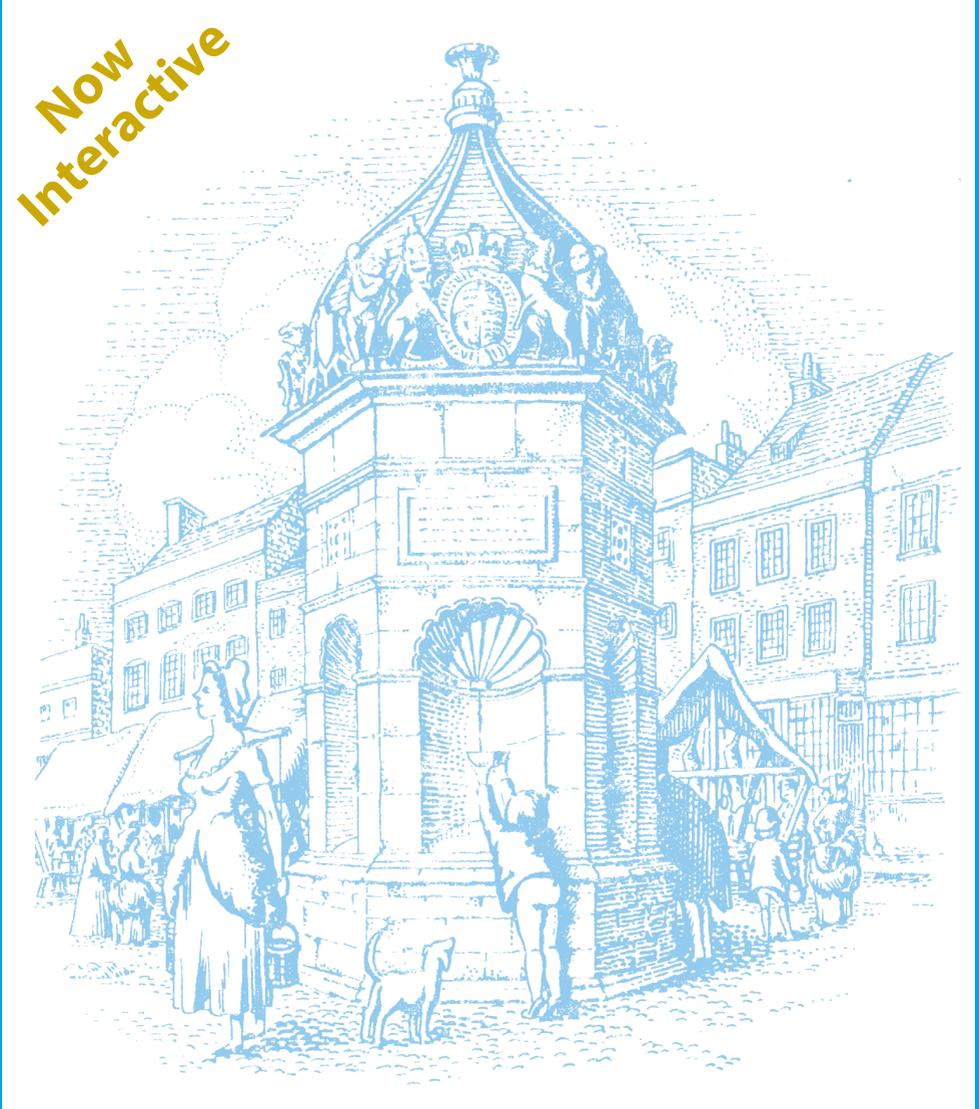


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Foreword

In compiling *The Conduit* this year we have tried to be totally inclusive, but appreciate that some organisations may have been omitted and note that some societies have not been able to finalise their 2015-2016 programmes at the time of publication. In this case, readers are advised to consult the website of the relevant organisation.

Email and website addresses, where known, are included in *The Conduit*, and users of the online version can click on the relevant hyperlinks. This year, we have added bookmarks so users can click on one of the Section headings below and go straight to that Section. We hope you find this refinement useful.

We aim to send *The Conduit* to every listed local society in Cambridgeshire, as well as to museums and other relevant organisations. If you belong to an organisation whose details are not included, or which would like to receive copies of *The Conduit* next year, please email the Editor, who will add your organisation's details to the next issue. Wherever possible the information has been checked by a responsible individual in the relevant organisation, and so should be up to date at the time of printing. Further details of the activities of listed organisations are often available on their websites.

I would finally like to thank the editor of *The Conduit*, Simon Barlow of the Haddon Library, for all his hard work in compiling and producing *The Conduit* this year. This publication is intended as a work of reference both for members of Cambridge Antiquarian Society and by others who use it to inform themselves of events and activities of interest across our richly historical county.

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The Society was founded in 1840 to promote the study of history, architectural history and archaeology, and the conservation of relevant features and objects within the county of Cambridge. Membership benefits include a programme of early evening lectures once each month between October and May, reduced entry to day excursions led by experts, reduced entry to the spring conference and a free copy of the Society's journal, *Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society*. Members may also request a free print copy of *The Conduit*.

Lectures and conferences are usually held in the Faculty of Law on the University of Cambridge's Sidgwick site, unless otherwise stated. There is plenty of free parking. Other events are held where notified.

Membership: Individual £20; Families and Affiliated Societies £20.

There is no charge for visitors or guests at lectures. New members are warmly welcomed.

Programme

Monday 6.00
5 Oct.

Jason Peters

The lost forests of Huntingdonshire

Monday 6.00
2 Nov.

Sheila Kohring

Building locality : exploring the narrative of life along the Granta at Bury Farm, Stapleford

Saturday TBA
21 Nov.

AUTUMN CONFERENCE

Recent archaeological work in Cambridgeshire
(*Details will be circulated*)

Monday 6.00
7 Dec.

Marc Vander Linden

How to become a farmer : new and old data on neolithisation in the Western Balkans. (*In association with the Prehistoric Society*)
Followed by a Christmas Social at Newnham College until 8.30

Monday 6.00
4 Jan.

Philomena Guillebaud

The forgotten hospital : the First Eastern General Hospital in Cambridge in World War I

Monday 6.00
1 Feb.

Craig Cessford

Poor scholars or other wretched persons : excavating the medieval cemetery of the Hospital of St John the Evangelist, Cambridge

Saturday TBA
27 Feb.

SPRING CONFERENCE

On the theme of museums
(Details will be circulated)

Monday 6.00
7 Mar.

Jo Caruth

The Anglo-Saxon cemeteries at RAF Lakenheath : half a century of archaeological work at Little Eriswell

Monday 5.45
4 Apr. 6.00

Cambridge Antiquarian Society AGM

Duncan Wright

Settlement, society and legacy : the early medieval rural communities of Eastern England

Monday 6.00
9 May

Jonathan Tabor

Recent discoveries on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Saturday TBA
11 Jun.

Afternoon social event

(Details will be circulated)

Local Maps Research

The CAS Council has agreed to fund work on the cartography of the county and Cambridge town – a neglected subject which would nevertheless be an aid to local historians, archaeologists, and students of landscape and of place-names. Resources are plentiful in, for example, the Cambridgeshire Collection and the County Archives. Printed maps are to be tackled first, though manuscript sources such as enclosure maps or parish plans may follow in time.

Cambridgeshire

Little work has been done since Sir George Fordham's descriptive catalogue of maps of the county from the earliest times to the late 1890s, published in *Proceedings of the CAS* for 1905 and 1908. It is intended to put a digitized version of Fordham's researches online, and also to create and make freely available a complementary catalogue for most of the twentieth century.

Cambridge town

Various reproductions of old maps of the town are currently available, and there is a detailed catalogue of them as far as 1900 (and of other places such as Ely & Wisbech) to be seen at www.townmaps.data-archive.ac.uk. Though the maps themselves are not shown, this site hosts a great deal of information about them.

The period after 1900 is a blank without any proper catalogue at present; to fill it requires collaborative volunteer work. Again, results will be published freely in some form,

The Society has been fortunate in enlisting the aid of Andrew Morris, formerly of the Fitzwilliam Museum's photographic department, to oversee the production of a large number of high quality photographic images of relevant maps. These can be enlarged to show minute detail without any loss of quality.

A number of members have already volunteered to help with the project, but more would be very welcome. If you wish to become involved please contact Tony Kirby akirby121@btinternet.com or John Pickles jdp1003@cam.ac.uk.

Small Grants Scheme

In recent years there has been an increase in voluntary activity within the fields of local archaeology and history, with new or existing groups expanding and their members making significant contributions to our understanding of Cambridgeshire's heritage. In support of this, CAS Council makes available the sum of £500 per annum to be disbursed in grants to assist projects on local archaeology and local history in Cambridgeshire, carried out on a voluntary basis by groups or individuals. Grants may be made for purchasing materials or towards publication and/or presentation of results.

Applicants must supply a detailed description of intended or completed work, some indication of overall cost involved and what part would be financed by the CAS grant; the application will be assessed for its merits by the CAS Council. Although applications from all groups and individuals are welcome, those who have been successful one year will not usually be considered the following year.

The deadline for grant applications is 31st December each year and the successful applicant/s will be announced at the society's AGM in April and duly informed.

On completion of the project, a report of how the grant was used, the resulting work and/or the publication (if appropriate) must be forwarded to the Secretary of CAS

Applications should be made through the Society Secretary. Please email secretary@camantsoc.org.

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Cambridgeshire Records Society

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The Cambridgeshire Records Society was founded in 1972 by the Cambridge Antiquarian Society. Its purpose is to publish editions of original documents from the Middle Ages to the present relating to Cambridgeshire and the surrounding area in order to make them accessible to Cambridgeshire people interested in their local and family history, and to historians worldwide. The Society also republishes unavailable printed works and historical maps. The work of transcription, translation, and editing of texts and the preparation of volumes is done voluntarily by editors with expertise in the subject. The membership's annual subscriptions finance the costs of preparing and publishing the volumes. In some cases individual volumes have received grants towards costs.

The Society aims to publish a volume a year. Members receive a free copy of every work published during their period of membership.

Membership: The Society is open to all interested individuals, libraries, schools and other institutions at an annual subscription of £14. In addition to their free volume, members can purchase volumes at a member's price, usually two-thirds of the retail price.

The Society holds an annual meeting with a talk on a topic relating to the current publication or to local records and archives.

The Society has 21 publications in stock. See our website or Cambridgeshire Records Society on www.genfair.com. The latest volume, published in 2014, is *Religious Life in Mid-19th Century Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire: The Returns for the 1851 Census of Religious Worship* edited by David M. Thompson, ISBN 9780904323238, Softback, 275 pages, Full price £27, CRS Member price £18

The Society also publishes three Cambridge map editions, (covering the city of Cambridge from the 16th to the early 20th century):

Baker's Map of Cambridge, 1830

A Portfolio of 12 maps illustrating the changing plan of Cambridge, 1574-1900

Reprint of the Ordnance Survey 1:500 Town Plans of Cambridge, 1886-1902

Volumes in preparation include:

The Ely Coucher Book 1251 translated by Professor Edward Miller and prepared for publication by Dr Susan Oosthuizen and Dr Frances Willmoth

Jonas Moore's Mappe of the Fennes, 1658 by Dr Frances Willmoth

Early Officers' Accounts of Trinity College Cambridge, 1547-1552 edited by Adam Green

Cambridgeshire Committee for Scandalous Ministers, 1644-45 edited by Graham Hart

Huntingdonshire Hearth Tax, transcribed by Ken Sneath

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We are a small group which has been undertaking geophysical surveys in Cambridgeshire for over 13 years, mostly in the south of the area. We use ground resistance and magnetometry equipment along with surveying tools. We have been awarded two grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support our work. We aim to be out surveying on most Sundays, and welcome new members to come along and join us. We also invite enquiries regarding possible new sites to investigate. Please look at our web site for more information.

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The Cambridge Archaeological Unit was founded in 1990 by Christopher Evans and Dr Ian Hodder and operates out of the Department of Archaeology & Anthropology, University of Cambridge. On all types

of projects the CAU offers a full range of archaeological services supported by the academic and scientific expertise of the University of Cambridge. Our pioneering landscape sampling techniques have proven successful on motorway, new town, quarry, and inner-city development sites, providing a highly efficient practice complementary to industry.

With the aim of bridging the research and commercial sectors the unit believes development of innovative techniques are crucial to maintaining the highest standards of both academic and professional practice. Our service is designed to fulfill all planning requirements from desktop assessment through to full excavation and publication. Our proven record of delivering results within an agreed time-scale and budget has enabled a continual growth into one of the leading archaeological contracting organisations in the United Kingdom.

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The Group was formed in 1978 to enjoy practical archaeology and add to the local archaeological record. Activities include field-walking, surveying, some metal-detecting, excavating, landscape studies and finds processing. The Group also holds lectures and occasional workshops open to all. We are affiliated to the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, the Council for British Archaeology and Jigsaw Cambridgeshire.

Meetings: Lectures are held in the seminar room at the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, Downing Street, Cambridge from October to June, normally on the 1st Wednesday of the month, starting at 19:30.

7 Oct.	Lawrence Billington	Prehistoric flintwork from Cambridgeshire Fen Edge (Workshop)
4 Nov.	David Oates	The use of LIDAR to find features in a flat landscape
2 Dec.	Jezz Davies	Excavations of HMS Colossus off the Isles of Scilly
6 Jan.	Group Members	Review of the year's work

Details of the remainder of the programme will be available on our website.

On other Wednesday evenings throughout the year, unless we have an outdoor activity, we meet at the Oxford Archaeology East premises at Unit 15, Trafalgar Way, Bar Hill, from about 19:15, to process finds from our fieldwork. Occasional informal workshops are held on these Wednesdays.

From autumn to spring we are out fieldwalking, normally on Sunday mornings, within about 15 miles of Cambridge. In the summer we normally undertake a short-term excavation and organise other fieldwork as available. We have our own projects and will also undertake fieldwork at the request of other bodies.

Membership: £10 individual, £15 family. £1 non-members for lectures. Application forms and further details are available from the Secretary.

Val Whittaker Memorial Prize: The Group offers up to £150 each year to those (17 years old or above and normally Cambridgeshire-based) wanting to pursue their interest in archaeology. Applicants need to submit a report on their investigation into an aspect of archaeology. This may be a report prepared for a course of study. For further details please see our website.

Cambridgeshire Archaeology

(A) Cambridgeshire Archaeology: Outreach

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Cambridgeshire Archaeology is the umbrella name for public archaeology in Cambridgeshire. It brings together the Cambridgeshire County Council Historic Environment Team and Oxford Archaeology East (formerly the CCC Archaeology Field Unit) along with other public, private and voluntary sector organisations to promote the county's rich heritage. For many years Cambridgeshire Archaeology has been one of the country's leading exponents of public archaeology. It actively promotes education and community projects, with the key aim of increasing understanding of the rich heritage of the county.

We undertake or provide:

- schools/college talks and projects;
- educational resources and national curriculum advice;
- resource handling packs for schools;
- work experience and volunteer opportunities;
- excavation open days;
- ancient monument activity days;
- guided walks around Cambridgeshire's monuments;
- tours for schools to archaeological sites in Cambridgeshire;
- evening lectures and talks;
- conferences and exhibitions; and
- community archaeology projects.

Public events include guided walks on historic monuments, evening talks to local societies, family and children's archaeology activity days both on ancient monuments and at local libraries.

We are also keen to develop further Community Archaeology projects in Cambridgeshire, having successfully completed lottery funded projects at Fulbourn, Sutton, Huntingdon, Godmanchester, Ramsey and Wisbech. Please contact us to discuss any ideas you may have for community projects in your area. For further details please contact us.

(B) Cambridgeshire County Council: Historic Environment Record

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The Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record (CHER) is the most comprehensive source of information on archaeological sites and finds in the modern county of Cambridgeshire. It forms part of a network of Historic Environment Records (HERs) across the United Kingdom. Formerly known as the Cambridgeshire Sites and Monuments Record, we are continuously expanding the record to include information relating to all aspects of the historic environment. In particular, we are incorporating information about historic buildings and settlements, parks and gardens of historic interest, industrial and twentieth century remains.

We currently have over 19,000 records concerning archaeological monuments, chance finds, buildings and past fieldwork in Cambridgeshire. These are held on a computerised database and mapping system, where they can be easily searched by date, location and type of remains. Much of the information on the CHER is now available online via the Heritage Gateway.

The Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record is a public record, and we welcome enquiries from anyone with an interest in Cambridgeshire's past.

Enquiries can be made by any the following methods:

- telephone;
- email;
- letter;
- visit to our offices in Cambridge by prior appointment

We will endeavour to deal with your enquiry within 10 working days. Please help us deal with your enquiry efficiently by letting us know:

- the area you are interested in, for example parish or National Grid Reference with search radius;
- the period you are enquiring about, for example Bronze Age or Late Medieval;
- the type of site or find you are interested in, for example Roman villa or Bronze Age hoards; and
- the purpose for which you will be using the information, for example local history study, undergraduate research, desk-based assessment.

