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Welcome to our September edition of the Village Bystander. There's lots of things happening in the Bystander area so please check our community page to see what events are happening near you. One thing that is definitely happening is the successful mobile refreshment service 'Kind of Brew' which is providing quality teas, coffees and cakes in many different locations. Check out our review inside. Beacon Wealth Management give some thoughts about investment management and Prunella is on hand to highlight those late summer gardening jobs. Lots more waits inside. Enjoy the read.

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- 50ml Port
- 30 ml Red Wine
- 100g Prunes
- 1 Earl Grey Tea Bag
- Sour dough Bread

Method

To start, pre-heat the oven to 130°C. Put the red wine, port, shallots and garlic into a saucepan and place on a medium heat. Cook on a fast simmer until it has reduced by two thirds.

Place all the livers, eggs and butter into a blender and mix until completely smooth. Then add the reduced wine mixture to the blender. combine with the liver mixture until it is smooth once again, then pass the mixture through a fine sieve or muslin cloth to remove any gritty pieces.

Pour the parfait into a terrine mould or some small serving dishes. Put the mould or serving dishes into a deep oven tray and fill the tray with water until it comes halfway up the mould. Place in the oven and cook until set. Once set, remove from the tray and allow to cool for 20 minutes before placing it in the fridge until later.

Place the prunes in a pan and add water until they are just covered. Drop the tea bag in the pan and place on a medium heat. Simmer until all the water has been absorbed, then allow to cool.

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Eileen Le Voi, Safe Local Trades



It seems that not a week goes by lately without warning of a new scam – with cyber criminals becoming more and more sophisticated.

An email from a supposed legal or Government source can be so convincing that it can fool even the shrewdest among us, as can a request to transfer money or pay a bill.

However, the fight against scams is hotting up. As well as the many reliable channels which can inform and advise about scams (including the UK Action Fraud), there is also a user-friendly Friends Against Scams website - a National Trading Standards Scams Team initiative which aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams by empowering communities to 'Take a Stand Against Scams.'

Friends Against Scams is designed to inspire action, highlight the scale of the problem, change the perceptions of why people fall for scams and make scams a community, regional and national topic.

And what's more, Friends Against Scams offers a free, easy-to-use online learning service where anyone can learn about the different types of scams and how to spot and support a victim.

The session – which takes around 15 minutes to complete – can be done in the comfort of your own home, in the workplace or even on your phone while on the move. When you have completed it – you will even receive a certificate. Visit <https://www.friendsagainstsams.org.uk/training/friends-elearning> to find out more.

With increased knowledge and awareness, people can make scams part of everyday conversation with their family, friends and neighbours, which will enable them to protect themselves and others.

Friends Against Scams also offer easily accessibly awareness sessions run by SCAMchampions, who are trained and supported by the NTS Scams Team. Each 45 minute awareness session is fun and interactive and a chance to meet other people who want to 'Take a Stand Against Scams'. The website will have all the details.

Scams can vary from postal to online. Don't be caught out by things like:

Phishing – this will most likely be an email from the 'bank' designed to trick victims into revealing personal information and passwords

Phishing: where you receive an email that pretends to be from an authority (e.g., your bank) in which you're asked to give out your passwords or personal information such as your address, telephone number, or other data.

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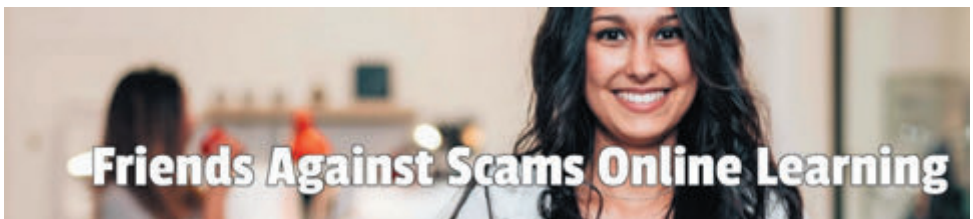
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Autumn Leaves us Guessing Paul Kinally of Peter Lane & Partners assesses the property market as we ease towards autumn.

Before we know where we are it will be autumn - 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', as John Keats put it. But, for many this coming autumn, the mists of Brexit may eventually be lifted and we may be able to see where we are going for the first time in several years. This will be good for the property market, which has certainly been in the relative doldrums for a while.

