



This Friday, **15th September**, sees the first of our 2017/18 open meetings when **Jed Jaggard** will visit us. His talk is **The Roman Soldier from Invasion to Withdrawal**. This was planned for last April but was postponed at Jed's request because of an earlier commitment which would have delayed his arrival on time if the A14 was running slow. I live in hope that this

Friday the road will be free running.

All this season's speakers are listed on our website, see: <http://www.stivescivic.org.uk/>

Over the summer committee members and others have worked in various ways on several matters. Soon the **Annual Report** will be delivered from our printers and we will begin distribution to all members. As usual this has required lots of work by our web master, a special thanks to Brian Richmond.



As well as sponsoring one of the **Music on the Waits** concerts last weekend we coordinated **Heritage Open Days** in St Ives, the weather was not as clement as normal but I found there was a steady stream of visitors to each property. Visitors were not just local people, some were from overseas as well. Early feedback from the venues is quite positive and plans for next

year's event are already being made.



We also participated in the Town Council's open meeting on **Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2036**. I plan to give some more detail on this plan after our Annual General Meeting next month. 2036 seems a long way away but if you remember the millennium, 2036 is as near to us as 2000 is behind

us. The HDC website for the Local Plan can be found here: <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/new-local-plan-to-2036/>



Planning is often very long term in government, I see that work is to commence on a shared cycle way and footpath on **Houghton Road**, between Ramsey Road and High Leys. This proposal has been in the St. Ives Transport Strategy, part of Cambridgeshire CC's Local Transport Plan since at least 2008. Ten weeks of daytime lane closures will commence next Monday.

I'm sure delays are certain.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/work-on-houghton-road-in-st-ives-due-to-start-in-september/>

Disruption of another sort is inevitable as the Environment Agency are closing the navigation arch of the **Town Bridge** in November whilst a pontoon is in place for 'refurbishment' work. This further maintenance to the Grade 1 listed bridge, which is also a Scheduled Ancient Monument, is very welcome news.



Best wishes to all and I hope to see you on Friday