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Within Cambridgeshire's modern landscape lie the remains of thousands of years of human activity. These archaeological remains, together with the vestiges of former landscapes, are the key to understanding the county's past. They are a fragile, vulnerable and irreplaceable part of the local environment. We maintain the Historic Environment Record (HER) for the county (formerly the Sites and Monuments Record or SMR). See our section on the CHER for more information.

Archives from investigative fieldwork in Cambridgeshire are curated by us, to enable access by researchers whilst being maintained for future generations. Guidelines for organisations wishing to deposit archaeological archives at the store are available from our website. Our Planning and Countryside Advice archaeologists work to mitigate the impact of land use change on Cambridgeshire's rich archaeological heritage, ensuring its sustainability and long term conservation for future generations.

We are the advisory service for the Local Planning Authorities, developers and their agents on the potential impact of land use change on archaeology and the historic environment. We can also advise on environmental enhancement projects, agri-environmental schemes and the care of ancient monuments and historic landscapes. We also host the Portable Antiquities Scheme for Cambridgeshire, which provides a finds identification service for the public and advice about the Treasure Act as part of a wider programme of outreach and public archaeology. See our section on the Portable Antiquities Scheme for more information.

The Historic Environment Team also delivers public archaeology and outreach projects in Cambridgeshire. For many years Cambridgeshire Archaeology has been one of the country's leading exponents of public archaeology. It actively promotes education and community projects, with the key aim of increasing understanding of the rich heritage of the county. See our section on outreach for more information.

(D) Cambridgeshire County Council: Portable Antiquities Scheme

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The Portable Antiquities Scheme is a national programme hosted by Cambridgeshire County Council for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, which assists with the recording of finds discovered by members of the public. The scheme aims to help finders have their objects identified and recorded, as well as providing specialist advice on conservation and storage. The finds are recorded centrally on a national database, which can be accessed on the online database available here www.finds.org.uk. The Finds Liaison Officer also works at Peterborough Museum one day a week. Finds can be brought for identification to any of the following:

- finds identification events at local museums (see events leaflet for details);
- by prior appointment with the Finds Liaison Officer, at the Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record or at Peterborough Museum on Fridays.

Some of the objects that are brought to us fall within the definition of Treasure under the Treasure Act (1996), which provides museums with the opportunity to acquire finds made of gold or silver, or

hoards of coins and prehistoric tools. East Anglia has more Treasure Act finds than any other part of the country, and we can provide advice on the process.

The Portable Antiquities Scheme operates in partnership with the British Museum, Cambridgeshire County Council and Vivacity (Peterborough's Cultural Trust). For all discoveries of gold and silver objects, or groups of coins from the same findspot, which are over 300 years old, you have a legal obligation to report such items under the Treasure Act (1996). Prehistoric base-metal assemblages found after 1st January 2003 also now qualify as Treasure. The website also provides further information for finders of potential Treasure.

(E) Jigsaw: Cambridgeshire Community Archaeology Project

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JIGSAW – “Piecing Together Cambridgeshire’s Past”

Jigsaw is an exciting countywide project for anyone who would like to get involved in archaeology. It is supported by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant and a partnership between Cambridgeshire County Council and Oxford Archaeology East. The project runs until 2016.

Jigsaw trains and supports local communities research, investigate and help protect the county's archaeological heritage. The project works with existing groups and helps in the setting up of new local community Archaeology Action Groups who become affiliated to the project. All these groups benefit from training, professional advice and access to the 'Community Resource' of equipment free of charge to help them run their own digs, surveys and other projects.

Jigsaw also runs a full programme of training courses each year for members of affiliated groups, offers volunteer opportunities and supports local involvement in heritage.

The Jigsaw website, which includes a page for each group provides information about the project and explains how to get involved.

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The Ely and District Archaeological Society, (EDAS), was founded in 1980. The object of the Society is 'to advance the education of the public in their study of archaeology, history and kindred subjects'. EDAS

promotes this through: a programme of lectures between October and May, visits to sites of archaeological or historical interest, and collecting and disseminating information about archaeology and history of the local area.

Meetings: 3rd Monday in the month, (between October and May), at the Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Street, Ely. The lectures deal mainly with local and regional archaeology or history, and include presentation of recent discoveries. There are also talks about archaeological sites or history in a broader context.

Membership: Individual £8, Joint £14, Student £1, Visitors £2.50 per lecture.
Information about Membership and the future Programme is available from the Treasurer.

Programme

19 Oct.	Andrew Tester	Staunch Meadow Brandon – a high status Middle Saxon settlement on the fen edge.
16 Nov.	Rebecca Lane & Allan Adams	Ely's Historic Fabric
Dec.		No meeting
18 Jan.	Jonathan Rogers	The Sculptures of the Lady Chapel of Ely Cathedral
15 Feb.	Jonathan House	Anglo-Saxons in Haddenham – excavations at The Three Kings Pub
March		No meeting
18 Apr.	Jody Joy	The Snettisham Treasure
16 May	Paul van Pelt	The wallpaintings in the tomb of Queen Nefertari
Jun.		No meeting
Jul.		No meeting

Fen Edge Archaeology Group

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The group aims to stimulate public interest in archaeology by means of lectures, workshops and fieldwork, including community digs, and to promote further understanding of the archaeology of the villages of the Fen Edge area, (the parishes of Cottenham, Rampton, Landbeach, Willingham and Waterbeach). The group is conducting a long-term project exploring a Romano-British site.

Membership: £10 per year, starting in January.

Meetings: 19:30, at Cottenham Village College, unless shown.

Programme

23 Sep.	Rick Kelly & Paddy Lambert	Roman roads around Peterborough : an aerial perspective All roads lead to Rome : roads in Roman Britain (NB: <i>The above talks are on the same date & the venue is Willingham Baptist Church</i>)
15 Oct.	Gabe Moshenska	Archaeology and the ghost stories of M. R. James
25 Nov.	Maria Medlycott	The lost town of Great Chesterford

21 Jan.	Valentina Borgia	Poisons, plants and Palaeolithic hunters
10 Mar.	James Clackson	Archaeology and language
18 May	David Gill	Looting matters – returning archaeological material to Greece and Italy

For further information on our events, meetings, walks, site visits & workshops, please check the website.

St Ives Archaeology Group

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We are a small group which aims to promote interest in local archaeology and heritage in the St Ives area by taking part in various activities such as fieldwork, lectures, visits & workshops in order to further understand the area. We also intend to publish our findings.

Meetings: lectures & workshops are held alternately at 19:30 on the first Tuesday of each month at the Dolphin Hotel in St Ives.

Membership: £20.00. Lectures £1.00, (Members), & £3.00, (Visitors).

Programme

6 Oct.		Workshop
4 Nov.	TBA	Warboys project
1 Dec.		Christmas event (TBA)
5 Jan.		Workshop
2 Feb.	TBA	St Ives
1 Mar.		Workshop
5 Apr.	TBA	TBA
3 May		Workshop
7 Jun.	TBA	TBA

For further details of events, please contact the above.

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Architecture & Civic Societies

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Cambridge Past, Present & Future (formerly Cambridge Preservation Society) was founded 85 years ago. We are a charity working to keep Cambridge and its surroundings special by positively influencing planning developments, delivering environmental education and managing the green spaces and historic building in our care – for the benefit of all. We look after the C12 Barnwell Leper Chapel on Newmarket Road, Hinxton Watermill and Scheduled Ancient Monument, Bourn Windmill. Wandlebury Country Park, includes the remains of a 5th Century BC Iron Age Hill Fort and provides green open space for the enjoyment of all. Coton Countryside Reserve is a working farm which we are developing as a green place to visit to the west of Cambridge. We are a membership charity – open to all. Please visit our website to view our extensive programme of events and activities which is updated frequently.

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The Trust was founded in 1983 to provide financial assistance to the churches of Cambridgeshire when they undertake repairs to the fabric, fixtures, furniture and ornaments of their historic churches and chapels, or projects to improve facilities. The Trust makes grants and interest free loans from its funds to allow work to be undertaken without delay and to provide a cash flow for larger scale projects and since its inception has awarded over two million pounds in loans. The Trust's main fund raising event is the Annual Sponsored Ride, Drive and Stride, which takes place in September. The continuing success of this event is crucial to the amount of funds available to be distributed to the historic churches of Cambridgeshire.

Membership benefits include the *Newsletters* in spring and autumn. There is an Annual Conference held on a Saturday in March, April or early May with a theme related to the history, architecture, and artistic heritage of church buildings and their furnishings, with particular reference to Cambridgeshire.

In the summer a programme of visits to churches is offered free of charge. Details of these are announced in the *Newsletters* and posted on the website. Programme enquiries may be directed to the Hon. Secretary.

Ely Perspective

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The purpose of the City of Ely Perspective is to enhance the cultural and economic vitality of Ely by building upon its unique heritage and community links, with a focus on design, organisation, promotion and economic regeneration.

We are a group of eager, local volunteers (residents, business owners and other stakeholders) who have achieved various projects over the last 15 years to improve Ely. Previous projects have included the Eel Trail, commemorative plaques and various Eel themed sculptures around the city.

Meetings: 18:30 on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Peter's House next to St. Peter's Church on Broad Street, Ely. Membership is free.

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The Ely Society is sorry to announce that after 44 years it has decided to close because of a dwindling membership. Consequently, there is no programme for this year and nor will there be for subsequent years.

The society has been engaged in three main activities:

(a) Publishing looks & leaflets on items of interest for Ely

This activity will continue under the umbrella of a newly formed group: Ely History Publications.

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(b) Monthly talks

Members have been advised that they may attend other groups, including:

Ely & District Archaeological Society – see separate entry in this publication

Friends of Ely Museum – www.elymuseum.org.uk/about

Fenland History on Friday – see separate entry in this publication

Littleport Society – see separate entry in this publication

University of the Third Age in Ely – www.u3asites.org.uk/ely

(c) Civic activities

This activity will be taken over by Ely Perspective – see separate entry in this publication.

Hartford Conservation Group

**Chair
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**Mike Humphrey
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Hartford Conservation Group is the local Civic Society for Hartford, Huntingdon. It is a member of Civic Voice, the new umbrella organisation for Civic Societies and is a registered charity, (Charity Number 1025575). The Conservation Group is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in Hartford Conservation Area and the neighbouring area:

- to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area
- to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area
- to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area

A members' newsletter is produced six times a year and circulated to all members. Notices of forthcoming meetings and copies of the newsletter are placed in the notice board in Sapley Road opposite the Barley Mow.

Meetings: 19.30 at Hartford Village Hall, four times a year. There is a modest charge– to include tea, coffee and biscuits.

Membership: £6 per year, (Individual), £10, (Joint - two members, same household),

Programme

20 Oct. **TBA** TBA (+ AGM)

Programme still under development. Please contact the Secretary.

Littleport Society

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The aims of The Littleport Society are to encourage individual awareness and pride in our town, to safeguard the character of Littleport, and to develop the social, historical and cultural awareness of the community.

Meetings: All our meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month, except August, at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Victoria Street, and are free to members and non-members.

Family History: A vast data base of family history records, and village archives, are held by the Society, and enquiries are welcome. Personal visits are also welcome by prior arrangement.

Guided Walk: The Littleport Riot Trail is available to groups, at £1 per person, please telephone or email to make arrangements.

Littleport Riot Bicentenary 1816 – 2016: 21 – 22 May 2016. Exhibitions & events.

Membership: UK annual minimum subscriptions: Adult £3 (£45 Life) , Seniors £2 (£30 Life), Family £5 (£75 Life). Overseas: £15 (£150 Life). Corporate membership £15. Subscriptions are due on January 1st and may be paid by standing order.

Programme

6 Oct.	Chris Leuchars	The Abbey, the Cross, the Knights
3 Nov.	Mike Petty	Ely House of Correction - the forgotten prison
7 Dec.		Littleport Lyrics Festive Concert
5 Jan.		Film Show - Memories of the Fen
1 Feb.		Old Littleport – Exhibition & slide show (+ AGM)
1 Mar.	Dr. Maureen James	The Old Fenland Storeytellers
5 Apr.	Honor Ridout	Victorian Cambridge - apathy to energy
3 May	David Sherwood	The Littleport Riots
7 Jun.		Harley Evening with exhibitions & film show
5 Jul.	Gilly Vose	Shopping Through the Centuries

March Society

www.themarchsociety.org.uk

Chair

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We are a civic society for the market town of March and were founded in 2007. We are involved in the promotion and conservation of March. We have monthly meetings with speakers to talk on subjects related to the past, present or future of March.

Our aims are to support the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest; inform the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of March; promote high standards of planning and architecture; and to promote civic pride in March. We work together with local authorities, voluntary organisations and people with similar aims to The March Society. Amongst our future plans: heritage and audit walks, to continue to compile a list of Buildings of Local Interest, local visits and exhibitions of photographs of March. If you would like to join us, just come to one of the meetings featured on the home page of our website, on our The March Society Facebook page, The March Society Group Facebook page, or Twitter, or fill in the form on our website and we will contact you

Meetings: 19.00 – 21.00, on the second Wednesday of the month, in March Library. We have heritage walks in May and August. For details of our programme, please visit the website or contact the Society by email.

Membership: Individual £5, Joint, (at the same address), £8.00, Under 18, £0.00, Corporate: £20. Membership runs from September to August.
Entrance to meetings is £3.00 for non-members and £2.00 for members. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB)

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SPAB is Britain's oldest building conservation body. It was set up by William Morris to oppose the destructive restorations of the Victorian era and promote the alternative of "conservative repair". By law it must be notified of applications to demolish listed buildings in England and Wales and comments on hundreds each year. Today its broad remit is to advise, educate and campaign. The Society runs courses for homeowners and also trains architects and craftsmen. It produces a range of helpful publications

Membership: £47 individual, £90 corporate.

Winter Lecture Series: Takes the theme of Everyday Magic

Taking place in London around Hallowe'en, this series of lectures explores architectural symbolism and atmosphere, and 'everyday magic' in old buildings, including the concealment of ritual objects and the use of apotropaic marks for warding and protection against evil.

29 Oct.	Brian Hoggard	Ritual objects
5 Nov.	Gareth Hughes	MR James : his use of architecture & his SPAB connections
12 Nov.	TBA	Rosslyn Chapel & its symbolism *
19 Nov.	Martin Higgins	Apotropaic marks *

* dates may be swapped around

Venue: St. Botolph's Hall, Bishopsgate, EC2M 3TL, (Take the Bishopsgate exit from Liverpool Street station and turn right. The Hall is located behind St. Botolph without Bishopsgate church, two minutes' walk away).

Tickets: Members £8 per lecture / £28 for all four; Non-members £9 per lecture / £32 for all four. Ticket price includes informal wine reception. To make a booking, contact SPAB on 0207 377 1644

Time: 18:15 for an 18:30 start. The lectures are followed by an informal wine reception.

Spring Lecture Series: Details will be announced in January 2016

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Archive Groups

Balsham Archives & Photographic Collection

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Our extensive collection of archive material, photographs, and postcards has been collected over many years. The main aim of the group is to collect or scan as many photographs and postcards of the village as possible, as well as to record and transcribe historical documents, deeds, wills, etc. We are always keen to see and, if possible, scan pictures or documents relating to any aspect of Balsham. Members of the Balsham History Group and the Linton and District Community Archive Group have been digitising and adding many of the Balsham images to the Linton and District Community Archive Group web pages.

Cambridgeshire Archives & Local Studies

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Work this year has focused mainly on acquiring new accommodation for Cambridgeshire Archives. In 2014 the Strikes Bowling Alley building in Ely was identified as a suitable option, providing an affordable building that could be readily adapted for the purpose, with on-site parking and good access to public transport and the facilities of the city on hand. Council Members unanimously approved the acquisition of the building in September. We believe the Ely building will be a wonderful local asset that will introduce many new users to the value of research and will attract families, school students and other visitors to the area. Our ultimate aim is to create an archives repository which will enable Cambridgeshire Archives to remain a place of deposit for public records and achieve Archive Service Accreditation, the UK-wide standard for archive services. We are keeping the National Archives (TNA) fully informed of progress, and TNA confirmed in December that our licence to hold public records would continue while we progressed the Ely project.

It needs to be borne in mind that the County Council is facing severe budgetary pressures in the foreseeable future, and that we are continually being challenged to provide excellent value for Cambridgeshire ratepayers by delivering services for less money. The budget will not be available in the future to provide our service in the same way that we can currently provide it. Our current proposal, therefore, is to move much of the Cambridgeshire Collection and the Local Studies team to the Ely building alongside the Archives. By combining the Cambridgeshire Collection and Cambridgeshire Archives within a single facility we can make the most of the opportunity to continue to provide an excellent and professional archives and local studies service at less cost.

