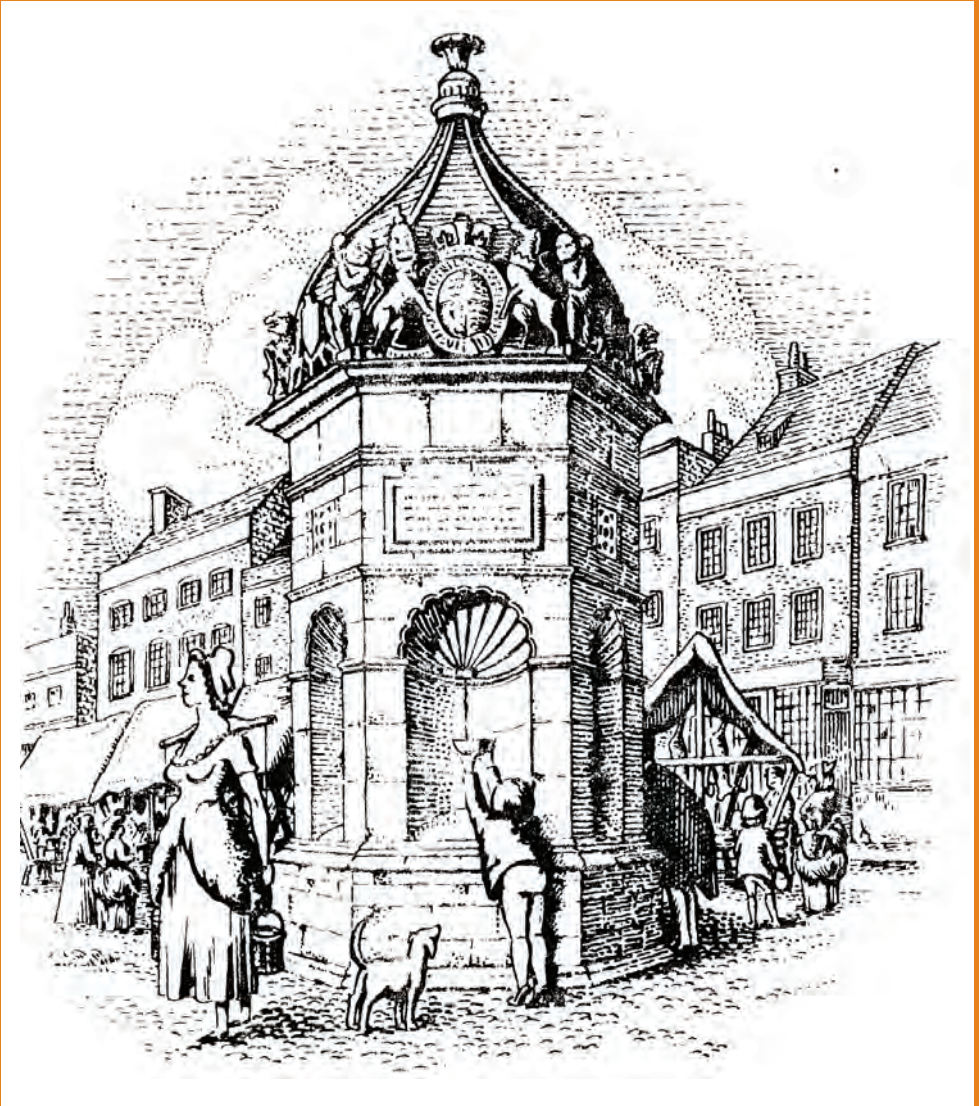


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## **The Conduit 2012**

In compiling the information included in *The Conduit* this year we have tried to be totally inclusive, but appreciate that, for various reasons, some organisations may have been omitted from this listing and note that some societies have not been able to finalise their 2011-2012 meetings programmes at the time of publishing. In this case, readers are advised to consult the website of the relevant organisation, which should contain up-to-date information as it becomes available (website addresses, where known, are included in *The Conduit* under the entry for each organisation).

It is our aim to send copies of *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 in this issue of *The Conduit*, or who would like to receive copies of *The Conduit* next year, do please contact the editor so that we may add your organisation's details to next year's issue of *The Conduit*. Wherever possible the information given here has been checked by a responsible individual in the relevant organisation so it is to be hoped that it is up-to-date at the time of printing. For those who have ready access to the internet, further details of the activities of listed organisations may be available on their websites, whose addresses are included where known.

I would finally like to thank the new editor of *The Conduit*, Simon Barlow of the Haddon Library, for all his hard work in compiling and producing *The Conduit* this year. It is a considerable undertaking, but one that is very greatly valued, both by members of Cambridge Antiquarian Society and by others who use it to inform themselves of events and activities of interest across our richly historical county.

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**President, Cambridge Antiquarian Society**

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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 welcoming early evening lectures once each month between October and June, reduced entry to day excursions led by experts, reduced entry to its two all-day conferences (one in the spring and one in November) and a free copy of the Society's journal, the *Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society*, and of *The Conduit*.

Lectures are usually held on Monday evenings at 6 pm in the Faculty of Law on the University of Cambridge's Sidgwick site, unless otherwise notified. There is plentiful free car parking.

**Membership:** ordinary members £12.50; families and affiliated societies £15.00. There is no charge for visitors or guests at lectures. New members are warmly welcomed.

## Programme

3 Oct.	<b>Dr. Ben Geary</b>	Down by the River: excavations of prehistoric timber alignments in the Waveney Valley, east England (In association with the Prehistoric Society)
3 Nov. (Thu)	<b>Geoffrey Dannell</b> FSA	Edmund Tyrell Artis - Antiquary, Palaeontologist, and Much More 2011 Ladds Lecture, Huntingdon Methodist Church Hall
7 Nov.	<b>Dr. Catherine Hills &amp; Dr. Carenza Lewis</b>	Under hallowed turf: recent excavations in Newnham College gardens
26 Nov. (Sat.)	<b>Conference</b>	Recent archaeological work in Cambridgeshire ( <i>Details will be circulated</i> )
5 Dec.	<b>Prof. Tony Legge</b>	Beef for the Bosses, Pork for the Proletariat; animals at El Amarna, Egypt
9 Jan.	<b>Dr. Peter Kitson</b>	The male occupational structure of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire during the 18th and 19th centuries
6 Feb.	<b>Craig Cessford</b>	"Such filthy, horrid, dirty work": archaeology and 19th century Cambridge College servants
5 Mar. (5.45)	<b>Tom Williamson</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b> Explaining regional landscapes: medieval fields and farms in eastern England

31 Mar. (Sat.)	<b>Conference</b>	From the Ground Up - Contemporary Building Recording Methods and Practice (Details will be circulated)
2 Apr.	<b>Members Of The Twenty Pence Project Team</b>	A Roman settlement on the Cottenham fen edge: the story so far of an exploration by the Fen Edge Archaeology Group and CAS
14 May	<b>Tom Doig</b>	Death and Traditional Burial in Victorian times – the Surviving Evidence?
11 Jun.	<b>David Jacques</b>	Time and time again: new insight into the significance of Vespasian's Camp in the Stonehenge landscape

## Cambridgeshire Association for Local History

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The Association was founded in 1951 as the Cambridgeshire Local History Council. Five 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. Apart from this umbrella role, the other main object of the Association is to encourage and support the study of Local and Social History in Cambridgeshire. The CALH also organises a range of summer excursions and local walks.

Affiliated 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 look after Cambridgeshire societies' best interests and to act as an Information and networking hub for local and local history in Cambridgeshire.

The CALH holds an annual spring conference, with a strong local history theme at various locations around Cambridgeshire. In 2012, to celebrate the year of sport with the summer Olympics in London, we have chosen the theme of "*Sports and Leisure*". The conference will be held on Saturday 28th April. In early summer each year, the CALH holds its AGM and the "Cambridgeshire Local History Awards.

The Association also produces a range of publications and services as part of its membership package these include: An annual '*Review*', a booklet with articles of local historical interest and reviews. A

regularly updated online local society and event gazetteer called the 'Preview' which can be found at [www.calh.org.uk/preview.htm](http://www.calh.org.uk/preview.htm) this online gazetteer complements the printed local society and event gazetteer the 'Conduit' a copy of which is posted to all our membership. A regularly updated online comprehensive *Cambridgeshire Speakers List*, printed on a triennial basis, last printed in 2010. A bi-annual newsletter the 'Bulletin'.

*E-News Network*, the CALH also manages a countywide e-mailed based network for the distribution of information. This provides every county local, social and family history society with the opportunity to send news of its programme or any upcoming events to every other society, group, or club in the county via a central block email distribution. It also keeps all the county's societies up to date with national and local news. To join this information network simply send an email to [info@calh.org.uk](mailto:info@calh.org.uk)

Meetings: Monthly lectures start at 2.15pm; normally held on first Saturday of the month at the St John's Hall, Blinco Grove, off Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2RN except for the joint meetings with other societies.

**Membership:** affiliated local societies or groups £10; individuals £8; families £10. Entry to meetings free for individual and family members, £2.50 guests and non-members.

### Programme

1 Oct.	<b>Andrew Westwood-Bate</b>	BBC reel history of Britain
12 Nov.	<b>Honor Ridout</b>	Cambridge and Stourbridge Fair
3 Dec.	<b>Jonathon Evans</b>	Growing up in South Cambridgeshire
7 Jan.	<b>tba</b>	tba
4 Feb.	<b>Sawston Village College Students</b>	Henry Morris's vision of the village college
3 Mar.	<b>tba</b>	tba
28 Apr.		Spring Conference - Sports & leisure (Comberton Village Hall)
5 May	<b>tba</b>	tba
9 Jun.		Annual Local History Awards Ceremony (+AGM)

Further information about the Programme is available from the Secretary.

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## Huntingdonshire Local History Society

[www.huntslhs.org.uk](http://www.huntslhs.org.uk)

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The society exists to encourage and share research into the history of Huntingdonshire. Lectures are organised for Thursday evenings in the winter, and excursions, including a weekend away, in the summer. The society publishes a newsletter (*Almanack*) twice a year and a journal, *Records of Huntingdonshire* (content details on the society's website). Copies of Records are available price £3.00 from Huntingdonshire Archives or plus £1.00 postage from Chris Leigh, 8 Perry Road, Buckden, St Neots PE19 5XG.

The society's Goodliff Awards scheme has been running since 1996 and has made more than 100 awards. Details of how to apply are available from the scheme's administrator, Ken Sneath (01480-450686 or [kensneath@hotmail.com](mailto:kensneath@hotmail.com)).

The society meets in The Methodist Church, High Street, Huntingdon. Monthly, at 7.30 p.m.

**Membership:** Individual £10, Double £15. Visitor fee £2.00 (voluntary)

### Programme

13 Oct.	<b>Simon Thurley</b>	Presentation of Goodliff Awards, The President's Lecture: Henry VIII's Nonsuch Palace – a secret revealed
8 Dec.	<b>Debbie Banham</b>	An Anglo-Saxon Christmas Feast <i>followed by seasonal social</i>
12 Jan.	<b>Elizabeth Popescu</b>	The Medieval Leper: the Huntingdon and Norwich Evidence
9 Feb.	<b>Bob Burn-Murdoch</b>	Cattle, Corn, Coal and Clay: the Shaping of St Ives
8 Mar.	<b>David Hufford</b>	A Man who changed the face of Huntingdon: Robert Hutchinson, Architect
12 Apr.	<b>Peter Filby</b>	Huntingdonshire Corn Windmills and Millers
10 May		Annual General Meeting and excursion

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## Archaeology

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We are a small group which has been undertaking geophysical surveys in Cambridgeshire for over 12 years, mostly in the south of the area. We use ground resistance and magnetometry equipment along with surveying tools. We have been awarded two grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support our work. We aim to be out surveying on most Sundays, and welcome new members to come along and join us. We also invite enquiries regarding possible new sites to investigate.

A membership fee of £60 per year covers insurance and travel. For more details please log on to our website.

## **Cambridge Archaeological Unit – Cambridge University**

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The Cambridge Archaeological Unit was founded in 1989 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.

## **Cambridge Archaeology Field Group**

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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 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.

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 7.30pm. On other Wednesday evenings, throughout the year, we meet at the Oxford Archaeology East premises at Unit 15, Trafalgar Way, Bar Hill from about 7.15pm to process finds from our fieldwork.

Most of our fieldwork takes place on Sunday mornings, within about 15 miles of Cambridge. We have our own projects and will also undertake fieldwork at the request of other bodies. For the last 12 years we have conducted a small excavation at Wimpole Hall for the National Trust during July, to coincide with the Festival of British Archaeology. Newsletters are sent to members several times a year.

**Membership:** £8 individual, £11 family. We ask for a contribution of £1 from non-members who attend lectures or workshops. Application forms and further details are available from the secretary.

The group's **Val Whittaker Memorial Prize** offers up to £150 each year to those, (17 years old or above and normally Cambridgeshire-based), who wish to pursue their interest in archaeology. Applicants need to submit, by 30 March, a report on an investigation they have carried out into an aspect of archaeology. This may be a report prepared for a course of study. For further details please see our website.

