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Welcome to the November edition of the Bystander. Inside we have a particularly poignant article from Penny who has been entertaining us with tales from Claude in previous issues. This month she tells us about her own personal experiences which I urge you to read. Look out for details from the Catworth Amateur Theatrical Society who are performing their Christmas play 'Herod' later in the month at St Leonard's Church. Prunella's gardening tips for late autumn are worth noting and there are several events included in the community section. Enjoy the read and I hope that you are coping with those short days and long nights!

John

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50ml Olive Oil
2 Cloves Garlic, chopped
25g Caster Sugar
1 Sprig Thyme
All Butter Puff Pastry
Sea Salt



First set the Oven to 180°C. Prepare the onions by cutting through the middle (not through the root) while keeping all the skins on. Place them in an oven tray flat side down, pour over 150ml of the vinegar, the olive oil and scatter over the chopped garlic and thyme. Season with a little sea salt. Place in the oven and cook until all the vinegar and oil has been absorbed and the onions are nicely caramelised and cooked through. Then leave them to cool.

For the base of the tart, pour the remaining vinegar and the sugar into a saucepan and reduce the liquid to a syrupy consistency. Pour the mixture into two small tart moulds or a blinis pan.

Place the onions flat side down on top of the syrup. Roll out the puff pastry to around 3-4 mm thick. Cut the pastry so it is slightly bigger than the mould you are using. Place it over the onions and tuck it in around them. Stab the pastry a few times with a fork to allow the steam to escape and leave the tarts to rest in the fridge for 20 minutes. To cook, place on a suitable baking tray and place in the middle of the oven for 15 minutes or until the pastry is brown. Let them stand for 2 minutes then carefully turn out onto plates. The tarts can be served warm or cold. I like to crumble a soft cheese such as Stilton or Goats cheese over them before serving.

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☐ **Snack Box**

Pack a box of snacks and other kitchen essentials such as tea, coffee, sugar, kettle and mugs

☐ **Disconnect/Dismantle**

Take down fixtures and fittings and disconnect any electrical goods ready for transporting

☐ **Outdoor Items**

Make sure these are ready to be moved

☐ **Mobile**

Ensure your mobile is charged and the relevant people have your number ready for the move

Moving Day

☐ **Strip beds and finish packing**

☐ **Direct removals and friends or family helping with the move**

☐ **Turn off electrical appliances**

☐ **Read gas & electricity meters**

☐ **Secure all windows**

☐ **Lock all doors**

☐ **Make any final checks and leave keys as arranged**

At Your New House

☐ **Have a look around**

This is an ideal time to check everything is as expected, and agreed as part of the sale

☐ **Locate and take readings of gas, electric and water meters**

☐ **Locate the stopcock for reference**

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☐ **Organise direction of boxes to correct rooms**

☐ **Check the van after it is unloaded**

☐ **Make the beds for the evening**

☐ **Sit down and relax**

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If I asked you what you are doing tomorrow, you could probably tell me. You could probably tell me what you also have planned for the next week. Next month might be a bit more difficult, and this time next year almost impossible.

But if you partake in financial planning, the idea is to plan for the next 5 - 10 years and longer depending on your age.

For the younger person there are often the milestones of buying a house, getting married and having children. Then perhaps private education, university and house deposits and children's weddings, retirement and long term care.

Of course life doesn't always run as planned and divorce, illness, job loss etc can affect the above.

Each stage of life requires planning and the earlier you start the better.

So how about those who have passed these life events and are close to or already retired?

Planning towards retirement can be varied because pensions are far from the only form of saving for retirement income, just as a structured slow down of working days can assist not only with funding, but with the major change retirement brings.

For those in retirement, you are now in that period of "rainy days" that you have been saving for. You could have another 30 years ahead of you and typically this is split into three.

What is the split?

Working backwards, the last third of your retirement is a period when you cannot do as much due to being more tired, less motivated and possibly less mobile. The middle third of retirement you can do things but probably cannot be bothered to. The first third of retirement is when you can and should, but you probably feel you shouldn't as you have spent most of your life saving and not spending, and the change is difficult.