We are very grateful to the Huntingdonshire Family History Society and to the Goodliff Fund of the Huntingdonshire Local History Society for their grants towards the fourth and last phase of the Whitney project, to list, conserve and make available images from the Whitney Maddison and Hinde collection of glass plates at Huntingdonshire Archives. The glass plates in this final tranche, in the Whitney 9 series, have now been wrapped and repackaged into bespoke boxes. Archivist Alexa Cox has completed detailed descriptions of all the plates identified for the project, and these are now on CALM. Caroline Clifford and Alison England in our Local Studies team have continued their work on the HLF-funded *Not just a name on a wall* project, which will create Great War resource packs for schools. Other projects which we are working on or are contributing to include the Mill Road History Project and the Great Ouse Washes Project.

We are very proud to say that Chris Jakes, manager of the Cambridgeshire Collection, has won the McCulla Memorial Prize for Local Studies Librarian of 2014, for his outstanding contribution to local studies work.

Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network

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Celebrating its 10th year in 2016, Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network, (CCAN), continues to grow with well over 50,000 entries of photographs, video and audio recordings – all available online.

The easy-to-use software, is designed by one of the largest providers of Community Archives in the country, Community Sites www.communitysites.co.uk. The software is especially tailored to community heritage, full of features, it even enables visitors to the site to contribute entries and add comments to existing records.

Please view the site at the address above. Supported by Cambridgeshire County Council, the group consists of 32 communities. New members are always welcome, training is organised locally by committee members.

Little Downham Community Archive

Chair

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The group administers the village site in the CCAN online archive, holds irregular 'drop-in' meetings and hosts one or two larger events annually. It seeks out and records people and events from village life, past and continuing.

The group can be contacted through either of the above contacts or at any session of the Book Café library access point.

Soham Community Archive

Chair

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Soham Community Archive is part of the Cambridgeshire Community Archives Network, (CCAN). It is an online archive of documents and photographs relating to Soham people, places and events.

It can be accessed via the CCAN homepage at www.ccan.co.uk or at www.soham.ccan.co.uk

St. Neots Community Archive Group

www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk

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The Group collects photos and films of scenes, events and people for the present town of St. Neots, the surrounding villages and Buckden. The photos are added to the St Neots Community Archive Website which is part of the Cambridge Community Archive Network (CCAN). Photographs are taken weekly of changing shops and events in the town and are added regularly. Access is free.

The group holds regular small displays of photos throughout the year and local archive films at various places within the town and at local events. The Group has strong links with the St. Neots Museum, the St Neots Local History Forum, the St. Neots Local History Group, the Eatons Community Association, St Neots University of the Third Age and the Colmworth and Neighbours History Association.

Committee meetings are generally held monthly at the St. Neots Museum.

There is no regular programme of talks but photograph displays and film shows are arranged to fit in with local events and are advertised in the local newspapers. 2015-2016 exhibitions and events are being planned with local groups for the annual beer festival, ongoing war commemorations and town events. Talks showing film archives, old and new photographs are regularly given to local groups of all ages. To arrange talks please contact Website Manager.

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Family History Societies

Cambridgeshire Family History Society

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The Society exists to encourage the study of family history within the old counties of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely. It offers a friendly point of contact for people world-wide who are interested in the same names and families and also provides a wide range of facilities to support their researches into genealogy and the local area. The Society was founded in 1976 and now has well over 1,300 members, mainly in the UK but also in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the USA. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in family history. Members are entitled to participate in any of the Society's activities and they receive a free quarterly journal, together with a Members' Interests Directory which is updated at intervals.

Membership: UK £10, (includes the member's partner), Overseas £15, (including airmail postage of the Journal), or £7, (including email dispatch of the Journal)

Central Branch Meetings:

Cambridge Central Library (3rd Floor)

2nd Saturday of each month

Visitors Welcome. Free, donations welcome from non members

10:30 – 15:30

Help & advice with research, including access to www.ancestry.co.uk

12:30 – 13:00

Top tips & websites for —

14:00 – 15:00

Speaker

Research surgeries are held regularly at several branch libraries. Please see the website for details. Further details & future programme available from the Secretary.

March Branch Meetings:

March Library, City Road, March PE15 9LT

1st Tuesday of the month, 18:00 – 20:00

Refreshments are available.

Further details and future programme available from:

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Fenland Family History Society

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The Fenland Family History Society was founded in 2001 to promote and encourage the study of family, local and social history with particular reference to persons having lived in, or having been associated with, the historical area now known as Fenland. The society also aims to promote and encourage the preservation, security and accessibility of archival material. Our journal, *The Ag. Lib. Chronicles*, is posted to all members and contains reports of meetings, articles from members, book reviews, bookstall publications available for purchase and extracts from *Star in the East*.

Meetings: 4th Thursday of each month, (except for August and December), at 7.00pm, in St. Peter's church hall, Church Terrace, Wisbech, Cambs, (behind the parish church of St. Peter & St. Paul, adjacent to the main car park).

Membership: £9 per year, UK Single, £12 per year, UK family, £12 per year, (Overseas Single). Visitors £2 per meeting.

2015 – 2016 Programme currently under development. Please check the website for details.

Jun.		Visit to Chapel of Latter Day Saints. King's Lynn, Norfolk.
Jul.	Liz Carter	'A Skeleton in the Cupboard'
Aug.		No meeting
Sep.		A.G.M. and Talk by our President Wim Zwalf.
26 Sep.		Annual Family History Day.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in September.

Any changes to officers, rules etc. agreed at the AGM will be posted on the website after the meeting

Huntingdonshire Family History Society

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Huntingdonshire Family History Society (HFHS) was founded in 1985 to help people to find out about their family history. It aims to provide links between people interested in families of the old County of Huntingdonshire and to provide a forum for persons interested in genealogy generally, both the beginner and the experienced genealogist. The society actively supports the Huntingdon and English Fens Genealogy Mailing List. Our journal *The Huntsman* is published three times a year. The Society is a member of Federation of Family History Societies and is a supporter of the Genealogy UK and Ireland (GENUKI) information service.

Meetings: Lectures are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, (September – July), at 19:30 at The W.I. Centre, Walden Road, (The Ring Road), Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3AZ. There is also a bookstall with a wide range of genealogical and local history publications. Our talks are occasionally subject to change. Please check our website before making a special journey.

Programme

16 Sep.	Geoffrey Watts MBE	Magistrates in the Community
21 Oct.	Steve Manning	What granny didn't want me to know
18 Nov.	Myko Clelland	The 1939 Register
14 Dec.	TBA	
20 Jan.	Alan Johnson	Writing your family history
17 Feb.	TBA	
16 Mar.	TBA	
20 Apr.	TBA	
18 May	Liz Carter	100 Years of Maps and Surveys (+ AGM)
15 Jun.	TBA	
20 Jul.	TBA	

For further information, including details of lectures currently TBA, please check the website.

Peterborough & District Family History Society

www.peterborofhs.org.uk

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Chair**

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P&DFHS is a small, friendly Family History Society based in Peterborough. We love everything 'Family History' and enjoy assisting and supporting others in their research.

The Peterborough and District Family History Society was formed in 1980 to maintain an association of those interested in the study of Family History, Genealogical Studies, Local History and Heraldry. It promotes the preservation of documents, monuments and other material of special interest to Family Historians. It aims to transcribe and index relevant documents and monumental inscriptions.

We have a Facebook page - Peterborough & District FHS.

A journal is published 4 times per year .Members have a link to videos of meetings to enable non- local members to enjoy.

Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month at The Salvation Army Citadel, Peppercorn Close, Peterborough starting at 7.30pm
Any enquiries please contact the Secretary - details as above.

Membership: £8 per year. Family £10 per year; Visitors are asked to contribute £2 per meeting.

For Programme details see website.

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Local History & Other Societies

Abington History Group

Chair

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The group, founded in 2000, exists to research the history of the villages of Great and Little Abington and to share their findings with those who are interested. A database of parish and census records has been built up together with a large collection of images, mainly photographs both old and recent. References to land and people from other historical sources are also added to a database. We hold copies of a collection of maps of the villages dating back to 1603.

The group has published village history trails for both villages as well as an award-winning book entitled *World War 2 Memories of Abington and Abington People*. In addition we have worked on the sale of the Abington Hall Estate. We conduct oral history interviews and research university and college archives, seeking more information on early land ownership. Another completed project resulted in the publication of *Memories of the Land Settlement in Abington 1936 to 1983*. We have shown DVDs of *1980 Village Revues* to audiences many of whom were in the original productions.

In 2014 we researched World War 1 connections to the Abingtons and put on a display, a lecture and a showing of films in the Abington Institute in October. The display dealt both with those from the Abingtons who served in WW1 and with ancestors of current villagers who served.

We are always keen to see and, if possible, scan pictures or documents relating to any aspect of Great and Little Abington history. We are currently working on producing a second *Aspects of Abington History*.

Barnwell & Fen Ditton Local History Society

Chair

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Secretary

Brian Woods

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Founded in 1985, the Group aims to encourage interest in the history of the local area – including Barnwell, (the Abbey area), and Fen Ditton. Talks cover all aspects of local history and related subjects.

We are an informal and friendly Group, meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, (except January and August), in the Abbey Meadows School Community Wing, Galfrid Road, Cambridge CB5 8ND at 19:30.

Membership: £10 per year. Visitors £2.50 per meeting.

Programme

16 Sep.	Dr. Shirley Wittering	Feather beds & frying pans : what people had in their houses
21 Oct.	Frank Coe	The history of sundials
18 Nov.	David Oates	A bit of a jam : the history of Chivers' Jam factory
16 Dec.		Christmas party (Members Only)
Jan.		No meeting
17 Feb.	Chris Clingham	The history of the Royal Mail
16 Mar.	Tony Kirby	The impact of the railway in Cambridge
20 Apr.		Quiz & Members' Forum (+AGM)

Remaining programme under development. Please contact the Secretary

Barrington Society

Chair

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Secretary

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Meetings: 19:45 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Barrington Village Hall

Membership: £10 per year. Visitors £2 per meeting.

Programme

21 Oct.		Unseen Barrington : the geology beneath our feet
18 Nov.		The Trinidad Carnival
Dec.		Members' Christmas Party (Date TBC)
20 Jan.		The Hand-knotted Carpet
17 Feb.		The Mills of Barrington
16 Mar.		The Inns and Outs of Pub Names
20 Apr.		History of Sawston Hall
18 May		Mount St Helens : lessons from a geological disaster
15 Jun.		Life at Wimpole Hall Park during WW2 (+ AGM)
Jul.		Society BBQ (Date TBC)

For speaker details, please contact the Secretary.

Brampton Historical Society

Chair
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The society was formed in 1979.

Meetings: 19.45 in the Stocker Room, Brampton Institute, High Street, Brampton on the 4th Wednesday of every odd month starting in January. There is an annual outing, usually in July or August.

Membership: £5 per year. Visitor £1.50 per meeting

Programme

23 Sep.	June Barton	Life on the Lincolnshire salt marshes
25 Nov.	Dr. Evelyn Lord	Parochial tyranny – village Constables in 17 th & 18 th century Cambridgeshire
27 Jan.	David Fowler	The rise & fall of the Cardington airships (+ AGM)
23 Mar.	TBA	TBA
25 May	TBA	TBA
27 Jul.	Donald Chiswell	The story of Edith Cavell

Buckden Local History Society

www.buckdenroundabout.info/village-organisations/29-hobbies-interests

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Secretary

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Founded in 1979, the Society aims to promote the study and knowledge of local history in its widest sense, primarily by means of talks on all manner of topics in any way connected with the history of Buckden and the surrounding area. We encourage individual and group research into local history projects so please contact the Secretary with any ideas. The Society is affiliated to the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History.

Meetings: 19:30 on the 1st Wednesday of each month, (except July & August), in the Conference Room at Buckden Towers, (unless otherwise stated).

Membership: Individual £15, Visitors £3 per talk. We welcome new members and visitors.

Programme

7 Oct.	Gilly Vose	Shopping through the centuries
4 Nov.	Barry Tomlinson	Bedford RAE
2 Dec.		Tudor Christmas
6 Jan.	Liz Davies	Crime & Punishment in St Neots

Further information about the Society & details of the remainder of our programme will be available on our website. Details of any changes to the programme are also published on the website.

Burwell History Society

President / Treasurer

Ann Briggs

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Secretary / Programme Secretary **Judy Paxton**

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The Society was founded in 1993 to promote and encourage interest in, and knowledge of, Burwell & its surrounding area, to ensure the correct recording & safe keeping of archival material in Burwell Museum & county collections and to encourage individuals & small groups in their research.

Meetings: 19.30 on the third Wednesday of each month at Burwell Village College, (September to May). Visits to local places of interest are arranged during the year and usually take place in June & July.

Membership: £12 per annum, payable at the first meeting in September. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings at £3 per visit.

Programme

16 Sep.	Don Chiswell	King Arthur – did he really exist?
21 Oct.	Susan Woodall	Sin, sex & salvation – women's refuge
18 Nov.	Richard Fletcher	Bill Tutte – one of Bletchley Park's forgotten heroes
16 Dec.	John Sutton	A cavalier's Christmas
20 Jan.	Clare Mulley	Christine Glanville – Britain's first female agent
24 Feb.	Tony Homden	Confessions of a locksmith
16 Mar.	Roy Williams	Zeppelins to doodlebugs – history from the home front & beyond
20 Apr.	Mark Steinhardt	Storytelling – Hereward the Wake (+ AGM)
18 May	Andrew Peachey	The Exning excavations

Cambridgeshire Association for Local History

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The Association was founded in 1951 as the Cambridgeshire Local History Council. Nine years ago, it was decided to change our name to the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History, (CALH), to re-emphasise the organisation's founding principles and to highlight its important role of caring for the future of Cambridgeshire's past. The main object of the Association is to encourage and support the study of local and social history in Cambridgeshire, in particular by encouraging the many local groups sharing this aim.

Corporate membership of the Association by local and social history clubs, groups and societies, or any other organisation with similar aims is strongly encouraged, as the CALH acts as a representative body for such organisations. The Association always endeavours to act as an Information and networking hub for local history in Cambridgeshire.

The CALH holds a popular spring conference, with a strong local history theme. The Local History Awards, made annually, recognise the contributions to local history in the County made by authors in the previous year, and by individuals' life-time commitment to Cambridgeshire history. There is also an award, (CYPHA), for young people, (individually or collectively), who have carried out a local history project. The presentation Ceremony is a great occasion to hear from and meet authors and historians and to learn about their work.

The Association produces a range of publications and services for members. These include an annual *Review*, a booklet with original articles on local history researches and reviews, and an online historical newsletter, the *Bulletin*, produced twice a year. Members may also receive a copy of the *Conduit*, this annual listing of local history societies, museums and similar interest groups and their programmes for the forthcoming year. (*Conduit* is also available online.)

The CALH also circulates by email news of its programme or any upcoming events to every other society, group, or club in the county via a central block email distribution. It also keeps all the county's societies up-to-date with national and local news. To join this information network simply send an email to the Media & Publicity Officer.

Meetings: Normally held on first Saturday of the month, starting at 14:15, at the St John's Hall, Blinco Grove, off Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 8RN. Outings and visits are also arranged, usually in the summer months.

Membership: Individuals £8; Families £10; Affiliated local societies or groups £10. Entry to meetings is free for individual and family members, £1 for members of affiliated societies and £2.50 for guests & non-members.

The Association also has a Facebook page, which supplements the information sent by email. Our website is currently, (July 2015), under revision but will keep the address shown above.

Programme

3 Oct.	Colin Chapman	WW1 POW Camps in Cambridgeshire
7 Nov.	Chris Jakes	160 Years of Public Libraries in Cambridge
5 Dec.	Ancestral Voices	A Tudor Christmas
9 Jan.	David Lincoln	World War II Evacuees
6 Feb.	Mary Dicken	Suffragettes
5 Mar.	Prof. Michael McCarthy	Local accents and dialects
2 Apr.	Dr. Ceri Law	Religious change in the University of Cambridge 1547-1584
7 May		Day Conference : TBA
11 Jun.	Dr. Jennifer Ward	Life in a noble household in the 14 th century – Elizabeth de Burgh, Lady of Clare
19 Sep.	Christopher South	Grunty Fen (Followed by CALH Annual Local History Awards)
1 Oct.	Prof. Stephen Upex	The Roman occupation of the East of England – particularly the area around the Nene Valley

Caxton Historical Society

Chair	Valerie Gape The Limes, Royston Road, Caxton, Cambs CB23 3PW Tel: 01954 719238 Email vgape@talktalk.net
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We are a small informal group, (about 30 members), from Caxton, Bourn and neighbouring villages, with varied interests: antiquarian, archaeological, family history, historical, objets d'art, rural life & pursuits, etc

Meetings: 20:00 at Caxton Village Hall, usually meet on the 2nd Monday of February, May, September & but this depends on availability of speakers. We also arrange outings and visits to places of interest.

Membership: £8 per year. Visitors £3 per meeting.

Programme

9 Nov. **Dr. Colin Lattimore** Victorian Glass

Remainder of Programme under development. Please contact the Secretary for details.

Chatteris History Society

Chair	Jenny Furlong 14 Church Lane, Chatteris, Cambs PE16 6JA Tel: 01354 696319 Email chatterismuseum@tiscali.co.uk
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The society is open to anyone interested in the history of Chatteris and the local area of the Fens. We enjoy lectures at the museum and trips out to other local museums and places of interest.

