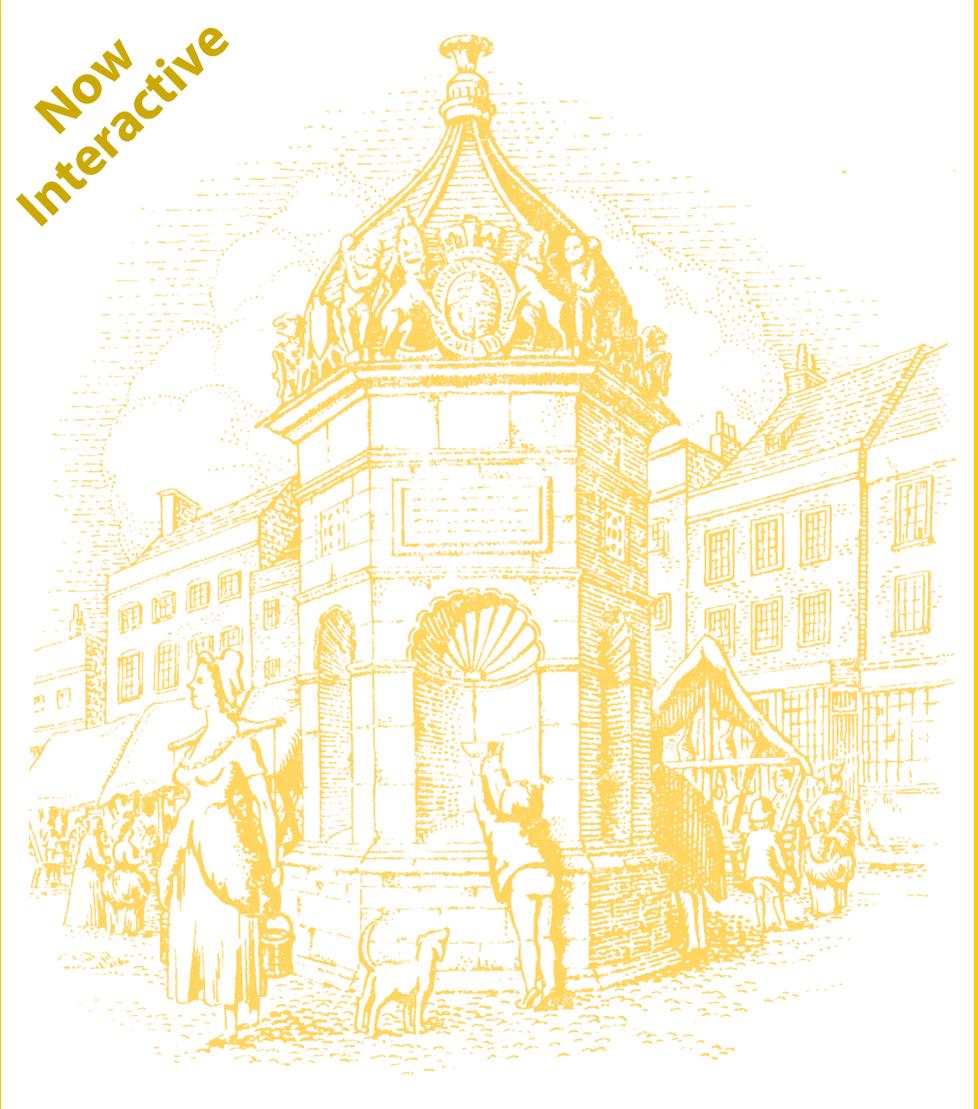


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Foreword

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 2016-2017 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**. It is also possible to **click on one of the Section headings below and go straight to that Section**. We hope you find this 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.

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. I would like to thank the editor of *The Conduit*, Simon Barlow of the Haddon Library, for his hard work in compiling and producing *The Conduit* this year

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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, 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*.

Meetings: Lectures, (18:00 on Mondays), & conferences, (All day on Saturdays), 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

03 Oct.

Matthew Champion

Medieval graffiti: the lost voices of England's churches

07 Nov.

Mark Knight

Must Farm: Pompeii of the Fens

19 Nov.

Autumn Conference

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

05 Dec.

Christopher Garibaldi

History of horseracing in Newmarket

09 Jan.

Alexandrina Buchanan

Professor Robert Willis: founder member of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society

06 Feb.

Chris Evans

Ritual logistics: bodily violence & burial rites, (& wrongs), in the Iron Age of the Cambridge Region (*Jointly with the Prehistoric Society*)

25 Feb.

Spring Conference

Archaeology of conflict (*Details will be circulated*)

- 06 Mar. **Duncan Wright**
Settlement, society & legacy: the early Medieval rural communities of eastern England
- 03 Apr. (17:45) **Cambridge Antiquarian Society Annual General Meeting**
(18:00) **Tony Kirby**
Losing track: transport in Cambridgeshire 1900-2016
- 08 May **Prof. Warwick Rodwell**
From Hadstock to Westminster: 45 years of church archaeology reviewed
- Jun. TBC **Afternoon Social Event**
(*Details will be circulated*)

Local Maps Research

In last year's *Conduit*, details were given of this important project to compile, under CAS auspices, an annotated carto-bibliography of printed maps of Cambridgeshire and its towns for the period c.1900-1970, whilst also extending the scope of Sir George Fordham's pioneering listings for the county published in PCAS in 1905 & 1908. Fordham's work may now be seen in the online version of PCAS.

Since then, our small but enthusiastic teams of volunteers have been active in:

- a) Analysing information on pre-1900 maps of the county, starting with those in CAS's own collection
- b) Carrying out similar work on post-1900 maps of both the county and the borough / city of Cambridge
- c) Investigating the resources held outside the Cambridgeshire Collection & Cambridgeshire Archives

The project is still at an early stage, but already many interesting discoveries have been made. Perhaps the most notable of these are the Ordnance Survey maps of Wisbech, annotated – when & by whom remains unclear – to show, (for example), the location of archaeological finds & old field names.

It is intended that detailed descriptions of map content & online versions of many of the maps themselves will, in due course, be made available on the new CAS website, (forthcoming). We already have a large number of high quality images & expect to take many more.

Further volunteers to join the team would be very welcome. All that is needed is an interest in maps and a working knowledge of the history & geography of the county. If you would like to be involved, please contact the co-coordinators of the project – Tony Kirby, akirby121@btinternet.com, & John Pickles, jdp1003@cam.ac.uk, who will be delighted to give further details of what is involved.

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 who are affiliated to or individual members of CAS. 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.

Publications

In addition to copies of some issues of the Octavo, Proceedings, Miscellaneous & Quarto series of CAS publications, the following are also now available:

Leedham-Green, E.S. (ed). (1991). *Religious dissent in East Anglia*.
£8.00 if collected. £10.00 to include postage & packing.

Having been thought out-of-print, recent spring cleaning has located several copies of this work. The nine authors, who include Patrick Collinson, David Dymond & Elizabeth Bellamy, exhibit a variety of historical approaches to topics from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries, including the Family of Love, Suffolk papists, Puritan preaching & Methodism. There are also summaries of unpublished papers given at the symposium on which the publication was based, ten figures or tables, a useful bibliography of printed sources for the history of Cambridgeshire dissent by Kenneth Parsons and an excellent index.

Thompson, M.W. (1990). *The Cambridge Antiquarian Society 1840-1990*.
£2.00 if collected. £3.50 to include postage & packing.

After his retirement, Dr. Michael Thompson served for several years on the Council of the Society – of which he became President. Whilst continuing his own researches, he found time to write this concise but informative & engaging history of the Society to mark its 150th anniversary. It contains, as one reviewer wrote, “much of note” for those intrigued by the development of archaeology, (*Archaeological Journal* 148, 1991, pp. 328-9), from the Victorian period through changes early in the last century until the time of writing when rescue archaeology & bureaucracy loomed large. Topics such as membership, meetings, activities, publications & collections, (the basis of Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology), are treated in a broadly chronological sequence. There are useful accounts of major figures connected to the Society as well as a full list of its tangled & copious publications and another list of its principal officers during the whole period.

For copies of the above and any other available publications, please email the Honorary Librarian, John Pickles, jdp1003@cam.ac.uk.

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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 (£17.50 from January 2017). 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 22 publications in stock. See our website or Cambridgeshire Records Society on www.genfair.com. The latest volume, published in 2015, is *The Ely Coucher Book Book, 1249–50: The Bishop of Ely's manors in the Cambridgeshire fenland*, translated by Edward Miller, edited by Frances Willmoth and Susan Oosthuizen, ISBN 978 0 904323 24 5, Softback, 252 pages, Full price £37.50, CRS Member price £25

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:

Jonas Moore's Mapped 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 15 years, mostly in the south of the County. We use resistivity and magnetometry equipment for our surveys. We have been awarded two grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support our work and aim to be out surveying on most Sundays. We welcome new members to come along and join us. We also invite inquiries regarding possible new sites to investigate. Please visit 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. The full report on our HLF funded project on Wimpole is now complete and available.

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.

12 Oct.	Dr. Robyn Veal	Provisioning the Roman villa – management of land resources to support urban and country villas in ancient Campania
02 Nov.	Ant Haskins	X4593 - The Holme Fen Spitfire
07 Dec.	Jonathan Tabor	Archaeology on the Addenbrooke's site
11 Jan.	TBC	TBC
03 May	Martin Davis	Landscapes

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 field-walking, 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.

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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 20,000 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, agricultural stewardship 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.

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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 <http://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.

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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: Held on the 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

17 Oct.	Gary Winter	Picturing England
21 Nov.	Prof. Philp Dixon	The Monastery of Ely, and the rebuilding of the cathedral
Dec.		No meeting
16 Jan.	Richard Mortimer	Middle Saxon Village Development in Cambridgeshire and the – ham/-ton Divide
20 Feb.	Dr. Laurence Smith	The Suakin Project
20 Mar.	David Jacques	The origins of the Stonehenge landscape, new discoveries and fresh perspectives
April		No meeting
15 May	Alison Dickens	Excavations at North Stowe
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 has been conducting a long-term project exploring a Romano-British site and is exploring possibilities for new investigations.