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Opinion: Free Money Always Comes at a Price

Free money is a bit of a thing these days. I see endless adverts for it on the telly. Did you borrow some money and the lender persuaded you that it might be a good idea to insure your repayments? Did a surgeon make a mistake while diligently trying to save your life? Was your flight late? Did you make a speculative investment and lose money instead of making it? If any of these bad things have happened to you, don't worry because this is actually a chance to get some free money.

Take the PPI "miss-selling scandal." Back in the 2000s banks would lend pretty much any amount of money to anyone for any purpose. The lending market was very competitive and the fledgling comparison sites made it easy to shop around to get the best deal. Hence, it made a lot of sense to the banks to upsell insurance policies that nobody was ever likely to claim against as an easy way of boosting their profits. Then the financial crisis came along and the banks had to be bailed out with billions of pounds of taxpayers' money. Suddenly banker was a dirty word and they deserved everything they had coming to them.

Following a court case, it was deemed that any PPI sold had in fact been miss-sold and the people it had been sold to should be compensated. To date, a staggering £34 billion has been claimed with over £3 billion of that money going to claims management firms. But all this free money has come at a price; it hammered profits at the banks meaning they paid less tax to the Treasury, closed branches and made thousands of their employees redundant. And I don't believe we will ever get back the £45 billion we were forced to pump into RBS in 2008.

As for medical negligence claims, don't get me started. Yes, doctors sometimes make mistakes but when those mistakes have devastating consequences, the patient is generously compensated, usually without the case going anywhere near a court. Last year the NHS paid out £2.4 billion in medical negligence claims; in 2008 that sum was £540 million. That's over a fourfold increase in just 10 years, largely thanks to the efforts of claims management companies. You don't need me to point out that the NHS is both free at the point of use for everyone who needs it and desperately underfunded right now.

One source of free money you may not be aware of is the Help to Buy scheme. This provides an interest free loan of up to 20% of the value of a property (that's £50,000 for the average home) for five years. To qualify, all you need to do currently is buy a new build home and scrape together a 5% deposit. The scheme was meant to encourage house building and, to be fair, it has worked a treat. The house builders have stepped up to the plate and more than doubled new build completions... and who can blame them? They've also tripled the profits they make on a typical property.

The costs of this free money are high. The government has sunk £12 billion into the scheme which they are by no means guaranteed to get back. Buyers who use the scheme pay an extra £30,000 for their homes on average and, while sales of new builds may be booming, sales of existing properties are in the doldrums. This means that estate agents are struggling and people who want to move up or down the property ladder have difficulty doing so.

There is, however, one form of free money I wholeheartedly approve of and that is the compensation scheme that covers delayed flights, another contribution to our lives from the good old EU. Regular readers may recall I received £1400 in compensation from the dark empire of Ryanair after my flight to Spain was delayed by three hours. Revenge is sweet!

Howard Clemmow



Don't let cold callers give you the chills as winter sets in

Consumer advice by Eileen Le Voi

By Safe Local Trades



WINTER is knocking at the door – and as the elements take a toll on your home – so do the rogue traders. At this time of year, we can expect gusty winds and heavy rain to play havoc with our home and garden when it comes to guttering, roof tiles, fences and even trees.

Then there's the frozen pipes and radiators that won't work after spending the summer months idle, to name a couple of household niggles.

The effects of the elements, if and when they do their damage, are like magnets to the cowboy traders whose aim is to make even more winter misery while lining their own pockets.

Our advice is to never accept an offer of work from cold callers who 'happen to be in your area'. They will ask for cash up front, and more often than not, it will be for work which is unnecessary.

Don't be fooled by business cards with websites and telephone numbers which look genuine. Politely take the card – if you begin to feel vulnerable or intimidated – and say you will contact them at your convenience should you need their services. You can then check their contact details, or ask a family member or friend to do so on your behalf.

So, for all those winter maintenance jobs that still need planning in before the festive season, www.safelocaltrades.com should be your first port of call. We have a range of professional, recommended and reliable trades from chimney sweeps, boiler maintenance, electricians, roofing specialists, plumbers, tree surgeons – and just about anyone who can provide a service for your seasonal maintenance needs.