### **Lecture Programme**

5 Oct.		tbc
2 Nov.	<b>Dr. Richard Preece</b>	The discoveries at Happisburgh
7 Dec.		tbc
4/11 Jan.	<b>Mike Coles <i>et al</i></b>	Review of the Group's work over the last year
1 Feb.		tbc
7 Mar.		tbc
4 Apr.	<b>Annual General Meeting and presidential address</b>	

## **Cambridge Industrial Archaeology Society**

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The Society's aim is to study and record the industrial history and artefacts of Cambridgeshire. It is affiliated to the Association of Industrial Archaeology (AIA), and is one of the founder members of the East of England Industrial Archaeology Conference (EERIAC). The Society also commissions and publishes occasional Monographs on Cambridge industrial subjects written by its members. Meetings, visits and conferences are open to everyone with an interest in industrial history.

Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of the winter months at the Friends' Meeting House, Jesus Lane, Cambridge CB5 6BA, at 7.45 pm

Subscriptions currently £10 yearly (October – September) due from October 1 (payments will NOT be accepted before this date): visitors £2 each meeting.

### **Programme**

Details of the 2011 – 2012 talks are not available at the present time.

Dates – Mondays October 10, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 12, and April 16.

To give an indication of topics covered, the titles of last year's talks were –

Atlas / Eternit of Meldreth

Fowells of St Ives – a new DVD introduced by Ken Ballard  
Building Replicas of Early Clocks – Don Unwin  
AGM; Digital & Print Photo Competitions; followed by Members' Mini-Presentations  
Elizabeth Gunning and the Bridgewater Canal – John Rolfe  
Photographic Reconnaissance – Sidney Deakin  
The History of Food Factories – Don Ives

## **EERIAC**

The East of England Regional Archaeology Conferences are fairly informal affairs, and all are welcome, even if not members of CIAS. EERIAC 2012 is due to be held probably in Peterborough, on the second Saturday in June.

If you are interested, contact Nigel Balchin, 4 Fairfields, Sawston, Cambridge CB22 3DA, 01223 832439, [drnigelbalchin@talktalk.net](mailto:drnigelbalchin@talktalk.net) with your name, address and telephone number to receive a programme when ready in mid-September.

## **Cambridgeshire Archaeology – Historic Environment Team**

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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 held at the County Archaeological Store, where they can be accessed by researchers whilst being maintained for future generations. The Historic Environment Team protects and promotes this valuable resource. Guidelines for organisations wishing to deposit archaeological archives at the store are available from our website. Our Planning and Countryside Advice archaeologists work to mitigate the impact of land use change on Cambridgeshire's rich archaeological heritage, ensuring its sustainability and long term conservation for future generations.

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

In partnership with Oxford Archaeology East (formerly the CCC Archaeology Field Unit), the Historic Environment Team deliver 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.

## **Cambridgeshire Archaeology – Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record**

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

We currently have over 19,000 records concerning archaeological monuments, chance finds, buildings and past fieldwork in Cambridgeshire. These are held on a computerised database and mapping system, where they can be easily searched by date, location and type of remains. Much of the information on the CHER is now available online via the Heritage Gateway [www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway](http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/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 deal with your enquiry within 10 working days.

Please read our User Guidance & Pricing notes

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/archaeology/historic/record/cherenquiry.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/archaeology/historic/record/cherenquiry.htm).

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.

## **Cambridgeshire Archaeology – Portable Antiquities Scheme**

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/archaeology/historic/antiquities](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/archaeology/historic/antiquities)

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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 at 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 Wednesdays.

Some of the objects that are brought to us fall within the Treasure Act, which provides museums with the opportunity to acquire finds made of gold or silver, or hoards of coins or 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 and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council. All finders of gold and silver objects, and groups of coins from the same findspot, which are over 300 years old, have a legal obligation to report such items under the Treasure Act 1996. Now prehistoric base-metal assemblages found after 1st January 2003 also qualify as Treasure. This website provides further information for finders of potential Treasure.

## **Cambridgeshire Archaeology – Outreach**

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/archaeology/outreach](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/archaeology/outreach)

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Cambridgeshire Archaeology is the umbrella name for public archaeology in Cambridgeshire. It brings together the Cambridgeshire County Council Historic Environment Team and Oxford Archaeology East (formerly the CCC Archaeology Field Unit) along with other public, private and voluntary sector organisations to promote the county's rich heritage. For many years Cambridgeshire Archaeology has been one of the country's leading exponents of public archaeology. It actively promotes education and community projects, with the key aim of increasing understanding of the rich heritage of the county. Few counties in Britain offer more public archaeology opportunities Cambridgeshire, with over 6,500 visitors participating in over 70 events during 2009.

We undertake or provide:

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

Public events include guided walks on historic monuments, evening talks to local societies, family and children's archaeology activity days both on ancient monuments and at local libraries. Details of all public events are available on the annual Archaeology Events programme, a leaflet for which is available on our websites.

We are also keen to develop further Community Archaeology projects in Cambridgeshire, having successfully completed lottery funded projects at Fulbourn, Sutton, Huntingdon, Thorney, Godmanchester and Wisbech. Please contact us to discuss any ideas you may have for community projects in your area. If you have an interest in participating in archaeology we continue to offer opportunities for volunteers. For further details please see our websites.

## Programme

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Other Information</i>
Saturday 15 October 10.30am-1pm	<b>Ely</b> Finds Identification Day with PAS Officer. Come and have your finds identified.	Ely Museum, Market Street, Ely CB7 4LS	Free entry

## Cambridgeshire Archaeology – Jigsaw Community Archaeology Project

[www.jigsawcambs.org](http://www.jigsawcambs.org)

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### JIGSAW - “Piecing Together Cambridgeshire's Past”

Cambridgeshire County Council and Oxford Archaeology East (formerly the CCC Archaeology Field Unit) have been awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund grant for the Jigsaw community archaeology project.

Jigsaw is a project which will help to set up new local community archaeology groups (Archaeology Action Groups) who will be trained and supported by two new Community Archaeologists to research, investigate and help protect the county's archaeology. It will provide volunteer opportunities, schools resources and support local involvement in heritage. In addition to setting up new groups, the project will also invite existing archaeology groups to join the project and benefit from training and equipment which the project will provide. Jigsaw will create a 'community resource' of equipment which groups can borrow for free to help them run their digs and surveys.

The Jigsaw website and information leaflet will shortly be available to provide information about the project and explain how to get involved.

This project will support community archaeology in Cambridgeshire for the next 5 years, running until August 2016 and should be the start of very exciting times for anyone who has an interest in archaeology or wishes to develop one.

## Ely & District Archaeological Society

[www.elyarchaeology.org.uk](http://www.elyarchaeology.org.uk)

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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 are 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:** individuals £ 8; joint membership £14; student membership £1; visitors £2.50 per lecture. Information about Membership and the future Programme is available from the Treasurer.

**Programme**

17 Oct.	<b>David McOmish</b>	Archaeology of the South Downs
21 Nov.	<b>Adam Slater</b>	Saxon to Medieval Ely - recent discoveries
Dec.	No Meeting	
16 Jan.	<b>Iain Smith</b>	Middle Level, Protecting life, property and land".
20 Feb.	<b>Kasia Gdaniec</b>	New opportunities in local archaeology
19 Mar.	<b>John Minnis</b>	Buildings for the Motor Car 1896-1940
April	No meeting	
16 May	<b>George Jellicoe &amp; Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl</b>	The Witchford Landscape from Domesday Book to the present. A.G.M.
June	No meeting	
July	No meeting	

**Fen Edge Archaeology Group**

[www.feag.co.uk](http://www.feag.co.uk)

**Chair**

**John Stanford**

**Secretary**

**Sharon and Darren Gallagher**

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The group aims to stimulate public interest in archaeology and promote further understanding of the archaeology of the villages of the Fen Edge area (serving the parishes of Cottenham, Rampton, Landbeach, Willingham and Waterbeach) by means of lectures, workshops and fieldwork including community digs. We meet in alternate months at Cottenham Village College, starting at 19:30. Membership is £10 per year, starting in January.

## Programme

- 28 Sep. **August McMahon** A Grave Situation: Mass Burials and Early Urbanism at Tell Brak, northeast Syria
- 23 Nov. **Alison Dickens** Old and New Discoveries at Rampton Church (+AGM)  
19:30pm at Rampton Church
- 17 Jan. **Mark Knight & Kenny Murrell** Drylands & Wetlands: Prehistoric excavations at Must Farm
- 14 Mar. **Mark Hinman** New Landscapes of the Cambridgeshire Claylands
- 16 May **Andrew Peachey** Conspicuous consumption on the Fen Edge: reflections on the pottery from recent excavations at Beck Row, Suffolk

Details of all meetings will be confirmed on our website.

## Middle Nene Archaeological Group

[www.midnag.org.uk](http://www.midnag.org.uk)

Chair

**John Hadman**

Secretary

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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 in conjunction with the Elton Society we organised a community "Big Dig". We have occasional social events, including an annual themed dinner.

We meet in Oundle Methodist Church (8 p.m.) between September and May.

**Membership:** Family £10; Individual £7; payable from September 1. Visitors: £2.

## Programme

- 28 Oct. **Mike Luke** Romano-British settlements in Beds/Northants
- 19 Nov. Roman Dinner.  
Glaphorn Village Hall. 19:00. £15.
- 10 Feb. **Julie Cassidy** Portable Antiquities scheme
- 23 Mar. **Shirley Walsh** Mystery of the Maya
- 4 May AGM and talk on the Hallaton Treasure
- 12 May Trip to Hallaton Museum and other sites in Leicestershire

## **Oxford Archaeology East**

**(Formerly Cambridgeshire County Council's Archaeological Field Unit, CAMARC/AFU)**

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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 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 as *Cambridgeshire Archaeology* OA East works directly with the Cambridgeshire County Council Archaeology Office to deliver education, outreach and public 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” – will train and support 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 for the next five years, (2011 – 2016).

OA East is a Registered Archaeological Organisation with the Institute of Field Archaeologists 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.

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## **Architecture and civic societies**

### **Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust**

[www.cambshistoricchurchestrust.co.uk](http://www.cambshistoricchurchestrust.co.uk)

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**Membership Secretary:**

**Vacant**

Please pass any enquiries on to the Hon Secretary.

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 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 *Newsletter* in spring and the *Annual Report* in September, with an invitation to attend the AGM in October; there is an Annual Conference held on a Saturday in 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. Membership and programme enquiries may be directed to the Hon. Secretary.

## Ely Society

**Chairman**  
**Secretary**

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The Ely Society aims to encourage individual awareness of, and pride in, the City of Ely; safeguard the character of Ely; and support the development of the social, economic and cultural potential of the community.

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Hall, Chapel Street, Ely.

**Membership:** £14; visitors £2.50 per meeting.

### Programme

12 Oct.	<b>Andrew Nyul</b>	Protected Species around Ely - the work of an Ecological Consultant
9 Nov.	<b>John Parish</b>	Elysian Fields Vineyard - producing award winning wine near Ely
14 Dec.		Christmas Party at the Kings Arms. Ticket required
11 Jan.	<b>Elizabeth Stazicker</b>	Ely Magistrates' Court
8 Feb.	<b>Tim Hill &amp; James Burton</b>	A House Built with Straw
14 Mar.	<b>Pam Blakeman</b>	Pictures of Old Ely (+AGM)
11 Apr.	<b>Cllr. Mike Rouse</b>	How Ely has changed
9 May	<b>Philip Eden</b>	Keeping Ely Moving - Cars, Buses & Trains
13 Jun.	<b>Katie Child</b>	To Build or not to Build

11 Jul. **Question Time**

A panel gives their views about members' questions on topical subjects.

Written questions to the Chairman at least 2 weeks ahead of the meeting

## **Hartford Conservation Group**

**Chair**  
**Secretary**

**Dr. Angela Owen-Smith MBE**  
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Hartford Conservation Group is the local Civic Society for Hartford. 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. Notices of forthcoming meetings and copies of the newsletter are placed in the notice board in Sapley Road opposite the Barley Mow.

Meetings are held four times per year at Hartford Village Hall, from 7.30pm.

**Membership:** £6 per year, (Individual), £10, (Joint - two members, same household), Visitors £1 per meeting – all including tea, coffee and biscuits.

### **Programme**

18 Oct.	<b>Kevin Dalley</b>	The history of RAF Wyton and the Pathfinder force (+AGM)
21 Feb.	tba	tba
15 May	tba	tba
23 Oct.	tba	tba (+AGM)

## **Huntingdon & Godmanchester Civic Society**

**Chair**  
**Secretary**

**Mr Richard Meredith**  
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We are a voluntary group concerned with the buildings, streets and open spaces in and around the historic towns of Huntingdon and Godmanchester. We monitor Planning Applications and are

presently involved in the campaign to have Huntingdon Town Hall (built 1746) restored and returned to full public and municipal use.

Committee meetings (which are open to all members) take place on the 2nd Tuesday (but not in August or December) at Huntingdon Library (usually from 3-5pm) whilst public meetings occur as necessary.

**Membership:** £5 single, £8 family.

## **March Society**

[www.themarchsociety.org.uk](http://www.themarchsociety.org.uk)

**Chairman**

**Correspondence Secretary**

**Membership Secretary**

**Committee Members**

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**Rosemary Lea, Toni Morley**

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We are a fairly young civic society for the market town of March. We are involved in conservation and preservation and have monthly meetings where speakers are invited 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 in March; inform the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of March; promote high standards of planning and architecture in March; and to promote civic pride in March. We will cooperate with the local authorities, planning committees, voluntary organisations, charities and people with similar aims to The March Society. We are interested in any building of beauty or historic interest within March. Amongst our future plans: heritage walks & visits to local houses, exhibitions of photographs of March, and digital archive of the town buildings. If you would like to join us, just come to one of the meetings featured on the home page of our website or fill in the form on our website and we will contact you. We have historic walks in the Summer.