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

Membership: £10 per year, starting in January.

Programme

23 Sep.	Lacey Wallace	Landscape survey in east Kent <i>(NB: The venue for this talk is Willingham Baptist Church)</i>
19 Oct.	Christos Tsirogiannis	The international illicit antiquities network – dealers, auction houses, private collectors and museums
24 Nov.	Tamsin O'Connell	Did Neolithic people really hate fish? Stories from the world of palaeodietary analysis
18 Jan.	Jezz Davies	Nautical archaeology and HMS Colossus
16 Feb.	Tim Reynolds	The archaeology of Neanderthal humanity : the Shanidar Project
16 Mar.	Alison Dickens	Excavations at Northstowe <i>(NB: The venue for this talk is Rampton Village Hall)</i>
04 Apr.	John Stanford	The Twenty Pence Project
18 May	Jonathan Rogers	The sculptures of the Lady Chapel, Ely Cathedral
14 Sep.	Chris Evans	Archaeology of the Great River Ouse and its washlands

For updates and further details on talks, walks, site visits, fieldwork and workshops, please check the websites.

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Mid-Nag is concerned with the area of the Nene Valley between Thrapston and Peterborough. We organise a winter lecture programme, arrange visits to exhibitions, museums and places of archaeological interest and undertake excavations, (e.g. Ashton Roman town, Barnwell, Polebrook). This year we are excavating a Roman site at Nassington, near Oundle. We have an annual themed dinner and occasional social events such as a quiz night. During the winter, members work at Oundle Museum.

Meetings: 20:00 in Oundle Methodist Church, between September and May.

Membership: Family £10; Individual £7 payable from 01 September. Visitors £2.

Programme

30 Sep.	Dr. Twigs May	The life & work of Capability Brown NB: Venue Fletton House, Oundle
04 Nov.	Mike Clatworthy	The Langdyke Trust at Torpel & Helpston
26 Nov.		A dinner for Shakespeare's birthday NB: Venue Glapthorn
03 Feb.	Louise Rackham & Mandy Corney	Excavating a Spitfire on the Fens

24 Mar. **David Ingham**
29 Apr.

Roman Bedfordshire
Animal, vegetable or mineral – finds from Nassington
+ opportunity for identification of finds by members

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Oxford Archaeology East was founded in 2008 and was formerly the Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeological Field Unit, (CAMARC/AFU). OA East is part of Oxford archaeology (OA) however it remains a local archaeological unit and carries on working predominantly in Cambridgeshire and East Anglia. OA East continues to work closely with Cambridgeshire County Council and OA East works directly with the Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeology Office to deliver education, outreach and community archaeology for Cambridgeshire.

Oxford Archaeology East and Cambridgeshire County Council are joint partners in Jigsaw, a project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Jigsaw – “piecing together Cambridgeshire’s past” – trains and supports the establishment of new local archaeology action groups, as well as established societies and individuals, to carry out their own community archaeology projects in Cambridgeshire. The project is due to end in autumn 2016, however OAE is committed to support the Jigsaw Network of Archaeology groups and community archaeology projects into the future.

OA East is a Registered Organisation (RO) with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) and has a proven track record of carrying out high quality archaeological work in a competitive market place. Oxford Archaeology has a long track record of undertaking archaeological projects and is Britain’s largest archaeological contractor. Oxford Archaeology is a Registered Educational Charity, and offers archaeological opportunities not only in Britain but in Europe and beyond.

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: £10.00. Lectures £1.00, (Members), & £3.00, (Visitors).

For details of events, please contact the above.

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Cambridge Past, Present & Future, (formerly Cambridge Preservation Society), was founded nearly 90 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. Our green spaces include Wandlebury Country Park, with the remains of a 5th Century BC Iron Age Hill Fort and other historic buildings provides tranquil 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 out 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.

Civic Society of St. Ives

www.stivescivic.org.uk

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Secretary

Patrick Allan

Our society has 500 members and works with all layers of local government to conserve and preserve our heritage. We started out over 40 years ago with the intention of stopping a planned bypass planned to go over the Hemingford Meadow by the banks of the River Great Ouse. This planned route would have adversely affected the large and beautiful meadow. Our campaign was successful and the meadow remains intact.

More recently we have campaigned against unnecessary developments in the town centre which would have led to the relocation of Oliver Cromwell's statue and the War Memorial. We then went on to raise funds for the restoration of the War Memorial and have it recorded as a Grade 2 Listed Monument. This means it cannot be moved to accommodate the notions of Planners.

Our other projects have included the installation of Information Boards and building plaques throughout the town in co-operation with Town Council.

Currently we are working on saving the heritage lighting in the town centre and finding a use for the old cattle market Octagon building which has been refurbished following appeals to the District Council.

Our Legacy Statement is "that future generations will be able to easily recognise the historic character and heritage of our town despite the inevitable changes that have happened down the years"

Friends of St. Giles' Church, Cambridge

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The mission of FOSGC is to promote and enhance St. Giles', thereby supporting the many activities that take place in and around it. We organise regular events, including monthly talks on items of local interest, as well as dances and garden parties.

Meetings: Usually held in the church on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 in the morning.

Membership: £10.00 per year. Monthly talks are free but donations are welcome.

Programme

08 Sep.	Peter Camiletti	Real murder mysteries
13 Oct.	Ruth Jackson	The Bible and antiquity in the context of Cambridge
10 Nov.	Bishop of Huntingdon	Rediscovered : the early stained glass of Cambridge University
08 Dec.	Honor Ridout	Tudor Cambridge
12 Jan.	Kirsten Bennett	The Fenland ark
09 Feb.	Philip Saunders	Inspired by Henry Martin : Cambridge missionaries in the 19 th & 20 th Centuries (+ optional visit to Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide)
09 Mar.	Alison Dickens	Archaeology in Cambridge
13 Apr.	Patrick Cook	Roman East Anglia
11 May	Mike Petty	Reflections on discovering Cambridgeshire's past
08 Jun.	Geoff Dumbreck	The EU in retrospect
13 Jul.	Max Kramer	The other Ezekiel : a Greek tragedy
10 Aug.		No meeting

Lichfield Cathedral Day Trip:

Saturday 22 October 2016, 09:30 – 19:00. £31.00 - £33.00 (TBC).

Discover over 1300 years of history at Lichfield cathedral. See a medieval wall painting, the famous Herkenrode stained glass, the Lichfield Angel and much more. Lichfield Cathedral is the only medieval English cathedral with three spires. The Diocese of Lichfield covers all of Staffordshire, much of Shropshire and part of the Black Country and West Midlands.

09:30	Depart Madingley Road park & Ride site
12:00	Arrive Lichfield
13:00 – 15:00	Tours of Lichfield Cathedral by official cathedral guides
15:00 – 16:30	Free time
16:30	Depart Lichfield
19:00	Arrive Madingley Road Park & Ride site

The above estimated travel times are based on the advice of the coach company. The actual travel times will reflect road conditions at the time.

Hartford Conservation Group

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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

Our programme still under development. Please contact the Secretary.

Littleport Society

www.littleportsociety.org.uk

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The aims of The Littleport Society are to stimulate and encourage a public interest in the history and heritage of Littleport. To research and record local history, and to create and preserve a local archive for future generations.

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, or Heritage Trail are available to groups, at £1 per person, please telephone or email to make arrangements.

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 Sep.	Hobson Voice	Concert
4 Oct.	Donna Martin	Soham Railway Disaster 1942
1 Nov.	Paul Howe	Watch my Waggle
5 Dec.		Rocking Ukulele Band of Ely (Tickets £2) Concert
3 Jan.	Bruce Frost & Roger Rudderham	The Fenland Ouse- A Photographic Journey from Earith to King's Lynn
7 Feb.	TBC	TBC (+ AGM - Members Only)

7 Mar.	Karen Newton	East Anglian Childrens Hospice
4 Apr.	Rodney Tibbs	Iceland – Hotter than you think
2 May	Richard Carter	History of Law and Order in Huntingdonshire
6 Jun.	Paul Fedarb	17 th Century Life – Living History Demonstrations
4 Jul.	TBC	TBC
Aug.		No Meeting

March Society

www.themarchsociety.org.uk

Chair	Jennifer Lawler
Correspondence Secretary	Andrew Clarke
Membership Secretary	Karen Cheale
Treasurer	Stanley Rust
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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, come to our monthly 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.

Entrance: £2.00 for members. £3.00 for non-members. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Membership: Individual £5, Joint, (at the same address), £8.00, Under 18, £0.00, Corporate: £20. Membership runs from September to August.

Peterborough Civic Society

www.peterboroughcivicsociety.org.uk

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The Society is a local civic and amenity voluntary group, financed by membership subscriptions. We seek to provide independent views on civic, amenity and environmental matters in Peterborough and

the surrounding area. We seek to encourage public and local authorities to value and care for the local heritage of buildings and other features of historical and environmental interest and to promote local knowledge and pride of place. This is particularly important in our expanding and developing city, whose residents are comparatively new to our area.

We publish an Annual Report, giving details of the previous year's activities, and a quarterly Newsletter, giving an update on current activities. We run a programme of talks during the winter months and a series of summer visits. Our projects are varied, the latest being a full-colour hard-back book celebrating the architectural details of the buildings of the Peterborough area entitled *Peterborough and its Villages in Detail*. It is available via the Society's web-site.

Membership: £11 per individual, £6 per junior or senior citizen, £17 per couple or family including children under 18, £10 per senior citizen couple, £5 per primary school, £10 per secondary school, £35 per corporate and £130 per corporate for five years.

Our autumn / winter talks are held monthly at St. Mark's Church Hall, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, (next to St Mark's Church), at 19:30 and non-members are welcome to attend.

For further information on our programme, please check our website.

