

# Community

## A-Z

### ► BALSHAM

**Fundraising:** Mauro Rosata's 100-mile cycle ride at the end of May has raised more than £460 in cash donations as well as additional donations to the village foodbank.

**Foodbank:** The foodbank has reopened for food donations on Wednesday mornings, from 10am till 11am, but is now at the sports pavilion. There is also the box in the post office for donated items. Cash donations are also welcome and are used to purchase fresh food items. Organiser Debbie Patons has thanked everyone who has donated to the foodbank, which is currently supporting 10 families.

**Meadow School:** The school's parents and teacher association has funded goodie bags for every child to enjoy as a way of helping with their wellbeing. Staff spent several days ordering, stuffing and delivering bags full of helpful and fun activities including a sketch book, paints, sewing, playing cards, exercise books and chocolate. Meanwhile, the school staff have been working hard for the return of the Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children this week. They have spent a lot of time with tape measures trying to ensure groups can fit into the classrooms, and drawing up plans so that no group of children interacts during the school day.

*Margaret Johnson*

### ► CAMBRIDGESHIRE

**Tree planting:** Landowners, who would like to grow some oak trees this winter, are needed as more than 2,000 trees need a home. Ely XR, Cambridge XR and Eco Ely raised £2,000 to rescue the saplings from the mulcher, but land is now needed for planting. The trees are free to people who have the space, with the aim that small woodlands could be created. To find out more and to request some trees, visit [tinyurl.com/yc8kzge8](http://tinyurl.com/yc8kzge8).

### ► CAMBOURNE

**Playgrounds:** The town council has reminded families that playgrounds are not yet back in use. They have been out of action to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus since March 23. Where possible, they have been locked and signage put up, but some people have been



Isla Heras and her mum, Emma, were raising money for HoverAid during half-term last week

## Five year-old Isla provides a bit of Disney magic for charity

### ► CAMBRIDGE

A five year-old girl from Cambridge has been using her exercise during lockdown as a chance to get dressed up and help raise money for charity.

Isla Heras and her mum Emma did a sponsored walk every day during half-term – sometimes sporting bunny ears and on other occasions wearing Disney princess dresses – as a way to support HoverAid, a charity which takes doctors and medical supplies to remote parts of Madagascar.

Isla decided she wanted to support HoverAid's work and

combined that with her love of Disney to do a fancy dress 10-mile sponsored walk. At the same time Emma challenged herself to walk a marathon to aid the Babraham-based charity.

During the challenge Isla became a colourful sight around Trumpington and, with her mum, raised more than £700.

John Greaves, chief executive officer of the HoverAid Trust, said: "HoverAid provides medical care, community health programmes and emergency relief to isolated communities in Madagascar, using hovercraft and other means to reach places otherwise forgotten.

"Madagascar is one of the world's poorest countries with few roads, incredibly low life expectancy (average age 15) and poor medical facilities.

"HoverAid is currently helping to combat Covid-19 as it attacks the Madagascan population, through guidance on washing and sanitation, supplies of soap and nutrients to build up basic immunities.

"Money given to support Isla's challenge will go directly to our crucial work."

To support Isla and Emma, visit [tinyurl.com/y6uphs7](http://tinyurl.com/y6uphs7). To find out more about HoverAid, visit [uk.hoveraid.org](http://uk.hoveraid.org).

spotted using them nonetheless. The town council said it will reopen them when the government advice changes, and reminded residents that the outdoor gym and trim trail are also closed.

### ► DUXFORD

**Duxcovid community larder:** In addition to organising shopping, medication collection and running errands for those self-isolating, volunteers have introduced the Duxcovid community larder. The larder, based in the new community centre, collects donations of food which are then available to customers or sent to people who are self-isolating. It is open Tuesdays and Fridays – drop-off times are

9.30am till 11.30am while customers can visit from noon until 3pm. The scheme has been supported with help and donations from Dalehead Foods Linton, Russell Smith Farms, Fare Share, Tesco, and Mary's Greengrocer in Sawston as well as all of the volunteers. Anyone needing help or who would like to make a donation of food or money can call 07783 388724 and leave a message. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help can email [duxford.covid@gmail.com](mailto:duxford.covid@gmail.com).

**Bowls club:** The maintenance team has been keeping the green in tip-top condition ready for when the government eases more lockdown restrictions. The club hopes its Wednesday Club Night at 6.30pm will begin again, subject to social

distancing. Call 01223 835678 for more details when further lockdown announcements are made relating to sports clubs and social gatherings. *Meg Holland*

### ► LITTLE SHELFORD

**Event cancelled:** The Little Shelford Fun Weekend has been cancelled. It was due to take place from September 11 to 13, but was cancelled because of the uncertainties around Covid-19. Organisers say they plan to bring the event back next year.

### ► WEST WICKHAM

**Friends of St Mary's Church:**

Manor Farm is unable to host the annual fundraising garden party this year. It is hoped that something can be arranged later in the year. Church warden and treasurer Marcus Cornish has reported that the chancel repairs have now been carried out by Cambridge Stonework. Hopefully, redecoration can take place in a much drier building. He says it is worth having a look at the east end wall as it does demonstrate the care that the stone workers and architect have taken.

*Margaret Johnson*

### ► WESTON COLVILLE

**Public footpaths:** Bridget Durham, the parish council footpath officer, is asking for everyone to remember that countryside public footpaths are for walkers only. A pushchair is an acceptable accompaniment but a bicycle or child on a pony is not. This is a statutory requirement reflecting the original designation and use of the route. Cyclists and riders should stick to bridleways and byways. *Margaret Johnson*

### ► WHITTLESFORD



**Village magazine:** The village magazine, *Look*, is once again only available as a download from [lookwhittlesford.wordpress.com](http://lookwhittlesford.wordpress.com). There are hopes the publication will be printed again from July.

**Spitfire salute:** The weekly Thursday 8pm 'Clap for NHS heroes' ended on a high note last week when Aerial Collective at IWM Duxford honoured key workers with a Spitfire flying through the skies with a thank you message on its wings. It took off from Duxford at about 7.55pm, passing over Whittlesford and then flying a circuit over other South Cambridgeshire villages.

*Meg Holland*

### ► WILLINGHAM

**Event cancelled:** The Willingham Horticultural Show will not take place this year. Organised by Willingham Gardening Club, which has been running the show since 1992, the event will return next year.