Meetings are held in March Library on the first Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 9pm.

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

Entrance to meetings is £2.50 for non-members and £1.50 for members. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

## **Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB)**

[www.spab.org.uk](http://www.spab.org.uk)

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

Annual Membership of SPAB: £36 individual; £65 corporate  
SPAB's annual winter lecture programme begins in October – open to members of the public

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## **Family History Societies**

### **Cambridgeshire Family History Society**

[www.cfhs.org.uk](http://www.cfhs.org.uk)

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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 1,600 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.

UK: £9 (and this includes the member's partner) Overseas: £13 (which gives airmail postage of the Journal).

### **Girton Glebe School Meetings**

Cambridge Road, Girton CB3 0PN

2nd Saturday of each month except July & August

Visitors Welcome. There is parking on the school playground. Take the lane to the right of the Community Centre car park. Free, donations welcome from non members

11.00 - 13.00	Computer Club
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch break (Bring a packed lunch - tea and coffee available) with Family History Assistance including access to Ancestry.co.uk

Further details and future programme available from:

Helen Tarbox. Tel: 01522 792832. Email [cfhs.computergroup@googlemail.com](mailto:cfhs.computergroup@googlemail.com)

10 Sep.	<b>Audrey Gillett</b>	Nobody Knew, Nobody Cared
1 Oct.	<b>Laurie Page</b>	Migration - When we get stuck
12 Nov.	<b>Tom Doig</b>	Village self help and the friendly societies
10 Dec.	<b>Brian Jones</b>	Christmas Part 2
14 Jan.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Pickwick's visit to Cambridge
11 Feb.	<b>Philip Sawford</b>	tba
10 Mar.	<b>Geoff Lee</b>	A gypsy in the family
14 Apr.	<b>Vanessa Blake</b>	19th c emigration to America
12 May	<b>Helen Harwood</b>	Chesterton Workhouse
9 Jun.	<b>Tony Kirby</b>	Seaside resorts
8 Sep.	<b>Honor Ridout</b>	Cambridge Town and Gown

### **Cambridge City Branch Meetings**

St Laurence Church Hall, 91 Milton Road Cambridge CB4 1XB

19:30 – 21:00. 3rd Friday of the month except July, August & December.

There is ample parking, and refreshments are available.

Further details and future programme available from:

Caroline Norton

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16 Sep.	<b>Bernard Amps &amp; Maureen Nicholls</b>	Brickwalls
21 Oct.	<b>Peter Hagger</b>	One-Name Studies
18 Nov.	<b>Gill Shapland</b>	The 'New' Poor Law

## March Branch Meetings

March Library, City Road, March PE15 9LT  
18:00 – 20:00. 1st Tuesday of the month.  
Refreshments are available.

Further details and future programme available from:  
Maureen Nicholls. Email [tanglinmo@fsmail.net](mailto:tanglinmo@fsmail.net)

6 Sep.	<b>Brian Jones</b>	Births, Baptisms, Marriage, Death and Burial
4 Oct.	<b>David Edwards</b>	Doddington 100 years ago - an illustrated talk
1 Nov.	<b>Stuart Orme</b>	From Mythology to Twilight A Brief history of vampires
6 Dec.		Members Evening

## Ely Branch Meetings

Ely Library, 6 The Cloisters, Ely CB7 4ZH  
13.30 – 16.00. Last Saturday of the month.  
Refreshments are available.

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## Fenland Family History Society

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

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

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

2012 programme being developed

# 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. It recognises the needs of those members who cannot easily travel to research in Huntingdon, and endeavours to make information available whether or not they have access to computer technology. The society actively supports the Huntingdon and English Fens Genealogy Mailing List. Our journal *The Huntsman* is published three times a year. The Society is a member of Federation of Family History Societies and is a supporter of the Genealogy UK and Ireland (GENUKI) information service.

Monthly lectures are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm at The W.I. Centre, Walden Road, (The Ring Road), Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE29 3AZ from September to July, where there is also a bookstall with a wide range of genealogical and local history publications.

We are holding a **Family History Fair on Saturday 21st April 2012 at The Burgess Hall, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 6WU from 10am to 4pm**. For further details, either to attend or to book a stall, please contact Mrs.. C. Morris, 2 Burleigh Road, St. Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 3DF or email secretary@huntsfhs.org.uk

## Programme

21 Sep.	<b>Gill Shapland</b>	Was your ancestor a bastard?
19 Oct.	<b>Beth Davis</b>	The Orchid Man of Kimbolton
16 Nov.	<b>Fiona Lucraft</b>	Dining at Christmas through the ages
14 Dec.	<b>Deana Hudson</b>	The mistress, her maid and the men in their lives
18 Jan.	<b>Ken Sneath</b>	The history of Godmanchester
15 Feb.	<b>Peter Ibbett</b>	A-Z of Victorian farming
21 Mar.	<b>Michael White</b>	Ely Cathedral
18 Apr.	<b>Dr. Evelyn Lord</b>	Crime in Medieval Huntingdonshire
16 May	<b>Robina Hodgson</b>	World War I trench experiences (+AGM)
20 Jun.	<b>Gordon Easton</b>	Growing up in the Fens – a farming life
18 Jul.	<b>Michael White</b>	Tour of Ely Cathedral (meet at venue, possibly afternoon visit – see website for details)

## Peterborough and District Family History Society

www.peterborofhs.org.uk

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The June and August meetings are usually outings to local places of interest. A journal is published 4 times per year.

Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of the month at Westgate Church Hall, Westgate Peterborough, starting at 7.30pm. Non-members welcome. Any enquiries please contact the secretary - details as above.

**Membership:** £8 per year. Family £10 per year

### Programme

6 Jul.	<b>Dr. Wendy Freer</b>	The census story
3 Aug.		Visit to Brownes Hospital, Stamford
7 Sep.	<b>Peter Edwards</b>	Gypsies & travellers
5 Oct.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Ghosts & witches of Cambridgeshire
2 Nov.		Bring your own research to share
7 Dec.		Christmas social

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## Local History and other Societies

### Abington History Society

Chairman	<b>Jennifer Hirsh</b> 34 High Street, Little Abington, Cambridge CB21 6BG Tel: 01223 893352. Email jennifer@hirsh.demon.co.uk
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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. Our most recent 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. Our current research efforts are directed towards the public houses in our two villages. We are always keen to see and, if possible, scan pictures or documents relating to any aspect of Great and Little Abington.

## **Balsham Archives and Photographic Collection**

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

## **Barrington Society**

**Chair**                         **Margaret Cook**  
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**Secretary**                 **Penny Clark**  
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Monthly meetings are 8pm on the 3rd Wednesday at Barrington Village Hall.

**Membership: £10**

### **Programme**

19 Oct.    Bury St Edmunds Cathedral  
1 Nov.     Challis Greed Excavations  
21 Dec.   Christmas Party (Members only)  
18 Jan.   The Fifth Man on the Scott Polar Expedition, Lt Henry Bowers  
15 Feb.   Lapis Lazuli  
21 Mar.   What people had in  
18 Apr.   Their houses  
16 May    The Life of a Funeral Director  
June       Barbecue & AGM

## **Brampton Historical Society**

**Chair** Mr. Brian Gebbels

**Secretary**

**Mrs. Pat Last**

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The society was formed in 1979 and meets at 7.45pm 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.	<b>Ian Small</b>	Work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission
23 Nov.	<b>David Hufford</b>	Huntingdon & Godmanchester 1930 – 1970 in old photographs
25 Jan.	<b>Alan Butler</b>	The street names of Huntingdon (+AGM)
28 Mar.	<b>George Cottam</b>	Brampton Wood
23 May	<b>Leonard Priestley</b>	True stories of a lorry driver & furniture delivery man
25 Jul.	<b>Peter Carter</b>	Eels, punts & willows – a life on the Fens
26 Sep.	<b>Alan J Eade</b>	The history of the English timber-framed house
28 Nov.	<b>Dr. Ken Sneath</b>	The beginnings of the Consumer Society

## **Buckden Local History Society**

**Chair**

**Robin Gibson**

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**Secretary**

**Les Button**

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Founded in 1979, the Society aims to promote the study and knowledge of local history in its very widest sense, primarily by means of talks on all manner of topics in any way connected with the subject and will be pleased to promote individual or group research into local history projects. Anyone interested in research is asked to contact the Chairman. Buckden Local History Society is affiliated to Cambridgeshire Association for Local History. For more information please contact the Chairman.

**Meetings:** Monthly except August, 7.30 pm 1st Wednesday, at the Conference Room at Buckden Towers.

### **Programme**

5 Oct.	<b>Deana Hudson</b>	The mistress, her maid and the man in her life
2 Nov.	<b>Brian Jones</b>	Family Christmases through history
7 Dec.	<b>Dr. Ken Sneath</b>	Godmanchester - a celebration of 800 years

4 Jan.	<b>Frances Spalding</b>	Gwen Raverat – a Cambridge childhood
1 Feb.	<b>Dr. Carenza Lewis</b>	From Time Team to a dig near you
7 Mar.	<b>Bob Burn-Murdoch</b>	The shape of St. Ives
4 Apr.	<b>David Guyers</b>	The Royal Maundy
2 May	<b>Dr. Peter Clarkson</b>	The Scott Polar Research Institute
6 Jun.		Annual General Meeting
July	(Date tbc)	Visit to the Scott Polar Research Institute

## **Burwell History Society**

<b>President</b>	<b>Ann Briggs</b> Tel: 01638 741882
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The Society was founded in 1993 to promote and encourage interest in, and knowledge of, Burwell and its surrounding area; to ensure the correct recording and safe keeping of archive material in county collections and Burwell Museum; and to encourage individuals and small groups in their research.

Meetings are usually held at Burwell Village College on the third Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm (September to May).

Membership is £12 per annum, payable at the first meeting in September. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings at £2 per visit.

### **Programme**

19 Oct.	<b>Dan Johnson</b>	Smuggling on the east coast in the 16th & 17th centuries
16 Nov.	<b>John Sutton</b>	Newmarket – the lost Jacobean palace
14 Dec.	<b>Geoff Hales</b>	Christmas readings
18 Jan.	<b>Honor Ridout</b>	A history of Stourbridge Fair
8 Feb.	<b>Alison Dickens</b>	Beneath the Grand Arcade
21 Mar.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Cambridge at war – from the front to the Backs, 1914-18
18 Apr.	<b>Lacy Anderson</b>	The River Cam – its history, uses & characters (+AGM)
16 May	<b>Jon Gibbs</b>	Wandlebury Country Park – its history and management

## **Cambridge Past, Present & Future**

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**Mary Nealon**

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Cambridge Past, Present & Future (formerly Cambridge Preservation Society) was founded over 80 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 its care – for the benefit of all. We look after Wandlebury Country Park, the Coton Countryside Reserve, a working farm which we are developing as a green place to visit to the west of Cambridge as well as the Leper Chapel on Newmarket Road, Hinxton Watermill and Bourn Windmill. Membership of Cambridge PPF is open to all.

## **Cambridgeshire Archives and Local Studies**

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/archives](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/archives)

**Acting Manager**

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### *Huntingdonshire Archives*

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### *The Cambridgeshire Collection*

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Cambridgeshire Archives and Local Studies have a number of projects under way or in the pipeline. The Cambridge City Archive project for cataloguing the records of the post-1835 Municipal Borough progresses well and a further year for an archivist has been generously funded by the Cambridgeshire Family History Society. Some 23 volunteers are now involved. Catalogues of the records of all parish overseers' records are now available online, while work continues on the Town Clerk's, Treasurer's and Surveyor's records. This project demonstrates the core importance of the Cambridge to the history of the county and its documentary legacy and has its counterpart in the imminent transfer of further installments of important archives from the City Council.

In October a newly-appointed archivist, Aaron Hope, will begin a 13-month project to review and update the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire entries in the statutory Manorial Documents Register. The aim is to achieve comprehensive, accurate information about all records of local manors available on The National Archives' website. We have also been successful in the first stage of our application to the National Cataloguing Grants Programme for a project entitled *The Fen Office Revisited*, which will open up access to the nationally-important archive of the Bedford Level Corporation. Our aim is to totally re-catalogue the archive, incorporating the descriptive work that has been done over the years by archivists and volunteers. At the same time, with support from CFHS, we will be digitising the superb series of 2,232 petitions to the Corporation from the 17th to the 20th centuries.

Behind the scenes, all the records that were outstored at Norfolk Record Office are now back in our care. Space requirements necessitate that quantities of these (including some Huntingdonshire Archives and Cambridgeshire Collection materials) remain outstored but they can now be retrieved within a few days.

Many outreach events and exhibition displays have been carried out over the past year, with the Local Studies team in particular delivering many of these. One such exhibition was created by the Cambridgeshire Collection for a reception given by the Mayor of Cambridge for former Far Eastern Prisoners of War and their families in the Guildhall. A variety of material relating to the Cambridgeshire Regiment, wartime Cambridge, and the homecoming of POWs was used.