Meetings: 19.30 – 21.30 on the 4th Friday of January, March, May, July, September & November. Refreshments served.

Membership: £12. Guests are always welcome to any of our meetings (£3).

Programme

22 Jan 2016 AGM

Remaining programme under development.

Cherry Hinton Local History Society

Chair	Jenny Taylor
Programme & Excursions Officer	Mo Child
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We are a friendly and approachable group interested in all aspects of local history and its affiliated disciplines countrywide. Visitors and members alike are welcome to come to our monthly meetings. Talks cover all aspects of local history and related subjects. There is a display at each meeting to show some aspect of Local History often connected to the talk, along with refreshments and a raffle. We also have around three outings a year.

Meetings: 19:30, usually on the last Monday of each month, (except August & December), at St Andrew's Church Centre, High Street Cherry Hinton, (just behind the Church).

Membership: £10 a year. Couple: £18. Visitors: £2.50

Programme

26 Sep.	Helen Harwood	The country railway station : Gt. Shelford
26 Oct.	Jenny Oxley	Royston & its history
24 Nov.		Members Social Event (+ AGM)
25 Jan.	Pam Butler	Seed testing : its history and links with Cambridge
29 Feb.	Tamsin Wimshurst	The David Parr House
21 Mar.	Nancy Gregory	Scholars, spectres and surprises
25 Apr.	Duncan Mackay	The history of Mackays
23 May	Sue Edwards	The Mayor's Office
27 Jun.	Alison Moller	The history of the grounds at Wimpole Hall
25 Jul.	Roy Stoner	The railways of Cambridge

Chesterford Local History & Archaeology Society

Chair
Secretary

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The Society aims to foster interest in local history and archaeology.

Meetings: 20.00, usually at the Great Chesterford Congregational Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford. There are usually four meetings a year, with speakers on relevant topics, plus an Annual General Meeting.

For further information and programme details, please contact the Secretary.

Cottenham Village Society

www.cottenhamvillagesociety.ukfamilies.com

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Chair

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Secretary

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Membership

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Cottenham Village Society was founded in 1971 and our aim is to encourage awareness and participation in our village community and the history of the village. Members attend monthly meetings from September to April (usually on the 2nd Friday in the month) to hear speakers on a variety of subjects. There are social events held each year. During the summer the Committee arranges a visit to a place of interest and an outdoor party; also at Christmas, a party with good food and wine.

Meetings: 19.45 at Cottenham Parish Church Hall in the Autumn Term. After Christmas we may be moving to a different Hall. Please check the website for details note that this is a change of venue for our 2014-2105 programme.

Membership: £8; visitors £2 per session.

Programme

11 Sep.	AGM
9 Oct.	Speaker TBC
13 Nov.	Speaker TBC
12 Dec. (Saturday)	Christmas Party (Saturday)

Meetings continue through from January until April

Covington History Group

www.covington.org.uk/clubs/history

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Chair

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Treasurer

Mo Brown

The Our Group is dedicated to finding out what it was like to live in Covington in the past. Our activities include archaeology, record office research, talks, outings & collections of reminiscences. We have produced a Covington History Trail and a Church History Leaflet. We are affiliated to Jigsaw, (Cambridgeshire), and have just completed a Sharing Heritage funded archaeology project.

Meetings: 19.30 on the fourth Monday of each month, (Except May – August), in Covington Village Hall.

Membership: £3 per year. Visitors £5 per meeting.

Programme currently under development. Please visit the website for further details.

Eatons Community Association

www.escan.org.uk

Chair

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Secretary

Mrs. Julia Hayward

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The association was founded in 1978 as the Eaton Socon Community Association and was later changed to the Eatons Community Association to include both Eaton Socon and Eaton Ford, both now suburbs in the town of St Neots. We promote activities within the Eatons, write history books and hold an annual history exhibition, (1st weekend in May in St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon), at our popular May Day weekend, (May Day celebrations on Eaton Socon Village Green -1st Monday in May). There is an Open Gardens event during June, and we open our church and unique village lock-up regularly during the summer. Talks and walks can be arranged around the village through the chairman. We also have a newsletter delivered free to all houses in the Eatons three times a year, as well as being available of the Eatons website. We do not hold talks/lectures but we do liaise with nearby history and archive groups and work with them in various projects.

We now hold a large archive relating to Eaton Socon Parish, which was in Bedfordshire until 1965, and have written more than 25 history booklets. As part of a very large project we researched all the buildings and their families within the present areas of Eaton Socon and Eaton Ford from the enclosure in 1799 to 1965. Most of Eaton Socon archives are held in Bedford archives but our booklets are available in Bedford and Huntingdon archives, local libraries, St Neots Museum and in local schools. They can be bought from ESCA. We have 4 trails, 8 Heritage Boards and 14 blue plaques in the Eatons. There are no membership fees. We raise money at our May Day celebrations, other events and through writing history booklets. Committee meetings are held monthly.

Our War Memorial has been researched and the information produced in a book. During 2014 we produced an exhibition and a book showing what life was like in the parish during the Great War. The local newspaper - St Neots Advertiser – has been indexed for the War Years, covers the present town of St Neots and many local villages, and is freely available on the St Neots Local History Website – www.stneotslhs.org.uk. The Eatons Community Association has its own website where information on its history books, and events can be found. Many local archives are freely accessible on the site.

Eltisley History Society

www.eltisleyhistorysociety.org.uk

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President
Chair
Secretary

William Topham
David White
Mary Flinders

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Eltisley History Society aims to research, record, preserve and publish family and local history. Work is currently under way to catalogue and digitise the Society's extensive archive of documents.

Meetings: 19.45 for 20.00 on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Cade Memorial Hall, The Green, Eltisley.

Visitors are welcome at all meetings (£2 per meeting).

Programme

22 Jul.	Chris Carr	Boudicca, the Creation of Two Empires
26 Aug.	Richard Gibbons	The Early Nuclear Crises
23 Sep.	Eva Clarke	Being Born in the Holocaust
28 Oct.	Roger Leivers	The Life of William Rhodes-Moorhouse
25 Nov.	Dr Pat Doody	Fenland, that sinking feeling

27 Jan.	TBA	TBA
24 Feb.	TBA	TBA
23 Mar.	TBA	TBA

Fenland History on Friday

www.cambridgeshirehistory.com/MikePetty

Organiser

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Fenland History on Friday is not a club or society; it is a series of presentations on aspects of local history open to anybody who cares to come along. It is also a good place to find out all the news of what is going on in the history world in Cambridgeshire. Sessions for this autumn look to be as exciting as ever; full details will be available shortly.

Meetings: 10:30 – 12:00 on Fridays at Ely Methodist Church on Fridays from 16 October to 11 December 2015 and restart in January 2016, continuing to May.

Cost: £2.50 on the door.

For further information and the details about the Programme please contact the Organiser.

Fulbourn Village History Society

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Formed in 1999, the Fulbourn Village History Society aims to keep and maintain records of all aspects of the village's social and historical developments. Members and the general public are able to consult these for research purposes by appointment, or on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10.00. until 12.00 at the Archive Store situated in the Committee Room of the Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn CB21 5BS.

Meetings: 19.30 in the Fulbourn Centre on the third Thursday of the month, (October to May inclusive).

Membership: £12 per year. Visitors £3 per meeting.

Programme

15 Oct.	Andrew Selwyn	Victorian Ghost Hunters in Cambridge
19 Nov.	David Edwards	Fulbourn Hospital
11 Dec.	Mike Petty	Sherlock Holmes in Cambridgeshire (Social Event. Ticket only)
21Jan.	Honor Ridout	Tudor Cambridge
18 Feb.	Craig Cessford	To Claphams we go : a mid-late 18C Cambridge coffeehouse
17 Mar.	Tamsin Wimhurst	A very Cambridge celebration
21 Apr.	Quinton Carroll	Roman Cambridge
19 May		AGM

Gamlingay & District History Society

www.gamlingayhistory.co.uk

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Programme / Webmaster

David Allen

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Meetings: 19:30 on the 2nd Monday of each month, (except January, July & August), in Room 2, Gamlingay Village College.

Membership: £15. Visitors £3.

Programme

14 Sep.	Paul Housden	My Dad's war ; the Burma railway 70 years on
12 Oct.	Peter Ibbett	The mysteries of Potton Manor
9 Nov.	Don Chiswell	The Black Death
14 Dec.		Christmas social evening & archive display
Jan.		No meeting
8 Feb.	George Howe	The Cambridge to Bedford railway
14 Mar.	Philippa Pearson	The Swiss Garden : restoration of a Regency gem
11 Apr.	Peter Wright	Gamlingay & the Great War
9 May	Sue Jarrett	WW1 through the eyes of a local newspaper
13 Jun.		Social evening (+ AGM)

Gransdens Society

www.gransdenssociety.org

Chair
Secretary

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The Gransdens Society is a group which looks at all aspects of life in the Gransdens, not just historical.

Meetings: 20:00, (Usually), on the third Tuesday of each month, (October – June), at The Reading Room, Fox Street, Gt. Gransden, Sandy, Beds SG19 3AA.

Membership & Programme: Details can be found on the website or by contacting the Secretary.

Harston Local History Group

Chair

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Secretary

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The Group was founded in Oct 2014 to try to gather together all the local history information and memories of past times in the village before they are lost. From August 2015 – August 2016 the Group is 'Exploring Harston's Heritage' with the aid of a Heritage Lottery Fund grant, with the aim of sharing what we find with those living in Harston and anyone else with an interest in Harston's History. We will be doing this by having displays, on various Harston History topics, on the first Saturday of each month in the Village Hall, then holding history sessions and anyone is welcome to come along or get involved in the project. We also expect to have a Harston History website up and running by the end of November 2015 so we can archive and publish material.

Meetings: These will include a brief presentation and be monthly on Mondays 14:30 – 16:00, repeated Wednesdays 19:30-21:00, in Harston Village Hall, 20 High Street, Harston, Cambs CB22 7PX.

Mondays: 2015 - 5 Oct, 9 Nov, 7 Dec;
2016 - 4 Jan, 8 Feb, 7 Mar, 11 Apr, 9 May, 13 June, 4 Jul

Wednesdays: 2015 - 14 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec
2016 - 13 Jan, 10 Feb, 9 Mar, 13 Apr, 11 May, 15 June, 6 Jul

Hemingfords' Local History Society (hemlocs)

www.hemlocs.co.uk

Email info@hemlocs.co.uk

President
Chair
Secretary

Pam Dearlove
Ian Ray
Jean Mallett

The Society, formed in 1994, aims to increase knowledge of earlier times in Hemingford Abbots and Hemingford Grey and the surrounding area by research and exchange of information.

Meetings: 19:30 in the Hayward Room of the Pavilion, Manor Road, Hemingford Grey on the third Thursday of the month September to May, (excluding December)

Membership: £14 per year, Guests and visitors £3 per meeting

Programme

17 Sep.	History of the Harvest Festival
15 Oct.	St Ives as a riverport
19 Nov.	Local railway history
Dec.	No meeting
21 Jan.	1830 Swing Riots
18 Feb.	The Workhouse
17 Mar.	Bridges along the Backs
21 Apr.	A Hemingford saga (+ AGM)
19 May	John Clare Cottage

Histon & Impington Village Society

www.histonandimpingtonvillagesociety.wordpress.com

Chair

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The Society was formed in 1979 to stimulate public interest in the history, care and preservation of our villages.

Meetings: 19.30 on the last Tuesday of the month at Impington Village College
We also arrange occasional afternoon meetings & outings. Please see the website for further details.

Membership: £10 per year. Visitors: £3 per meeting. Please contact the Secretary for further information.

Programme

29 Sep.	Richard Todd	Autumn beauty & recycling garden waste
20 Oct.	Donna Martin	Soham rail disaster
24 Nov.	Terry Holloway	Marshall's Airport

2016 programme still under development.

Houghton & Wyton Local History Society

www.hwlhs.org.uk

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Chair
Secretary
**Programme Secretary &
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The Society was founded in 1988. In addition to a programme of meetings, current activities include: revision & republication of the village Guide Book, exhibitions of historical material about the village in the village shop window & Houghton Mill and recording the memories of long term residents & collecting archive material about the village.

Meetings: 19:30 on the 4th Wednesdays in September, October, November, February, March & April in The Memorial Hall, Houghton.

Membership: £5.50, (plus £1.50 door fee at meetings, except at the AGM). Visitors £3, (except at the AGM).

Programme

23 Sep.	Gerry Feakes	A soldier of the First World War (+ AGM)
28 Oct.	David Bushby	Fanny Duberley
25 Nov.	Nora Butler	Kimbolton Castle in the eighteenth century
24 Feb.	James Fairbairn	The results of the Houghton excavations 2008 - 2011
23 Mar.	Gillyly Vose	Picturing the past : photographs from the Norris Museum & their story
27 Apr.	TBA	TBA

Huntingdonshire Local History Society

www.huntslhs.org.uk

President
Chair

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The society exists to encourage, share and enjoy the history of Huntingdonshire. Lectures are organised in the winter, a weekend away in May and other excursions in the summer. The society publishes a newsletter (*Huntingdonshire Local History Almanack*) twice a year and an occasional journal, *Records of Huntingdonshire*. The next issue of *Records* is in preparation and publication is expected in the Autumn. It will include articles on Virginia Ferrar, Archbishop Sancroft's Visitation, Jarvis Matcham and The St Edward's Home, Huntingdon. Copies of the current issue are available price £3.00 from Huntingdonshire Archives, The Norris Museum, St Ives, and the St Neots Museum (or contact the chairman).

Goodliff Awards Scheme

The society's Goodliff Awards Scheme provides funding to individuals, societies, schools and groups

who need support for a project, research, publication or preservation of heritage of Huntingdonshire history. For further details email goodliff.awards@gmail.com. Forms can be found on the society's website. The deadline for applications is 28 February 2016. Awards are announced at the AGM.

Meetings: 19:30, usually held on a Thursday evening, in the Methodist Church, High Street, Huntingdon.

Membership: Individual £10, Couple £15, Visitors £2.00 (voluntary)

Programme

15 Oct.	Dr. Simon Thurley	The English Market Town, past, present and future (<i>President's Lecture & Awards Presentation</i>)
12 Nov.	Peter Downes	450 years of education in Huntingdon
8 Dec. (Tues)		Christmas musical evening & social NB Venue: Huntingdon Town Hall
14 Jan.	Dr. Chris Thomas	Mammoths of the Great Ouse Valley
11 Feb.	TBA	<i>A talk on local archaeology</i>
10 Mar.	Charles O'Brien	Revising Pevsner: A New Look at Huntingdonshire
14 Apr.	Prof. David Thompson	Religious Life in mid-Victorian Huntingdonshire
May		Weekend away in Kent
May		AGM and other entertainment (Huntingdon Town Hall)

Kimbolton Local History Society

www.e-voice.org.uk/klhs

Chair

Nora Butler

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KLHS aims to encourage interest in the history of the local area through talks, visits, research and publications. Access is via stairs with a handrail and a hearing loop is available.

Meetings: 20.00 on Wednesdays in the Saloon at Kimbolton Castle, (by kind permission of the Headmaster).

Membership: £8 per year, (Single), £14 per year, (Couple). Visitors: £2 per meeting.

Programme

9 Sep.	Sarah Doig	Apprenticeship & Guilds
14 Oct. (19:30)	Alison Neil	The Fossil Lady of Lyme (Tickets in advance from the Chair)
1 Nov. (Sun)		Kimbolton Castle open to the public
11 Nov.	Jon Mountfort	History of Paine's Brewery, St. Neots
2 Dec.	Nora Butler	A New Look at Victorian Kimbolton

2016 Programme under development. Please see our website.

Landbeach Society

www.landbeach.org.uk

Chair
Secretary

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Membership Secretary

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Activities visits to places of interest in the spring and summer, social events and comments on appropriate planning matters.

Meetings: 19.30 on Wednesdays during the Autumn & Winter months, in the Village Hall

Membership: £2. Admission to talks: £3.50 per head per meeting.

Programme

16 Sep. **Dr Ray Gambell** Landbeach Then and Now
21 Oct. **Sarah Trice** Audley End & its Occupants
18 Nov. **Derek Booth** The History & Archaeology of Milton
16 Dec. Christmas Celebration

2016 programme to be announced.

Landscape & Local History Group

Coordinator

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Are you interested in local or landscape history? Are you doing, or considering, your own research? Would you enjoy an occasional meeting of like-minded people? The Landscape and Local History Group (LLHG) is a meeting place for active researchers, those who have been active or plan to be. Many members are working on topics or places in the local area; others are researching further afield. This very informal group meets four times a year. Members share research findings, exchange ideas and information, and increase their knowledge of the range of records and resources available. Please contact the coordinator for more information, to get your name onto the email mailing list, or to get directions. New members are very welcome.

Meetings: Quarterly, usually September, December, March & June at 19:15 at Anglia Ruskin University, East Road, Cambridge – normally in Helmore Room 251.