However, there are some simple but effective ways you take steps to winter proof your home and garden, and avoid a November nightmare or December disaster:

Check all external pipes for breaks, leaks, and blockages. Blocked or leaking pipes can freeze during the cold months, then expand and burst – causing potentially expensive water damage.

Think about insulation. A properly insulated property is an absolute must. Make sure that you check the basics, starting with obvious draft points. Invest in some draft excluder to keep doors and windows secure. Check the cladding around your boiler and pipes, and make sure that taps and faucets don't leak.

Bleed your radiators. A great way to warm up your property is to bleed the radiators. This releases any trapped air, allowing hot water to fill every part of your radiator and warm the property more efficiently.

Get a boiler service. Arrange for a professional to service your boiler each year. As everyone starts to switch on or boost their central heating, the surge in gas consumption can lead to a big increase in boiler breakdowns.

Clear out your gutters. In autumn, leaves can collect in gutters and drains, leading to blocks and overflows – so it's best to clean them regularly. Consider investing in gutter leaf guards to help prevent your gutters becoming blocked in future.

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By Paul Kinally of Peter Lane & Partners

Paul Kinally looks at what tops many people's lists for Santa at this time of year.

All over the UK home buyers and sellers have an important date in mind. No, it is not 31st October when the UK is set to come out of the European Union. This particular date will not be delayed, deferred, or cancelled. There will be no heated debates in parliament and Mr Barnier will not discount it out of hand. It is a date that everyone is agreed upon. It is 25th December, Christmas Day.

This date is etched on our minds. Already shops are stocking for Christmas and very soon Marks & Spencer and John Lewis will be revealing this year's Christmas special television commercials.

Anticipation will also be rising for those hoping to move into a new home by Christmas. Historically this is a key date in the home moving calendar. It is an emotional date, a day that suggests a new start and time spent with loved ones in new surroundings - full of familiar things that make a home.

But the date can also put a great deal more stress onto an already stressful time. Why not complete a purchase two weeks later or at the end of January when things could be easier? Because it is not Christmas.

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LOCAL MEMORIES: Brexit or Bust

By Penny Young

Please forgive me if I indulge myself and share a 'Penny Story', a journey that I suddenly find myself on, which has come right out of the blue and has shocked me to the core.

We are now in the first week of September. Three weeks ago, I was sitting watching telly one evening, when my left boob began itching madly. What the hell, I thought, as I put my hand inside my jumper to relieve the tickle, my hand discovering a huge lump. Blimey! Where had that come from? Why had I not spotted it before? For the rest of the evening I did not enjoy my favourite programme, Poldark, as my hand surreptitiously kept going back to the lump. Was I imagining it - no? Was it still there - yes. Was it really that big - yes, damn it!

Two weeks on and I am well ensconced in the 'Wonderful World of Cancer', with appointments for this scan, that scan, blood tests, oncologists, cancer nurses, chemo appointments - wow, a whole new world has opened up to me!

By profession I am a licensed trade stocktaker - I visit pubs and clubs, counting their stock (beer, minerals and mostly, at the moment, - Gin - more different flavours of gin than you could ever dream up!) and auditing their books.

I started my business in 1988, but since my diagnosis, I have reluctantly decided to give up work and give it my best shot at fighting this bloody cancer. I had already begun to think; how/when do I tell my clients that I am retiring. I will be 63 in a few weeks and nearer 64 when I have got this thing beat. Do I really want to be going back to work after this? No! The decision has been made for me.

So 13870 stocktakes later - yes thirteen thousand, I am finally hanging up my dipstick!

Where did this cancer come from? We do not have breast cancer in our family. Not Mum, no grandmothers, great grandmothers or aunts. It must have come from somewhere and I do have my thoughts. My forensic investigation will start and I will begin to peel back the layers of generations and I will find out what sowed this seed.

In the meantime, sorry Dad, but I am not ready to come up and see you just yet! He continues to send me feathers by the bucket load. Not difficult at the moment, as I have two noisy pigeons who have taken up residence in my garden. In fact, where is Dad and his pigeon trap when you need him!