## Cambridgeshire Records Society

[www.cambsrecordsociety.org.uk](http://www.cambsrecordsociety.org.uk)

Cambridgeshire Records Society, Cambridgeshire Archives and Local Studies, Box RES 1009, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP

President	Prof. Margaret Spufford
Chairman	Mrs. Elizabeth Stazicker
General Editor	Dr. Rosemary Horrox
Secretary	Dr. Sarah Bendall

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

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

The Society has 20 publications in stock. See our website or Cambridgeshire Records Society on [www.genfair.com](http://www.genfair.com). The latest volume, published in 2011, is: *The Topography of Medieval Ely*, edited by **Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl**. ISBN 978-0904323221. Softback, 248 pages. Price: £18, CRS Members £12, postage £2.50.

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:**

Ecclesiastical Census of 1851. **Dr David Thompson**  
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Early Borough Treasurers' Accounts. **Prof. Barrie Dobson**  
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## **Catworth Local History Society**

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Mrs. Joan Meiklejohn</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mr. Ian Meiklejohn</b> 26 High Street, Catworth, Cambridgeshire PE28 0PF Tel: 01832 710296. Email ianmeiklejohn1947@btinternet.com

The Society is primarily concerned with research, but has at least one meeting a year, and usually one outing.

**Publications include**

The Church of St Leonard	<b>Ian Meiklejohn</b>
The Impact of the Turnpikes	<b>Gordon Reffin</b>
Falling from the Sky (WWII Aircraft Collisions)	<b>Howard Plant</b>

The Group meets once or twice a year at Catworth Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitor fee: £1

## **Caxton Historical Society**

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Phyllis Baker</b>
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We are a small informal group (about 35 members) from Caxton, Bourn and neighbouring villages, with varied interests: antiquarian, archaeological and historical; also buildings, family history, rural life and pursuits, etc.

We usually meet on the 2nd Monday of February, May, September and November at 8pm at Caxton Village Hall, but this depends on availability of speakers. Occasionally we arrange additional meetings and visits to sites or museums.

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

### **Programme**

14 Nov. **Peter Ibbett** Round Britain 1951 – the Festival of Britain

2012 programme still under development.

## **Chatteris History Society**

*(See also separate entry for Chatteris Museum)*

**Chairman** **Jenny Furlong**

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**Secretary** **Barbara Duguid**

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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.

Society meetings are held in January, March, May, July, September and November on the 4th Friday (7.30pm-9.30pm). Refreshments served.

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

## **Cherry Hinton Local History Society**

**Chair**

**Gill Mallett**

**Secretary**

**Jenny Taylor**

**Programme & Excursions Officer**

**Mo Child**

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We are a friendly and approachable group interested in all aspects of local history and its affiliated disciplines countrywide. Visitors and members alike are welcome to come to our monthly meetings which are usually held on the last Monday, Jan-Nov (not August or December) unless Bank Holiday then preceding Monday), at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Centre. We also have around 3 outings a year. Talks cover all aspects of local history and related subjects. There is a display at each meeting to show some aspect of Cherry Hinton's History, along with refreshments and a raffle.

Meetings: Once a month (except August & December). Usually the last Monday evening each month at St Andrew's Church Centre, High Street Cherry Hinton (just behind the Church) at 7.30pm.

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

### **Programme**

26 Sep.	<b>Peter Filby</b>	Windmills of South Cambridgeshire
31 Oct.	<b>Colin Blumenau</b>	The Georgian Globe. History of Theatre Royal Bury St. Edmunds
28 Nov.		AGM & Members Social Event
30 Jan.	<b>Michael Coles</b>	The Brick Industry in the 17th& 18th Century in West Cambridgeshire
27 Feb.	<b>Dr. Kathryn Powell</b>	Old English, Cambridge & the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle
26 Mar.	<b>Chris Leuchars</b>	Denny Abbey and the Farmland Museum
30 Apr.	tba	tba
23 May	tba	tba
25 Jun.	<b>David Taylor</b>	The Story of the Lancaster Bomber

## **Chesterton Local History Group**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>David Stubbings</b> 229 High Street, Chesterton, Cambridge CB4 1NL Tel: 01223 368279. Email <a href="mailto:chestertonlocalhistorygroup@yahoo.co.uk">chestertonlocalhistorygroup@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Doreen Furness</b>

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 are held in St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road, Chesterton, Cambridge CB4 1DH, on the 3rd Tuesday in the month at 2.30.

**Membership:** £10; visitors £2 per session.

For more information contact: Alice Zeitlyn 01223 357395 or David Stubbings.

### **Programme**

18 Oct.	<b>David Richards</b>	Bell ringing
15 Nov.	<b>Charles Malyon</b>	Aldham House in Union Lane
17 Jan.	tba	Chesterton parks & gardens
21 Feb.	<b>Vernon McElroy</b>	Norman Cross POW depot 1805
20 Mar.	<b>Tony Kirby</b>	Local railways
17 Apr.	<b>Patrick Lawlor</b>	The old manor house
22 May	<b>Alice Zeitlyn &amp; friends</b>	Hobbies

## Comberton Antiquarian Society

Chair                    Brian Everett  
Secretary             Peter Johnson  
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Meetings are held once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 8.00 pm in Comberton Village Hall

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

### Programme

27 Sep.	<b>Colin Lattimore</b>	Introduction to English heraldry
25 Oct.	<b>Helen Harwood</b>	Three Cambridge heroes
22 Nov.	<b>Arthur Brookes</b>	The Cambridge American Cemetery - past, present and future
24 Jan.	<b>Ann Mitchell</b>	The greatest raid of all – St. Nazaire 1942
28 Feb.	<b>Judy Wilson</b>	Cambridge Grocer - the story of Matthew's of Trinity Street 1832-1962
27 Mar.	<b>Honor Ridout</b>	The Tudor re-creation at Kentwell Hall
24 Apr.	AGM	
22 May	<b>Michelle Bullivant</b>	'The War Ditcher' Cambridge
26 Jun.	<b>Ian Powys</b>	Tiffany Glass

There will be outings in October and April. Dates and venues tba.

## Cottenham Village Society

[www.cottenhamvillagesociety.ukfamilies.com](http://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 four social events held each year. During the summer the Committee arranges a visit to a place of interest and a barbeque; at Christmas, a party with good food and wine.

Meetings are at the Primary School, Lambs Lane, Cottenham at 7.45pm where free parking is available.

**Membership:** £6; visitors £2 per session.

## Programme

9 Sep.	<b>Margaret Brierley</b>	My experience of the 1948 Olympics (+AGM)
14 Oct.	<b>Gerald Gifford</b>	Sacred music in 19th century Cottenham: a musically illustrated talk
11 Nov.	<b>Ralph Carpenter</b>	Wartime Cottenham in words and pictures
13 Jan.	<b>Judy Wilson</b>	Cambridge grocer - Matthew's of Trinity Street, 1832 -1962
10 Feb.	<b>Veronica Bennett</b>	A history of the National Trust
9 Mar.	<b>Nancy Gregory</b>	The Cambridge haunts of M R James
20 Apr.	<b>Tony Kirby</b>	Losing track: transport in East Anglia since 1900

## Duxford History Group

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Jim Longstaff</b> 8b St John's Street, Duxford CB22 4RA Tel: 01223 832000
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The group has been in existence for almost 25 years. What began as a working group to try to uncover the village's past has become a winter programme of some 12 speakers. The group meets at 7.30pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the Lacey's Way Communal Room, Duxford CB22 4SE.

Admittance: £3 on the night.

## Programme

13 Sep.	<b>Ian Powys</b>	Bayeux Tapestry and overlord embroidery
27 Sep.	<b>Ken Drake</b>	London tour on slides Part II
11 Oct.	<b>Michelle Bullivant</b>	Powder and poison – the history of cosmetics
25 Oct.	<b>Dr. Ken Sneath</b>	Everyday life in the 18th Century
8 Nov.	<b>Deana Hudson</b>	The mistress, the maid and the men in their lives
22 Nov.	<b>Mike Wabe</b>	Life in medieval England
10 Jan.	<b>David Eddershaw</b>	The real Lark Rise
24 Jan.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Memory lane Cambridge
14 Feb.	<b>Robina Hodgson</b>	Post-war fashions in the 1940s
28 Feb.	<b>Rodney Tibbs</b>	Someone's got to do it
13 Mar.	<b>Judy Wilson</b>	Cambridge grocer – Matthew's of Trinity Street
27 Mar.	<b>Neil Storey</b>	Grim tales of Cambridgeshire

## Eatons Community Association (ESCA)

[www.escan.org.uk](http://www.escan.org.uk)

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<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mrs. Julia Hayward</b>

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. 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, and we open our village lock-up and church regularly during the summer. 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. We do not hold talks/lectures but we do liaise with nearby history and archive groups and work with them in various projects. We have monthly committee meetings where events are planned. We now hold a large archive relating to Eaton Socon Parish and have written more than 20 history booklets. As part of a very large project we researched all the buildings and their families within the present areas of Eaton Socon and Eaton Ford from the enclosure in 1799 to 1965. Most of Eaton Socon archives are held in Bedford archives but our booklets are available in Bedford and Huntingdon archives, local libraries, St Neots Museum and in local schools. They can be bought from ESCA. We have 4 trails, 8 Heritage Boards and 14 blue plaques in the Eatons. There are no membership fees. We raise money at our May Day celebrations, other events and through writing history booklets. Committee meetings are held monthly.

## **Eltisley History Society**

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**President** William Topham

**Chairman** Mike Cropley

**Secretary** Mary Flinders

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Eltisley History Society aims to research and record family and local history. Monthly meetings are held with a variety of speakers. Current research is ongoing into Eltisley's World War 1 soldiers, a project to sound record and film elderly residents about their memories, and a project to digitise and catalogue the Society's collection of photographs.

Meetings take place at the Cade Memorial Hall, The Green, Eltisley on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm for 8pm. Visitors are welcome at all meetings (£2 per meeting).

### **Programme**

22 Sep.	<b>Hilary Stroude</b>	Longstanton & District Heritage Society beginnings
27 Oct.	<b>Les Millgate</b>	The history of RAF Duxford
24 Nov.	<b>Mark Hinman</b>	Update on Loves Farm archaeology
26 Jan.	<b>Bob Burn-Murdoch</b>	The shaping of St Ives
23 Feb.	<b>Chris Jakes</b>	The Cambridgeshire Collection
23 Mar.	<b>James Fairbairn</b>	Houghton primary school excavations
27 Apr.		Annual General Meeting

## Fenland History on Friday

[www.cambridgeshirehistory.com/MikePetty](http://www.cambridgeshirehistory.com/MikePetty)

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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 are held at Ely Library on Fridays from 10.15 to noon from October to late spring. They cost £2.50 on the door. Numbers are limited to 50 each session, so come early to avoid disappointment. Further information and the future Programme are available from Mike Petty.

### Programme

7 Oct.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Ely gaol tales – the story of the Sessions House
21 Oct.	tba	Fenland in film
28 Oct.	<b>Diana Cockrill</b>	Reflections of Fenland life at Pymore and Stretham
4 Nov.	<b>Brian Payne</b>	Jeremiah Jackson – rebellious cleric
11 Nov.	<b>Rex Sly</b>	Soil in their souls – a history of Fenland farming
18 Nov.	<b>Beth Davis</b>	Cambridgeshire bell founding

## Fulbourn Village History Society

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Formed in 1999, the Fulbourn Village History Society aims to keep and maintain records of all aspects of the village's social and historical developments. Members and the general public are able to consult these for research purposes by appointment, or on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon, at the Archive Store situated in the Committee Room of the Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn.

Lecture meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month (October to May inclusive) in the Fulbourn Centre. Doors open at 7.30pm.

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

## Programme

20 Oct.	<b>Andrew Jackson</b>	Inn signs of town and country
17 Nov.	<b>George Culling</b>	Air navigation 66 years ago – a personal account
9 Dec.	<b>Ken Drake</b>	Pictures and music (Social Event. By Ticket only)
19 Jan.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Elizabethan Cambridge 1952 - 2005
16 Feb.	<b>Judy Wilson OBE</b>	Cambridge grocer – Matthew's of Trinity Street 1832 - 1962
15 Mar.	<b>James Caesar</b>	Historical sites in the Middle East
19 Apr.	<b>Tom Doig</b>	The Victorian way of death

## Gamlingay & District History Society

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<b>Committee</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Janet Atherton</b> Tel: 01767 650881

The Society meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, (except in July and August), at 7.30 pm in Gamlingay Village College, Room 2.

**Membership fee:** £15. Visitors £3.

## Programme

12 Sep.	<b>Jim Empson</b>	Gamlingay 1932 – 1960
10 Oct.	<b>David Austin</b>	History of submarines
14 Nov.	<b>Jim Brown</b>	An evening with Jim Brown, author of Villagers
12 Dec.		Christmas social event
9 Jan.	<b>Stella Gibbs</b>	The Payne family of Tempsford Hall
13 Feb.	<b>Jane Croot</b>	Family History
12 Mar.	<b>Jackie Painter</b>	March madness
9 Apr.	<b>Liz Carter</b>	The womens' suffrage movement
14 May	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Sherlock Holmes in Cambridge
11 Jun.		Summer social event & AGM

## Hemingfords' Local History Society (Hemlocs)

President	Pam Dearlove
Chairman	Sarah Power Tel: 01480 463825. Email s.power111@btinternet.com
Secretary	Pat Douglas Tel: 01480 463 825. Email pdouglas@btinternet.com

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

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Pavilion, Manor Road, Hemingford Grey at 7.30pm.