Archive Groups

Balsham Archives & Photographic Collection

Archivist

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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 & Cambridgeshire Local Studies

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/archives

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Work this year has focused on developing plans for the new archives accommodation at Ely. The building has now been acquired by the County Council and construction work is scheduled to begin during 2016. In the meantime archives staff are working hard on repackaging and barcoding the items in Shire Hall's basement in preparation for the move. When complete in 2017 the Ely centre will provide, for the first time for Shire Hall's records, archives accommodation which meets all modern professional standards.

Due to the need to make substantial savings in the budget, and following a public consultation earlier in the year, we have made changes to the staffing and to the opening hours at both of the archive offices and at the Cambridgeshire Collection. We have also lost many highly respected former members of staff, who will be much missed. Caroline Clifford, formerly based at Huntingdon Library, is now Local Studies Librarian for the entire county. Archives and Local Studies are now no longer a single service, but we will continue to work as closely together as possible, to deliver the best possible service to all our users, and we are very grateful to the support we have been given by our many volunteers and stakeholders.

Much has been achieved over the year despite the budgetary pressures. The local studies team carried out an HLF-funded project to provide resource packs for Cambridgeshire schools, and both archives and local studies staff have created well-publicized exhibitions to mark the Queen's 90th birthday and the 200th anniversary of the Littleport riots.

Amongst important collections received during 2016 are additional records of the Hinchingsbrooke Estate and the Earls of Sandwich 1865-1975, which are in the process of being catalogued at Huntingdonshire Archives. At the beginning of the year we received minutes and newsletters of the Cambridge Campaign for Homosexual Equality and the Cambridge Gay Group for the 1970s-1990s, which complement other LGBT records we received last year. St Neots Museum kindly transferred a variety of written materials to us in May, including Southoe Manor minute book from 1813, and we are grateful to the Cambridgeshire Family History Society for their continued support, such as the recently acquired deeds of former public houses in the Isle of Ely.

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.

This year CCAN is working in partnership with Cambridge County Council on a project to create a digital memorial to commemorate the Cambridgeshire soldiers who tragically died on the 1st July 1916 in the Battle of the Somme. The memorial will be available on the CCAN Great War website from

the 1st July, and will be built upon through to December 2016. The project will involve local people – CCAN members, families and local historians in researching and sharing information on the Cambridgeshire soldiers who died in the battle.

The easy-to-use software is designed by Community Sites, one of the largest providers of Community Archives in the country. It 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.

New members are always welcome & training is organised locally by committee members.

Soham Community Archive

www.soham.ccan.co.uk

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.

Contributions, comments and queries are welcome via the website.

St. Neots Community Archive Group

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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. 2016-2017 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.

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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Secretary

Vacant

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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: 19:00 on the 4th Thursday of each month, (except for August and December 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: £10, UK single; £13, UK family; £13, Overseas Single. Visitors £2 each meeting.

Members and non-members (or prospective members!) are all welcome to attend our meetings. The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in September and any changes to officers, rules etc. agreed at the AGM will be posted on the website after the meeting

Programme

22 Sep. **Rev. Canon Wim Zwalf** TBC (+AGM)

27 Oct. **Robert Parker** The lopsided barge – an agricultural labourer's journey from Cambridgeshire to Essex & his rise to improve his lot in life

24 Nov. Members Festive Meeting: Your Christmas Family Traditions

26 Jan. **Anne Barnes** Marriage Customs through the Ages - some quite naughty

The remainder of the programme is currently under development. Please check the website.

Huntingdonshire Family History Society

www.huntsfhs.org.uk

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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 has an active programme for transcribing parish registers and monumental inscriptions and publishing them. 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

21 Sep.	Caroline Norton	Have I got them all?
19 Oct.	Robert Parker	Electronic Family History
16 Nov.	Vanessa Blake	A life in the Royal Artillery 1846 to 1868
14 Dec.	Richard Hunt	Interactive Paleography Workshop
20 Jan.	Roger Lievers	Godmanchester and The Great War
17 Feb.	Ann James	TBC
16 Mar.	TBC	TBC
20 Apr.	Alan Bettell	Conington Castle and its Families
18 May	TBC	TBC (+AGM)
15 Jun.	TBC	TBC
20 Jul.	TBC	Annual Visit

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

Local History & Other Societies

Abington History Group

Chairman

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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.

In 2013 we produced *Aspects of Abington History* – a collection of nine articles and in 2015 followed this up with *Aspects of Abington History 2* - this time containing ten articles on Abington history.

We are always keen to see and, if possible, scan pictures or documents relating to any aspect of Great and Little Abington history.

Barnwell & Fen Ditton Local History Society

Chair	Joyce Abraham 184 Peverel Road, Cambridge, Cambs CB5 8RL
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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 at 19:00 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, (except January and August), in the Abbey Meadows School Community Wing, Galfrid Road, Cambridge CB5 8ND.

Membership: £15.00 per year. Visitors £3.00 per meeting.

Programme

21 Sep.	Barbara Stokes	The history of the Corn Exchange
19 Oct.	Reg & Anita Brown	An evening of Bygones
16 Nov.	Eva Clarke	Being born in the Holocaust
21 Dec.		Christmas Party (Members Only)
Jan.		No meeting
15 Feb.	Chris Clingham	The history of the Royal Mail
15 Mar.	Graham Anthony	The story of lighthouses
19 Apr.	TBC	Talk by a member (+AGM)
17 May	Sue Edwards	The Mayor's office
21 Jun.	Tony Homden	Confessions of a locksmith
Aug.		No meeting

Talks may be subject to change so please check with the Secretary in advance.

Barrington Society

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

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

Programme

19 Oct.	Arthur Brookes	The American Cemetery - Madingley
16 Nov.	Simon Anderson	The Windmills of Cambridgeshire
20 Dec.		Members' Christmas Party
18 Jan.	C Chamberlain	In my Father's Wartime Footsteps on the Death Railway
15 Feb.	David Short	The City Guilds and in particular The Guild of Farriers
15 Mar.	Robert Halliday	Cambridge College Ghosts
19 Apr.	David Fowler	The Rise, Fall & Rise Again of the Cardington Airships
17 May	Jonathan Spain	Commercial Fruit Growing in South Cambs. 1840-1980
21 Jun.	TBC	TBC (+AGM)
19 Jul.		Society BBQ

For speaker details, please contact the Secretary.

Brampton Historical Society

Chair

Brian Gebbels

Secretary

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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

28 Sep.	Bill Templeton	High Street Huntingdon 17c – 21c
23 Nov.	Polly Howat	The Wise and Unwise Women of the Fens
25 Jan.	Karen Aspinall	The Night Watchmen of Huntingdon (+AGM)
22 Mar.	Tony Homden	Confessions of a Locksmith
24 May	Mark Pardoe	The Inns and Outs of Pub Names
26 Jul.	Evelyn Lord	Parochial Tyranny – The Village Constable in 17-18c Huntingdonshire
27 Sep.	TBC	TBC
22 Nov	Prof. Chris Lewis	St Ives as a Riverport

Buckden Local History Society

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

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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

07 Sep.	Barry Tomlinson	The RAE Bedford wind tunnels
05 Oct.	Nora Butler	Kimbolton Castle through the years
02 Nov.	George Howe	The Cambridge to Bedford railway
07 Dec.		Sounds of the sixties
04 Jan.	Annie James	Suspected of witchcraft
01 Feb.	Don Chiswell	The story of Edith Cavell
01 Mar.	Liz Davies	Folk medicine and magic in Victorian Huntingdonshire
05 Apr.	Mathew Morris	The King under the car park : Richard III
03 May	Roger Leivers	Godmanchester during WW2
07 Jun.	TBC	TBC (+AGM)

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

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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: 19.45, usually on the third Wednesday of the 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: £15 per annum, payable at the first meeting in September. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings at £3 per visit.

Programme

21 Sep.	Donna Martin	The lost hythes of the eastern Fen Edge
19 Oct.	Richard Fletcher	The National Heritage Centre for Horseracing & Sporting Art
16 Nov.	David Fowler	The rise, fall & rise again of the Cardington airships
14 Dec.	Tamsin Wimshurst	The David Parr house
18 Jan.	David Bruce	Ely Cathedral : the development of the Ship of the Fens

22 Feb.	Chris Carr	Boudicca ; the creation of two empires
15 Mar.	Pip Wright	The amazing story of Rev. John Heigham Steggall, the Suffolk gypsy
16 Apr.	Fran Saltmarsh	Six into one will go : costume at the time of Henry VIII (+ AGM)
17 May	Dr. Evelyn Lord	Parochial tyranny : village constables in the 17 th & 18 th centuries

Cambridgeshire Association for Local History

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The Association was founded in 1951 as the Cambridgeshire Local History Council. Ten 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 publications and services for members. These include the annual *Review*, a publication of 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 and other upcoming events to every other society, group, or club in the county via a central email distribution. It also keeps all the county's societies up-to-date with national and local news.

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.

Programme

17 Sep.		Awards afternoon - Introducing the winners of the CALH Awards 2015, their books and achievements
01 Oct.	Prof. Stephen Upex	The Roman occupation of the east of England – particularly the area around the Nene Valley
05 Nov.	David Oates	A bit of a jam – the history of the Chivers factory at Histon
03 Dec.	Robert Hill	Being a Blue Badge Guide in Cambridge
07 Jan.	Dr. Anthony Cooper	Cambridge : the preservation of a University town – in retrospect
04 Feb.	Dr. Maureen James	Chafer Legge, Ratty Porter and other Fenland Storytellers (A Book Award Winner 2015)
11 Mar.	Dr. Peter Bysouth	Aspects of 19 th century education in north east Hertfordshire
01 Apr.	Dr. Gordon Davies	Cambridge from the air
06 May		Annual Conference – Trade and industry in Cambridgeshire
10 Jun.	Valory Hurst	Bassingbourn 1572

Cambridgeshire Geological Society

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Joint Chair

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The Society promotes an interest in geology, including Earth's history & the development of life. Our talks cover a wide range of topics & include some of the latest geological research. Ongoing projects include the conservation of local geological sites and the exploration of the links between geology, local landscapes & culture.