Membership: Free to those on the email list. Very occasional small fee to cover costs.

Programme

30 Sep. **Tony Kirby & John Pickles** Mapping Cambridgeshire 1579-2015
10 Dec. **Valory Hurst & Susan Chandler** Bassingbourn Field Book
15 Mar. **Charles Turner** Anne Dutton – 18th century Baptist theologian from Great Gransden
9 Jun. **TBA** TBA

Little Shelford Local History Society

Chair

Ray Saich

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Secretary

TBC

The society aims to research, record and collate the history of Little Shelford and to publish a book on the subject, to hold open meetings periodically to hear speakers or to discuss historical material (or for any other necessary purpose) and to arrange visits to places of interest and exhibitions.

Meetings: 19.30 in November, February & April (AGM), in Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

Membership: £7 per year. Visitors £3 per meeting

Programme

18 Nov. **Tony Kirby**

Cambridge's other University : Anglia Ruskin

12 Feb. **TBA**

TBA

18 Apr. **TBA**

TBA (+ AGM)

Longstanton & District Heritage Society

www.ldhs.org

Chair

Roy Stoner

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The Longstanton and District Heritage Society was founded by local residents in 2007 to record the history of Longstanton and Oakington villages, RAF Oakington and Oakington Barracks. Faced with the imminent disappearance of their rural villages, due to the development of Northstowe, locals decided to create a record of what went before. LDHS members include existing, and former, residents and former service personnel living throughout the UK and abroad. LDHS is dedicated to recording a shared history and making it available for public enjoyment and education. The Society continues to monitor the Northstowe development and lobby the developers, local government and others to help to protect the site's heritage via the establishment of a heritage centre/museum within the Heritage Core of buildings, located on the former RAF Oakington site. Instrumental in saving these former RAF Oakington buildings was a worldwide petition organized by LDHS. IN addition, 9 out of 10 of the rare "Oakington" pillboxes have been given Grade 2 listed status as a result of the work of the society.

Members: Members enjoy an annual newsletter summarising the work of the society over the year. The website provides both members, and non-members, with free world-wide access to samples of an ever growing archive. Members and non-members are encouraged to contact the society at any time. The society is always grateful to receive additional information, memories and photographs of the existing villages and the airfield. New members with an interest in the villages or Oakington airfield/barracks are encouraged, and all members are welcome to get involved with our work. There is much to be done and more help is always needed if we are to fully realize our full potential.

Meetings: Village Institute, High Street, Longstanton. Details of these talks and other events can be found on our website or in the local village magazines. Details of the talks are also sent out via e mail, on request. Light refreshments are served after meetings.

Visitors: £2 per meeting.

Programme

4 Sep. **Gilly Vose** Shopping through the centuries (+ AGM)
2 Oct. **Derek Booth** The boar in our heritage
6 Nov. **TBA** TBA

Please see the website for further information on the November talk and our 2016 programme.

Madingley History Group

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We are a friendly and informal group that meets to learn more about the history of the village of Madingley and to collect archive material, (written, photographic and oral), for future use as a source for a publication about the village. We also arrange lectures and local visits.

Meetings: 19:30, usually quarterly, in Madingley Village Hall unless otherwise notified.

Membership: £8 per year. Visitors £3 per meeting.

Programme

30 Nov. **Sue Pemberton** The diaries of Lady Philadelphia Cotton : a lady of a certain age
(*Christmas meeting – please bring nibbles or a bottle to share*)

The remainder of the programme is currently under development. Please contact the Secretary for details.

Meldreth Local History Group

www.meldrethhistory.org.uk

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Meldreth Local History Group is a community group and was formed in 2007. Its aims are to record and research the history of the village and its environs, create an archive of local history which can be passed on to future generations and to publish material, both in print and digital forms. The group has its own website and is also part of the Cambridgeshire Community Archives Network (CCAN). The Group does not have a regular programme of lectures but organises, or is involved in, several events each year.

Meetings: 09.30 – 11.30am every Monday (excluding bank holidays) at the Sheltered Housing Community Room, Elin Way, Meldreth. These are not talks, but are meetings to discuss and continue the work of the Group. For example, we update our website and discuss/work on other projects. Anyone who wishes to help the Group or to bring along photographs or other material is welcome to attend.

Membership: Free. Membership enquiries should be addressed to the Chairman.

Newmarket Local History Society

Chair
Secretary

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Newmarket Local History Society aims to promote an interest in the history of Newmarket and its surrounding area by inviting a variety of speakers to our monthly meetings, visiting local places of interest, and giving talks to other local groups. We liaise with local schools and have produced an Information Pack for them; we have also published various books, including *When Newmarket Went to War*, which is still currently available.

Meetings: 19.30 on the 3rd Tuesday, (May – July local visits, no meeting in August), at The Stable, High Street, Newmarket, (September – April).

Membership: £8 pa. Visitors: £2 per meeting

Programme

15 Sep.	Mike Nicholas	History of Duxford Airfield
20 Oct.	Andy Peachey	Exning Excavation
17 Nov.	Horry Parsons	More Stories From The Tower
15 Dec.		Christmas Refreshments/Woodditton Bellringers
19 Jan.	Chris Leuchars	The Abbey, The Cross & The Knights
16 Feb.	Vin Arthey	Bombing of Newmarket: An Aftermath
15 Mar.	(To be confirmed)	Talk on Wicken Fen
19 Apr.		AGM

Orwell Local History Society

www.orwellshistory.org.uk

Secretary

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The Society is open to all and offers lectures on topics relating, as far as possible, to the county of Cambridgeshire.

A small group of Orwell LHS members is also involved in maintaining and continually adding to our website, set up in 2012 with the aid of a Heritage Lottery Fund grant. Entitled Orwell Past & Present, the site is an ongoing record of life in our village over the past 2000 years. Contributions and

comments are welcomed and the site includes a link to the Orwell Community Archive of old photographs within the Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network. An 80 page book containing a selection of these photos, with notes on Orwell history, is available price £5, from the Secretary at the above address.

Meetings: 20.00 on the last Tuesday of the month, (September – November & January – May), in the Methodist Church schoolroom, Town Green Road, Orwell. In June and July we visit places of historical interest within easy reach of Orwell, again on the last Tuesday of each month.

Membership: £10 per year payable at the November meeting. Visitors £2 per meeting.

Programme

29 Sep.	David Oates	Discovering Histon's past
27 Oct.	Sarah Poppy	The history of Cambridge Castle (+ AGM)
24 Nov.	TBA	TBA
Dec.		No meeting
26 Jan.	Local Residents	In our time – Memories of village events over the past sixty years
23 Feb.	TBA	TBA
29 Mar.	Mathew Morris	The King under the car park : the discovery of Richard III
26 Apr.	Susannah Farmer	The history of Pig Clubs
31 May	TBA	TBA

Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership

www.ousewashes.org.uk

Programme Manager

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The Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership consists of 29 organisations and focuses on the promotion of the Fens landscape surrounding the Ouse Washes and community engagement with the area's diverse heritage. The delivery programme is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and is based around 25 projects being delivered between April 2014 and March 2017.

Small grants of between £500.00 and £2,000.00 are available for local community groups to further the Partnership's aims and objectives on a local scale. The next deadline for applications is 31 October 2015.

Programme

25 Nov.	Historic Landscape Conference at Downham Market Town Hall. Admission is free.
18-31 Jul.	OuseFest festival celebrating the uniqueness of the Fens. Most events are free.

For details of these and other events, please see the website or contact the Programme Manager.

Royston & District Local History Society

www.roystonlocalhistory.org.uk

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The Society was formed in 1965 for the purpose of having a museum in the town. The Society has produced many publications which may be purchased at meetings, in Royston Museum or at the Cave Bookshop. See the website for a complete list of publications or contact the Treasurer if you would like to order a book by post.

Please see separate entries for Royston & District Museum & Art Gallery and Royston Cave in the "Museums & Museum Societies" section of this publication.

Meetings: 20.00 on the first Thursday of the month, (October – April), in the Heritage Hall, Town Hall, Royston. The meetings are at 8pm. Talks last about an hour. There is plentiful parking which is free in the evening. Tea or coffee and biscuits are available afterwards. The May meeting starts with the AGM at 7.30pm and is followed by a talk at 8pm. The evening concludes with light refreshments.

Membership: £5 (under 18s £2.50) due 1st September. Visitors: £2.

Programme

1 Oct.	Keith Fitzpatrick-Matthews	Kelshall past
5 Nov.	Stephen Poulter	Theobalds: Hertfordshire's Lost Royal Palace
3 Dec.	Alan Faulkner	The Great Ouse Navigation
7 Jan.	John Lloyd	Conserving Traditional Buildings
4 Feb.	Paul Chamberlain	Edward Jenner, Napoleon and Blossom the Cow
3 Mar.	Dr Andrew Lacey	Matthew Parker and his library
7 Apr.	Peter Robbins	Restoration of Caldecote church
12 May	Bob Harding-Jones	Laughter in the Village (+ AGM)
4 Jun.		Coach outing to Hatfield House. (Details available after February 2016)

Saffron Walden Historical Society

www.saffronwaldenhistory.org.uk

Hon. Life President
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The Society was founded in 1933, as the Saffron Walden Antiquarian Society. Its name was changed to the Saffron Walden Historical Society in 1983, as it was felt that this most accurately reflected its activities.

The Society publishes the *Saffron Walden Historical Journal*, with articles on the town and the surrounding villages, twice a year, in the spring and autumn. Recently, SWHS Publications has been established by the Society, to help authors publish research on Saffron Walden and north-west Essex. There are now four books in the series, the most recent being *Chepyng Walden* by Dr Elizabeth Allan. This is an important new study of late medieval Walden.

Meetings: 19:45 at the Friends' Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden on the fourth Wednesday of the month from September to May, when a programme of talks is arranged.

Membership: £7. Visitors welcome at £2.00 per session.

Programme

23 Sep.	Ben Cowell	Runnymede and Magna Carta
28 Oct.	Hilary Walker	Living in Saffron Walden in the 18 th century (<i>The Mary Whiteman Memorial Lecture</i>)
25 Nov.	Alan Moorcroft	Over the Hills and Far Away – correspondence from soldiers during the Napoleonic Wars
27 Jan.	Lizzie Sanders	A View of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown at Audley End
24 Feb.	Alison Moller	History of the Gardens at Wimpole Hall
30 Mar.	Ashley Cooper	200 Years of Local Countryside History
27 Apr.	Richard Thomas	The Stort Story – a history of the river
25 May	TBA	TBA (+ AGM)

Sawston Village History Society

www.sawstonhistory.org.uk

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Publicity

TBA

The Sawston Village History Society was founded in 1990 and provides a varied programme of both local and wider interests, including an annual outing in July. In January 2016 we will be celebrating our Silver Jubilee.

We have an archive at the Sawston Parish Council office, in Link Road, with archivists Bryan Howe and Andrew Little available on most Monday mornings from 9.30–12.00 noon. To arrange another time please ring Bryan on 01223 833963.

Meetings: 19.30 on the second Thursday of each month, (unless notified), at the Chapelfield Way Community Centre, Link Road, Sawston. This is 60m *past* the Chapelfield Way road sign further along Link Road, on the left (from High Street) between a block of flats and semi-detached houses. The CWCC is at the end of the driveway, beyond the small car park.

Membership: £7 pa. Admission to meetings for non-members is £2.

Programme

8 Oct.	Clare Mulley	The Spy Who Loved
12 Nov.	Philomena Guillebaud	From Bats, to Beds, to Books
10 Dec.	Frances Saltmarsh	Six into One
14 Jan.	Barry Tew	The Life of Marconi
11 Feb.	Nick Chrimes	Cambridge, Treasure Island in the Fens
10 Mar.	TBA	TBA
14 Apr.	Helen Harwood	A Country Railway Station
12 May	Philip Robson	The Leper Chapel

Sawtry History Society & Sawtry Community Archive

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Chair

TBA

Secretary

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The Society aims to research, record and preserve a permanent archive of the history of Sawtry and other local villages – Conington, Glatton, Holme and Coppingford – for the benefit of both contemporary and future generations, and to stimulate public interest in local history by publishing material and by holding meetings and exhibitions.

In 2008 the Sawtry History Society was invited by the Cambridgeshire Libraries to initiate, operate and maintain an Internet digital archive as part of their Community Archive Network. The archive aims to record and preserve photographs, documents and memories of local life on www.ccan.co.uk. The Sawtry Archive already contains almost 50 pages of old and modern photographs, documents, video and audio clips and is constantly growing.

Meetings: 19.30 on the third Thursday of each month, (except December & August), in The Women's Institute Hall in Gidding Road, Sawtry. Occasional visits to places of historic interest are also organised.

Membership: £10 per year. Visitors £1.50 per meeting.

Programme

17 Sep.	Don Chiswell	Edith Cavell
15 Oct.	Peter Longfoot	Steam Engine Slide Show
19 Nov.	Martin Smith	Hunts Cyclist Battalion (TBC)
December		No Meeting

2016 programme under development. Please check website for details.

St. Neots Local History Society

www.stneotslhs.org.uk

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The aim of the Society is to promote interest in the local history of the St Neots area through monthly meetings, research and summer outings. Historical information is collected and archives are held in St Neots Library. Several plaques to local celebrities are being erected throughout the town. A magazine is published four times each year.

Meetings: 19:30 on the first Friday of each month in the hall of Eynesbury C.E.(C) Primary School, Montagu Street, Eynesbury, St Neots PE19 2TD.

Membership: £12. Visitors always welcome - £2.50 for each meeting.

Programme

8 Jan.	Andrew Bish	Walden House, Huntingdon: the fascinating story of a late C17th house
5 Feb.	David Bushby	It pays to Advertise : what old advertisements can reveal (+ AGM)
4 Mar.	Stephen Coleman	Flitwick Manor Park : 19th century development of a garden & arboretum
1 Apr.	Nora Butler	A New Look at Victorian Kimbolton : newly discovered glass plate negatives
1 May		Beating the Bounds (A 14 mile walk around the St. Neots parish boundary)
6 May	Roger Leivers	The Godmanchester Stirling bomber
3 Jun.	Sue Jarrett	Pubs past and present of Eaton Socon Parish
1 Jul.	Jane Dale	<i>Guided tour</i> : Cracking Tales and Dark Deeds of Old Biggleswade
5 Aug.	Judy Endersby	<i>Guided tour</i> : Willington Dovecote & Stables
2 Sep.	Liz Davies	St Neots and the Great War
7 Oct.	Honor Ridout	Stourbridge Fair
4 Nov.	Rodney Todman	Life & Times of an Eynesbury Market Gardener – images from a family album
2 Dec.	Maureen James	The History of Christmas Customs in Cambs & Hunts

Stapleford History Society

Chair
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The Society was established in 2013 and aims to promote interest in local heritage & history, with a particular focus on Stapleford & the surrounding area. We have regular talks, and a range of projects including archaeological test-pitting, oral history and development of a village archive.

Meetings: Talks at 19:45 on the second Tuesday of October, December, January, March, May & July, in the Stapleford Jubilee Pavilion, plus other meetings related to specific projects

Membership: £10 pa Individual, £15 pa Family. Admission to meetings for non-members is £3.

Programme

13 Oct.	Rob Needle	Policing Cambridge, protecting children
08 Dec.	John Sutton	Naughty Newmarket
12 Jan.	Patricia Mirrlees	Stapleford's eccentric Vicar – the Rev Daw, and his pioneering concrete house
08 Mar.	Keith Dixon	Henry Morris and Cambridgeshire's unique village colleges
10 May	Seán Lang	The Cambridge Bonfires – a battle for order in late nineteenth-century Cambridge
12 Jul.	David Cozens	Oliver Cromwell and his Family

Swavesey & District History Society

Chair
Secretary

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We meet at Swavesey Village College from September to June. There are no meetings in July or August.

Meetings: 19.30 on the third Tuesday of the month, (December meeting is on the second Tuesday), in the Global Resource Room at Swavesey Village College.

Membership: £12.50 per year. Visitors £2 per meeting

Programme

15 Sep.	Roger Lievers	The Godmanchester Stirling
20 Oct.	Craig Cessford	To Clapham's I go
17 Nov.	Chris Carr	A woman's place – the role of the lady in the great household
6 Dec.		Members' Family History
19 Jan.	Philomena Guillebaud	From bats to beds to books – a history of the First great Eastern Hospital 1914-1929
23 Feb.	Susan Woodall	Sex, sin & salvation – women's refuge
15 Mar.	Selwyn Richardson	Fifty years of Fenland farming
19 Apr.	Dr. Andrew Lacey	Matthew parker & his library

17 May **Dr. Shirley Wittering** This enclosure business
21 Jun. **Joff Duck** Expressions of belief in the houses of the southern Fens –
c.1500-1700 AD

Trumpington Local History Group

www.trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org

Chair

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We research the history of Trumpington and its environs. We organise meetings where members can share the results of their research, and where outside speakers can present matters of local historical interest. Most of our research and reports on meetings appear on our website.

Meetings: 20:00, about three times a year, mainly in the Jubilee Room, Trumpington Village Hall, High Street, Trumpington CB2 9HZ.