**Membership:** £10.00 per year. Guests and visitors £3 per meeting. New members always welcome.

### Programme

15 Sep.	Brian Jones	Great Fenland monasteries
20 Oct.	Caroline Stanford	The Landmark Trust & Warren House, Kimbolton
17 Nov.	Gilly Vose	The Cambridgeshire county farms estate
14 Dec. (Wed.)	Members' Christmas party & Supper at Hemingford Abbots Village Hall	
19 Jan.	Brian Kell	Straw bears – celebrating Plough Monday
16 Feb.	Honor Ridout	Living a Tudor life – re-enactment at Kentwell Hall
15 Mar.	Theresa Hall	Grey Hall – restoration of a Hemingford Grey house
19 Apr.	David Cozens	Edison Bell (+AGM)
17 May	Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl	Ely and the River Ouse

## Histon & Impington Village Society

Chair	Alan Eade
Secretary	Barbara Parr 20 New School Road, Histon, Cambridgeshire CB24 9LL Tel: 01223 233397. Email cats.cradle@hotmail.co.uk

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

Our lectures are usually held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at Impington Village College.

**Membership:** £6 per year. Visitors: £2 per meeting. Please contact the Secretary for further information.

### Programme

27 Sep.	Archaeological finds at Unwin's site
18 Oct.	History of Royal Copenhagen porcelain
29 Nov.	Wine tasting (Members only)

13 Dec. Christmas lunch (Members only)

2012 programme under development.

## Houghton & Wyton Local History Society

www.hwlhs.org.uk

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Chair

Graham Adams

Secretary

Maurice Hanslow

Programme Secretary &

Gerry Feakes

Research Officer

Tel: 01480 469376. Email gerry.feakes@one-name.org

The Society was founded in 1988. In addition to a programme of meetings current activities include: revision and republishing of the village Guide Book, exhibitions of historical material about the village in the village shop window and Houghton Mill, an annual historical walk round the village, recording the memories of long term residents and collecting archive material about the village.

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesdays in September, October, November, January, March and May at 7.30 in The Memorial Hall, Houghton.

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

### Programme

26 Oct.	<b>James Fairbairn</b>	The Archaeological Dig at Houghton School (+AGM)
23 Nov.	<b>Bob Burn-Murdoch</b>	Inskipp-Ladds, the Huntingdon church restorer
25 Jan.	<b>Phil O'Donoghue</b>	From Fell to Fen, 25 years in the National Trust
21 Mar.	<b>Brian Jones</b>	The Proby family of Elton Hall
Apr.-Oct.	Houghton Mill	Exhibition - The Goodman family of Houghton & Wyton
April		Visit to Elton Hall (the home of the Proby Family)
23 May	<b>Stuart Orme</b>	The work of Peterborough Museum
9/10 Jun.	The Chapel Centre	Exhibition – in conjunction with the Flower Festival
June		Visit to Peterborough Museum
15 Jul.	Birthday of Potto Brown	The crowning of Potto Brown at his monument on The Green plus A Conducted Historical Walk round the Village and refreshments.
26 Sep.		Annual General meeting followed by a talk given by a member
24 Oct.	tba	tba
28 Nov.	tba	tba

## Isleham Society

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Vernon Place</b> Tel: 01638 780449. Email vernonp@btinternet.com
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mrs. Rosie Evans</b> P.O. Box 183, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 5XJ

The Isleham Society is a group of friends interested in our village, its history, traditions, its preservation and development. It is a non profit making Society registered with the Charity Commission. We meet regularly throughout the year, usually on the third Thursday in the month in the Village Hall at 7.45 for 8pm. We have interesting speakers, often with special emphasis on topics of local or East Anglian interest. The Society also organises outings each summer. Meetings are followed by a cup of tea or coffee and the opportunity to meet other village people and our guests. Though primarily a group of Isleham residents, the Society welcomes all visitors. The Society will flourish for as long as sufficient residents and friends of Isleham - young and old – continue to care about all aspects of our village and become active members.

**Membership:** £10 per person or £15 per couple. Visitors £2 per session.

### Programme

14 Sep.		Guided tour of Donarbon waste management site
20 Oct.	<b>Trevor Burlingham</b>	With a camera around Breckland
17 Nov.	<b>Dr. Alistair Burn</b>	Fenland washes and other places of interest
19 Jan.	<b>Peter Jackson</b>	Grow your own fruit and vegetables
16 Feb.	<b>Vernon Place</b>	Old Isleham photos – number 5
15 Mar.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Fenland floods in 1947
19 Apr.	<b>Liz Howes</b>	Update of my work in Romania (+AGM)

## Kimbolton Local History Society

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Nora Butler</b> Tel: 01480 861007
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Pauline Agnew</b> The Martlets, 13 Hatchet Lane, Stonely, St. Neots PE19 5EG Tel: 01480 860215. Email the.agnews@talk21.com

KLHS aims to encourage interest in the history of the local area through talks, visits, research and publications. The Society meets monthly on Wednesday evenings, (at 20:00), usually in the State Rooms of Kimbolton Castle – by kind permission of the Headmaster. Access is via stairs with a handrail and a hearing loop is available

**Membership:** £7 per year, (Single), £12 per year, (Couple). Visitors: £2 per meeting.

### Programme

14 Sep.	<b>Dr. Paul Sperry</b>	The Lodes and Hithes of Huntingdonshire
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19 Oct.	<b>Roy Thompson</b>	The history of leather manufacture in Northamptonshire
6 Nov.		Kimbolton Castle open to the public
16 Nov.	<b>Andrew Bamford</b>	The Manchesters in 19th century politics
7 Dec.	<b>Ian Trowell</b>	The Industrial revolution on the fairground – a local perspective

2012 programme under development.

## Landbeach Society

[www.landbeach.org.uk](http://www.landbeach.org.uk)

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Robert Stripe</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Dr. Margaret Steane</b> 109 Waterbeach Road, Landbeach, Cambridge CB25 9FA Tel: 01223 860128. Email <a href="mailto:msteane@msteane.freeserve.co.uk">msteane@msteane.freeserve.co.uk</a>
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	<b>Joan Russell</b> Tel: 01223 441769

Activities include a programme of talks on Wednesdays in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm during the autumn and winter months, visits to places of interest in the spring and summer, social events, and comments on appropriate planning matters.

**Membership:** £1. Admission to talks: £2 per head per meeting.

### Programme

21 Sep.	<b>Colin Limming</b>	The Story of a Village History Book
19 Oct.	<b>Jennifer Hirsh</b>	The Abingtons on the Map
16 Nov.	<b>Arthur Brookes</b>	The History of the American Cemetery, Madingley
7 Dec.		Christmas Celebration
18 Jan.		Annual General Meeting
18 Apr.	tba	Memories of the Regal Cinema

Other meetings in 2012 to be arranged.

## Landscape & Local History Group

<b>Co-ordinator</b>	<b>Lyn Boothman</b> 18 York Street, Cambridge CB1 2PY Tel: 01223 323042. Email <a href="mailto:annys@boothman27.fsnet.co.uk">annys@boothman27.fsnet.co.uk</a>
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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 are about to be. Many members are working on topics or places in the local area, and others are researching further afield. This very informal group meets around four times a year. Members share research findings, exchange ideas and information, and increase their knowledge of the range of records and

resources available. The group has been in existence since 1993. Please contact the co-ordinator for more information, to get your name onto the email mailing list, or to get directions. New members are very welcome.

Meetings are at 7.30pm in Helmore Room 251 at Anglia Ruskin University, East Road, Cambridge. Quarterly, usually September, December, March, June

Members pay a small occasional fee to cover postage and copying costs. This is currently £2 and is collected irregularly at meetings.

### **Programme**

28 Sep.	<b>Philomena Guillebaud</b>	The First Eastern General Hospital in Cambridge in WW1, and its later use for emergency housing
8 Dec.	<b>Judith Allen</b>	The fate of the small farmers at enclosure - the Fulbourn experience
6 Mar.	<b>Janet Morris</b>	Horseheath Hall - a vanished country house
6 Jun.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Cambridgeshire sources, past, present and future

## **Linton & District Historical Society**

[www.lintonhistory.org.uk](http://www.lintonhistory.org.uk)

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Gareth Collard</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Andrew Westwood-Bate</b> P.O. Box 1112, Balsham, Cambridge CB21 4WP Tel: 01223 892430. Email <a href="mailto:info@hildersham.co.uk">info@hildersham.co.uk</a>
<b>Treasurer &amp; Membership</b>	Frank Appleyard Tel: 01223 892255

The Society aims to promote interest in Local History, the environment and the conservation of the Linton & District region. The Society chairman has a photographic record of Linton containing over 3000 photographs collected by the Chairman over many years. The chairman in association with the Society and the local newspaper the Linton News have produced a comprehensive book of photographs of the village, entitled "Linton in Pictures", see the website for details of how to get hold of your copy.

Meetings are held in Linton Village Hall at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May. So why not come and join us, and have a great evening amongst friends, there is always lots of news of what is happening locally in the history world and a chance to discuss your project be it Family, House or Local History with the experts.

Membership is £10 per year and there is only a very small charge of just £2 for visitors. Further information about the Programme is available from the Secretary.

## Little Downham Community Archive

**Chair** Mr. Chris Seekings  
**Secretary** Mr. John Clarke  
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The group administers the village site in the CCAN online archive, holds monthly 'drop-in' meetings and one or two larger events annually

Meetings are held 1st Monday (Bank Holidays excepted), 10 until noon in Lt. Downham village hall.

## Little Shelford Local History Society

**Chairman** Ray Saich  
**Secretary** Susie Fraser  
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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 are held three times a year, in November, February and April (AGM), at 7.30pm at Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

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

### Programme

09 Nov.	<b>Dr. Stephen Upex</b>	The Romans in the east of England
17 Feb.	<b>Howard Slatter</b>	Hobson's Conduit
23 Apr.	<b>Chloe Cockerill</b>	East Anglian saints (+AGM)

## Longstanton & District Heritage Society

[www.ldhs.org](http://www.ldhs.org)

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The Longstanton and District Heritage Society was founded by local residents in 2007 to record the

history of Longstanton, Oakington village, 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 is currently monitoring the Northstowe development process and is lobbying the developers and local government to help to protect the site's heritage and hopes to ensure the establishment of a heritage centre/museum in the former Officers' Mess building, located on Rampton Road, Longstanton. In addition, LDHS is dedicated to preserving the heritage that remains within Longstanton and District and actively supports charities and projects in the area that protect, promote or restore our local heritage. LDHS members enjoy an annual newsletter summarising the work of the society over the year. The LDHS website provides both members, and non-members, with free world-wide access to samples of an ever growing archive. Members and non-members are encouraged to contact the society at any time. The society is always grateful to receive additional information, memories and photographs of the existing villages and the airfield. New members with an interest in the villages or Oakington airfield/barracks are encouraged.

LDHS holds six talks a year on Friday evenings at 7.30pm in the Village Institute, High Street, Longstanton. Details of these talks and other events can be found on our website or in the local village magazines. Alternatively details of the talks will be sent out via e mail, on request. Seating capacity is limited to 60 and precedence will be given to LDHS members. Non-members from outside Longstanton & District are asked to contact the society in advance of the talks to check seating availability.

Entry for Non-members £2, light refreshments served afterwards.

## **Melbourn History Group**

[www.melbourn.org.uk](http://www.melbourn.org.uk)

### **Chairman**

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**Mrs. Mavis Howard**

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Melbourn History Group has no programme but exists to carry out research into the history of Melbourn, to advise visitors who are undertaking family history research, and to keep the history of the village alive for future generations. The Group has published four books on Melbourn past and present that are available for purchase. The Group also conducts history walks around Melbourn, and members are always available to give talks to local history societies and other interested groups. All applications for walks and talks, and all correspondence should be addressed to the Chairman.

## Meldreth Local History Group

www.meldrethhistory.org.uk

**Chairman**                 **Joan Gane**

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**Secretary**               **Kathryn Betts**

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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 is 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 are held most weeks on Mondays at the Sheltered Housing Community Room, Elin Way, Meldreth, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. These are not talks, but are meetings to discuss and continue the work of the Group. For example, we update the CCAN website and discuss other projects. Anyone who wishes to help the Group or to bring along photographs or other material is welcome to attend.

**Membership fee:** None. Membership enquiries should be addressed to the Chairman.

## Newmarket Local History Society

**Chair**                       **Eric Dunning**

**Secretary**               **Rosemary Foreman**

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

Meetings are held, once a month on the 3rd Tuesday (May–July local visits, no meeting in August) at The Stable, High Street, Newmarket (Sep–April) at 7.30pm.

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

### Programme

18 Oct.	<b>Gill Shapland</b>	The Tharp Family of Chippenham & Jamaica
15 Nov.	<b>Rod Vincent</b>	A Century of Motoring
20 Dec.		Cheese & Wine Evening/Link Choir
17 Jan.	<b>John Sutton</b>	Palaces, Horses, Stables – Charles II at Newmarket

21 Feb.	<b>Brian Parsley</b>	Ely Cathedral
20 Mar.	<b>Roger Newman</b>	Postcards from Newmarket: WW1 and Before
17 Apr.	<b>Joe Moore</b>	Criswell's Garage (+AGM)
15 May		Visit – to be arranged
19 Jun.		Visit to Isleham
17 July		Visit to Burwell Church

## **Orwell Local History Society**

[www.orwellvillage.co.uk](http://www.orwellvillage.co.uk)

**Secretary**                    **Mrs. S. H. Miller**  
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 Tel: 01223 207328. Email [shm@bore.plus.com](mailto:shm@bore.plus.com)

The Society is open to all and offers lectures on topics relating, as far as possible, to the county of Cambridgeshire. We meet in the Methodist Church schoolroom, Town Green Road, Orwell, at 8 p.m. on the last Tuesday evening of the month from January to May and from September to November. In June and July we visit places of historical interest within easy reach of Orwell, again on the last Tuesday of each month.