Meetings: 19:00 doors for 19:30 start, on the second Monday of the month, (September to June), at the Friends meeting House, 91-93 Hartington Grove, Cambridge CB1 7UB.

Membership: £20.00 per annum. Full Time students £10.00. Visitors £3.00 per meeting.

Programme

12 Sep.	Franziska Norman	The mass grave in the coal mine – the iguanodons of Bernissart
10 Oct.	Stephen Kershaw	Mass extinctions in Earth's history
14 Nov.	TBC	TBC
12 Dec.	Steve Thompson	Tales of exploration – gold in County Mayo
09 Jan.	TBC	TBC
13 Feb.	Pat Doody	The Fens – that sinking feeling

The remainder of the programme to June is currently under development. Please check the website.

Caxton Historical Society

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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

12 Sep.	Stewart Huxley	Corpus Christi Clock
14 Nov.	RAF Pathfinder	RAF Wyton
13 Feb.	Dr Colin Lattimore	History of tea drinking

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

Chatteris History Society

Chairman	Ian Mason 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: £15. Guests are always welcome to any of our meetings (£3).

Programme

24 Sep.	Museum of Archaeology in Cambridge Exhibition 'Hide and Seek – Looking for Children in the Past' [includes three artefacts loaned by Chatteris Museum]. Suitable for all ages, wheelchair access etc. Meet at Church Lane Chatteris car park at 13:00.
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25 Nov. **Chris Howes**

Project Hereward update –
The 40' channel from Horseway Lock to Welches Dam

Remainder of programme under development. Please contact the Chairman.

Cherry Hinton Local History Society

**Chair
Programme &
Excursions Officer**

**Jenny Taylor
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	Honor Ridout	Life in Tudor Cambridge
31 Oct.	John Woodhouse	Cherry Hinton in the late 20 th century
28 Nov.		Members social event (+ AGM)
30 Jan.	Shelley Lockwood	Capturing Cambridge
27 Feb.	Barbara Stokes	History of the Corn Exchange – from the 1880's to the present day
27 Mar.	Peter Ashman	Local village signs
24 Apr.	Keith Dixon	Henry Morris and Cambridgeshire's unique village colleges
22 May	Sarah Preston	A History of Barnwell Priory
26 Jun.	Helen Harwood	Chesterton workhouse
31 July	David Stubbings	Ferries on the Cam

Chesterford Local History & Archaeology Society

**Chair
Secretary**

**Colin Day
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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.

Chesterton Local History Group

Chair

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Chesterton was home to the company W.G. Pye which developed radio in the 1920 and produced wireless sets, and then black-and-white televisions – all that is gone. The group aims to promote an interest in local history by talks and in the collection of photos and the recording of memories. The group is using CCAN to further this aim. Enquire about the village walk which includes photos of past scenes.

Meetings: 14:30 on the third Tuesday of each month in St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road, Chesterton, Cambridge CB4 1DH.

If, due to circumstance, the adverted talk can not be given, the committee will endeavor to provide an alternative talk/event.

Membership: £10; visitors £3 per session.

Programme

20 Sep.	Sally Nott	Camsight
18 Oct.	Duncan Mackay	Mackay's Shop
15 Nov.	Julie Bounford	Heffers Book Shop
20 Dec.		Christmas meal (TBC)
17 Jan.	Roger Neal	Old Vehicle Lamps
21 Feb.	Roger Crabtree	The Pye Story (The Mayor has been invited)
21 Mar.	Peter Ashman	Village Signs
18 Apr.	Gordon Davies & David Stubbings	Cambridge Gas Works
16 May	Alison Richie	The History of Addenbrookes
20 Jun.		Outing (TBC)

Comberton Antiquarian Society

Chair

Sandra Hyde

Secretary

Peter Johnson

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Meetings: 20.00 on the 4th Tuesday of each month in Comberton Village Hall.

Membership: £7, £4 if joining after the New Year. Visitors: £2.

Programme

27 Sep.	Colin Lattimore	Clocks & watches
25 Oct.	Kathryn McKee	History & treasures of St. John's College Library
19 Nov.		Autumn outing to St. John's College
22 Nov.	Hilary Ritchie	History of Addenbrooke's Hospital

Dec.		No meeting
24 Jan.	Terry Holloway	Marshall of Cambridge : past, present & future
28 Feb.	Helen Harwood	Chesterton workhouse
28 Mar.	Richard Ayres	My life at Anglesey Abbey gardens
25 Apr.		AGM
23 May	Matthew Morris	Richard III : the king under the car park
27 Jun.	David Short	My life behind bars

Details of the Spring outing have yet to be arranged. Please contact the Secretary.

Cottenham Village Society

www.cottenhamvillagesociety.ukfamilies.com

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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

Membership: £8; visitors £2 per session.

Programme

16 Sep.	TBC	TBC (+AGM)
14 Oct.	Gerald Gifford	Harpichord Music from the Fitzwilliam Museum (Gerald is Honorary Keeper of Music at the Fitzwilliam)
11 Nov.	TBC	TBC
03 Dec.		Christmas Party (Saturday 6pm)
13 Jan.	Tamsin Wimhurst	The David Parr House
10 Feb.	Sandra Barker	The wonderful world of willow
10 Mar.	TBC	TBC
21 Apr.	Eleanor Whitehead	The History of Chivers and Sons 1873-1919

Covington History Group

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Chair

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Treasurer

Mo Brown

Meetings: 19.30 on the fourth Monday of each month, (Except May – August), in Covington Village Hall. An outline programme for the year ahead is agreed at the AGM, held during the September meeting.

Membership: There is no membership fee. Meetings are £4 for residents (with discount for bulk booking) and £5 for visitors.

CHG 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 and the collection of reminiscences. We have produced a Covington History Trail, a Church History Leaflet and a Guide to the Archaeology of Covington. This year we will be publishing a history of Covington School. For the past five years we have been part of Jigsaw (Cambridgeshire) and we have just completed our own Sharing Heritage funded archaeology project. Site reports have been uploaded to the Archaeological Data Service and are also available on our website. It is hoped this year to produce pages for the website on aspects of village history, to complement those on our archaeological activities.

East Anglian Catholic History Society

www.catholiceastanglia2016.wordpress.com

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The East Anglian Catholic History Society, established in 2016, is the historical society of the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia which was founded in 1976 and covers Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Unitary Authority. The Society aims to encourage the study of Catholicism in these counties, especially post-Reformation Catholicism, and exists to encourage, advise and resource parish history groups and interested individuals. There is no fee for membership and anyone can sign up to the e-newsletter by contacting the Secretary.

Meetings: A schedule of meetings will be published in the Society's e-newsletter. The next AGM will take place at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich in June 2017.

Membership: Free

Eatons Community Association

www.esca.org.uk

Chair

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Secretary

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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 on 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 30 history booklets on a variety of subjects. 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 15 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

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President

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Eltisley History Society aims to research, record, preserve and publish family and local history. Work is ongoing to catalogue and digitize the Society's extensive archive of documents. Book published about

the 14 men from Eltisley who died in the First World War (Eltisley Remembered, 1914-1918) can be viewed on the Society's website and ordered through the secretary.

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

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

Programme

27 Jul.	Richard Gibbons	Turning Points of World War II
24 Aug.	Louise Rackham	The Great Fen Project
28 Sep.	Tony Kirby	English Market Towns since 1750
26 Oct.	Peter Ibbett	Admiral Byng's 1754 Estate Map of Potton
23 Nov.	Roger Leivers	The Story of Stirling Bomber N3703
25 Jan.	Derek Niemann	A Nazi in the Family
22 Feb.	Stuart Orme	Women of Peterborough
22 Mar.	Derek Harris	A Cruise on the Cut

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 14 October to 09 December 2015 and restart in January 2017, 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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Secretary

Rosemary Tristram

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 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. It is advisable to make an appointment before your visit.

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

20 Oct.	Ken Sneath	What we can learn from personal diaries of the seventeenth century.
17 Nov	Sarah Poppy	The History of the Cambridge Castle
09 Dec.	Jenny Culank	If Clothes could Talk (Social Event. Entry by Ticket only)
19 Jan.	Tamsin Wimhurst	The David Parr House
16 Feb.	Jody Joy	The Snettisham Treasure
16 Mar.	Sean Lang	Cambridge Bonfires: a battle for order in late 19C Cambridge
21 Apr.	TBC	TBC
18 May	TBC	TBC (+AGM)

Gamlingay & District History Society

www.gamlingayhistory.co.uk

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Programme / Webmaster

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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

12 Sep.	Veronica Bennett	The history of the National Trust
10 Oct.	James Brown	More Gamlingay history
14 Nov.	Peter Green	The draining of the Fens
12 Dec.		Christmas social evening & archive display
Jan.		No meeting
13 Feb.	John Morgan	The Hunts cyclists of WW1
13 Mar.	Peter Walker	Gamlingay Wood
10 Apr.	Helen Ackroyd	Lord Fairhaven's life at Anglesey Abbey
08 May	Mark Pardoe	The inns and outs of pub names
12 Jun.		Social evening (+ AGM)

Gransdens Society

www.gransdenssociety.org

Chair

Trevor Bounford

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

www.harstonhistory.org.uk

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 were lost. From August 2015 – August 2016 the Group successfully carried out an 'Exploring Harston's Heritage' project with the aid of a Sharing Heritage Lottery Fund grant, sharing findings with those living in Harston and anyone else with an interest in Harston's History by having displays and talks on various Harston History topics. A Harston History website was launched in November 2015 and we continue to add material to it, including local memories of Harston. We soon aim to complete a self-guided village trail and a permanent Heritage interpretation board on The Green.

On the first Saturday of each month some Members will be at the Fair Trade Better Brew Café in Harston Village Hall 10.30-12.30 alongside a display of local history. All are welcome to come along.

Meetings: Usually monthly, but talks will be advertised on the website events section.