That is if politicians will give us a break from tinkering with the property sector.

Reports that our new prime minister has some ideas about stamp duty changes and the opposition wants to alter rental legislation yet again, reminds us that one of the biggest threats to a stable property market is politicians and their policies. If evidence were needed of our main political parties' indifference and lack of vision in the housing sector it is that we now have in place the sixteenth housing minister in 20 years – average time in post, fifteen months. The only ministers with any vision appear to have been those in the Exchequer who clearly see home sellers, buyers, landlords, tenants and sales and letting agents as cash cows.

Another mist that seems to be lifting is the online estate agency one. After several years of confusion, obfuscation, claim and counter claim, recent figures show that online agents accounted for only 7.3% of all UK exchanges in the second quarter of this year. With traditional estate agents commanding 92.7% market share it seems that the house selling public clearly knows which side its bread is buttered. Employing a gifted and experienced estate agent makes the most sense for those serious about selling.

As for mellow fruitfulness, we feel there will be no frenzy in the market this autumn. It may be mellow, but it will also be fruitful for those with an eye to moving before Christmas. With greater certainty in the market and with strong economic conditions there will be a widening choice as more property comes onto the market. With prices still relatively low this autumn should be the perfect time for a move.



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Provide opportunities for floor-play, where there is space to move and push up from. Also give babies time to explore in different positions i.e. lying on their back, tummy or side, sitting, crawling, kneeling, or standing. Adequate strength is required in the back, tummy, hip and leg muscles to step forwards with one leg while balancing on the other.

Usually babies start to pull up to stand around 6-8 months. Once up they spend time bouncing up and down while holding onto the support with both hands. This strengthens their muscles and develops control of their hip, knee and ankle joints.

The next stage is walking sideways, typically using furniture for support. We call this 'cruising' which is vital for developing the appropriate postural control needed for independent stepping. Often this happens when they turn their head to look at a favourite toy just out of reach.

From around 8 months old babies enjoy experimenting with their walking skills while being supported by an adult, reaching both arms above their head to hold adults hands. Please be mindful that, to develop appropriate postural control, this activity should only be done for brief periods and combined with other opportunities for supported walking e.g. cruising.

A baby's first independent steps require concentration and an eye-level face smiling at them, with arms stretched out to motivate them, as babies largely rely on their visual sense to balance.

A toddler's balance, while standing, can be developed further by offering less support e.g. cruising around cardboard boxes/ironing baskets, as these are flexible, challenging the toddler's balance skills whilst moving around.

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By Penny Young

Fast forward to this spring and hurrah, a pair of swans arrived on the reservoir. They swam around for quite a few weeks and then began building a huge nest. Once completed, the female sat and laid one egg, at least that is all my sister could spot with her binoculars during the very rare times when the nest was unattended. We were so excited; this had to be our same pair of swans, returned from two years ago.

We felt like expectant parents ourselves as we waited for the chick to hatch. Finally, one morning, my sister noticed more activity than usual, with the male fussing around the nest and the female constantly checking under her spread wing feathers. The binoculars thought they had spotted something move, but were not sure. A further visit to the reservoir later that morning saw the proud swan parents on the water with not one, but four babies!

Our joy was again to be short lived. The next morning my sister went to the reservoir early, to check on the swan family. She scanned the water, no cygnets and worse, no swans. She walked round the reservoir peering in all the reeds, but to no avail, they had all disappeared. What could have happened?

Later that morning came a phone call from a friend who rides her horse through the farm. "I have found a cygnet". My sister retorted, "Well I have lost four!" The lady had found a tiny cygnet, running up and down peeping, falling over, getting up again, and peeping some more, at the top of its little voice. She had climbed down from her horse and gently picked up the distraught cygnet and leading the horse had carried the cygnet to her house. Our neighbouring farmer has a reservoir and my sister started to wonder if the swan family had somehow gone there. She leapt in her car and drove to the neighbouring reservoir and there they were, Mum and Dad swan with three babies. She then quickly drove to collect the lady who was looking after the lost baby cygnet. They drove back to the reservoir and gently lowered the still very vociferous cygnet into the water. Mum and Dad swan swooped over and guided the baby back to its brothers and sisters, the family reunited.