I remember soon after I moved here, my garden was full of pigeons, with mess and feathers everywhere. Dad had said he would sort it and arrived with a wire cage, which he suitably baited with monkey nuts. Peck, peck, peck along comes the pigeon, into the cage and the 'door' slams shut. Phone call to Dad, he pops down, pigeon dispatched, job done.

One day I came home from work and the next thing I know, my next-door neighbour was knocking urgently on my door. "I am sorry to bother you, but you seem to have got a pigeon in a cage in your garden".

"Ah yes", I replied, brain working at 90 mile an hour, thinking this could all go terribly wrong in one minute if I am not careful! "That is good", I replied, "I will get hold of Dad and let him know. He has been catching them to taken them up the farm and release them up there".

"Oh" she said, "That is so lovely, they will be much happier up on the farm".

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Back to the title of this story, as I begin my journey, - will Brexit be sorted first - or my Bust? I am not so sure!



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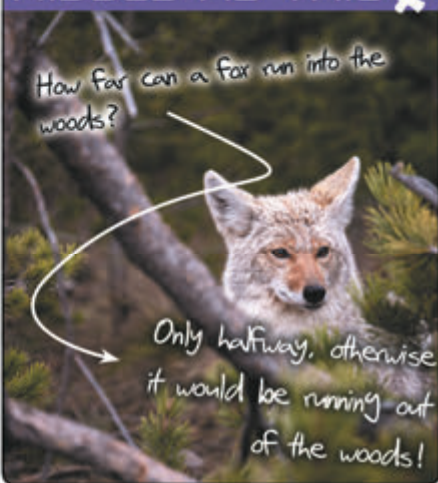
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This is now changing due to several factors. People are moving home less frequently, partly because of higher stamp duty and partly because it's difficult to sell existing properties in the current market – buyers entering the market are much more likely to opt for a new build thanks to the help to buy scheme. As a result, people stay in their homes for longer and their needs change as children leave home and space becomes less of a priority.

Another factor is the growing popularity, mainly among men approaching middle age, of acquiring classic cars and high-end motorbikes such as Harley Davidsons. While they might be perfectly happy to leave the family runabout exposed to the elements, their pride and joy is likely to be protected, cosseted and lovingly polished every Sunday. To do this they need a garage.

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I know the title of this article sounds a bit like a 1980's beer slogan, but it nicely simplifies one of the main aspects that differentiates the Pilates system from other forms of exercise.

In the body we have two types of skeletal muscle - movers and stabilisers. Movers make things happen, often working as pairs agonistically & antagonistically. These muscle types tend to get all the glory, because we can visually see the tone and shape of them, and their strength can easily be showcased. So typically, when we train our bodies in the gym, we'll focus on the movers and often only the 'prime movers' will get our attention. An example of this is the classic bicep curl - when the bicep muscle is contracted, it causes the elbow joint to bend, making an obvious flex - as well as the popular adage #sunsoutgunsout!

Don't get me wrong, it's great to be toned and strong but if the stabiliser muscles aren't equally attended to, injury, imbalance and impaired function can arise. The stabilisers are the lesser known muscles that support the movers, they are much smaller in size and not necessarily visible. When they are exercised regularly and become well-toned, they help prevent injury and make the body as a whole far more functional, strong and agile. Sadly though, if left alone, they will wither and won't fire up effectively when really needed, putting extra strain on joints and tendons, leading to a range of problems.

Pilates practice bridges this muscular gap. Slow, controlled movements, synced with breathing, reconnect the stabiliser muscles, building strength and developing the synergy between all the different muscle groups. This is relevant for everyone, from the body builder to the inactive office worker.


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Take Away Gardening

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Apparently, 20% of UK households live in rented homes nowadays, so I feel that I'm in good company. However, the thought of spending lots of time and money tiffivating someone else's property is a bit galling. As part of the lease agreement, it is my responsibility to keep the garden neat and tidy, but it's pretty clear that my new project is going to need a bit more than a bit of casual weeding and pruning here and there. I'm already fueling up all my 'big boy's toys' power tools in anticipation!