Membership: £2.50 per indoor meeting.

Programme

12 Nov.

Members' evening – Discovering Street Names old and new

Warboys Local History Society

www.fowl.org.uk then follow links to Warboys Directory, Associations Clubs & Leisure and History Society

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The Society was founded in 1992 to promote the study of local history in this part of Huntingdonshire. We have speakers from around the area presenting general local history topics. Members are sent updates by email, and posters detailing each meeting are displayed in the library, on the Parish notice board and in local shops. Warboys Archaeology Project (affiliated to JIGSAW) is in its second year.

Meetings: 19.30 on the first Monday of each month, (except January), in the Methodist Church, Warboys.

Membership: £10 per year. Non-members: £3 per meeting.

Programme

5 Oct.	Alison Dickens	Strange tales from the dust
2 Nov.	Joan Bennett	Warboys War Memorial
	Mary Tringham	The St Edwards Home for Boys
7 Dec.	Roger Mould	Warboys Archaeology Project update (<i>plus seasonal celebrations</i>)
1 Feb.	Allan Mott	No Palace like Holme

Visits to local places of historical interest are part of the Programme and usually occur at a weekend two or three times each year. Please contact the Secretary or visit the website for details.

West Wickham & District Local History Club

www.westwickham.org then see our link under Clubs

Chair

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The aims of the Club are to foster interest and appreciation of the history of the local area. Please get in touch if you have a particular interest or are researching your family history, as we would love to hear from you and are happy to help in any way we can.

Meetings: 19.30 on the second Monday of the month, (October - April), usually in West Wickham Village Hall.

Membership: £10; visitors £2.00 per meeting.

Programme

12 Oct.	Andrew Westwood Bate	VAD hospitals in S Cambs in the First World War
09 Nov.	TBA	TBA
14 Dec.		Christmas Social Event
11 Jan.	Honor Ridout	Tudor Cambridge
08 Feb.	Janet Morris	800 years plus : our oldest standing buildings
14 Mar.		AGM
11 Apr.	TBA	TBA

Whittlesea Society

Chair

Ernie Hall

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The society aims to promote interest in the history, archaeology, geology, architecture and traditions of Whittlesea and the surrounding villages. It is open to anyone who is interested in such matters.

Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Market Street, Whittlesea.

Membership: £6 per year individual, £8 per year family

Programme

12 Oct.	Mike Petty	The Ouse marshes
9 Nov.	Brian Holditch	The Olympic torchbearer
14 Dec.	Neil Mitchell	The history of Peterborough & district
11 Jan.	Peter Larke	Tales of Christmas in Norfolk
8 Feb.	Anne Barnes	The history of Wisbech Castle
14 Mar.	Roger Negus	Dad's Army : the story of the television series
11 Apr.	Stephen Perry	Victorian Peterborough

Whittlesford Society

www.whittlesfordsociety.info

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The aims of the Society, founded in Autumn 1975, are: stimulating public interest in the history of Whittlesford; securing preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of public or historic interest in Whittlesford and the immediately adjacent area and promoting high standards of planning and architecture. The Society publishes its journal/ magazine *Whither Whittlesford* two or three times a year, as well as other occasional publications. Household membership is open to all resident and people interested in the village. Events in the village include Guided Walks; Tractor and Trailer tours of the Village; an annual Open evening/AGM in April with notable speaker; occasional Themed Exhibitions/focus days and natural history/archaeological field work. We also support liaison with other local Societies and Interest Groups and special initiatives this year to mark the 40th Anniversary - to Support, Facilitate and Promote Ideas, Activities and Events in line with The Society's aims even though our committee would not be directly involved in organising or running them. (Applications to contacts above). A grant from the Local Heritage Initiative in 2006 enabled creation of a local archive on which the Society has digitized over 2000 images and has extensive Natural History and Archaeological records, many available via our website – where a major new Archaeology site is under development.

Available in print: Whittlesford Recalled (village history) £5, The History of the Parish Church £5, Whittlesford at War £2, Whittlesford Memorial Hall £2, also past copies of *Whither Whittlesford*, the Whittlesford Millennium Map and 'The Diaries of Whittlesford' by Anne Barker nee Maynard (1837-1921). ('The Anatomy of a Victorian Village, Whittlesford 1800-1900' £15 +P&P is now out of print) Four calendars of (A4 size landscape spiral bound) 'Photographs of Old Whittlesford' have been produced (usually with proceeds to a selected charity) and the 2016 Calendar will have a similar format and descriptive text – probably based on a recently acquired collection of old postcards, many hand coloured.

Available online: Scanned and down-loadable pdf copies of all but the current year's issues of the 117 editions of the journal/magazine *Whither Whittlesford* published since during the 40 years of the

Whittlesford Society. Whittlesford War Graves information and The History of Maynard's Agricultural Engineering Works 1829-960. The website is under development to incorporate more material on-line.

Programme

Primarily associated in coming year with activities marking the Society's 40th Anniversary Year and progress with major research and publication project "The Whittlesford One Hundred and the Impact on this village of World War One".

2016 (Dates TBC)

Will include Annual Open Meeting / AGM in April with notable guest speaker; the annual Archaeology Weekend in May – hopefully to be extended considerably in 2016 because of exciting finds and potential in the village leading to bids for external funding for major new project on "Hidden Centuries: Whittlesford's Dark Age – Community Dig and Archaeology Training" PLUS at least one guided walk and guided visit/outing; visit(s) to part of IWM Duxford; encouraged co-operation / collaboration with the local school and like Societies in neighbouring villages – and especially the Challis Trust (museum and gardens) in Sawston.

For additional events and further details please see our website.

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Museums & Museum Societies

Burwell Museum of Fen Edge Village Life

www.burwellmuseum.org.uk

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Friends

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An amazing family day out – climb the windmill, follow the trails, enjoy the rare vintage vehicles, old schoolroom and village shop, and find out how people lived in Burwell on the edge of the Fens. The Museum depicts life on the edge of the Cambridgeshire Fens through the centuries. Opened in 1992, it is housed in a collection of different and interesting buildings. Some are reconstructed from other sites, such as the eighteenth-century timber-framed barn, and others are built in the local style using mainly reclaimed materials, such as the wagon sheds / granary display area. Most of the displays (vintage vehicles, farm machinery & lots more) are set out as scenes, rather like stage sets, with lots of individual artefacts making each display in order to give visitors a better idea of how, where and when items were used. Also on the site is a Grade II* Listed windmill – Stevens' Mill – which has recently undergone a Lottery Funded restoration. Guided tours of the mill available at no extra cost.

Open: 11am - 5pm Sundays, Thursdays and Bank Holiday Mondays from Easter Sunday to the end of October. Pre-booked group visits are welcome any day – daytime or evening. The Museum is closed from the start of November to just before Easter.

Admission: £4 per adult, (over 16 years), £2 per child, (3 – 16 years), Season ticket holders and under 3's are free. (Admission charges may change from Easter 2016)

Season Tickets: £15 – Individual, £20 – Joint, (two adults at same address), £25 – Family, (two adults and up to three children at same address), and allow free admission to the Museum on any regular open day, including special event days, and is valid for an entire open season, (Easter Sunday to the end of October). They are available from the Museum admission kiosk.

For further information about the museum, including special events details, group visits and how to find us, please see our website.

Centre for Computing History

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Established as an educational charity to tell the story of the information age, the museum presents a hands-on & interactive collection of important computers and related artefacts. It is the only museum dedicated to the social & historical impact of computers in Europe.

Open: 10:00 – 17:00 Wednesday - Sunday

Admission: £7 Adults, £5 Children & Concessions, £20 Families.

Chatteris Museum

www.chatterismuseum.org.uk

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Curator

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Chatteris Museum is an independent charity run entirely by volunteers. The collections and displays reflect life in Chatteris and the local fenland area from prehistoric times through to the present day. There are a small number of special events and a couple of temporary exhibitions run during the year and the permanent galleries are still being developed.

Groups and societies are welcome to visit outside the advertised opening times by arrangement with the Curator. Free parking is available in Church Lane and in Chatteris. There is disabled access to the ground floor and a stair lift to the upper gallery.

For details of special events and temporary exhibitions please visit the website or contact the Curator.

Open: Thursday 13:00 – 16:30, Saturday 10:00 – 13:00
Closed over Christmas and New Year.
Other times by appointment

Admission: Free

Cromwell Museum

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Interim Project Officer **Fiona O'Mahony**

The Cromwell Museum is the only museum in the country that focuses solely on Oliver Cromwell, 1599-1658. It is situated in the former town grammar school where Cromwell was a pupil, and contains portraits and objects that help to illustrate the life and legacy of the Lord Protector.

From April 2016 the running of the Cromwell Museum will be taken over by a charitable trust.

Admission: Free

Opening Hours (up to April 2016):

1 Apr–31 Oct: Tues – Sun 10:30 – 12:30 & 13:30 -16:00
1 Nov-31 Mar: Tues – Sun 13:30 – 16:00 (Except 10:30 – 12:30 on Saturdays)

Lecture: The annual Cromwell Collection lecture is held on a mid-week evening in November, at Huntingdon Library & Archive, Princes Street, Huntingdon. Tickets £5, from September. This year's date and speaker is to be announced shortly

Exhibitions: Huntingdon Grammar School

This small exhibition looks at the history of the building from its use as part of the Hospital of St John the Baptist in 1160 through to its use as a Grammar School. It will include the original 1565 Charter which established Huntingdon Grammar School.

Ely Museum

www.elymuseum.org.uk
The Old Gaol, Market Street, Ely CB7 4LS

Chair

Brian Tufnell

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Curator

Elie Hughes

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Friends of Ely Museum

Tel: 01353 666655

Ely Museum, in the Old Bishop's Gaol, is a bright and friendly local history museum. Displays include original prison cells, fossils that can be touched, Roman remains and an archive film of the fens including punt guns and eel catching. There are special events and exhibitions throughout the year. The museum has an active programme of temporary special exhibitions, day and evening events. For details of future events and exhibitions, please contact the Museum or visit our website. The museum is open all year round for visitors and guided tours are available if booked in advance.

Exhibitions:

18 July – 18 Oct. Aedwens Brooch: The mystery of Suttons Silver

The stunning Sutton Brooch will be on loan to Ely museum from The British Museum for a limited time only, don't miss this opportunity to see this fascinating object

1 Nov – 31 Jan. Design Icons

Taking you on a journey through the 1960s,70s and 80s, this exhibition explores some of the most recognisable designs of the twentieth century

Open: Summer : Mon – Sat 10.30 – 17.00, Sunday 13.00 – 17.00
Winter : Mon – Sat* 10.30 – 16.00, Sunday 13.00 – 16.00
*closed on Tuesdays except for school and group bookings

Admission: £4.50 adults, £4.00 concessions, accompanied children 5-16 years £1.00. Under 5's free. All tickets allow the visitor to return as many times as they wish for 1 year from date of issue.

Friends of Ely Museum talks: Members £1.50, non-members £2.50 - all held at 7.30pm in the Vernon Cross room at the Museum.

Friends membership: Individual £6, Couple £10. Family £12.

Programme of talks by presented by the Friends of Ely Museum will include:

1 Oct. **Dr. Jasmine Allen** Ely's Hidden Treasure –
the Stained Glass Museum, its growth and development

12 Nov. **Christina Barnes** The Courthouse

2016 programme under development please check website or contact Ely Museum for dates and more details.

Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey

www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk

Ely Road, Waterbeach, Cambs CB25 9PQ

Tel: 01223 860988 Email info@dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

Chair	Jane Williamson
Manager	Ann Wise
Education & Access Officer	Fanny Bara

The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey is a museum and historical monument that aims to educate, entertain and inspire people. It is an independent charity run by The Farmland Museum which manages Denny Abbey on behalf of English Heritage. The museum has a collection of artefacts depicting rural life in Cambridgeshire from agricultural machinery to social history items in the 1940s farm workers' cottage. It has an active programme of special event days, family holiday activity days, offers tours and talks for local groups and societies, and provides a busy education service for local schools as well as an enquiry service.

We have special event days during the open season and family drop-in holiday activities on Wednesdays and Thursdays during school holidays.

Open: 1 Apr. – 1 Nov Weekdays 12:00 – 17:00. Weekends and bank holidays 10:30 – 17:00
2 Nov. – 31 Mar Open for pre-booked groups and schools

Admission: Adults £5.00, Concessions £4.00, Children over 5 £3.00

The Admission charges are for 2015.

Season tickets available.

Special tariffs apply to special events.

Entrance to the Abbey is free for English Heritage members, on production of their membership card, with reduced entry fee to the Farmland museum. (No free entry on event days)

Programme

25 Oct.	10.30 - 17:00	Pumpkins and Spooks
1 Nov.	10.30 - 17:00	Autumn Fair
12 Dec.	12.00 - 17.00	Christmas At Denny – children's activities for children followed by Carols in the abbey by candle light (3 – 5pm)

For details of other events, please see our website.

Fitzwilliam Museum

www.fitzwilliam.cam.ac.uk

Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1RB

Tel: 01223 332900 Email fitzwilliam-enquiries@lists.cam.ac.uk

The Fitzwilliam Museum is the principal museum of the University of Cambridge. Its internationally important collections span centuries and civilizations ranging from ancient Egyptian, Greek & Roman antiquities to the arts of the 21st century. The museum celebrates its bicentenary in 2016.

Open: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 – 19:00, Sundays & Bank Holidays 12:00 – 19:00

Closed: Mondays, (except Bank Holidays), Good Friday, 24 – 26 & 31 December & 1 January

Admission: Free. Visitors' donations help keep the galleries open and are much appreciated.

Exhibitions:

Ends 27 Sep.	Watercolour : Elements of nature
Ends 27 Sep.	Designed to Impress : Highlights from the print collection
Ends 4 Oct.	Ruskin's Turners
25 Sep. – 6 Dec.	Following Hercules : The story of classical art
13 Oct. – 17 Jan.	Ronald Searle : Obsessed with drawing
13 Oct. – 17 Jan.	Cradled in Caricature : Visual humour in satirical prints and drawings
23 Feb. – 22 May	Death on the Nile
30 Jul. – 30 Dec.	Colour : The Art and Science of Medieval and Renaissance Illuminated Manuscripts

Flag Fen Archaeology Park

www.vivacity-peterborough.com/museums-and-heritage/flag-fen/

The Droveaway, Northey Road, Peterborough PE6 7QJ

Tel: 01733 864468 Email flag.fen@vivacity-peterborough.com

Archaeology Development Manager

Sarah Wilson

Managed by Vivacity, Peterborough Cultural & Leisure Trust, Flag Fen is the most significant Bronze Age archaeological site in northern Europe. The site is based around the incredible remains of a prehistoric causeway discovered by Dr. Francis Pryor in 1982. Dating to c1350BC, the causeway was constructed of some 60,000 trees, cut down over a century to build a post alignment over a kilometer in length with an artificial island half way across, the size of a football stadium. Flag Fen is also home to a conservation facility in which the Must Farm boats, a remarkable collection of 3,500 year old log boats, are available to view daily. As well as the preserved timbers, the site features a museum of finds, (including England's oldest wheel), recreated period buildings, a visitor centre, a shop and a café. A programme of events and activities takes place over the year, as well as an onsite educational programme. Please check our website for more details.

Open: April – September Daily 10:00 – 17:00, (Last admission 16:00)

Closed: October – March, (except for pre-booked groups and school parties)

Admission: £6.00 Adults, £4 Concessions, (Under 5s free), £18 Families, (Up to 2 Adults & up to 3 Children over 5). Increased admission charges apply on special event days.

Please note that Opening Times & Admission Charges are correct as at July 2015.

Friends of Wisbech & Fenland Museum

www.wisbechmuseum.org.uk

Museum Square, Wisbech, Cambs PE13 1ES

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Secretary

Geoff Hill

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The Friends support the work of the Museum. In particular, we aim to improve the displays of exhibits, arrange special exhibitions & lectures, further the charitable purposes of the Museum, encourage the development of its facilities and produce newsletters.

Open: Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 – 16:00

Admission: Free

Programme

The programme is under development. Please contact the Secretary or visit the website.

IWM Duxford

www.iwm.org.uk/duxford

Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR

Tel: 01223 835 000 Email duxford@iwm.org.uk

Directions: Located on the A505 off Junction 10 of the M11. Approximately 15 minutes drive from Cambridge and 40 minutes drive from the M25.

IWM Duxford tells the story of the impact of aviation on the nature of war and on people's lives. Set within Britain's best-preserved Second World War fighter station, seven impressive hangars filled with extraordinary collections and state-of-the-art exhibitions take you on an unforgettable journey through times of war and peace.

Open: Mid-March to late-October: Daily 10:00 – 18:00

Late-October to mid-March: Daily 10:00 – 16:00

Closed: 24 – 26 December

Admission: Please visit the museum's website for details.

Programme

Please visit the museum's website for details of all events.