A small group of Orwell LHS members is also involved in maintaining the on-line Orwell Community Archive, and welcomes relevant photographs, documents and reminiscences to add to the site. An 80 page book containing a selection of photos, with notes on Orwell history, is available price £5, from the secretary at the above address.

To visit the archive, go to the website and click on 'Orwell photos'.

**Membership:** £ 8 p.a., payable at the November meeting. Non-members are welcome at £2 per meeting.

### **Programme**

27 Sep.	<b>Peter Carter</b>	A life on the Fens
25 Oct.	<b>Richard Thomas</b>	The Gunpowder Plot
29 Nov.	<b>Fiona Lucraft</b>	Christmas food through the ages

2012 programme under development.

## **Royston & District Local History Society**

[www.roystonlocalhistory.org.uk](http://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.

The museum in Kneesworth Street, Royston is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 10am to 4.45pm throughout the year. Admission is free. The Society is responsible for the opening of Royston Cave in Melbourn Street on behalf of Royston Town Council; Easter to September, Wednesdays in August, Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays 2.30pm to 5pm. Last admission: 4.30pm. Volunteers are needed. Please contact James Robinson on 01763 243204. The cave is Grade 1 listed and believed to have been used by the Knights Templar. Tickets available from the adjoining Cave Bookshop, £3, concessions £2, accompanied children free.

The Society meets on the 1st Thursday of the month, Oct – April, and the 2nd Thursday in May, in the Heritage Hall, Town Hall, Royston at 8pm, (7.30pm in May). Talks last about an hour. There is plentiful parking which is free in the evening. Tea or coffee and biscuits are available afterwards except in May when there is a free buffet and drinks.

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

**Programme**

6 Oct.	<b>John Fuller</b>	The Olympics in London 2012, this once in a lifetime opportunity?
3 Nov.	<b>Dr. Alan Thomson</b>	James I and Hertfordshire
1 Dec.	<b>Alan Brigham</b>	Twenty years on the streets of Cambridge
5 Jan.	<b>William Evans</b>	My Mountbatten Years: In the service of Lord Louis
2 Feb.	<b>Phil Sawford</b>	The Life & Times of Tommy Atkins – <i>The British Infantry in North West Europe 1944-45</i>
1 Mar.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Royston History on your computer – <i>the library on your laptop</i>
5 Apr.	<b>Les Millgate</b>	History of Duxford Airfield
10 May	<b>Geoff Hales</b>	AGM followed by The story of Isambard Kingdom Brunel <i>A Travelling Theatre Presentation</i>

**Other events**

9 June Coach outing to Stratford-upon-Avon, (*details from Treasurer after February 2012*).

## Saffron Walden Historical Society

Hon. Life President	<b>Kenneth Neale OBE, FSA</b>
Chairman	<b>Rev. Canon Michael Swindlehurst</b>
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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.

Meetings are held at 7.45pm at the Friends' Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden, usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month from September to May, when a programme of talks is arranged. The Society also 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 NW Essex. The most recent publication is a book by Malcolm White, who retired as Town Clerk in 2010, called *'The Place Names of Saffron Walden'*.

**Membership:** £7; visitors welcome at £1.50 per session.

### Programme

28 Sep.	<b>Barry Hillman-Crouch</b>	The history and mystery of Crossing Temple
26 Oct.	<b>Liz Allen</b>	The town of Walden in the later Middle Ages
23 Nov.	<b>Jef Page</b>	Stand and deliver - highwaymen in history
14 Dec.		Christmas social
25 Jan.	<b>Anthony Tuck</b>	The life and times of Anne Pollard of Saffron Walden
29 Feb.	<b>Malcolm White</b>	The place names of Saffron Walden
28 Mar.	<b>Rev. Jeremy Collingwood</b>	Sir Thomas Smith - scholar, statesman and son of Saffron Walden
25 Apr.	<b>Tony Kirby</b>	The development of seaside resorts since 1750
23 May		AGM + A short talk will be arranged

## Sawston Village History Society

[www.sawstonhistory.org.uk](http://www.sawstonhistory.org.uk)

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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.

The SVHS is affiliated to the Cambridge Community Archive Network (CCAN) and a group of members are involved in the regular uploading of mainly photos and documents on to the Sawston Community Archive section of CCAN ([www.ccan.co.uk](http://www.ccan.co.uk)).

We have a small Heritage Centre at the Sawston Parish Council office, also in Link Road with archivists Bryan Howe and Andrew Little available on Monday mornings from 9.30 – 12.30pm. To arrange another time please ring Bryan on 01223 833963.

Meetings, held monthly, usually on the 2nd Thursday, at Chapelfield Way Community Centre, (unnamed road 60m past Chapelfield Way off Link Road at the end of the driveway, beyond the small car park). Start at 7.30pm with a tea/coffee break of about 20 -30 mins, allowing time for a raffle and a chat or gossip.

**Annual membership:** £7 pa. Admission to meetings is £2 for non-members.

### **Programme**

13 Oct.	<b>Robert Halliday</b>	Cambridge Ghosts, including some Sawston ones
10 Nov.	<b>Jane Hampshire</b>	The Common Stream, a history of Foxton
8 Dec.	<b>Amanda Tuck</b>	A Victorian Magic Lantern Show
12 Jan.	<b>Tony Moss</b>	A ship for the Australian Gold Rush
9 Feb.	<b>Robina Hodgson</b>	Tudor Housewives
8 Mar.	<b>Stephen Harper-Scott</b>	Impington's Missing Treasure
12 Apr.	<b>Clare Mulley</b>	The Woman who saved the Children (tbc)
10 May	<b>Judy Wilson (nee Matthew)</b>	Matthew's of Trinity Street

### **Sawtry History Society (SHS) & Sawtry Community Archive**

[www.sawtryhistorysociety.btck.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistorysociety.btck.co.uk)

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The Society aims to research, record and preserve a permanent archive of the history of Sawtry and

other local villages – Conington, Glatton, Holme and Coppingford – for the benefit of both contemporary and future generations, and to stimulate public interest in local history by publishing material and by holding meetings and exhibitions.

On the third Thursday of each month (except August and December), the Society meets at 7.30pm in The Women's Institute Hall in Gidding Road, Sawtry to enjoy talks from visiting speakers and informal discussions. Occasional visits to places of historic interest are also organised.

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

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

### **Programme**

15 Sep.	<b>Allan Bottell</b>	Sawtry Village slide show
20 Oct.	<b>Gordon Townsend</b>	Boyhood memories
17 Nov.	<b>Marilyn Gautreaux</b>	The SHS archive
Dec.		No meeting
Jan.	tba	tba
Feb.	tba	tba
Mar.	tba	AGM and Quiz

For tba, including April – July meetings, please see the website nearer the time.

## **St Neots Local History Society**

[www.stneotslhs.org.uk](http://www.stneotslhs.org.uk)

Email [riverhill@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:riverhill@tiscali.co.uk)

<b>President</b>	<b>David Bushby</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Elaine Donaldson (acting)</b> Tel: 01480 217492
<b>Meeting Secretary</b>	<b>Elaine Donaldson (acting)</b>
<b>Programme Secretary</b>	<b>Don Hill</b> Tel: 01480 218805

The aim of the Society is to promote interest in local history 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 1st Friday at 7.30pm in the hall of Eynesbury C.E.(C) Primary School, Montagu Street, Eynesbury, St Neots PE19 2TD.

**Annual Subscriptions:** £12. Visitors always welcome - £2.50 on each meeting.

### **Programme**

6 Jan.	<b>Tony Hagger</b>	Metal detecting
3 Feb.	<b>David Bushby</b>	Farming in a bygone age (+AGM)
2 Mar.	<b>Dr. Matt Edgeworth</b>	The archaeology of Viking Tempsford and West Saxon Bedford 915-917AD
6 Apr.	<b>Jim Brown</b>	Villagers (from the records of Gamlingay)
4 May	<b>Rodney Todman</b>	Means of transport in old St Neots
13 May		Beating the Bounds (14 mile walk round the St Neots parish boundary)
1 Jun.	<b>Prof. David Stocker</b>	Turn Again - the Merchant Stockers of Wyboston and London in the 15th century
6 Jul.		Historical Excursion - guided walk around Great Paxton Church
2 Aug.		Historical Excursion - guided walk around Madingley Hall
7 Sep.	<b>Julian Evan Hart</b>	Aviation archaeology in Cambridgeshire
5 Oct.	<b>Alan Reed</b>	The Shuttleworth collection
2 Nov.	<b>Alan Eade</b>	The History of timber framed houses
7 Dec.	<b>Fiona Lucraft</b>	Dining at Christmas through the ages

### **Strethall Lectures 2012**

[www.icknieldwayparish.com](http://www.icknieldwayparish.com)

**Secretary**                    **Michael Pearson**  
Catmere End, Saffron Walden CB11 4XG  
Tel: 01799 521290. Email [strethall.church@btinternet.com](mailto:strethall.church@btinternet.com)

Strethall has a small church with complete Saxon nave written up at some length in Taylor and briefly covered by Pevsner, so we anxiously await the new words in the forthcoming revised volume. The Strethall Lectures were first held in 2001 as part of the fund-raising campaign when the church at Strethall had a need to raise substantial funds for essential repairs to the decaying fabric, following recommendations in the Architects Quinquennial Report. They were one item in a programme of events at that time to support and encourage a wider interest in Strethall Church. Since then, we have spent in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds on fabric repairs. A new Quinquennial Report in 2010 has recommended various minor works but of considerable cost, so the work goes on!

The lectures were such a success that they have been continued annually, in February and are given on a range of art, architectural or historical subjects by leading academic speakers and hugely enjoyed by a popular audience.

The venue is the Friends Meeting House in the High Street, Saffron Walden.

### **Programme**

3 Feb.	<b>Dr. James Davis</b>	Negotiating the marketplace – expectations & fears of medieval English peasants
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10 Feb. **Frances Spalding** Sacred or Superstitious? John Piper and the making of sacred spaces  
17 Feb. tba tba

Lecture details will be published on the parish website.

## **Thorney Society and Thorney Heritage Museum**

[www.thorney-museum.org.uk](http://www.thorney-museum.org.uk) [www.thorneysociety.co.uk](http://www.thorneysociety.co.uk)

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

Tel: 01733 270908. Email [enquiry@thorney-museum.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@thorney-museum.co.uk)

**Chairman**                **Michael Sly**  
Email [park@farming.co.uk](mailto:park@farming.co.uk)

**Secretary**              **Dorothy Halfhide**  
Email [dot.thorney@tesco.net](mailto:dot.thorney@tesco.net)

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.

**Meetings:** AGM in the spring, occasionally at other times.

**Membership:** £10, concessions £5. Museum entry is generally free.

The Museum is open from Easter Sunday to the last Sunday in September, Sunday afternoons from 2pm - 5pm (slight variation at August Bank Holiday) – call to check.

## **Thriplow Society**

**Chairman**                **Geoffrey Axe**  
Chapelfield, Fowlmere Road, Thriplow SG8 7QU

**Vice-Chairman**        **Dr. Shirley Wittering**  
The Spinney, 24a Middle Street, Thriplow SG8 7RD  
Tel: 01763 208269. Email [shirley.wittering@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.wittering@btinternet.com)

**Secretary**              **Dr. Anthony Cooper**  
3 Lower Street, Thriplow SG8 7RJ  
Tel: 01763 208507. Email [ad294@waitrose.com](mailto:ad294@waitrose.com)

The Society aims to promote interest in the local history, the environment and the conservation of Thriplow and the surrounding district. Membership is open to all, but, in order to encourage wide

participation by people living in Thriplow, membership in the village is by households. The Society makes use of the Thriplow Smithy which is operated by visiting smiths for the benefit of visitors to the annual Thriplow Daffodil Weekend. The smithy is also used by the Society as the repository of local memorabilia, old tools and by-gones which are on display when the smithy is open to visitors. We normally hold about nine meetings or other events each year, most of the meetings being addressed by visiting speakers. Members are carrying out local research which is published in its Journal (distributed free to members). The Society has encouraged the publication of the memories of long standing residents. The Society has also published a guide to the village *About Thriplow* which is sold to visitors.

Meetings are usually held at 8pm on Thursdays in Thriplow Village Hall.

**Membership:** £6 per household.

### **Programme**

15 Sep.	<b>Honor Ridout</b>	Being a Tudor Woman
20 Oct.	<b>Dr. Sue Oosthuizen</b>	Walking through History using Local Sources
17 Nov.	<b>David Cozens</b>	Oliver Cromwell in East Anglia
19 Jan.	<b>Judith Allen</b>	Local Folklore
16 Feb.	<b>Bill Wittering</b>	Forestry and Philately
17-18 Mar.		Thriplow Daffodil Weekend - including working smithy & exhibition
19 Apr.		AGM & 20th Anniversary Celebration.