How could this have happened? This was the hottest day of the year and the poor little lost cygnet surely would not have survived for much longer on the dusty farm track.

Our friend from the RSPB was able to answer our questions. How had the swan family moved, probably nearly a mile to a new lake, with their youngsters, barely a day old?

Swan cygnets like other waterfowl (and some game birds) can walk prodigious distances hours after they have hatched. The parents obviously had knowledge of the other reservoir - perhaps for some reason more secure, less threat from predators, better feeding etc- and simply walked the brood there. The cygnets will not be able to fly for several months yet. One cygnet obviously got lost on the journey and was somewhat distressed at being separated from its siblings- as it was running around and peeping!

The neighbouring farmer is pleased to have the swans back on his reservoir, after all he said; Dad (Claude) had lured them from him in the first place!

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Style: AW19 Trends

The new season promises an exciting and eclectic mix of fashion trends; here's a rundown of my favourites, many of them returning to the 90s grunge aesthetic that I love!

Tonal Colours: Choose your colour and wear it from head to toe to create a bold, simple and streamlined look.

Hot Yellow - bring on the sunshine and brighten up your life!

Go gold, a fully dipped-in gold - it's not just for jewellery.

Purple - all tones are bang on trend so just choose the shade you love.

Warm golden brown; chocolate, caramel, chestnut or biscuit for the more reserved.

Classic winter white for the traditional. Or quilted, patterned, patchwork for the brave.

Shapes and styles: Big, bold power shoulders with waists cinched in with belts. Polo necks worn under prairies dresses or with blazers over. Neon Turtle necks, teamed with dark or

contrasting colours. Loose fitting, oversize suits and denim jackets - androgynous, loose fitting but bold rather than dark. Boiler suits continue to rein supreme, belted is best; casual with a cropped jacket and trainers or dressy with heels and a designer bag. Ankle skimming dresses and skirts, dramatic, big, bright for a rebellious aesthetic. And a return to the dress or skirt worn over trousers - try a straight leg trouser with a flowing dress, paired with trainers or heels, in the matching colour and fabric or opposite, your choice! For party wear, layers of tulle, neon satins and sherbet shades, slashed necklines, square and low or bold and asymmetric, dramatic puffy sleeves.

Outerwear: Capes are cool - woollen, printed, floor length or any length to suit you. Long leather coats are elegant, tailored, belted or oversize. Cardigans are big news; fitted, collared, buttoned, tucked into a skirt or large and long with a deep neck - it's your call.

Adornment: Keys, shells or any other embellishments, the noisier the better, on dresses, coats, shoes...you are going to get noticed. Fringe-lovers will be delighted to see them

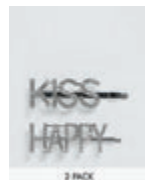
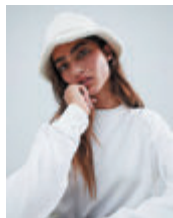
accentuating hemlines and feathers, tiers and ruffles are everywhere.

Footwear: look out for snakeskin in traditional colours or soft blues, pinks, reds, from boots to shoes to sandals. Or big, black and chunky boots, perfect teamed with a dress. For the tonal theme, match shoes with outfits or with a varying depth of colour to elongate your silhouette.

Accessories: Belts - big, chunky and casual. Glorious bucket hats from fluffy, lacy or veiled. 80s vintage, large, puffy headbands - satin, studded, tartan or velvet. Chunky chain necklaces that rattle and click-clack as you move. Square sunglasses, big and bold or small and subdued. Statement, personalised, sparkling hair clips relaying your personality, name or mood - be daring. Bags are huge totes, with an arm through the handle, worn balanced on the hip or teeny, tiny, barely big enough to carry your phone. And the ornate brooch makes a long overdue return.

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Audi A6 Avant

Audi's A6 executive saloon has only been around since 1994 and originally felt like a poor relation to the E-Class and 5 Series. Later models did much to address that perception and the 4th generation, introduced in 2011, is one of the most stylish cars on the road. Good looks aside, it's also supremely well built, particularly the interior, and boasts an excellent range of engines. As with all Audis, the ride is overly firm and the front wheel drive chassis isn't as involving to drive as the BMW. The interior, although beautifully crafted, can feel a little gloomy and the steeply raked roofline compromises space in the boot. Almost all of them came with the 187bhp 2.0 litre diesel which offers similar performance and economy to the BMW. £14k gets you a 2015 car with sub-50k mileage. The 3.0 litre diesel is something of a rarity and delivers strong performance and improved handling, thanks to standard 4-wheel drive. Our budget will get you a 2013 model with 70,000 miles on it.