IWM Duxford is part of Imperial War Museums

Kettle's Yard

www.kettlesyard.co.uk

Kettle's Yard, Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ

Tel: 01223 748100 Email mail@kettlesyard.co.uk

Director

Andrew Nairne

From 22 June 2015 Kettle's Yard House and Gallery will be closed to visitors for approximately two years. This is to enable the completion of a major building project to greatly improve facilities for visitors, artists, children and young people. The plans include a four-floor Education Wing, remodeled and environmentally controlled exhibition galleries and a new entrance space with a cafe.

Please see our website to find out more about the project or our offsite events during the closure period.

A major collection of 20th century paintings and sculpture exhibited in a house of unique character and, temporary exhibitions in the gallery with changing contemporary and modern art exhibitions, talks and discussions. An education programme and a regular concert series are held during the academic terms. The Friends programme a series of national and international visits and events. Kettle's Yard is a beautiful house with a distinctive collection of modern art. Paintings and sculptures by Henry Moore, Alfred Wallis, Joan Miro, Constantine Brancusi and Barbara Hepworth are placed among ceramics, furniture and natural objects in a unique domestic setting. Next door is an exhibition gallery with an international reputation for its changing programme of 20th century and contemporary art exhibitions.

Longthorpe Tower

www.vivacity-peterborough.com

Thorpe Road, Longthorpe, Peterborough, PE3 6LU

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Interpretation Manager

Stuart Orme

Managed by Vivacity, Peterborough Cultural & Leisure Trust on behalf of English Heritage, Longthorpe Tower is a very well preserved example of a solar tower, built around 1300, containing the private apartments of the owner of a fortified manor house. It boasts the finest medieval domestic wall paintings in Western Europe. This varied 'spiritual encyclopaedia' of worldly and religious subjects provides a window into the medieval mind and includes the Wheel of 5 senses, the 'three living and three dead', the Nativity and King David.

The Tower has a hands-on exhibition which explains the story of the building, paintings and Thorpe family, as well as exciting weekend events. Please check our website for more details.

Open: April – October inclusive: Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays 10.00 – 17.00 (last admission 4.30pm)

Pre-booked groups and school parties are welcome outside of these hours all year round.

Admission: £3 adults, £2 concessions, (under 5s free), £8 families, English Heritage members FREE. There are increased prices on special event days.

These details are correct as of June 2015. Please visit our website for up-to-date information.

March & District Museum & Museum Society

www.marchmuseum.co.uk

High Street, March, Cambs PE15 9JJ

Email info@marchmuseum.co.uk

Tel: 01354 655300

Chair

Amanda Carlin

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The March Museum was established by a group of prominent March people in 1972. Set up as a local folk museum, there are a number of displays showing the life and times of the late 19th and early 20th Centuries with arrangements representing a kitchen, parlour and nursery bedroom while the outside exhibits show a reconstructed Blacksmith's forge, a Fenland cottage and privy. The medals awarded to Benjamin Gimbert following the train explosion at Soham in June 1944 are on display together with the nameplates from the two Class 47 locomotives named in honour of the Driver and Fireman together with other records of the event. The large ASLEF Union (March Branch) banner is on display. A wide range of local history documents, including Local Council Rate Books, are available for those involved in serious research of their family or local history.

Museum

Open: Wednesdays & Saturdays 10:30 – 15:30. Other times by prior arrangement.

Closed: Christmas & New Year.

Admission: Free to the Museum but donations welcome. Groups out of normal hours – £1.00 per person.

Society

Meetings: 19:30 on the second Friday in each month, (September – May), in St. Peter's Church Hall, opposite the Museum. Please check the website for details.

Admission: £2.00 members; £3.00 visitors.

Programme

11 Sep.	Mike Petty	1066 – 1610 : Hereward & other fighters
9 Oct.	Mike Hodgson	History of aviation in Lincolnshire
13 Nov.	Michelle Lawes	The interesting history of Wisbech Castle (+ AGM)
8 Jan.		Punch and Pies evening - Members only
12 Feb.	John Shaw	Zeppelins and the Hindenburg Crash 1937
11 Mar.	HJK Jenkins	30 years of the Fenland Lighter Project
8 Apr.	TBA	Annual Railway Lecture
13 May	Fanny Bara Moreau	Denny Abbey and the Knights Templar
9 Sep.	Geoffrey Lee	A History of Fire Fighting
14 Oct.	Martyn Thomas	Fenland Ague
11 Nov.	Fiona Lucraft	Great Meals in Literature (+AGM)

Museum of Cambridge

(formerly Cambridge & County Folk Museum)

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Heather Taplin

The museum, which was reopened in May 2005, after a complete refurbishment, covers the social history of Cambridge and its region over the past several hundred years. In addition to an extensive education programme, the Museum hosts a number of temporary exhibitions and events throughout the year and offers regular family and children's activities and trails.

Open: Tue – Sat 10:30 – 5pm, Sun 12:00 – 16:00. Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays and pre-booked groups. Bank Holiday Mondays 12:00 – 16:00. Please visit the website for up-to-date information about holiday opening hours.

Admission: Adults £4.00. Concessions £2, (Seniors and Students). Child, (under 12 years) Free

Friends: For information about membership or events, please ring, visit the website or email.

Information about events and exhibitions is available from the Museum or via the Museum website. If you would like to receive information about events and exhibitions via email, please visit the website or email.

Norris Museum

www.norrismuseum.org.uk

The Broadway, St Ives PE27 5BX

Tel: 01480 497314 Email info@norrismuseum.org.uk

Curator
Assistant Curator

Sarah Russell
Gilly Vose

The Norris Museum displays the archaeology and history of what was the County of Huntingdonshire. It is set in a picturesque riverside garden in the centre of St Ives. The museum was founded by Herbert Norris who left his lifetime's collection of Huntingdonshire relics to the people of St Ives when he died in 1931.

The museum has an extensive library and archive that is accessible by appointment. The collections are listed by type on our website. Living history days, craft workshops, tours for adults and children's holiday activities are just some of the fun events that are held all year round.

There is also a public computer where visitors and researchers can access our skating-related material, including Fen Skating material.

This year, The Norris Museum will be applying for Phase 2 Heritage Lottery funding to improve the museum and the services it provides. The first phase (2014-2015) included architects plans, display design, collections surveys and audience development among other things. In 2016, subject to a successful bid, the museum will close to the public for redevelopment and reopen in Spring 2017. Throughout this period a series of events and activities will be run by the museum across Huntingdonshire.

The museum has a strong group of Friends as well as an ever-growing number of volunteers who help the museum in a variety of ways.

Open: May – September: Monday to Saturday 10.00 – 16.00, Sunday 13.00 – 16.00
October – April: Monday to Saturday 10.00 – 16.00

Admission: Free

Members of staff are able to talk about aspects of the museum. Please contact the Curator for further information.

Papworth Heritage Centre

www.papworthheritagecentre.org.uk

Library & Knowledge Services, Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Papworth Everard, Cambs
CB23 3RE

Heritage Officer (part-time)

Becky Proctor

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Email becky.proctor@papworth.nhs.uk

Papworth Heritage Centre celebrates the remarkable history of the people who have lived and worked in the village of Papworth Everard. Objects and displays reflect the pioneering work of Papworth Village Settlement, founded in 1918 to treat and rehabilitate tuberculosis patients, and the subsequent development of Papworth Hospital, the UK's largest specialist centre for the diagnosis and treatment of heart and lung disease.

For further information, to request a programme of illustrated talks available for local groups and history societies, or to make an appointment to visit, please contact the Heritage Officer.

Admission: Free.

Find the Heritage Centre in the Ellen Kemp Building, next to the hospital restaurant.
Opening Hours are subject to change. We strongly recommend telephoning or emailing us in advance.

Peterborough Museum Society

www.peterboroughmuseumsociety.org.uk

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The Society aims to promote the study of local and natural history, archaeology, art, science and kindred subjects, and to promote the interests of the Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery.

Meetings are held in the Martin Howe Room of Peterborough Museum & Art Gallery, Priestgate, between early October and early April on alternate Tuesday evenings at 19:30.

Membership: £15.00, (pensioners £12.50; juniors & students £12.50). Visitors £2.50 per meeting.

Programme

06 Oct. **Tim Mackrill**

The Rutland Osprey Project

20 Oct. **Stuart Orme**

The Battle of Agincourt - 1415

3 Nov. **Jackie Daniels**

One Hundred Years of the Women's Institute

17 Nov.	Natalie Swann	Excavations and discoveries at Midland Road
1 Dec.	Stephen Perry	A Tram Ride to Dogsthorpe
15 Dec.	David Sharp & Peter Seagrave	One Hundred Years of American Civil Wars – Incidents, Characters & Guns
12 Jan.	Clare Freeman	Nene Park : the Untold Story
26 Jan.	Geoffrey Darnell	Edmund Tyrell Artis : antiquarian
9 Feb.	Stephen Upex	Edmund Tyrell Artis : archaeologist
23 Feb.	Craig Cessford	To Clapham's I go : a mid-late 18th century Cambridge coffeehouse
8 Mar.	TBA	TBA
22 Mar.	Richard Barry	Looking at our Sundial Heritage
5 Apr.	TBA	TBA (19:00 Annual General Meeting)

Events:

Details of Summer Outings for Members will be available from the Secretary and on the website.

Prickwillow Engine Trust – The Museum of Fenland Drainage

www.prickwillow-engine-museum.co.uk

Main Street, Prickwillow, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4UN

Tel: 01353 688360 Email enquiries@prickwillow-engine-museum.co.uk

Group Visit Organiser

Les Walton

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Treasurer

Mrs Pauline Dunham

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The museum is on the B1882 at the eastern fringe of Prickwillow village, by the bridge over the River Lark, on the Hereward Way footpath. Large, free car park. Exhibits include several large vintage diesel pumping engines. Displays cover the historical and technical aspects of fen drainage over many centuries. There are video clips of engines in operation and demonstration running of one or more large engines is usually possible for a group.

Open: April 25th to October 4th: Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, 12.00 – 16.00

Admission: Standard: Adults £3, Children £1, Senior Citizens £2, Family £6
Events & Run Days: Adults £4, Children £1.50, Senior Citizens £3, Family £10

Group visits welcome any time, subject to availability of volunteer guides. Group rates for 20 or more.

Events:

3-4 Oct.

Ploughing festival

6 Dec.

Christmas Special Run Day

Ramsey Rural Museum

www.ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk

The Wood Yard, Wood Lane, Ramsey, Cambs PE26 2XD

Tel: 01487 815715 Email ramseyruralmuseum@live.com

Chair

Terence Heslin MBE

3 Fishermans Close, Upwood, Huntingdon Cambs PE26 2PW

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We are a registered charity, entirely run by volunteers. We are also an Accredited Status Museum. Our purpose is to preserve and display the history of the Fens in Ramsey and the surrounding villages.

Open: Start of April, (or Easter if this falls in March), to end of October.

Admission: £4.50 per adult, £4 per senior citizen, £12 per family of up to 2 adults and up to 2 children. These prices are for normal opening hours as above. For special events, please see our website.

Royston & District Museum & Art Gallery

www.roystonmuseum.org.uk

5 Lower King Street, Royston, Herts SG8 5AL

Curator

Jenny Oxley

Tel: 01763 242587 Email curator@roystonmuseum.org.uk

Royston & District Museum & Art Gallery sits at the heart of the Royston community and celebrates the wonderful and varied stories of the town and its people.

Our collection is diverse. You can see objects ranging from prehistoric axes, an 1855 printing press that printed Royston's local newspaper and a catalytic converter to a collection of 19th century glass and 19th and 20th century ceramics and the Royston Tapestry Project.

Our regular temporary exhibitions feature local artists showcasing their skill in a variety of media. These run alongside events, family activities and school visits.

Open: Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday, 10.00 – 16.45

Admission: Free

Royston Cave

www.roystoncave.co.uk

Katherine's Yard, Melbourn Street, Royston, Herts SG8 7BZ

Town Clerk

Mrs. Susan Thornton-Bjork

Tel: 01763 245484 Email enquiries@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk

Situated underneath Melbourn Street, close to the Roys Stone, the Cave is owned by Royston Town Council and is a Grade 1 archaeological site overseen by English Heritage. It is a medieval, man made structure hewn out of the chalk, lost and then rediscovered in 1742. During 1790 a passageway into the Cave was dug out. This allowed visitors to see the unique medieval style carvings that now bring

visitors from all over the world. Since 1996 much conservation work has been carried out with the help of grants from English Heritage, Hertfordshire County Council, the Town Council and the Royston and District Local History Society. A conservation project has been under way for the past few years which was brought to a successful conclusion in March 2014. The Cave is managed by volunteers from the Royston and District Local History Society (see their entry) on behalf of Royston Town Council with the aim of preserving the Cave for future generations whilst ensuring limited and controlled access. The Royston Cave Trust is a registered charity working towards the same goals, currently with English Heritage who part-funded the recent programme of conservation works.

Open: Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays, (Easter Saturday to end September), 14.30 – 17.00, (last entry 16.30). The Cave is also open for the same hours every Wednesday in August. Private tours for interested parties can be arranged. A candlelight opening is usually offered in September and December. Please see the website for details nearer the time.

Entry is by guided tour only. Tours are at approximately 2:30, 3:10, 3:50 and 4:30 and only 18 people are allowed down at any one time. During busy times, visitors may have to wait till the next tour starts. Please check the website for more details.

Admission: Adults £5, 60 or over £4. Accompanied children, (under 16), free. No unaccompanied children.

Soham Museum

www.sohammuseum.org

Chair

Donna Martin

PO Box 21, Fountain Lane, Soham, Ely, Cambs CB7 5PL
Tel: 01353 624409 Email museum@soham.org.uk

Secretary

Ann Roberts

Soham Museum is a living history museum with a permanent presence at Soham Library where its collection will be based from 2016. Established in 1998, the museum is renowned for its dynamic outreach programme. Soham Museum runs an interesting programme of bi-monthly History Group talks from Berrycroft Church Hall to which all are welcome.

Soham Local & Family History Group, which publishes an annual journal of new research, meets for six weeks each term at Soham Library and welcomes new members and relevant local articles for publication.

Archaeology Cambridgeshire East, (ACE), was formed as a sub-group of Soham Museum in 2014 under the umbrella of the HLF Jigsaw project which establishes active local archaeology groups. ACE meets at Soham Library on the last Saturday of each month 10-12 and is free.

Soham Museum also holds a popular informal 'drop in' coffee morning on the first Saturday of each month where people are invited to bring along items of interest and generally share a love of history.

Our current interests are Soham Pubs and Breweries, Soham in the 1950s, Soham People, Soham Mere and associated inland waterways, as well as local trade and commerce. We are always interested to hear from people who would like to share new information with us, and guarantee you a warm welcome.

Membership: £10.00 per annum, Visitors £2.50 per event. Many events are free. All welcome.

Please check our website for details of future events or e-mail us if you would like to book a speaker.

Soham Museum has no associations with Soham Heritage & Tourism.

St. Neots Museum

www.stneotsmuseum.org.uk

The Old Court, 8 New Street, St. Neots, Cambs. PE19 1AE

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Curator

Liz Davies

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Learning Officer

Lesley Sainsbury

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St Neots museum is a lively local museum that tells the story of a busy market town on the River Great Ouse, from prehistoric times to the present day. The museum is situated in the centre of the town and housed in St Neots Victorian Police Station and Magistrates Court, with a fascinating Edwardian (1907) cell block. We have a regular programme of temporary exhibitions and family activities.

Open: February – December, Tuesday to Saturday, 11:00 – 16:00

Admission: Free for local residents of contributing parishes.
Other visitors - £3 adults, £2 Seniors & Concessions, £1 Children.

Programme

9 Sep. – 10 Oct.	Rachel Mercer	Drawings & Paintings
14 Oct. – 14 Nov.	Abigail Fearing	Recent Work
18 Nov. – 24 Dec.		Christmas Arts & Crafts
3 Feb. – 5 Mar.	Janni Knibbs	Paintings
9 Mar. – 9 Apr.	Michael Kay	Drawings
13 Apr. – 14 May	Sho-Jen	Chinese Inspired Art
18 May – 18 Jun.	Melina Lafirenze	Paintings
22 Jun. – 3 Sep.		Trade & Industry in St Neots

Group & School Visits: The museum welcomes visits from schools and groups. In our new community room we have the space for talks, craft activities and afternoon tea and we are happy to arrange evening visits. Please contact the Curator for further details.

Talks: The museum offers talks on a number of local history topics for a set fee, either at the museum or where your group usually meets. Topics include Myth and Magic in Huntingdonshire, The Kimbolton Coin Hoard, Crime and Punishment in Victorian St Neots, Kill or Cure: Dr T. J. Walker, Victorian Surgeon, A Short History of St Neots and its People, St Neots and the Great War 1914 – 18. Please contact the Curator.

Walks: Monthly town centre 'Story of St Neots' walk, starts at the Museum at 7.00pm, lasts approximately 85 minutes, walks go ahead whatever the weather, see our website for dates. Booking: Ring the museum, email us or come to the Museum and pay on the day.