## **Trumpington Local History Group**

[www.trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org](http://www.trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org)

**Chair**                      **Howard Slatter**  
82 Shelford Road, Trumpington, Cambridge CB2 9NF  
Tel: 01223 701733. Email [list@trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org](mailto:list@trumpingtonlocalhistorygroup.org)

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.

Meetings are held about four times a year mainly at Trumpington Village Hall, High Street, Trumpington, usually at 8.00pm and the usual entrance fee is £2.50.

### **Programme**

13 Oct.	<b>Edmund Brookes</b>	Trumpington Parish Church
24 Nov.	<b>Various</b>	Stories from the Trumpington Censuses (+ AGM)

## Upwood & the Raveleys Local History Group

**Chair** Ian Gaunt  
**Secretary** Freda Fotheringham  
77 High Street, Upwood, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE26 2QE  
Tel: 01487 710702. Email [ian.gaunt@care4free.net](mailto:ian.gaunt@care4free.net)

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.

Meetings are held every two months on the 3rd Wednesday at 7.45pm in Upwood Village Hall.

**Membership fee:** £10 Visitors: £3 per meeting

### Programme

16 Nov.	Life in the Victorian countryside
18 Jan.	Members Annual Dinner
21 Mar.	AGM and speaker tba
16 May	History of Connington and local area
20 Jun.	Guided heritage walking tour - South Quay, Kings Lynn. Own transport. Fee £4.00
18 Jul.	The golden age of fen skating
19 Sep.	The Hunts cyclists battalions
21 Nov.	Dining at Christmas through the ages

## Warboys Local History Society

[www.warboys.info](http://www.warboys.info) then follow links to Recreation and Societies

**Chairperson** Val Musson  
Tel: 01487 822867

**Secretary** Brian Lake  
8 Padgetts Close, Warboys PE28 2SZ  
Tel: 01487 822296. Email [warboyslocalhistorysoc@yahoo.com](mailto:warboyslocalhistorysoc@yahoo.com)

**Other Contacts** Joan Cole  
Tel: 01487 822395

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

**Meetings:** Monthly (not January), 1st Monday, 7.30pm, Methodist Church, Warboys

**Membership:** £9 per year. Non-members: £3 per meeting.

## Programme

3 Oct.	<b>Richard Jones</b>	Flag Fen: a Bronze Age mystery
7 Nov.	<b>Bob King</b>	German Spies
5 Dec.	<b>Bridget Flanagan</b>	Artists on the Ouse followed by traditional celebrations
6 Feb.	<b>Peter Ibbett</b>	The Potton to Bury Turnpike 1754 onwards
5 Mar.		Annual General Meeting

Programme from April onwards still being developed.

**NB:** Visits to local places of historical interest are part of the Programme and usually occur at a weekend two or three times each year.

## West Wickham & District Local History Club

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Andrew Morris</b> Tel: 01223 290863
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Janet Morris</b> 21 High Street, West Wickham CB21 4RY Tel: 01223 290863. Email <a href="mailto:jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com">jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com</a>

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.

Our monthly meetings are usually held in West Wickham Village Hall on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm. **Membership:** £10; visitors £1.50 per meeting.

## Whittlesea Society

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Graham Coxell</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>David Hancock</b> 3, Vintners Close, West Parade, Peterborough PE3 6BT Tel: 01733 753894

Look out for our new website coming shortly.

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 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Market Street, Whittlesea.

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

## Programme

10 Oct.	<b>Gordon Easton</b>	Collecting for the museum
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14 Nov.	<b>Jeff Beaver</b>	From potato to chip
12 Dec.	<b>Neil Mitchell</b>	Now and then – the Peterborough villages
09 Jan.	<b>Kevin Harrison</b>	Lincolnshire oddities
13 Feb.	<b>Brian Holdich</b>	Memories of the “Man from the Pru”
12 Mar.	<b>Don Chiswell</b>	King Arthur
09 Apr.	<b>Richard Jones</b>	Durobrivae – a town out of time
14 May	<b>Katie Davenport-Mackey</b>	Seahenge – a Bronze Age mystery
10 Sep.	<b>Peter Clark</b>	Fenland eel catcher

## The Whittlesford Society

[www.whittlesfordsociety.info](http://www.whittlesfordsociety.info)

<b>President</b>	<b>Robert James</b>
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<b>Publications editor</b>	<b>Meg Holland</b> Email <a href="mailto:whitsocinfo@tesco.net">whitsocinfo@tesco.net</a>

The aims of the Society, founded in 1975, are: stimulating public interest in the history of Whittlesford, securing preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of public or historic interest in Whittlesford and the area of Duxford immediately adjacent and promoting high standards of planning and architecture. The Society publishes its magazine *Whither Whittlesford* two or three times a year, as well as other occasional publications and makes annual Ecological and Photographic awards. Household membership is open to all resident and people interested in the village. Events in the Village include Walks, Tractor and Trailer tours of the Village, Family History/Genealogy research days, Talks and Themed Exhibitions. We also organize liaison meetings with other Village Societies and interest groups. A grant from the Local Heritage Initiative enabled the creation of a local archive on which the Society has digitized over 2000 images and has extensive Natural History and Archaeological records.

Publications available; *The Anatomy of a Victorian Village, Whittlesford 1800-1900* £15 +P&P, *Whittlesford Recalled* £5, *The History of the Church* £5, *Whittlesford at War* £2, *Whittlesford Memorial Hall* £2, also past copies of *Whither Whittlesford* and the *Whittlesford Millennium Map*.

Available on line; *Whittlesford War Graves* information and *The History of Maynard's Agricultural Engineering Works 1829-960*.

## Programme

25 Sep.		Hawkey feast
15 Oct.	<b>Jack Sutcliffe</b>	Maynards day
24 Nov.	<b>Carl Warner</b>	The history of Duxford airfield
29 Mar.	<b>Tom Knight</b>	The renovation of Tudor Cottage

## To Be Arranged

Jan.	Exhibition – archaeology finds in Whittlesford
Feb./Mar. Beth Davis	The listed building assessment of Tudor Cottage
Feb./Mar.	Newt night
Spring	Guided expedition to hear Whittlesford's dawn chorus

For additional events and further details please see our website.

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## Museums and Museum Societies

### Cambridge & County Folk Museum

2/3 Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ

[www.folkmuseum.org.uk](http://www.folkmuseum.org.uk)

Tel: 01223 355159. Email [info@folkmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@folkmuseum.org.uk)

Curator	<b>Polly Hodgson</b> Email <a href="mailto:polly@folkmuseum.org.uk">polly@folkmuseum.org.uk</a>
Visitor Services Officer	<b>Susan Miller</b> Email <a href="mailto:susan@folkmuseum.org.uk">susan@folkmuseum.org.uk</a>
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Collections' Officer	<b>Sara Brown</b> Email <a href="mailto:sara@folkmuseum.org.uk">sara@folkmuseum.org.uk</a>
Weekend Museum Assistants	<b>Emilia Yoxen</b> <b>Claire Middleton</b>

The museum, which was reopened in May 2005, after a complete refurbishment, covers the social history of Cambridge and its region over the past several hundred years. Lectures, talks, activities for children, adult education classes, special provision for those with sight and hearing difficulties. For details contact the museum.

**Opening Times:** Tues - Sat 10.30am - 5pm, Sun 2pm - 5pm. Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays and pre-booked groups. Bank Holiday Mondays 2pm - 5pm.

**Admission:** Adults £3.50. Concessions £2 (Seniors and Students). Child (5 – 12 years) £1 (1 child free with every paying adult).

**Friends of the Folk Museum:** for information about membership or events, ring 01223 355159, check the website [www.folkmuseum.org.uk](http://www.folkmuseum.org.uk) or email [friends@folkmuseum.org.uk](mailto:friends@folkmuseum.org.uk).

Information about events and exhibitions is available from the Museum or via the Museum website. If you would like to receive information about events and exhibitions via email, please email [info@folkmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@folkmuseum.org.uk)

## Cambridge Museum of Technology

Public Entrance: The Old Pumping Station, Riverside, Cambridge

[www.museumoftechnology.com](http://www.museumoftechnology.com)

Tel: 01223 368650 (answering machine). Email [info@museumoftechnology.com](mailto:info@museumoftechnology.com)

Curatorial Adviser / Administrator

**Pam Halls**

Cambridge Museum of Technology,  
The Old Pumping Station, Cheddars Lane,  
Cambridge CB5 8LD

01223 361892 (Monday – Wednesday, 9am to 1 pm)

Email [info@museumoftechnology.com](mailto:info@museumoftechnology.com)

The museum is based in Cambridge's Victorian pumping station on Riverside. It exists to preserve and display the industrial heritage of Cambridge and the district. The collections range from the original boilers, engines and pumps which were once used to pump the town's sewage to delicate scientific instruments produced by Cambridge Instrument Company and radios manufactured by Pye. A small shop sells souvenirs and publications about the pumping station and other local industries.

**Opening:** Easter to October                      Every Sunday 2.00 to 5.00pm  
November to Easter                      1st Sunday of the month 2.00 to 5.00pm  
Plus additional special events, see website for details.

**Admission:** Non-steam days Adults £3, Children/Concessions £1.50  
Steam Days Adults £5, Children/Concessions £3. Children seven and under: Free.

### Events

2nd Oct                      Model Railways Exhibition, 11am to 5pm  
29th/30th Oct              Half-term steaming 11am to 5pm  
26th/27th Nov              Art Show 11am to 5pm

### Membership

Members receive free entry to the museum, a regular newsletter, invitations to social events and the satisfaction of helping to preserve Cambridge's industrial heritage.

Subscription rate 2011/12 Single: £10 a year. Family: £15 a year.

Application forms available from the museum and on the website.

### Volunteering

The museum is run virtually entirely by a group of volunteers. We always welcome new volunteers to help with a range of tasks including working on the exhibits, maintaining the buildings and site, documenting and displaying the collections, guiding visitors and staffing the museum shop on open days. For more information contact Hilary Ketchum, our volunteer co-ordinator by email [inspiring.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:inspiring.volunteers@gmail.com) or leave a message on the museum's answering machine.

### Group Visits

We are happy to accommodate group visits from schools and societies outside our standard opening hours. We can provide guided tours.

## **Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology**

Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3DZ

[www.maa.cam.ac.uk](http://www.maa.cam.ac.uk)

Tel: 01223 333516. Email [cumaa@hermes.cam.ac.uk](mailto:cumaa@hermes.cam.ac.uk)

<b>Director</b>	<b>Prof. Nicholas Thomas</b>
<b>Outreach and Publicity</b>	<b>Sarah-Jane Harknett</b> Email <a href="mailto:sjh201@cam.ac.uk">sjh201@cam.ac.uk</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Wendy Brown</b> Tel: 01223 333510. Email <a href="mailto:wmb24@cam.ac.uk">wmb24@cam.ac.uk</a>

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 is currently closed for refurbishment so for more details on forthcoming events and exhibitions, please contact the Museum Secretary or visit our website.

The Museum's outreach programme offers a variety of public activities throughout the year, as well as resources for schools. In addition, there are special events relating to exhibitions and 'Touch Tables' of museum artefacts on some Saturday afternoons. The Museum also hosts the Cambridge Branch of the Young Archaeologists Club.

<b>Public opening hours:</b>	Tuesday –Saturday 10.30–4.30pm.
<b>Closed:</b>	1 week at Christmas and on bank holidays..
<b>Admission:</b>	Free.

The Museum has an active programme of temporary special exhibitions.

## **Chatteris Museum**

14 Church Lane, Chatteris, Cambridgeshire PE16 6JA

[www.chatterismuseum.org.uk](http://www.chatterismuseum.org.uk)

Tel: 01354 696319. Email [chatterismuseum@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chatterismuseum@tiscali.co.uk)

<b>Curator</b>	<b>Jenny Furlong</b> 14 Pound Road, Chatteris, Cambridgeshire PE16 6RL Tel: 01354 692801
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Chatteris Museum is an independent charity run entirely by volunteers. The collections and displays reflect life in Chatteris and the local fenland area from prehistoric times through to the present day. There are a small number of special events and a couple of temporary exhibitions run during the year and the permanent galleries are still being developed.

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

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

**Summer Opening Times (April – October):** Thursday 13:00 – 16:30, Saturday 10:00 – 13:00

**Winter Opening Times (November – March):** Thursday 13:00 – 16:30, Saturday 10:00 – 12:00

Closed over Christmas and New Year.

Admission is Free

## **Cromwell Museum**

Grammar School Walk, Huntingdon PE29 3LF

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cromwell](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/cromwell)

Tel: 01480 375830. Email [john.goldsmith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:john.goldsmith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Curator                      John Goldsmith

The Cromwell Museum is the only museum in the country that focuses solely on Oliver Cromwell, 1599-1658. In 2012 the Museum will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its opening in 1962. It is situated in the former town grammar school where Cromwell was a pupil, and contains portraits and objects that help to illustrate the life and legacy of the Lord Protector.

The Museum is open throughout the year everyday except Monday and admission is free.

**Opening hours:**    1 Apr–31 Oct: Tues - Sun 10.30-12.30 & 1.30-4.00

                              1 Nov-31 Mar: Tues – Sun 1.30 – 4.00 & 10.30-12.30 on Saturdays

### **Lectures**

Lecture on Wednesday 9th November 7.30pm at Huntingdon Library & Archive, Princes Street, Huntingdon – this is the annual Cromwell Collection lecture for 2011. **Oliver Cromwell and the people of God.**

Dr David Smith of the University of Cambridge will explore aspects of Cromwell's religious beliefs, and how they influenced his views. Tickets on sale from 3rd September £3.00.