Hemingfords' Local History Society

www.hemlocs.co.uk

Email info@hemlocs.co.uk

President

Pam Dearlove

Chair

Ian Ray

Secretary

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, PE28 9BX, on the third Thursday of the month September to May, (excluding December)

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

Programme

15 Sep.	Isaac Newton and 17th Century Weddings
20 Oct.	The RAF Pathfinder Force
17 Nov.	The Must Farm Bronze Age Site
Dec.	No meeting
19 Jan.	Art of Stained Glass
16 Feb.	History of the A14
16 Mar.	The Ouse Washes
20 Apr.	St. George
18 May	Ramsey Abbey

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: During school term 19.30 on the last Tuesday of the month at Impington Village College. One week earlier if half term.

We also arrange occasional afternoon meetings & outings. Each year the Society publishes a booklet on some aspect of the history of the villages.

Membership: £10 per year. Visitors: £3 per meeting.

Programme

27 Sep.	Louise Milbourn	A very different war
18 Oct.	Horry Parsons	Building Bury St Edmund's cathedral tower, Part 2
29 Nov.	David Oates	Finding features on the flat Fen Edge

The remainder of the programme is under development. Please check the website for this & further information.

Houghton & Wyton Local History Society

www.hwlhs.org.uk

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Chair

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Programme Secretary & Research Officer

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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

28 Sep.	Liz Carter	Maps and Surveys (+AGM)
26 Oct.	Maureen James	Fenland Calendar Customs
23 Nov.	TBC	TBC
22 Feb.	TBC	TBC
22 Mar.	TBC	TBC
27 Apr.	TBC	TBC

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* will be published in October. It will include articles on Virginia Ferrar, Archbishop Sancroft's Visitation, Jarvis Matcham, the Leman Baronetcy and St Edward's Home, Huntingdon. Copies of the current issue are available price £3.00 from Huntingdonshire Archives and the St Neots Museum and of all society publications (various prices) at meetings (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 31 March 2017. 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

13 Oct.	Anthony Haskins	X4593 - The Holme Fen Spitfire
10 Nov.	Dr. Simon Thurley	Four disasters that made London what it is (<i>President's lecture & awards presentation</i>) NB: Venue Huntingdon Town Hall
08 Dec.		Christmas musical evening & social with <i>Tapestry Singers</i> NB: Venue Huntingdon Town Hall
12 Jan.	Revd Stephen Day	Stained glass in Huntingdonshire churches
09 Feb.	Diana Boston	Hemingford Manor House – a famous Huntingdonshire home
09 Mar.	TBA	<i>A topic of local history – see website for details</i>
06 Apr.	Dr. Stephen Upex	The Anglo-Saxons in Huntingdonshire NB: First Thursday
May		Weekend away – <i>see website for details</i>
May		AGM and other entertainment NB: Venue Huntingdon Town Hall

Kimbolton Local History Society

www.e-voice.org.uk/klhs

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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

07 Sep.	Mathew Morris	Richard III – the King in the Car Park
12 Oct.	Bernard O'Connor	RAF Tempsford
06 Nov. (Sun)		Kimbolton Castle open to the public
09 Nov.	Peter Downes	450 Years of Education in Huntingdon
07 Dec.	Sarah Russell	Shopping through the Centuries

The 2017 programme is currently under development. Please check our website

Landbeach Society

www.landbeach.org.uk

**Chair
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Activities occasional 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

21 Sep.	TBC	TBC
21 Oct.	TBC	TBC
16 Nov.	David Oates	The History of Chivers
16 Dec.		Christmas celebration
18 Jan.		Annual General Meeting (with wine & cheese)
15 Feb.	TBC	TBC
15 Mar.	Becky Proctor	Cambridge Folk Museum
19 Apr.	Andrew Lacey	Planning for armageddon – local nuclear bunkers

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 maybe hope to be. Many members are working on topics or places in the local area; others are researching further afield. This very informal group meets three or 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: 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

04 Oct.	Bill Franklin	Land surveying and Parliamentary enclosure in the 18 th century
16 Feb.	Lucy Evans	The Gog Magog hills – a changing landscape
06 Jun.	TBC	TBC

Please note that dates are provisional. If you are not yet on the email list, please email for confirmation of dates.

Linton & District Historical Society

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Meetings: 19.30 on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton.

Programme

20 Sep.	John Caldicott	Thomas Coram Foundation, The Foundling Hospital
18 Oct.	Tamsin Wimhurst	Proctors, Bulldogs, Constables and Councillors
15 Nov.	Nigel Start	History of English Gardens
20 Dec.	Frank Saltmarsh	Corsets, Crinolines and Camisoles
17 Jan.	Chloe Cockerill	The Lost Princes
21 Feb.	Andrew Westwood-Bate	Conscriptions and Tribunals in WW1
21 Mar.	Barry Young	Haverhill through Time
18 Apr.	Liz Carter	100 Years of Maps and Surveys
16 May	Dave Edwards	Fulbourn hospital archives

Little Shelford Local History Society

Chair

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Secretary

Vacant

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

09 Nov.	Helen Harwood	The country station – Great Shelford
08 Feb.	TBC	TBC
17 Apr.	TBC	TBC (+AGM)

For details of events currently TBC, please contact the Chair.

Longstanton & District Heritage Society

www.ldhs.org

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Longstanton-District-Heritage-Society-175316876176234/>

Chair

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Secretary

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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 on the former RAF Oakington site. Already 9 out of 10 of the rare "Oakington" pillboxes associated with RAF Oakington have been given Grade 2 listed status as a result of the work of the society.

LDHS members enjoy an annual newsletter summarising the work of the society. The LDHS website provides both members, and non-members, with free world-wide access to information and samples of an ever growing archive. A new addition this year has seen the creation of a Facebook page which has proved to be really beneficial for the society and its members.

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: 19:30 on the first Friday of the month in the Village Institute, High Street, Longstanton. Details of these talks and other events can be found on our website, on our Facebook page or in the local village magazines. Alternatively, information can be sent out via e mail on request.

Entry for visitors is £2 and light refreshments are served afterwards.

Programme

02 Sep. **Gill Shapland** Basket making in Cambridgeshire (+ AGM)

07 Oct. **David Oates** Chivers' jam factory at Histon, 1873-1960

04 Nov. **Dr. Anthony J. Cooper** Impact of the Second World War on South Cambridgeshire

Our Spring 2017 Talks Programme consists of a further three talks and will commence in March. Please visit our website, Facebook page or contact the Secretary for further information.

Longstowe History Society

Contact

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The Society was only founded in 2016 and exists to promote a wider interest & participation in Longstowe's village & family history. The aim is to assemble a comprehensive picture of the village. We hold a collection of village photographs and a detailed digital copy of the 1796 pre-enclosure map and a copy of the school log book 1920-62. We are currently adding to our profile on the CCAN website and we invite anyone with Longstowe connections to add to the content or contact us with any information. Talks on a wide range of topics a planned. *A little history of Longstowe* was published in 2015.

Meetings: 19:30 doors for 20:00 start, on the last Tuesday of the month, (approximately 5 times per year), at Longstowe Village Hall.

Membership: £10.00 per annum. Visitors £3.00 per meeting.

Programme

27 Sep.	Martin Davies	Lines in the landscape
18 Oct.		Visit to Royston Cave (£6.00. Limit of 15 people. Apply to the contact, above)
29 Nov.	Dr. Colin Lattimore	The history of the long case clock
31 Jan.		AGM
28 Feb.	Prof. Mike McCarthy	Researching the linguistic landscape – the Cambridgeshire dialect

The remainder of the programme to June is currently under development. Please contact the above.

Madingley History Group

Chair

Susan Rawlings

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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

26 Sep.	Joyce Svensson	My life in Madingley, 1935 - 1960
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Other meetings are notified to members by email, in the village newsletter and on noticeboards in Madingley.

Meldreth Local History Group

www.meldrethhistory.org.uk

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/meldrethhistory/>

Chair

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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 – 11.30 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.

Mill Road History Society

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Secretary

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The Society grew out of the Mill Road History Project, which was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The aims & objectives of the Society are to celebrate & research the history & community of the Mill Road area of the city of Cambridge and its locality, to create a permanent record of this research and to share it as widely as possible.

Meetings: Held from September to June as follows:

19:00 – 21:00 Tuesdays, (hands-on sessions), at Ross Street Community Centre, Cambridge CB1 3UZ

19:00 – 21:00 Wednesdays, (talks), at St. Barnabas School Room, Cambridge CB1 2BD.

Membership: Free.

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

- 27 Sep. **Roger Summerfield** The history of scouting
Orwell Scouts will show the memorabilia they have collected while researching the history of their Scout unit
- 25 Oct. **Wendy Barnes** Queen Elizabeth slept here – Gloriana's progress around East Anglia in 1578
- 29 Nov. **Margaret Seymour** Tail End Charlie – the wartime story of Bob Pierson, by his daughter
- 31 Jan. **Dominic Shelley** The use of metal detecting in archaeology & Roman discoveries in our area

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, community engagement with the area's diverse heritage and improving partnership working across all land use interests in the area. The delivery programme is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and is based around 25 projects being delivered between April 2014 and March 2017.