Stained Glass Museum

www.stainedglassmuseum.com

South Triforium of Ely Cathedral, Ely, Cambs CB7 4DL
Tel: 01353 660347 Email info@stainedglassmuseum.com

Curator

Dr. Jasmine Allen

Email curator@stainedglassmuseum.com

The Stained Glass Museum is the only museum dedicated to stained glass in the UK. Housed in the South Triforium of Ely Cathedral, the gallery contains over one hundred examples of the finest British and continental stained glass, from the Middle Ages through to the 21st century. The Stained Glass Museum Trust was founded in 1972 to rescue and preserve stained glass from redundant buildings.

The Museum's exhibits include a late-eighteenth century panel copied from a portrait by the artist Sir Joshua Reynolds. Also on display is work by Morris and Co. Important examples of 20th century stained glass include artworks by Evie Hone, Harry Clarke, John Piper, Patrick Reyntiens and Brian Clarke.

The Museum opened to the public in 1979, and today it offers a unique insight into the fascinating story of stained glass, an art-form that has been practised in Britain for at least thirteen hundred years. The Museum also has a specialist reference library, open to the public via prior appointment.

Open: Monday – Saturday 10.30 – 17.00
Sunday 12.00 – 16.30

Admission: Adults £4.50, Concessions, (full-time students and over-60s), £3.50. Children under 16 accompanied by an adult free. Art Fund members free.

Group visits are welcome and receive a discounted admission price – please enquire for guided tours.

Exhibitions & events: The Museum holds temporary exhibitions throughout the year. Regular events include an Annual study weekend in April, Annual Lecture in July in London and a series of Autumn Lectures in Ely. Additional events throughout the year. Please see our website for more information. There are explorer packs and activities for children in the gallery.

Friends subscription: minimum £25 - form available online.

Stretham Engine Trust

www.strethamoldengine.org.uk

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Besides the 1831 beam engine and scoop wheel, operated by electric motor, the complex includes a 1925 Mirrlees, Bickerton & Day diesel engine driving a Gwyness centrifugal pump, an 1870 Easton, Amos & Anderson vertical centrifugal pump and an Archimedean screw pump. Numerous Fen-related hand tools are displayed in the main Engine Room. The plant is scheduled as an Ancient Monument & the building itself is Grade 2* listed.

Open: Bank Holidays, (Easter – end August), 13:30 – 17:00
Second Sunday in each month, (Easter – September), 13:30 – 17:00
Fourth Sunday in each month, (May – September), 13:30 – 17:00

Admission: Adults £3, Children £1. Group visits welcome by arrangement.

Thorney Society & Thorney Heritage Museum

www.thornesociety.co.uk or www.thorney-museum.org.uk

Thorney Heritage Museum, The Tankyard, Station Road, Thorney PE6 0QE

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The object of the Society is to encourage interest in, and knowledge of, the local and natural history of the village and parish of Thorney, and to maintain the Museum for the interest and education of local people and visitors. The Society was founded in 1985, and opened the Museum in 1987. We organise events during the year for those interested in Thorney to meet each other, and also to raise money to support the Museum. We have an increasing involvement in local archaeological work, and are delighted to welcome pre-booked groups for tours of the medieval abbey, Victorian model village and Museum. Information about membership and the future programme is available from the Museum.

The AGM is held in the spring and other meetings are held occasionally. Please check the website for details.

Membership: Society £10, concessions £5. Museum entry free

Open: Easter Sunday to last Sunday in September, Sunday afternoons 14.00 – 17.00
Slight variation at August Bank Holiday, please call to check

We are delighted to open the Museum for groups at a small charge and to arrange tours of the village.

University Museum of Zoology Cambridge

www.museum.zoo.cam.ac.uk

Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3EJ

Tel: 01223 336650 Email umzc@zoo.cam.ac.uk

The University Museum of Zoology is home to around four million specimens of animals. Its displays trace the evolution of animal life and show at least one specimen of almost every group in the collections.

The Museum is now closed for refurbishment for two years but learning and outreach activities are to continue. Please check our website for further details.

Whipple Museum of the History of Science

www.hps.cam.ac.uk/whipple

Free School Lane, Cambridge CB2 3RH

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The Whipple Museum holds a pre-eminent collection of scientific instruments and models, dating from the Middle Ages to the present day. The Museum's collection includes microscopes, telescopes, sundials, early slide rules, teaching & demonstration equipment, pocket electronic calculators and laboratory apparatus. The Whipple's Main Gallery was refurbished in 2010 and the Upper Gallery has been transformed into a new, permanent Globe Gallery that opened in the summer of 2013.

Open: Mondays – Fridays 12.30 – 16.30

Closed: Bank Holidays & between Christmas & New Year

We are also open outside of these hours for special events such as talks and concerts. Please check the website for details.

Admission: Free.

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Education

University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education

www.ice.cam.ac.uk

Madingley Hall, Madingley, Cambridge CB23 8AQ

Tel: 01223 746262

The Institute of Continuing Education offers a wide range of part-time and short courses for personal or career development in subjects including archaeology, historic environment, history of art and local history. Courses run at our headquarters, Madingley Hall, a 16th-century country house set in eight acres of landscaped gardens. Courses are all taught by experts in their field, and many lead to formal University of Cambridge qualifications.

The Institute will be holding its next Open Day on 24 March 2016.

Courses that may be of interest to members in 2015/16:

Undergraduate Certificates, Diplomas & Advanced Diplomas

These part-time courses are taught at undergraduate level, and offer credit within the national Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ). They are designed for researchers, professionals, volunteers, those working with their communities, and anyone with an interest in the field.

Certificate courses are open to all, with no previous academic knowledge or experience required. Diplomas offer the opportunity to study a subject in greater depth, while Advanced Diplomas are research-based courses of supervised independent study.

Certificates and Diplomas are taught over one year, and begin in October. Advanced Diplomas are taught over two years, and begin in November.

- Undergraduate Certificate in Archaeology
- Undergraduate Certificate in History of Art
- Undergraduate Certificate in Local History
- Undergraduate Certificate in the Study of Early Medieval England – *NEW for 2015*
- Undergraduate Diploma in Archaeology
- Undergraduate Diploma in Historic Environment
- Undergraduate Diploma in History of Art
- Undergraduate Diploma in Local History
- Undergraduate Advanced Diploma in Archaeology
- Undergraduate Advanced Diploma in Historic Environment
- Undergraduate Advanced Diploma in History of Art
- Undergraduate Advanced Diploma in Local History

Master of Studies (MSt) degrees

The Institute also offers a small number of MSts, which are part-time Master's degrees taught over two years. The MSt in History offers pathways in British local/regional history and modern British political history, and will be open for applications from October 2015.

Weekend courses

Weekend courses run from Friday evening to Sunday lunchtime, and include meals from the Institute's award-winning kitchen. Participants can choose to stay at Madingley Hall for the duration of their course, or attend as a non-resident.

- The Sutton Hoo treasure, the Staffordshire Hoard, and the golden age of Old England (11–13 September 2015)
- The Italian Renaissance: new perspectives of man and his world (23–25 October 2015)
- William Morris: in pursuit of beauty (30 October – 1 November 2015)
- The Georgian house (13–15 November 2015)
- Making of the Anglo-Saxon fenland (20–22 November 2015)
- Roman London: the archaeology and origins of the capital (20–22 November 2015)
- Early Netherlandish art in the late 15th century (20–22 November 2015)
- Histories and pseudohistories of the post-Roman era: King Arthur, Hengest and Havelok (4–6 December 2015)
- The art of Imperial Russia, 1721–1917 (4–6 December 2015)
- The Renaissance portrait, 1450-1600 (22–24 January 2016)
- Early Christian Rome: art and history (22–24 January 2016)
- Churches and chapels of Cambridge (22–24 January 2016)
- Ancient cultures of South America (19–21 February 2016)
- Cambridge wives: influential women in Victorian Cambridge (19–21 February 2016)
- Early Netherlandish art c.1500: the art and time of Hieronymus Bosch (19–21 February 2016)
- Bede and the history of early England (26–28 February 2016)
- Daily life and the afterlife in ancient Egypt (26–28 February 2016)
- The English economy before the Norman Conquest: agriculturalists, artisans and aristocrats (18–20 March 2016)

- Viking Britain (18–20 March 2016)
- Masters of British landscape from Gainsborough to Goldsworthy (1–3 April 2016)
- Prehistoric Britain: an archaeological introduction (8–10 April 2016)
- In the merry company of Dutch Golden Age art (15–17 April 2016)
- English medieval towns: Norwich, King's Lynn, Canterbury and Cambridge (22–24 April 2016)
- Strong-minded women: the 19th-century women's rights movement (6–8 May 2016)
- The Cambridge Five and the Soviet espionage offensive against Great Britain (13–15 May 2016)
- The Grand Tour (13–15 May 2016)
- Urban experience, its history and its prospects (20–22 May 2016)
- Five young artists on the eve of the Great War (20–22 May 2016)
- Survival and revival: the country house in the 20th century (24–26 June 2016)
- The complete Andrea Palladio: architecture, life and legacy (1–3 July 2016)
- The Renaissance garden in Britain: nature produces better fruit if cultivated (8–10 July 2016)

Day schools

A programme of one-day courses, designed to provide an introduction to the various academic disciplines taught at Madingley Hall.

- Cavalier! The life and times of Prince Rupert of the Rhine (9 January 2016)
- Rethinking the dead: the anthropology of death and burial (16 January 2016)
- The Pre-Raphaelite dream: art, design, interiors (16 January 2016)
- The consumer revolution 1350-1800: frugality and scarcity to mass consumption (17 January 2016)
- Defending Scotland (21 February 2016)
- A history of English furniture, 1500-1830 (3 April 2016)
- Reading prehistoric figurines (23 April 2016)
- A history of special education in England (15 May 2016)
- Women of the Italian Renaissance: who were they? (15 May 2016)

Summer schools

The Institute's summer schools have been welcoming people to Cambridge from all over the world since 1923 and attract around 1,000 students each year. The Ancient and Classical Worlds programme brings together the expertise of Cambridge academics in Classics, Divinity, Philosophy, Archaeology and Anthropology, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, and History and Philosophy of Science, and takes place in July.

University of the Third Age in Cambridge (U3AC)

www.u3ac.org.uk

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Chair

Secretary

Sally Livesey

John Wills

The U3AC has over 300 activities on offer, ranging from history to discussion groups, in fact any subject that interests members and for which they are willing to act as tutors. Classes are held either at the Bridge Street premises or in venues around the city. Membership is open to those no longer in full-time employment and most activities take place during the day. The main aim of U3AC is to help members spend their 'third age' in pursuit of new and old interests, to meet like-minded people and to keep this self-help organisation flourishing and growing. Look on the web site for up-to-date information about the courses.

WEA Cambridgeshire Branches



Membership: £70-per year plus a one-off enrolment fee of £5 plus extra fees for a small number of classes. Telephone or visit the office, (10-2 Monday to Friday), and ask for a Membership pack which includes the Programme for 2015 – 2016.

Workers' Educational Association Eastern Region

www.eastern.wea.org.uk/

Cintra House, 12 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1JP

Tel: 01223 417320 Email eastern@wea.org.uk

Cambridgeshire Course Organiser **Tanis Paulin**
Administrator **Pam Cole**

The aim of the WEA is to extend access to education to everyone and to that end we run courses across the whole of the Eastern Region; last year there were over 1,850 enrolments on WEA courses in Cambridgeshire alone. Learners need no previous experience or qualifications, just an interest in the subject and a willingness to learn. Full details of our courses and how to enrol can be found on our website and in our 2015-16 course brochures, available from most libraries or through our regional office – please contact us for a copy. The duration of each course varies, but many run for 10 weeks with 1.5 hours per session. One-day schools are also popular, and many of these are organised as they progress and advertised on our website.

The WEA has 25 branches in Cambridgeshire and course fees are low because each branch is run by its voluntary members. For example a 10-week course can cost as little as £48 - suggestions for new courses are always welcome. Meetings are held weekly across the region. If you are interested in forming a branch or getting involved please contact us!

Cambridgeshire Branches

We offer a great many courses in a variety of different topics. Some of the Courses offered for 2015-16 which may be of particular interest in Cambridgeshire include:

Exploring Fenland Folklore & Customs

Ickleton / Chesterfords Branch, from 16/09/15

Contact Margaret Beston Tel: 01799 530454, Email margaret.beston42@btinternet.com

Exploring Fenland Folklore and Customs

Bluntisham Branch, from 21/09/15

Contact Lynne Tofield Tel: 01480 466142, Email colinandlynne@john-lewis.com

Myths & Legends of Cambridgeshire & the Fens

Alconbury Branch, from 22/09/15

Contact Mary Daybell Tel: 01480 455031, Email mary.daybell@ntlworld.com

A Brave New World? – The English in 17th Century Virginia

Ely Branch, from 23/09/15

Contact Yvonne Robinson Tel: 01353 778196, Email dave.robinson59@btinternet.com

A History of Cambridge

Upwood Branch, from 23/09/15

Contact Liz Carter Tel: 01487 813008, Email liz@backtracks.biz

The Friendly Invasion : the USAAF in East Anglia 1942-1945

Haddenham Branch, from 05/10/15, with a free Inaugural lecture at 10:00 on 28/09/15

Contact Jenny Lowles Tel: 01353 861674

The Friendly Invasion : the USAAF in East Anglia 1942-1945

Hemingfords Branch, from 05/10/15, with a free Inaugural lecture at 14:00 on 28/09/15

Contact John Rolfe Tel: 01480 463493

900 Years of British Agriculture and its Impact on the Landscape

Willingham Branch, from 11/01/16

Contact Rosemary Mumford Tel: 01954 260934

Workers' Educational Association Upwood Branch

www.wea.org.uk/eastern

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Dr. Ian Gaunt

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11 Church Lane, Upwood, Huntingdon, Cambs PE26 2QF

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Classes are held at Upwood Village Hall, High Street, Upwood.

Fee concessions for unwaged & dependents, free car parking, refreshments served.

Programme

23 Sep.	Honor Ridout	The History of Cambridge – with possibility of visit. Wednesday mornings 10.00 – 11.45 10 weeks £48. Online booking available via WEA website
11 Feb.	Ian McLachlan	The Friendly Invasion – WW2 US Forces in East Anglia. Study day 10.00 – 16.00 £18 – please bring own lunch, tea/coffee/biscuits & cake provided.
3 Mar.	Chloe Cockerill	Pomp & Circumstance – Ceremony & Regalia explored & explained. Study day 10.00 – 16.00 £18 - please bring own lunch, tea/coffee/biscuits & cake provided.
20 Apr.	Andrew Sankey	Royal Gardens – will include local examples & may include a visit. Wednesday evenings 20:00 – 22.00 7 weeks £45. Online booking available via WEA website.

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The Haddon Library, a subject library within the University of Cambridge, is located in the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology on Downing Street. Cambridge Antiquarian Society, which publishes *The Conduit*, has very close links with the Department. The Haddon incorporates the CAS library, with its county focus, and in 2014 completed the work of cataloguing that collection online. Many of the Haddon's journals come by exchange with the *Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society*. Units of the Department include the McDonald Institute, the Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, and the Cambridge Archaeological Unit. The Haddon, which in 2013 became an affiliate of Cambridge University Library, serves the information needs of them all.

The Haddon offers over 50,000 books and around 30,000 journal volumes, housed on two sites. Photographing of Haddon Library material is permitted (see www.bit.ly/QrlgNJ for the full policy), and the library has good photocopy/scan/print equipment.

Members of the CAS are entitled to use the Haddon & others are welcome to do so. Please plan your visit using the library's web site and the online catalogue of libraries in the University of Cambridge, www.search.lib.cam.ac.uk/, and contact Haddon staff before your first visit.

The Haddon regularly fields events in Open Cambridge and the University's Alumni Festival. To keep up with Haddon news, see the library's web page, above, its Twitter feed, @haddonlibrary, or its Facebook page www.on.fb.me/1lBEbnV.

The library has lift and stairlift access.

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The McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research in the University of Cambridge was established in 1990 through a generous benefaction from the late Dr D.M. McDonald. The benefaction enabled the University to construct and maintain purpose-built premises for the Institute, which include research rooms and laboratories, together with archive space and a seminar room. The Institute serves as an

interdisciplinary hub aiming to provide a shared intellectual home for archaeologists at Cambridge with a programme of seminars, workshops, conferences, publications and research grants as well as laboratory space for a wide range of archaeological research which crosses continents, periods and approaches in its exploration of the diversity of the human past.

There are also usually workshops and conferences held throughout term time, which may be of interest to archaeological groups outside of the University of Cambridge. Details may be found at the following link, although it should be noted that prior booking might be required:

www.mcdonald.cam.ac.uk/events/mcd-conferences

The Institute also holds the McDonald Annual Lecture. The 2015 lecture has been scheduled for Wednesday 18th November. The guest speaker for this year will be Prof. Norman Yoffee, (University of Michigan, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University. Further details are available on the McDonald website at:

www.mcdonald.cam.ac.uk/events/mcl15

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Many thanks in advance.

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