was alive all day with curiosity and discovery.

The brilliant folks from Climate Change Gardening shared easy and inspiring ways in which we can all boost biodiversity in our own gardens by creating ponds, planting trees and providing food of the right sort. Becca and Becky from the local Wildlife Trust BCN opened our eyes to the natural world right under our noses around the Playing Field and taught us how to make our own hoverfly lagoons – tiny but mighty habitats for some of nature's most important pollinators.

Superb photos from the Trumpington Allotment Society showed us the beauty of the fruit and vegetables made possible by the creatures living in the soil or flying in the air. Over by the moth trap, local resident Chris Thurgood revealed the secret nightlife happening in his garden – it turns out that moths throw quite the after-hours party!

A big buzz of excitement surrounded Hannah Pettet's bee hotel workshop, where old coffee mugs got a new lease on life as stylish homes for wild bees. Local beekeeper Dave Jackson introduced us to the demonstration hive in the nearby Community Orchard.

We also had informative and eye-catching posters from Hobson's Conduit Trust about Trumpington's chalk streams, the City Council on Cambridge's tree canopy, and the Clay Farm Community Garden, showcasing local green efforts in action.

Throughout the day, HitWrap food van catered for the needs of human stomachs. We are hoping to organise a similar event next year so keep your eyes peeled and your calendars ready. Until then, let's keep nurturing nature right where we live!

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Clay Farm Community Garden

We now have a pergola to enable plants to grow up and over the feasting table providing shade in the summer, enhancing the experience of sitting at the table.

July was a busy month for our faithful volunteers. Lack of rain driven by ever more obvious changes to the climate, has made keeping the Garden productive and thriving harder. Clay Farm seems to be in a dry microclimate.

A special thanks to volunteers from Charles River Associates who cleared the swale and tidied up the lawns – a massive task in the blazing heat.

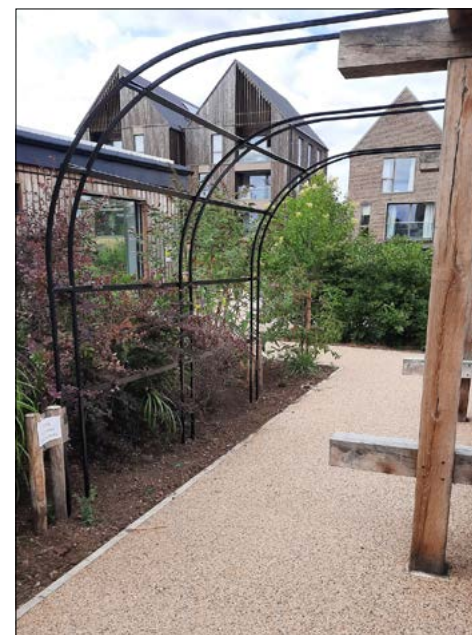
Despite lack of rain affecting production of fruit and vegetables we continued to supply the local Food Hub (Fairbite) with fresh produce every week.

Connected Lives again hosted summer events for parents and young children.

Sadly, pumpkins, not yet fully grown, and intended for our Halloween children's pumpkin carving event have "disappeared" overnight, as have our outdoor cucumbers. Please ask before you pick!

Our AGM will take place on 16 October and all who are interested in the Garden are invited to come along, to find out more about us and hear about our plans for future events. We promise this meeting will be brief!

<https://clayfarmgarden.org>



The Chatty Café Scheme

The Chatty Café is at Waitrose Trumpington, every Monday 10am-11.30am. If you would like to have a chat while you enjoy your coffee or tea at Waitrose, do come and join us on the Chatty Café table. There will be a yellow sign on the table and one of us to welcome you. The Chatty Café scheme operates across the UK and is the leading charity tackling loneliness.

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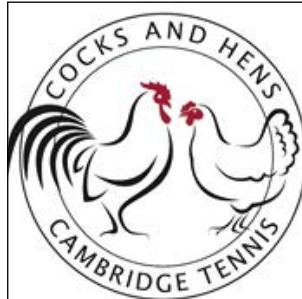
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Our mission is to achieve nature in recovery by conserving local wildlife, inspiring people to take action for wildlife, and sharing knowledge. We are looking to empower people to take action at a grass-roots level, so the support we can offer might be training, signposting, or advice. We might be able to help you connect with more community champions, create better advertising, look for funding, or teach you how to identify the wildlife on your patch so you can share it with others. Maybe you want to encourage your allotment friends to be more wildlife-friendly, help your neighbourhood hedgehogs, or transform a neglected patch in your community for wildlife. You might want to set up an eco-group, organise a bioblitz, or campaign for nature. Whether you are an existing group or just a person with a passion for wildlife, we want to hear from you!

October events at Trumpington Meadows

Booking is essential. Search for events and book at wildlifebcn.org/events

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| • Monday 13 | am | Monthly meander for adults |
| • Wednesday 15 | am | Seasonal stroll for adults |
| • Saturday 18 | am | Nature and Natter: pond dipping for adults |
| • Thursday 30 | am | Wilder Stories at Rock Road Library for ages 3-8 |
| • Friday 31 | am | Youth Rangers practical volunteering task |

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The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, and Northants is a local wildlife conservation charity aiming to achieve bigger, better, and more joined up habitats for wildlife and people. We do this by working in partnership to conserve and enhance habitats and biodiversity, and through community work, helping people enjoy, understand, and take action for wildlife.

Fairbite Food Club Trumpington

Our very successful Fairbite Food Club Social Supermarket is now open on Tuesdays from 4.30-6pm at Trumpington Pavilion and as on the Friday sessions there is a free café that opens at 4pm. Membership is free and is open to people and families in the Trumpington area who are struggling to cover the costs of essentials. It operates the same as the Friday session, members pay either £5 or £3 to shop and for a £5 shop members get shopping with a value well over £20 and get fresh fruit and vegetables, and pick from a range of food and household essentials. We also try to provide access to Citizens Advice and other support agencies. **We are looking for volunteers for these sessions.**

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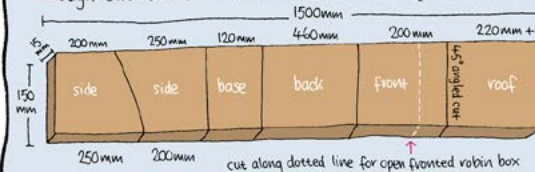


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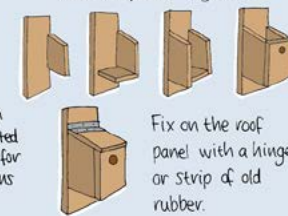


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Trumpington Eco Christmas Market

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Trumpington Residents' Association

At our September meeting, our guest speakers were our local councillors, who gave updates on some key topics.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 November at 7.30pm at the Clay Farm Centre (in the Byron and Chaplen Rooms, upstairs on the first floor).

If you're not already a member and would like to join us, you would be very welcome. As it will be our final meeting of the year, there might even be some mince pies!

TRA members will also be helping out at the Clay Farm Centre's Christmas event on Saturday 13 December.

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