Programme

- 09 Nov. The Hearts of the Fen: Folk of the Ouse Washes – The People Who Shape the Ouse Washes Landscape, The Maltings, Ely. Admission is free.
- 21 Feb. Debate: Is There a Sustainable Future for the Ouse Washes Landscape in Light of Climate Change? Ely Cathedral. Admission is free

For details of these and many other events delivered by the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership, 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 (second Thursday) 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

06 Oct.	George Howe	The Cambridge to Bedford railway
03 Nov.	Ben Cowell	800 th anniversary of the Charter of the Forest 1217
01 Dec.	Damien O'Dell	Battle of Britain – the true story
05 Jan.	Roy Tricker	Enjoying old churches
02 Feb.	Gill Blanchard	Tracing your house history
02 Mar.	Terry Cox	On the beat – policing in Hertfordshire during WW1

06 Apr.	Douglas Kent	The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
11 May	Geoff Hales	Storm warning – Fitzroy Travelling Theatre (+AGM)
03 Jun.		Coach outing to Hever Castle (Details available after February 2017)

Saffron Walden Historical Society

www.saffronwaldenhistory.org.uk

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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

28 Sep.	Hilary Walker	Living in Saffron Walden in the 18 th century
26 Oct.	Robert Pike	Local men involved in the Battle of the Somme (<i>The Mary Whiteman Memorial Lecture</i>)
23 Nov.	Rev Lynne Broughton	Interpreting Ely cathedral
25 Jan.	Alex Reeve	The Georgian house in Saffron Walden
22 Feb.	Philip Robson	The Cambridge leper chapel
22 Mar.	Honor Ridout	Tudor Cambridge
26 Apr.	Mary Dicken	Suffragettes
24 May	TBC	TBC (+AGM)

Sawston Village History Society

www.sawstonhistory.org.uk

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Publicity

Vacant

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 celebrated 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: 7.30pm 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

13 Oct.	Vyvyen Brendon	Children of the Raj
10 Nov.	Ralph Carpenter	History of sewing machines
08 Dec.	TBC	TBC
12 Jan.	Rita Boniface	Life as a small plane pilot
09 Feb.	Andrew Roberts	Trumpington trails
09 Mar.	Miranda Stearn	The Fitzwilliam museum
13 Apr.	Mark Pardoe	The first 120 years of London Underground
11 May	Stephen Dart	St. Edmundsbury cathedral

Sawtry History Society

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Chair

Vacant

Secretary

Marilyn Gautreaux

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Now in our 40th year, the Society was founded in 1976 with the title, 'Sawtry & District Archaeological Society which then became Sawtry and District Archaeological & History Society. After a long spell, the 'Archaeological' was dropped as members interests changed and the name finally alighted upon was the present 'Sawtry History Society'. We now encompass all history interests, whether it be local or family history, military or ancient and with new members joining, Archaeology has once again, become more popular, and so the History Society joined with Jigsaw, a Cambs based community

Archaeology support group and are pursuing new Archaeology projects such as a Geophysics survey and research of The Sawtry Cistercian Abbey of St Mary, the only Cistercian Abbey site in Cambridgeshire in conjunction with Historic England to find out more about the Abbey and the deserted medieval village of Sawtry Judith.

Over the years, the Society has held several Local History Exhibitions such as the one to commemorate the start of the First World War in 2014 and participated in events such as The 1940's weekend at Holme, the commemoration of the centenary of the death of Edith Cavell in 2015 and the commemoration of the Battle of the Somme in 2016. SHS has undertaken some very useful work, such as surveys of All Saints' Churchyard and St Nicholas' Church, Glatton, all work being carried out by members of the Society, resulting in an index of all the memorials there with their locations as well as maintaining the Sawtry Village Local History Archives, an archival project of paper records that were held by the Society over the years and was completed and opened in February 2013 which is located at Sawtry Library and includes historical material of Sawtry and the surrounding villages of Holme, Conington, Glatton and Coppington. and is available for reference.

We have been contacted by people all over the world, interested in Family History and their ancestors who were born and lived in the Sawtry area and the Society plans to expand our collection of family history information in the future and family history events at our Archive in the local library.

Sawtry History Society also maintains a digital archive of photographs, documents, deeds and other material through the Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network (CCAN) and the Community Archive and Heritage Group as a digital record of local history. We also organize coach trips and local outings of historical interest.

Today, thanks to the hard work of so many of the members, the Society is flourishing, building on all that members have contributed in the past and we look forward to new projects in the future.

The Sawtry Village Local History Archives are located at Sawtry Library on Fen Lane and are open from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon on the last Saturday of the month or on other Saturday mornings by appointment.

Meetings: WI Hall on Gidding Road, the third Thursday of the month at 19.30, except August and December and we welcome new members and visitors to our meetings.

Membership: £10.00 per year and £5.00 for children to the age of 16, Visitors £1.50.

Programme

15 Sep.	Kevin Ruff	Showing of an old TV programme, filmed in Sawtry in the 1990s
20 Oct.	Bev Stevens	Codes, Code Breakers and History
17 Nov.		Slide show – Now and Then
Dec.		No meeting
19 Jan.	Kevin Ruff	A History of the Old St Andrews Church at Sawtry
16 Feb.	TBC	What the Roman's Did for Us
16 Mar.	Neil Mitchell	Slide Show – Photographs of Sawtry Brass Band (+AGM)
20 Apr.	Phil Hill	Results of the geophysics survey of Sawtry Abbey Site

The remainder of the programme is under development. Please check the 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: 7:30 pm 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

06 Jan.	Kenneth Lewis	The 2nd World War POW camps in Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire
03 Feb.	Rodney Todman	Postcards from St. Neots, part 2 (+AGM)
03 Mar.	Margaret Badley	Lady Margaret Beaufort
07 Apr.	Keith Edmonds	The Gallipoli campaign
05 May	John Shipman	One of the few – the story of a Spitfire pilot
21 May		Beating the Bounds (<i>A 14 mile walk around the St. Neots parish boundary</i>)
02 Jun.	Liz Davies	The Kimbolton Iron Age coin hoard
07 Jul.	Jackie Cook	Visit to Castor – St Kyneburgha's church and surroundings
04 Aug.	David Rudd	Guided walk around St. Neots parish church
01 Sep.	Alan Denney	Industrial archaeology at the former Cheddars Lane Pumping Station, Cambridge
06 Oct.	Sue Jarrett	The changing face of shops in St. Neots
03 Nov.	Jonathan House	Update on excavations at Little End, Eaton Socon
01 Dec.	Katy Salmon	A Tudor Christmas, in costume and character

Stapleford History Society

Chair

Lesley Ford

Secretary

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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

11 Oct.	James Foreman & John Street	History on our doorstep and in our hands – the Stapleford archive
13 Dec.	Christine Shaw	Robert Sayle – the man, his life and his shop
10 Jan.	Richard Fletcher	Bill Tutte and the Bletchley Park code-breakers
14 Mar.	Honor Ridout	Stourbridge Fair
09 May	Martyn Northfield	My Stapleford family and one black sheep
11 Jul.	Christine Ruse	The Gray family of Wandlebury

Swavesey & District History Society

Chair

Carole Pook

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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

20 Sep.	Linda Wayman	A Sussex son and his sweetheart
18 Oct.	Mike Steinhart	Hereward of the Fens
15 Nov.	Ian Waller	Caught in court
13 Dec.		Members' family history
17 Jan.	Quintin Carroll	Stonea Camp, the Icenis and the Romans
21 Feb	Dr. David Oates	The history of Chivers jam factory at Histon
21 Mar.	Mike Petty	Ouse Washes
18 Apr.	David Edwards	In a fen country churchyard
16 May	Liz Carter	100 years of maps and surveys
20 Jun.	Dr. Jennifer	Elizabeth de Burgh, Lady of Clare

Trumpington Local History Group

www.trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org

Chair

Howard Slatter

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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 Trumpington Village Hall, High Street, Trumpington CB2 9HZ.

Membership: £2.50 per indoor meeting.

Programme

29 Sep. Anstey Hall Farm – 2000 Years of history, archaeology, buildings and farming history
24 Nov. Launch of Trumpington History Trails. 20:00 (in Trumpington Pavilion)

Upwood & the Raveleys Local History Group

Chair

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Secretary

Freda Fotheringham

A group of individuals interested in learning about the history of the locality and in history more widely. Two books on the history of the villages have been published and new projects are being developed.

A timeline of the villages is being developed and a detailed summary of the occupation of properties in the early 20th century is being planned with a view to comparing it with the current occupancy of properties.

Meetings: 19.45 on the third Wednesday of alternate months, in Upwood Village Hall. Occasional visits to places of interest are arranged

Membership: £10 Visitors: £3 per meeting

Programme

21 Sep. **Jackie Daniels** The Women's Institute
16 Nov. **Brian Kell** Whittlesea Straw Bear – the revival and development of the festival
18 Jan. **Peter Haddon** Entertainment in Ramsey

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

Warboys Local History Society

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

Chair

Vacant

Secretary

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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 and other

interested parties 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 is in its third year and has received local and national recognition.

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

Membership: £12 per year. Non-members: £3 per meeting.

Programme

03 Oct.	Roger Lievers	Father and son – the story of two heroic airmen
07 Nov.	Liz Davies	Victorian Crime and Punishment
05 Dec.	Brian Lake & Joan Cole	Warboys Vineyard - Fen Tiger, born & bred (<i>plus seasonal celebrations</i>)
07 Feb.	Annie James	Bound for Botany Bay; Huntingdon convicts 1788-1868
06 Mar.	TBC	RAF Wyton Museum
03 Apr.	Alison Dickens	TBC
08 May	Jason Peters	Moated homesteads
04 Jun.		Visit to RAF Wyton Museum (limited numbers)

Visits to local places of historical interest are part of the programme and usually occur at a weekend once or twice a 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

Andrew Morris

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Secretary

Janet Morris

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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), in West Wickham Village Hall.

Membership: £10; visitors £2.00 per meeting.

Programme

10 Oct.	Andrew Westwood-Bate	Vote 100 – suffragists in Cambridge
14 Nov.	Janet Morris	Agriculture & industry – a potted history of Streetly End
12 Dec.		Christmas Social Event
09 Jan.	TBC	TBC
13 Feb.	Mike Petty	1947 Fen Floods
13 Mar.	AGM	
10 Apr.	TBC	TBC

Whittlesea Society

**Chair
Secretary**

**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 are held on the 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 Sep.	Jenny Windsor	The garden history of Peckover House
10 Oct.	Mike Petty	The Peterborough scrapbook
14 Nov.	Maureen James	Moles' feet, black dogs & grey goose feathers
12 Dec.	Neil Mitchell	The life & achievements of John Thompson
09 Jan.	Hannah Vandridge	Shopping through the ages
13 Feb.	Christine Carr	Witches and wise women
13 Mar.	Roger Negus	The Carry-on films
10 Apr.	Steve Manning	What granny didn't want me to know
08 May	Dorothy Halfhide	Strangers in Thorney
12 Jun.	Selwyn Richardson	Fifty years of fenland farming

Whittlesford Society

www.whittlesfordsociety.info

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Aims: The Society was founded in Autumn 1975 to stimulate public interest in Whittlesford past, present & future, promote high standards of planning & architecture and secure preservation, protection, development & improvement of features of public or historic interest in the village and the immediate area.

