

THE BABRAHAM NEWSLETTER

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SPRING 2025

The wait is on . . . will we have to give up our village to suburbia?

Route:

The new bus route is planned to run from a new travel hub near the A11 and Babraham to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus via Sawston, Stapleford and Great Shelford, connecting to the planned Cambridge South Station and existing guided busway.

Current Status:

The project has been approved in principle by the Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board and an application for a Transport and Works Act Order has been submitted to the Department for Transport.

Timeline:

The application for the Transport and Works Act Order was submitted to the DfT on January 9, 2025, and the deadline for objections was March 7, 2025. The

DfT is likely to call for a public inquiry in winter 2025/26.

Babraham is the starting point of the new public transport route, with a new travel hub planned near the A11 and Babraham.

The project aims to improve access to the Cambridge Biomedical Campus that is the Addenbrookes site, a major hub for research and industry.

The variety of life on Earth, encompassing all living things and their ecosystems (Biodiversity)

Rewilding offers hope. In a nutshell, it is the large-scale restoration of nature until it can take care of itself . . .

. . . we get a car park and a unwanted tarmac bus route!

The CSET project has two phases, Phase One covers various traffic management schemes along the A1307 and work on this has already been done.

The busway is planned to cross Haverhill Road (in Stapleford) and Hinton Way, in both cases roughly at the point where the housing ends, and continue across Granhams Road, finally running alongside the railway to the projected Cambridge South station (expected to open in late 2025).

Once built it could open the floodgates for development all along the route.

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Babraham Village Sausage Breakfast

Hosted by the Parish Council
and St. Peter's Church

at St. Peter's Church
Saturday 7 June
10 - 11.30am

Pop in and enjoy a break, refreshments and a chat.
Everyone welcome; neighbours, families, children and dogs!
Free to residents of Babraham

You are also welcome to join us for a river walk afterwards

To help with catering please RSVP to alisonmorris163@btinternet.com with a name and number wishing to attend



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

Chairs report

Good to see some warm weather at last, hopefully summer has arrived.

I am pleased to inform you that the council voted to freeze the precept (parish tax) again this year. We feel people are experiencing enough problems with increases in the cost of living.

We continue to harass the Highways department to replace the damaged speed bumps with little effect. I mentioned in the last edition that we were contemplating legal action against the highways department, I feel now is the time to action that threat.

Litter picking continues in the village and a big thank you goes out to those who volunteer for this task.

I learned recently that the bus shelter on the Cambridge side of the A1307 had been vandalised. We will endeavour to tidy this up as best as possible.

The pocket park display of snowdrops was very spectacular in spring and although they have now died off this area continues to be a petty spot for relaxation and contemplation.

The campus recently reported that travellers had occupied a field close to the Campus entrance. They have now moved on.

The grass cutting and dog poo bin emptying contact is due for tender next month and we have received a number of proposals. This will be reviewed and a decision made at the coming meeting.



ACORN GARAGE

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Forest Garden

The forest garden is moving on, the grass will be cut regularly throughout the summer with some areas left to re-wild as is the current trend.

A small party of guys re-planted the hedge along the fence nearest to the



road which runs down to the church. The Woodland Trust kindly provided 420 whips (saplings) which duly arrived on time and were immediately planted. Charlie (barman at the George, he's a good man!) David, Paul, Tim, Chris and myself worked smoothly as a team completing the task in under three hours. Stuart came along the following day to admire our efforts but we put him to work. . . mulching! The mulch was kindly given by the Babraham Estate, so a huge thank you to Matt Antrobus and his team. It was great stuff, smelt lovely!

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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Church events & services

Friday 18th April	12 noon Good Friday service
Sunday 20th April	9am Easter Sunday Family Holy Communion service
Monday 21st April	2.30-4pm Easter treasure Hunt and afternoon teas
Saturday 3rd May	10-11.30am Morning Coffee and Cake in the church
Sunday 4th May	11am Family service followed by APCM (Annual meeting)
Sunday 18th May	Holy Communion service
Saturday 7th June	10-11.30 Sausage breakfast
Saturday 5th July	3pm Concert and Strawberry teas

Morning Coffee & Cake at St Peter's



**Saturday 3 May
10 - 11.30am**

Pop in and enjoy a break,
refreshments and a chat.
Whether you are just passing, visiting
for the first time, or a regular face you
are most welcome.



Easter Treasure Hunt & Afternoon Tea

**Monday 21 April
2.30pm - 4pm**

St. Peter's Concert and Strawberry Teas

Saturday 5th July 2.30pm

A short informal concert celebrating
local musicians and school children,
followed by strawberry teas.

Entrance free but donations to
St. Peters most welcome.

Lent and Easter Services



Wednesday 5 March - Ash Wednesday
10am Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes

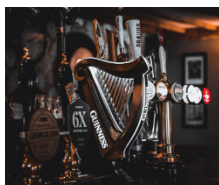
Sunday 16 March
11am Holy Communion

Sunday 6 April
11am Family Worship

Friday 18 April - Good Friday
12noon Last Hour

Sunday 20 April - Easter Sunday
9am Family Holy Communion

**LIVING
HOPE**



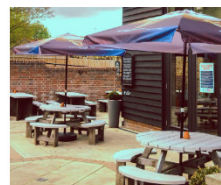
Ales, Wine & Spirits



Home Cooked Food



Venue for Hire



Beer Garden & Patio

Great food, good beer, the gardens are spacious and all the staff are very friendly
01223 837755 www.thegeorgeinnbabraham.co.uk

All functions are considered!

In the heart of our little village sits the beautiful 18th century building "the George inn" a fun filled local house.

Surrounded by its picturesque fields we welcome all to join us for a cool and refreshing beverage or stay for a while and try our delicious tasting dishes. We are pleased to say we cater for all food lovers. Including the four legged furry friends which we are always excited to meet.

We said goodbye to a local Beer this year and introduced a fellow Spanish one, with a light fruity aroma the stunningly delicious Cruzcampo is now served at The George and of course always with a smile!

If lager is not your forte then why not try our somewhat colourful Gin collection, with the seasons finally changing and sun is appearing the Pimm's will always be giving as much as the Aperol will be spritzing.

However as a proud British pub that we are we will always serve the very best of Ales, you can never take the Doom out of Doom Bar, a very popular Ale that is served with us.

As Spring is approaching fast and Easter not too far away we thought this year "why not add an excitingly fun (and delicious) game".

At the start of April we will have a jar filled to the top with chocolate eggs and the game is simple ...

guess how many are in there. All it costs is £1 a go, leave your name and number with the bar tender.

Once the month of April is up we will announce the winner and the prize of the jar of eggs can be collected, the question we have for you though is ... are you going to share OR will it be our little secret!

If our pub fascinates you like it fascinates us then come down to us, support your local village pub and enjoy the witty sense of humour you will be greeted with, you just need to make sure to be in before 9pm otherwise it's just service you'll get.

We look forward to seeing you soon
Rachael Griffin



We have a beautiful village

(Get you phones out and send me your favourite scene)

If you want to contribute to this newsletter ... feel free.

Advertising is free, photographs, articles are all welcome.

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