

Residents to take part in village survey

VILLAGERS living near the spot where a young woman died in a road crash will have the chance to comment on road safety and other issues in a survey.

People living in Kennett are being asked to give their views to help frame the village plan for the future.

Olivia Mills, who was 18 and lived in Forest End, Kennett, died when her car crashed into a tree beside the B1085 Dane Hill Road, less than a mile from her home, on September 28 – just a week before questionnaires were circulated in the village.

Barclay Dutson, vice-chairman of the parish council, said: "We need everyone's input. We will have to bid for funding for new road safety measures."

"We must show there is a real need and desire

for change in Kennett." BY John Goode
Email: editorial@newmarketweeklynews.co.uk

As a first part of the plan, a new website www.kennettvillage.co.uk has been produced.

This has helped the pre-survey research, which shows there is much concern about the number of heavy lorries on the roads.

Station Road is used as a cut through between the A11 and A14, with a dangerous junction at the Bell Pub.

There are risks to children and their parents at Kennett School, where they have to park in the road.

Villagers are also hoping that there might be an extension of the areas with speeding limits.

They may be able to get involved in monitoring traffic speeds via a new Community Speed Watch scheme that the

parish council is considering.

Local MP Jim Paice has also written to villagers expressing his support on traffic issues.

At the East Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Panel meeting in Chippenham earlier this month, it was decided that Kennett will be a future priority for speed checks by the local policing team.

The survey also includes other issues including the environment, village school, public transport, footpaths, wildlife and a new village hall.

Villagers completing the survey can enter a prize draw for a top cash prize of £100.

Second prize is a bottle of champagne, and third prize is a voucher for a meal for two donated by the Bell Inn.

The village has 136 homes and 249 residents on the electoral roll.



■ BOWING OUT . . . owner Val Stedham.

Picture: Duncan Lamont 315986.

Toy shop on the market

AN AWARD-winning toy shop is up for sale because the owners want to retire.

Moon's Toymaster in Newmarket, named toy shop of the year three times, is being offered for sale as a going concern.

Val Stedham, who has owned the shop with her husband Barry since 1989, is intending to retire. The building has been a toy shop

for at least 50 years and is one of the few remaining independent toy retailers in the region.

The 3,000 sq ft shop has a £1 million annual turnover and employs 12 staff – many of them part-time.

It is on the market for £195,000 plus stock at valuation.

Mrs Stedham said: "I'm 65 and Barry is 70, and we feel we have done our bit."

Free holiday clay sessions for kids

CHILDREN can try their hand at clay modelling in a free half-term activity at Burwell Museum.

With the area around Burwell known for its clay, traditionally used for bricks and tiles, the workshop session next Thursday has particular relevance.

There will also be a presentation on Roman times in East Anglia featuring living history group Icenorum.

Funding for the session, to be held between 2pm and 5pm, has come from the Cambridgeshire branch of the Local Network Fund, a national funding body for children and young people.

The fund is administered by Cambridgeshire ACRE, based in Littleport.

Although there is no admission fee, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more information call (01638) 742506.

Art to raise funds

AN art exhibition will raise money for Arthur Rank House hospice in Cambridge and the Magpas emergency doctor service.

The Quoy art group will be staging its annual exhibition at Quoy Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday from 10.30am to 5pm.

There is no admission fee, but money will be raised from refreshments, a raffle and a stall selling donated items. Paintings, cards and other works will also be on sale.



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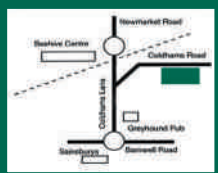
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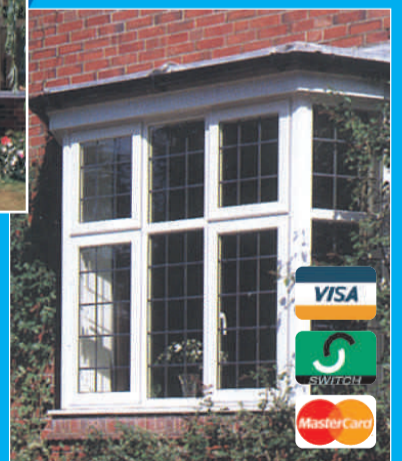
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