Support: We also support other societies & interest groups with their events if they are in line with the Society's aims. To apply, please contact one of the Committee members listed above.

Journal / Magazine: Whither Whittlesford is published at least twice a year. Various other publications are available in print or on the website.

Events: Guided walks, an annual open meeting / AGM with a notable speaker in April, themed exhibitions, focus days, natural history events & archaeological fieldwork. This year there will be a number of activities continuing to mark the Society's 40th anniversary as well as progress on our current major project – The Whittlesford one hundred & the impact on this village of World War One. In the new year we are planning at least one guided walk or nature trail and an outing to IWM Duxford. Please see the website for more details.

Membership: Open to all residents & people interested in the village.

Members: The Society is particularly interested in encouraging new blood into the membership, especially in the face of a period of growth & change reminiscent of the period when it was founded over forty years ago. We are also interested in hearing from anyone with family connections or interests in the village, especially during / after World War One and – indeed – World War Two.

Museums & Museum Societies

Burwell Museum of Fen Edge Village Life

www.burwellmuseum.org.uk

Mill Close, Burwell, Cambridge CB25 0LH

Tel: 01638 605544 (answerphone when office is unstaffed)

Email museum@burwellmuseum.org.uk

**Group Visits /
Museum Manager**

Mel Worgan

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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 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.

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.

Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology

www.maa.cam.ac.uk

Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3DZ

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The Museum has extensive collections relating to world prehistory and archaeology of the Cambridge region, plus anthropology from all parts of the world. The collections and their associated photographic and archival material are of outstanding research and historical value and are an important national resource in archaeology and anthropology.

The Museum's education programmes offer a variety of public activities throughout the year, as well as teaching and resources for primary and secondary schools. In addition, there are special events relating to exhibitions and activities in some school holidays.

Open: Tuesday – Saturday 10:30 – 16:30; Sunday 12:00 – 16:30

Closed: 1 week at Christmas and on all bank holidays.

Admission: Free.

On display at MAA until the 29th January 2017 is 'Hide and Seek: Looking for Children in the Past'. This exhibition is a collaborative project between MAA and Cambridgeshire County Council, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Children outnumbered adults for most of human history, yet they rarely appear in the stories that museums tell. A past without children is incomplete. This exhibition aims to redress the balance.

For more information, please see the project website: www.hideandseekexhibition.org.uk/

Events:

Talks, workshops and special events take place throughout the year. There are usually drop-in activities for families in October half term, for Twilight at the Museums in February, for Cambridge Science Festival in March and at various other times through the year. Please see the website for details.

Chatteris Museum

www.chatterismuseum.org.uk

14 Church Lane, Chatteris, Cambs PE16 6JA

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Curator

Ian Mason

10 Juniper Drive, Chatteris, Cambs PE16 6HY

Tel: 07979 334833

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.

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 Facebook, our website or contact the Curator. Loan boxes and talks on local history can be provided.

Open: Tuesday's & Thursday's 14:00 – 17:00, Saturday 10:00 – 13:00
Closed over Christmas and the New Year.
Other times, by appointment with the Curator.

Admission: Free

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

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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:

16 July – 10 Oct. Response and Rescue: The making of the Emergency services
From Victorian volunteer fire brigades to today's dedicated coastguard crews, this exhibition tells the story of the creation and development of the emergency services- lots of fun and games for all the family.

Mid Oct. - Mid Nov. Memories in the Community: Stories of my life
This touring exhibition captures the memories and personal histories of older people in Cambridgeshire, weaving together a rich tapestry showing the social history of a generation acknowledging and valuing their lives and contribution to society.

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 19.30 in the Vernon Cross room at the Museum.

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

Programme (presented by the Friends of Ely Museum)

08 Oct. **Jim Kelly** Writing inspired by Egypt
03 Nov **Will Schenck** Teaching in Egypt

2017 programme under development please check website or contact Ely Museum for dates and more details.

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 30 Dec.	Colour: The art and science of illuminated manuscripts
Ends 30 Dec.	Celebrating the First 200 Years: The Fitzwilliam Museum 1816 – 2016
09 Aug. – 29 Jan.	An Amateur's Passion: Lord Fitzwilliam's print collection
13 Sep. – Jan.	Realisation: Recent prints from Jane Dixon & Susan Aldworth
02 Feb. – 23 Apr.	Walpole's Emperors: Houghton Hall
07 Mar. – 04 Jun.	Madonnas & Miracles

Flag Fen Archaeology Park

www.vivacity-peterborough.com

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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.

Friends of Wisbech & Fenland Museum

www.wisbechmuseum.org.uk

Museum Square, Wisbech, Cambs PE13 1ES

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Secretary

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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.

Admission: Free

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

Programme

05 Oct.	Douglas Downing	Rediscovery of 19 th century engraving through George Dalziel
02 Nov.	H.J. Jenkins	Thirty years of the Fenland Lighter Project
07 Dec.	Diane Rachel Smith	A walk through Georgian Wisbech
11 Jan.	Sini Tipper	The Empress Elizabeth of Austria in Cromer and Bournemouth
01 Feb.	Jackie Mulhallen	The Georgian Theatre
01 Mar.	Dr. Cristina Ploska	The Fortress of Deva in Romania

All lectures held at the Museum commencing at 13:00.

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

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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

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Heritage Programmes & Commercial Development Manager Rachel Walmsley

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.

March & District Museum & Museum Society

www.marchmuseum.co.uk

High Street, March, Cambs PE15 9JJ

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15 Bowker Way, Whittlesey PE7 1PY

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Nigel Denchfield

12 Monte Long Close, March PE15 9PW

The March Museum was established in 1972, and is staffed entirely by a dedicated band of volunteers. The museum has a fascinating collection of local memorabilia, including several tableaux illustrating late nineteenth and early twentieth-century domestic life. The medals (including the George Cross) awarded to Benjamin Gimbert following the train explosion at Soham in June 1944 are the focus of displays on the central role played by the railway in the town's history, together with the nameplates from the two Class 47 locomotives named in honour of the driver and fireman. Also on display is the unique banner representing the March branch of the ASLEF Union. A wide range of historical documents, including rate books, are available for those researching local or family history, along with an extensive collection of photographs showing Fenland life through the years. In addition, the Museum Society runs a series of regular talks and special exhibitions.

Museum

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

Closed: Christmas & New Year.

Admission: Free (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. Refreshments included. Society membership available at the museum, or at meetings.

Programme

09 Sep.	Geoffrey Lee	A History of Firefighting
14 Oct.	Martyn Thomas	Fenland ague
11 Nov.	Fiona Lucraft	Great meals in literature (+ AGM)
13 Jan.		Punch and pies evening (Members only)
10 Feb.	David Edwards & Maureen James	Celebrating 40 years of March Museum : an evening of reminiscence
10 Mar.	Mary Dicken	Suffragettes
21 Apr.	Peter Wright	The racehorses of the East Coast Railway <i>(Annual railway lecture)</i>
12 May	John Shaw	March Town in the Years of the Three Kings 1936 – 1937
08 Sep.	Annie James	Bound for Botany Bay
13 Oct.	Michael Knight	A History of Milestones
10 Nov.	Jacqui Huggins	Life, Times and Memories of a Fen Girl (+AGM)

Museum of Classical Archaeology

www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum

Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DA

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Group Bookings

The Museum of Classical Archaeology is often referred to as one of Cambridge’s hidden gems: cross the Silver Street Bridge, walk under the leafy canopy of Sidgwick Avenue and you’ll discover us nestled in the Faculty of Classics on the Sidgwick Site. Founded in 1884, the Museum houses one of the world’s largest collections of plaster casts of Greek and Roman statues. These casts – some of them well over two hundred years old, others not yet ten – deserve not to be written off as mere copies but are historical objects in their own right.

Open:

10:00 – 17:00 Monday – Friday

10:00 – 13:00 Saturdays (University term time only)

For Christmas and Easter closures, please consult the website.

Admission: Free

Events: We organise a range of events for adults and families. Events are normally free of charge and all are welcome. For up-to-date listings, please consult our website.

Group Bookings: Why not contact us to arrange a group visit? We are happy to organise tours and activities for adult and community groups. We also provide an education service for schools and younger visitors. To arrange a school visit or find out more, please email the Group Bookings email address, above.

Norris Museum

www.norrismuseum.org.uk

The Broadway, St Ives PE27 5BX

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Community Projects Officer

Alison Naylor

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 also has an extensive library and archive. 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.

This year, The Norris Museum is undergoing an exciting £1.4 million redevelopment and is therefore closed until Summer 2017. During this time the museum calendar will be alive with events, activities, workshops and activities taking place across Huntingdonshire. The museum also offers a varied programme of talks and town tours. If you would like the museum to be at your event contact Hannah Vandridge. To find out where the museum is going to be visit our Facebook page.

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.

Admission: Free

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

Membership: £15.00 Visitors. £3.00 per meeting.

Programme

The talks programme & the details of summer outings for members are both still under development. Please see the website or contact the Secretary.

Peterborough Museum

www.vivacity-peterborough.com

Priestgate, Peterborough PE1 1LF

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Director of Culture

Heritage Services & Programme Manager

Richard Hunt

Claire Hardy

Managed by Vivacity, Peterborough's Culture & Leisure Trust, the Museum covers the history of Peterborough and its surrounding area. Collections include internationally important collections of geology, (including Jurassic sea monsters), and Napoleonic POW work related to the camp at Norman Cross as well as social history and art. The archaeology collection includes finds and information from all periods, which reflect the archaeological importance and diversity of the Peterborough area. The Museum has varied temporary exhibitions, exciting events and a busy education programme. Please check the website for more details.

The Museum is located in a historically significant Georgian building which has been restored as part of a £3M refurbishment, including the restoration and reopening of a rare Victorian operating theatre dating to the period when the building was the city infirmary.