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Gardening: Confucius Say...

Gardening is but a simple pastime - you plant something in the soil, give it some water, make sure it gets a bit of sunshine and, hey presto, you are in business. No drama, and on the face of it something which wouldn't tax even the most hopeless of grown-ups. For any kids reared on a diet of Blue Peter and hours of digging in the school garden it would be a walk in the park. The most baffling thing for the majority of us though is what are all these flowers called?

For those of us (not me I hasten to add!) who have been schooled in Latin, using the scientific names for the plants is a reasonable way of identifying flowers – a good example is the Sunflower for which the Latin name is *Helianthus*. The *Helios* bit means sun, pretty obvious eh? However, you would probably be bamboozled by something a bit more tricky such as *Schizanthus*. It doesn't get any easier when you realise that there are also alternative names for all these plants - normally derived from the local dialect, they are generally referred to as common names. To make matters worse, most of these common names are often duplicated and corrupted. So, a *Black Eyed Susan* can be either a North American *Rudbeckia* or the delightful climber *Thunbergia* which hails from Africa. Even worse are those slightly awkward names such as *Family Jewels Milkweed*, *Nipplewort* and *Stiffcock* - I kid you not, these are genuine common plant names and guaranteed to raise a giggle at the garden centre when you ask if they have any in stock....

I think that unless you are a complete plant geek like me, to try and memorize the scientific names of even your favourite plants is a big ask. If I had a pound for every time I've recited the name of a particular plant to people over the years, I would be a very wealthy man. As I am still scratching around to find the cash to keep my kids in Apple's finest gadgets, I have clearly missed one of life's great business opportunities! To be fair, I have always been slightly embarrassed about my ability to identify plants and feel rather more comfortable now that anyone, regardless of their geekiness, can do exactly this by using an app on their phone. Take a look at www.plantsnap.com or www.picturethisai.com. You can download the app to get your very own access to extensive databases containing hundreds of thousands of plant names. It still doesn't get you away completely from the issue of confusing common names or your phone giving up the ghost at the crucial moment - but it does help if I or any of my fellow geeks are not around at the time!

The other infuriating thing with plant names is that they often change for no apparent reason. Just when you think you've cracked the Latin names of some of the more common plants in your garden, the boffins discover that actually they've got it all wrong and change it. Take for example the good old *Chrysanthemum*, which is recognised virtually anywhere in the world and who's Latin name is actually also its common name. Well, you'll be pleased to hear that this has now been re-named *Dendranthema* and caused generations of gardeners to un-learn a plant name that is as familiar as a Rose or a Snowdrop.

The plant name minefield gets even murkier when you throw in the unscrupulous machinations of the commercial growers, who make up completely fictitious names for plants simply to give them some selling power. You might be tempted by something called Hot Ice down at the garden centre, but as Confucius famously said, "An oxymoron is worth two in the bush!"

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If it is still dry weather keep watering and feeding, dead head regularly as this will keep new shoots coming. Plants that have finished flowering and are done for the year can be cut back to give room for the ones still going, and to make the garden look a bit tidier. September is the start of the season for moving evergreens, and splitting perennials, if you do this make sure plants are kept well watered (at least once a week with a full can for each plant moved) until they settle for the Autumn. Hedges can have what will probably be their last trim this year.

Spring bulbs, such as snowdrops and daffodils can be planted now.

Vegetable gardens will still be going strong, keep an eye on temperatures and if the nights get too chilly cover crops such as salads and courgettes with cloches and fleece, this will ensure they don't succumb to cold. Carrots and brassicas should be covered with netting so the carrot fly and cabbage white butterflies are unable to get to them. If tomatoes are still growing but there will not be enough warmth for them to ripen, leave them on the plants as long as possible and then take the fruit off the plants and take indoors to ripen.