Fortunately, the garden already has some reasonable bones (well a path and a rockery at least) but the water feature died some time ago and has left in its watery wake a small army of frogs who are now lurking around in the undergrowth. I'm also pleased to report that it doesn't have a lawn, so that's one less chore for yours truly to worry about – although I must admit to having always enjoyed firing up a lawnmower and meandering around creating abstract patterns, a far nicer horticultural pastime than weeding, which I can only bring myself to do when the weeds are in the final stages of strangling all the good stuff. There are plenty of paved areas for plonking my garden furniture and barbeque on and it even has a small greenhouse – which, if it had been in 'my' garden, I'd have been planning to fill with all sorts of exotics. At the moment I'm using it as reasonably dry storage for my stuff, but I suspect that next summer there may be a few tomatoes ripening in there!

So, I've had to completely re-think my horticultural priorities now that I have a borrowed garden. On the face of it, all I really need to do is the absolute minimum and forget about leaving something that will be a legacy for years to come to future generations. It's not going to be inherited by any of my offspring and I doubt the next tenants will hold it against me if I haven't created something akin to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon during my stewardship.

However, I'm already fighting my inner gardening demons and I'm determined to achieve a modicum of success with this little piece of England – regardless of who owns it. I have a wide selection of pots and containers that I will bring into operation and create a contained and, more importantly, portable garden that I can move into its new quarters in around 12 months' time. There's something quite exciting about that prospect because you can grow virtually anything in pots – flowers, vegetables, fruits and herbs – and using a bit of creativity you can make some amazing visual and edible combinations. One thing I shall definitely be building, though, is a new home for the frogs – I can already hear the patter of tiny tadpole feet next spring!

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Tues 3rd December, 7.30pm, GALAPAGOS AND ITS WILDLIFE, Dr Pat Doody, Hail Weston Village Hall
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KIMBOLTON FLOWER CLUB
Our Christmas demonstration this year will be held in the Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton, on
Tuesday the 12th of November at 7pm for 7.30pm. The demonstrator will be DAVID WRIGHT with the title 'THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS'. There will be charity parcels on sale, a raffle of the arrangements and seasonal refreshments. Visitors are very welcome, admission £12. 50p.

St Leonard's Church festival, Catworth. Flowers and exhibits based on the theme of
"The world comes to Catworth".
And Village Hall Craft Fayre
Saturday 9th November 2019
10.00am-4.30pm
Home made lunches, refreshments and cakes served in the Village Hall.
On Sunday 10th November 12.30-4.30 come and see the flowers and displays and enjoy home made refreshments in the church.
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GREEN BOOK 12

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Was that a Bus?

How to find out about transport options in our area

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Fortunately, there are alternatives, though tracking them down can be time-consuming and frustrating. And what's available largely depends on where you live.

For the over 60's who find public transport too difficult, Uttlesford Community Travel can be a godsend as can the Social Car Schemes which some villages offer to ferry residents to medical appointments. While for those who have been assessed as in medical need there's the non emergency transport service for hospital appointments.

For a comprehensive over-view of all local transport options Uttlesford Frontline offers a free fact sheet "**Getting Places**" - via www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk.

This includes: Social car schemes; bus travel - with access to route planning and timetables; DaRT (on demand) services - villages covered and booking details plus how to check whether a particular bus is accessible for anyone with mobility problems; rail travel and how to gain assistance by Greater Anglia, as well as at Stansted Airport. Details about concessionary bus passes, the Blue Badge Scheme and help available to pay travel costs for medical appointments are included together with full contact details, links and telephone numbers.



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Gardening Guru: Prunella's Corner

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Continue to cut the lawn if it has still been growing but raise the blades to keep it a bit longer, collect leaves from the lawn to add to the leaf compost. Plant and move bare-root trees, shrubs, roses and hedging. Stake newly planted trees, and now is good time to prune old trees, shrubs and climbers.

November is the best time to plant tulips bulbs, and hyacinths can still be planted. Lift and divide perennials if they have outgrown their space, chop up into about 4 pieces and replant as required. Once the leaves of dahlias have caught the frost they can be lifted, take the soil off the tubers, dry and the store in a dry, frost free place until next spring.