Open: Tuesday – Sunday, 10.00 – 17.00
Monday, (Bank holidays & school holidays), 10.00 – 17.00

Closed: Mondays in school terms, Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day.

Admission: Free.

Admission charges apply on special event days.

Prickwillow Engine Trust

www.prickwillow-engine-museum.co.uk

Main Street, Prickwillow, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4UN

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

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Treasurer

Mrs Pauline Dunham

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The museum, which is also known as the Museum of Fen Drainage, 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 3th: Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, 12.00 – 16.00

Admission: Standard: Adults £3, Children £1, Senior Citizens £2, Family £6
Events & Run Days: Adults £5, Children £2.50, Senior Citizens £3, Family £12

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

Events

01-02 Oct. Ploughing festival
04 Dec. Christmas Special Run Day

Priestgate Vaults

www.vivacity-peterborough.com

Peterborough Museum, Priestgate, Peterborough PE1 1LF
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Heritage Programmes & Commercial Development Director Rachel Walmsley

Managed by Vivacity, Peterborough's Culture & Leisure Trust, the Vaults are a chance to explore layers of history and meet people from the past associated with the building that now houses Peterborough Museum. Beware as some of the spookier secrets of the Museum may be revealed.

Open: Tuesday – Friday, in school terms, daily at 14:30
Monday – Friday, in school holidays, daily at 14:30
Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays, daily at 11:30 & 14:30
Additional tours are added on event days & at peak periods. Please see the website for details.

Admission: £4.00 Adults; £3.00 Children

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

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The museum & art gallery sits at the heart of the community and celebrates the wonderful & varied stories of the town & its people.

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

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

Open: 10:00 – 16:45 on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

Admission: Free

Royston Cave

www.roystoncave.co.uk

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

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Town Clerk

Mrs. Susan Thornton-Bjork

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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. 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 a recent programme of conservation works.

Open: Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays, (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 14:30, 15:10, 15:50 and 16:30 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 (16 plus) £5; 60 or over £4; accompanied children (5-15) £1.00; under 5s free. No unaccompanied children.

Soham Museum

www.museum.soham.org

Chair

Donna Martin

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Secretary

Ann Roberts

Soham Museum is a living history museum currently working towards premises. Established in 1998, the museum is renowned for its dynamic outreach programme. An excellent variety of local and social history talks, events and activities are held at venues across Soham throughout the year.

Soham Museum runs Soham History Group which hosts an interesting programme of bi-monthly talks at Berrycroft Church Hall to which all are welcome (membership details below).

Soham Local & Family History Group is a study group that publishes an annual journal of new research and meets for six weeks each term at Soham Library. New members and relevant local articles for publication are welcome. The group is free to join and refreshments are provided.

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

Soham Museum Coffee Mornings are a free, informal, popular and vibrant 'drop in' session held on the first Saturday of each month at Soham Library 10-12am to which guests can bring along items of local and social interest and generally share a love of history with likeminded people.

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 at any of our events.

Membership: Friends of Soham Museum supports Soham History Group membership and runs from 1st January annually from January 2017. £10.00 per annum per individual. £15 per annum for same household membership. Guests £2.50 although 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 association 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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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.

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 7.30pm, 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.

Programme

14 Sep. – 15 Oct.	Murfin & Kinley	Art Exhibition
19 Oct. – 24 Dec.	Local Artists	Winter Art Fair
Jan.		Closed
08 Feb. – 01 Apr.	U3A Group	Photographic Exhibition
05 Apr. – 13 May	Icknield Potters	Ceramic Exhibition
17 May – 24 Jun.	Tom Murfin	Art Exhibition
05 Jul. – 09 Sep.	Celtic St. Neots	Kimbolton Coin Hoard Exhibition

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

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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

Green End, Stretham, Cambridgeshire CB6 3LF

Chair

Visits Organiser

K.S.G. Hinde OBE

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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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Secretary

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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.

Whipple Museum of the History of Science

www.hps.cam.ac.uk/whipple

Free School Lane, Cambridge CB2 3RH

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Director & Curator

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Gallery Attendant **Alison Smith**

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.

Wisbech & Fenland Museum

www.wisbechmuseum.org.uk

Museum Square, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire PE13 1ES

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Curator

Assistant Curator

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This delightful Museum is one of the first purpose-built Museums in the UK and retains all the charm of its original Victorian design and fittings. It houses the collections of the Wisbech Museum Society, (est.1835), the Library of the Wisbech Literary Society, (est. 1781), and the magnificent bequest of the Rev. Chauncy Hare Townshend which includes the MS of Charles Dickens's *Great Expectations*. It also has a substantial archive of local government records, manorial records, maps and photographs and is the Diocesan repository for 26 local parishes.

The collections were initiated by the town's Literary and Museum Societies which were formed in 1781 and 1835 respectively. Since the Museum opened in 1847, the collections have continued to grow, but the essence of the Museum remains virtually unchanged. We collect, care for and interpret the natural and cultural heritage of Wisbech and the surrounding Fenland.

Displays range from decorative arts and paintings to archaeology, geology, and local social history. There is an interesting display dedicated to the work of the pioneer anti-slavery campaigner Thomas Clarkson who was born in Wisbech.

There is an active programme of temporary exhibitions and events and facilitates educational opportunities for learning both in the Museum and through outreach to local schools and community groups. We aim to cater for all ages and abilities, and sessions will be tailored to the needs of your group.

Admission: Free.

19 Jul. – 30 Sep. Summer celebrations of bugs

04 Oct. – 18 Oct. Coventry Textiles Connected

Nov. Lilian Ream

Nov. – Dec. HLF Reminiscence Project

Education

University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education

www.ice.cam.ac.uk

Madingley Hall, Madingley, Cambridge CB23 8AQ

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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 1 April 2017.

Courses that may be of interest to members in 2016/17:

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 Medieval England – NEW for 2016
- Undergraduate Diploma in Archaeology
- Undergraduate Advanced Diploma in Archaeology
- Undergraduate Advanced Diploma in Historic Environment
- Undergraduate Advanced Diploma in Local History

Master of Studies (MSt) degrees

The Institute 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 an additional theme (details tbc), and will be open for applications from October 2016.

Short courses

The Institute also offers a range of 1, 2 and 3-day courses throughout the year. 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.

- Gardens with Gainsborough perspective (start date: 6 November 2016)
- The medieval and post-medieval open field systems of England (26 November 2016)
- Victorian art, life and love: James Tissot and Atkinson Grimshaw (2 September 2016)
- The architecture of Burgundy and Southern Champagne (16 September 2016)
- Life of the Pharaoh (16 September 2016)
- Whirligigs and Fenland Tigers (30 September 2016)
- The paintress through history (30 September 2016)
- Renaissance Venice, the city of light and colour: art, architecture and music (7 October 2016)
- The archaeology of the Bronze Age Aegean: from Cycladic figurines to Mycenaean palaces (7 October 2016)
- The art and architecture of Reynolds (14 October 2016)
- Finding medieval in modern villages (21 October 2016)
- Roman architecture: a lasting legacy (4 November 2016)
- Your face, my fortune: British portrait painting through the ages (11 November 2016)
- Early Netherlandish art c.1550: Pieter Bruegel the Elder and his contemporaries (18 November 2016)
- Curating classical antiquity (25 November 2016)
- Architecture and ideology: building for status and power (22 January 2017)
- Who controls the media in the digital age? (22 January 2017)
- Heroes or villains? British resisters against Nazism in the Channel Islands (25 February 2017)
- Victorian art: Turner and Millais to Whistler and Sargent (26 February 2017)
- Inspired by birds in three parts: art, science and nature conservation (8 April 2017)
- Researching local history (9 April 2017)
- A plague on both your houses: the archaeology of epidemic disease (13 May 2017)
- Workshops for writers: finding your feet (13 May 2017)
- An archaeology of the afterlife (14 May 2017)
- Introduction to conflict archaeology (13 January 2017)
- Remembering WWII in Malta and the Channel Islands (2 June 2017)
- Exploring the landscape of the Domesday book (17 February 2017)
- Digging on archaeological sites: an introduction to the theory and practice (17 March 2017)
- The metropolis: imaging the city (17 February 2017)
- Heroes, harlots and holiness: Dutch history painting in the time of Rembrandt (17 March 2017)
- Kings, courts and country houses: a history of art collecting (2 June 2017)
- Northern lights: the art and landscape of the North (7 July 2017)

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

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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.

Membership: £74-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 2016 – 2017.

Workers' Educational Association Upwood Branch

www.wea.org.uk/eastern

Chair
Secretary

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

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

Study Days run 10:00 – 16:00. Please bring packed lunch. Tea / coffee / refreshments provided.

Programme

20 Sep.	Liz Carter	Victorian Crime & Punishment Local case studies used to explore changing attitudes towards crime and punishment in 19 th -century England & Wales. Tuesday mornings 10.00 – 11.45. 9 weeks. £48
11 Mar.	Ian MacLachlan	Study Day Wings over East Anglia 2 nd World War RAF in East Anglia – the companion course to last year's talk on the USAF. £19
30 Mar.	Dr. Wendy Hartnell	Study Day Ancient Climates The historical context of climate change. £19
26 Apr.	Fiona Luckraft	The Self-Portrait A brand-new course combining art with literature Wednesday evenings 19.30 – 21.15. 9 weeks. £49.

Miscellaneous

Haddon Library of Archaeology & Anthropology

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The Haddon Library, a subject library within the University of Cambridge, is an affiliate of Cambridge University Library and located in the University's Department of Archaeology 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*. Institutions associated with the Department include the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, the Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, and the Cambridge Archaeological Unit. The Haddon 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 <http://bit.ly/OrigNJ> for the full policy), and the library has good photocopy/scan/print equipment.

Members of the CAS are entitled to use the Haddon, and 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, <http://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 <http://on.fb.me/1lBEbnV>.

The library has lift and stairlift access.

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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 www.mcdonald.cam.ac.uk/events/mcd-conferences. Prior booking might be required.

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