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If you would like to know more and discuss any relevant issues with members of the Lodge you are cordially invited to attend with partners if applicable. Having hopefully had a look at the Lodge website www.thrapstonfreemasons.org.uk

Restaurant Review:

Kind of Brew - Kimbolton



A local catering company paid a visit to Kimbolton Cricket Club recently. 'Kind of Brew' provides barista style cakes and drinks to outdoor events within 100 mile radius of Huntingdon. The catering service was founded by two school friends Joe Wright and Kit MacKenzie-Johnson and their refreshments have been in demand at numerous venues. I paid a visit with my daughter Katie to the club to sample their coffee and have a chat with the young owners. The weather was

sunny and 'Kind of Brew's' van was positioned along the boundary edge with tables and chairs set out so that customers could enjoy the refreshments and cricket at the same time.

Each table is attractively covered with a doily tablecloth and has a vase of fresh flowers kindly provided by Joe's mum, Karen. The serving van is old style traditional and tastefully decorated to give a homely impression. A stand alone blackboard displays some of the available teas and cakes. Twist teas, Twining's Everyday and Iced teas were on offer but we both decided to sample the coffee in the form of caramel lattes, one of which was decaffeinated. I also couldn't resist a fudge brownie, while Katie chose a white chocolate and raspberry cheesecake. Together we were also delighted to try out the delicious shortbread so that none of the tasty treats were left out. There was something very English about enjoying an afternoon tea (in this case coffee) and cake while sitting at a beautifully laid table with a backdrop of a village





cricket match in the height of summer.

The coffee was up there with the best that I have tasted and the boys explained to me that the coffee beans have been extensively sourced in order to maintain the best possible taste experience.

Twist teas are of course hand blended in the UK and offer a delicious and healthy tea alternative with many different flavour combinations.

The Kind of Brew van has been on the road throughout the summer and the boys have been serving up their refreshments at a variety of events. They were present at the markets of Wisbech, Leighton Buzzard and Olney as well as the summer bash in Alconbury Weald. They were also busy in High Town, Luton for the summer festival. Other events have included Hitchin's Overfest at Highover School and the Ashby Show in Leicestershire. On top of all this, 'Kind of Brew' can be found at a regular spot in Hitchin town centre. Already the word's spreading about what 'Kind of Brew' has to offer and demand is becoming high. The boys also explained that they can be hired for private parties and weddings.



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Julie Tose

Cambs Fire & Rescue Service

Throughout the year and particularly as the winter months draw in, we begin using our fires, burners and chimneys once again to warm our homes.

In Cambridgeshire 83% of chimney fires occurred between September 2018 and March 2019. The highest recorded fires were in the coldest months of the year; totalling 44 chimney fires. As the UK is about to enter in to autumn, it is the perfect time to clean out your chimney.

Follow our 'top tips' below to ensure your home is kept safe and warm all year round.

Chimneys and Fires

- Have your chimney swept once a year or more frequently if you burn wood
- Avoid burning resinous woods that quickly build up soot
- Only burn fuels suitable for your burner (eg. never burn anything other than wood in a wood burner)
- Do not overload the grate/ appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them
- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly the roof space. Make sure it is sound and sparks/fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.

Wood/Multi-Fuel Burners

A qualified and competent engineer should install all wood/multi-fuel burners and boilers – regular maintenance should be undertaken to prolong the working life of the appliance. Specialist servicing and maintenance will usually be provided by the company you purchase the appliance from but you can also refer to www.solidfuel.co.uk for advice and information

- Ensure correct ventilation is in place when the appliance is in use
- Wood burning appliances should only use the right quality wood recommended by the supplier
- Regularly inspect the chimney and flues
- Generally wood should be well-seasoned (usually wood kept dry and stored for around 2 years)
- Avoid wet or newly felled wood as this will cause tars/ creosote deposits forming in the burning appliance and chimney
- Using laminated chip boards will leave binding glue deposits
- For each slow burning period there should follow a quick burn to dry out unwanted tar/creosote deposits and to warm up the chimney again
- At the end of each burning season and at least once during the season the entire system should be cooled and thoroughly cleaned to maintain top performance.

Most importantly

- Fit a smoke alarm that carries the kite mark or British Standard Number 5446 and test your alarm weekly by pressing the test button and know the life of your battery.
- Always also install a CO alarm in the room where the burner is installed. Chimney Fires continue to be a common occurrence in home fires in the winter months.

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2nd Wednesday of the Month—11th September

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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—25th September

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—26th September

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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