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Used Cars: Mini Hot Hatches

The latest generation VW Golf GTi is a brilliant performance car with all the benefits of a family hatch. But it also has room for 5 tall adults, is extremely well equipped and as refined and comfortable as a Mercedes E Class. The original Golf GTi was small, noisy and about as much fun as you can have with your trousers on. A modern day city car is around the same size as that ground breaking hot hatch but few manufacturers have come up with the idea of producing a souped up version of their smallest offering – in fact, I could only come up with three of them; here they are.

VW Up GTi

My favourite city car moves up a gear with the addition of a turbocharger for its tiny 3-cylinder engine, giving it 114bhp. In such a small car that equates to 0-62 in 8.5 seconds and a top whack of 120mph. The conservative but well-proportioned styling is enhanced by 17" alloys, a rear spoiler and go faster stripes and the interior is reminiscent of a Mark I Golf GTi, complete with tartan cloth bucket seats and red gauges. The Up might be tiny on the outside but there's plenty of room for four adults inside and everything is very well screwed together. Precise steering and tons of grip make for agile handling, though it can't quite match the grin factor of the original. It's also a bit noisy at motorway speeds but that's not going to worry most hot hatch buyers. The GTi was released quite recently so there aren't any older, cheaper cars around, though luckily the Up is pretty cheap to begin with. Expect to pay £12k for a 2018 model with 10,000 miles on the clock.



Fiat Abarth 595

The hot hatch version of Fiat's cute and curvy 500 has been around since 2008 and was rebadged as the 595 in 2015. It's a similar recipe to the Up GTi - stick a turbocharger on the engine, throw in some big alloys, a tasty body kit and some bucket seats, stiffen the suspension and away you go. The 1.4 litre engine offers between 143 and 180bhp depending on which spec you go for, serious grunt in such a small car, and makes a lovely sound while its about it. The Abarth is seriously fast in a straight line but, sadly, the handling doesn't live up to the performance; it lacks grip on the front end and the steering is too light. It also shares the same faults as the standard car, a back breakingly firm ride, lack of headroom in the back and a tiny boot. Still, it looks the part and offers good value too - £11,000 puts you in a 2017 car with less than 10k miles under its belt.



Suzuki Swift Sport

Hot versions of the Suzuki Swift have long been popular among the boy racer fraternity, but have stayed under the radar for the rest of the motoring public. The kids love it because of the rev happy engine, rorty exhaust note and brilliant handling. The steering is super precise with oodles of feedback and it's perfectly balanced in the corners. An all new model was introduced in 2018 with a torquey 1.4 litre turbocharged engine, and this makes the previous version a serious bargain. The naturally aspirated 1.6 litre engine kicks out 134bhp, not bad for a car that tips the scales at just over a tonne. It's not the best-looking car ever but the big alloys and rear spoiler give it a sense of purpose. Inside there's room for 5, some comfy bucket seats and masses of kit but really the Swift Sport is all about the driving experience – it's king of the twisty back road. Better still, a 2016 car with tiny mileage can be yours for just £8,500.



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Spaldwick - High Street	11.20am - 11.40am
Stow Longa - Stow Road Corner/ High St	11.55am - 12.15pm
Catworth - Station Road [bus shelter]	12.30pm - 13.00pm
Covington - Cross Street [post box]	14.15pm - 14.30pm
Kimbolton - Stow Road [Newtown]	14.45pm - 16.00pm
Kimbolton - Castle Gardens	16.15pm - 16.50pm

4th Wednesday of the Month—27th November

Hail Weston - Orchard Close	12.25pm - 12.45pm
Great Staughton - The Causeway	14.00pm - 14.30pm
Kimbolton - Stow Road [Newtown]	14.45pm - 16.00pm
Kimbolton - Castle Gardens	16.15pm - 16.50pm

4th Thursday of the Month—28th November

Molesworth - Village notice board	11.15am - 11.40am
Bythorn - Old school, School Lane	11.50am - 12.05pm

Brington - Church Lane	12.15pm - 12.40pm
Old Weston - Village Hall car park	13.35pm - 14.00pm
Leighton Bromswold - The Avenue	14.10pm - 14.25pm
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