Saturday 22nd October **Risen from obscurity – a study day on Cromwell's early life.** This is a joint event with the Cromwell Association and will be held at Huntingdon Library & Archive. The four speakers will present some of the latest research on Cromwell's early life in Huntingdon and Cambridgeshire, for full details and booking forms go to the Museum's web site.

### **Exhibitions**

6 Sep. – 29 Jan.        New old stuff

An opportunity to see some of the material acquired over the last few years by the Museum, some of which has never previously been exhibited.

### **The following are subject to confirmation:**

7 Feb. – 6 May        The Headless Horseman – 17th century imaging

The series of prints known as The Headless Horseman is a fascinating example of how an image was manipulated in a pre-digital age. The exhibition will include workshop opportunities for digital

editing to enhance and create new images drawing on The Headless Horseman for inspiration. This programme will be supported by The Wide Skies project.

15 May – 28 Oct. Perfumes for the Protector: an unwelcome gift to Oliver Cromwell  
One of the treasures of the collection is a 17th C Florentine cabinet that has been passed down through the family of Oliver Cromwell. This exhibition will investigate all aspects of the object and explain its true significance.

Full details of the 2012 programme, including events and activities will be available from the New Year.

## **Denny Abbey & Farmland Museum**

Ely Road, Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire CB25 9PQ

[www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk)

Tel: 01223 860988. Email [info@dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk)

Chairman	Jane Williamson
Curator	Corrina Bower
Education Officer	Chris Leuchars

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

We have special event days usually on the last Sunday of the month and bank holiday Mondays during the open season and children's drop-in holiday activities on the Thursdays during school holidays.

**Opening Times:** 1st April – 31st October: Weekdays 12:00 – 17:00.

Weekends and bank holidays 10:30 – 17:00

Still open for pre-booked groups and schools between 1st November and 31st March.

**Admission:** Adults £4.50, Concessions £3.50, Children over 5 £2.50

The Admission charges are for 2011 and are subject to change in 2012.

Special tariffs apply to children's activity days and special events.

Entrance to the Abbey is free for English Heritage members, with reduced entry fee to the Farmland museum.

## Programme

25 Sep.	10:30 – 17:00	Free day – open to all
27 Oct.	12:00 – 16:00	Children's Halloween activity day
30 Oct.	10:30 – 16:00	Halloween at Denny
10 Dec.	12:00 – 17:00	A Dickensian Christmas – special family event

For details of other events, please see our website.

## Ely Museum

The Old Gaol, Market Street, Ely CB7 4LS  
[www.elymuseum.org.uk](http://www.elymuseum.org.uk)

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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.

**Summer Opening Times:** Mon — Sat 10.30am — 5.00pm, Sunday 1.00pm — 5.00pm

**Winter Opening Times:** Mon — Sat\* 10.30am — 4.00pm, Sunday 1.00pm — 4.00pm

\*closed on Tuesdays except for school and group bookings

**Admission** - £3.50 adults, £2.50 concessions, accompanied children 5-16 years £1.00

### The Friends of Ely Museum talks

Members £1.50, non-members £2 - all held at 7.30pm in the Vernon Cross room at the Museum.

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

## Events

6 Oct.	<b>Martin Boswell</b>	The Cambridgeshire Regiment
3 Nov.	<b>Will Schenck</b>	Recent Work in Egypt

## **Fitzwilliam Museum**

Trumpington Street, Cambridge CB2 1RB

[www.fitzwilliam.cam.ac.uk](http://www.fitzwilliam.cam.ac.uk)

Tel: 01223 332900. Email [fitzwilliam-enquiries@lists.cam.ac.uk](mailto:fitzwilliam-enquiries@lists.cam.ac.uk)

Director Timothy Potts

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.

**Opening Times:** Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 – 19:00, Sundays & Bank Holidays 12:00 – 19:00

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

Admission to the Museum's collections and to exhibitions is free. Visitors' donations help keep the galleries open and are much appreciated.

### **Exhibitions**

18 Aug. 11 – 8 Jan. 12

Splendour & Power – imperial treasures from Vienna

5 Oct. 11 – 15 Jan. 12

Vermeer's women – secrets & silence

31 Mar. 12 – 30 Sep. 12

Tomb treasures of Han China

## **Flag Fen Archaeology Park**

The Droveaway, Northey Road, Peterborough PE6 7QJ

[www.vivacity-peterborough.com](http://www.vivacity-peterborough.com)

Tel: 01733 313414. Email [flag.fen@vivacity-peterborough.com](mailto:flag.fen@vivacity-peterborough.com)

Archaeology Officer

Sarah Wilson

Business Operations Manager

Teresa Patchett

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 1350 BC, 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. 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.

**Opening Times (April – September):** Daily 10:00 – 17:00, (Last admission 16:00)

**Opening Times (October - March):** Saturdays & Sundays 10:00 – 16:00, (Last admission 15:00),

Weekdays open for pre-booked groups only

**Closed:** Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year

**Admission Charges:** £5.00 Adults, £4.50 Concessions, £3.75 Children & Students, (Under 5s free), £13.75 Families, (Up to 2 Adults & up to 3 Children over 5).

Opening Times & Admission Charges correct as at September 2011.

## Imperial War Museum Duxford

Duxford, Cambridgeshire CB22 4QR

[www.iwm.org.uk/duxford](http://www.iwm.org.uk/duxford)

Tel: 01223 835000. Email [duxford@iwm.org.uk](mailto: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. (Please note, some SatNavs still only recognise postcode CB2 4QR).

Set within the best preserved battle of Britain airfield, IWM Duxford is a vibrant museum that marries its historic past with modern displays, interactive exhibitions, events and attractions. Come and wander amongst two hundred aircraft to discover the science, engineering & fascinating human stories behind the machines that changed our world forever.

**Opening Times (Mid-March to late-October):** Daily 10:00 – 18:00

**Opening Times (Late-October to mid-March):** Daily 10:00 – 16:00

**Closed:** 24 – 26 December.

**Admission Charges:** Please visit our website for details.

### Programme

16 Oct.	Autumn air show
13 Nov.	Remembrance Sunday
19 Nov.	First World War uncovered – special interest day

Please visit our website for details of other events

## Kettle's Yard

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

[www.kettlesyard.co.uk](http://www.kettlesyard.co.uk)

Tel: 01223 748100. Email [mail@kettlesyard.co.uk](mailto:mail@kettlesyard.co.uk)

**Director** Michael Harrison (from 7 November Andrew Nairne)

**Curator** Sebastiano Barassi

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 Miró, 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. There is also a wide programme of events including concerts, talks and workshops. For up-to-date listings please see our website.

**Admission free.**

**Opening hours:**

**House:** Winter opening Tuesday to Sunday and bank holiday Mondays 2 pm – 4 pm; Summer opening (1 April-30 September) Tuesday – Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm  
Closed Good Friday.

**Christmas closure 2011:** closed 24-27 December, open 28-31 December, closed 1 & 2 January.

**Gallery and Bookshop:** Tuesday to Sunday 11.30 am – 5 pm

**Note:** we plan to begin a 12-14 month period of building work to create a new education wing in Autumn 2011 and expect the gallery to be partially or fully closed during this period. The house will be open as usual.

## **March & District Museum & Museum Society**

High Street, March, Cambridgeshire PE15 9JJ

[www.marchmuseum.co.uk](http://www.marchmuseum.co.uk)

Tel: 01354 655300. Email [info@marchmuseum.co.uk](mailto:info@marchmuseum.co.uk)

**Chairman**                    **Amanda Carlin**  
44B Doddington Road, Wimblington PE15 0RB

**Vice-Chairman**           **Richard Munns**  
1 Milner Close, March PE15 8LH  
Tel: 01354 653714

The March Museum was established by a group of prominent March people in 1972. Set up as a local folk museum, there are a number of displays showing the life and times of the late 19th and early 20th Centuries with arrangements representing a kitchen, parlour and nursery bedroom while the outside exhibits show a reconstructed working forge, a Fenland cottage and privy. The medals awarded to Benjamin Gimbert following the train explosion at Soham in June 1944 are on display together with other records of the event. The large ASLEF Union (March Branch) banner has recently been restored and is now on display. A wide range of local history documents, including Local Council Rate Books, are available for those involved in serious research of their family or local history. A monthly lecture is held in St Peter's Church Hall, opposite the Museum, on the second Friday in each month from September to May, starting at 7.30pm.

**Opening Times: Wednesdays & Saturdays** 10.30 – 15.30. Other times by arrangement.

**Closed:** Christmas & New Year.

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

**Society Meetings:** £2.00 members; £3.00 visitors.

### **Programme**

14 Oct.    **Oxford Archaeology East**            Local archaeology update

25 Oct.    **The Jolly Jester**                                Morning & afternoon sessions for half-term

11 Nov.	<b>Bill Morris</b>	Musical nostalgia (+AGM)
16 Dec.		Punch & pies party (Members only)
13 Jan.	<b>Liz Wright</b>	Grow your own – a history of postwar gardening
10 Feb.	<b>Mark Knight</b>	Update on Must Farm Bronze Age landscape
9 Mar.	<b>Michelle Bullivant</b>	Poison & powder – cosmetics through the ages
20 Apr.	<b>David Postle</b>	Railway views of the Fens
11 May	<b>Veronica Bennett</b>	National Trust properties of Cambridgeshire
14 Sep.	<b>Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl</b>	Vikings – farmers, raiders of traders?
9 Nov.	<b>Garry &amp; Sheila Frisby</b>	Kipling and the music hall (+AGM)
14 Dec.		Punch & pies party (Members only)

## **Museum of Classical Archaeology**

[www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum](http://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum)

Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DA

Tel: 01223 335153. Email [museum@classics.cam.ac.uk](mailto:museum@classics.cam.ac.uk)

Assistant Curator

**John Donaldson**

Often referred to as the Ark, the museum is one of Cambridge's hidden gems. It houses one of the world's largest collections of plaster casts of Greek and Roman statues. Originally gathered in the late 19th century, it remains a marvellous way to experience these masterpieces of ancient art.

**Opening hours:** 10.00 – 17.00 Mon to Fri. 10.00 – 13.00 Saturdays in university term time only.

**Admission:** Free

## **Norris Museum**

The Broadway, St Ives PE27 5BX

[www.norrismuseum.org.uk](http://www.norrismuseum.org.uk)

Tel: 01480 497314. Email [info@norrismuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@norrismuseum.org.uk)

Curator

**Bob Burn-Murdoch**

Assistant Curator

**Gilly Vose**

The Norris Museum displays the archaeology and history of Huntingdonshire. It is set in a picturesque riverside garden close to the centre of St Ives.

The creation of the new post of assistant curator means that we've been able to expand our programme of school holiday events for children. Visit our website to find out what's coming up next. A project to expand the Museum is now being considered, so that the curator will have more places to hide until the little beasts have gone.

Our usual programme of special exhibitions continues to display the wealth of collections that are tucked away in our stores. Here too the website will give you details of future events – we generally run three exhibitions each year. You can also use the website to explore and search the museum catalogues.

**Opening hours:** May to September: Monday to Saturday 10.00-5.00, Sunday 2.00-5.00  
October to April: Monday to Friday 10.00-4.00, Saturday 10.00-1.00

**Admission:** Free

## **Octavia Hill Birthplace House**

[www.octaviahill.org](http://www.octaviahill.org)

7 South Brink, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire PE13 1JB

Tel: 01945 476358. Email Museum [info@octaviahill.org](mailto:info@octaviahill.org) Society [society@octaviahill.org](mailto:society@octaviahill.org)

**Contacts**

Peter Clayton

Richard Clarke

Octavia Hill's Birthplace House, a Grade II\* listed building, celebrates the life of Victorian social reformer Octavia Hill, (1838 – 1912), and fellow workers who continued her work after her death. The 13 rooms of the public museum tell the Hill family story. The library and archive are currently being reorganized. There is also a public garden as well as a gift shop and tea room. The "Our Place 2012 Centenary Schools Project" is run by the Octavia Hill Society, which is also based in the Museum.

**Opening hours:** 13:00 – 16:30, (Last admission 16:00), Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays from the 3rd week in March to the end of October. By appointment at other times.

**Admission:** Adults £3.50, Children £1.50, Family, (up to 2 Adults & up to 2 Children), £8.00.  
Senior citizens, Octavia Hill Society members and National Trust members free.

### **Programme**

- 4 Dec. Octavia Hill Commemoration Day  
Memorial lecture at 11:00, followed by Commemoration Day service
- 12 Aug. Octavia Hill Society Day  
Activities in London and Cookham Hill, Kent

For further details of these and other museum events/ activities, please contact the museum or see our website.

## **Papworth Heritage Centre**

Papworth Hospital NHS Trust, Papworth Everard, Cambridgeshire CB23 3RE

[www.papworthhospital.nhs.uk/papworthheritagecentre](http://www.papworthhospital.nhs.uk/papworthheritagecentre)

Tel: 01480 364245. Email [becky.proctor@papworth.nhs.uk](mailto:becky.proctor@papworth.nhs.uk)

**Archives & Heritage Officer**

Becky Proctor

Papworth Heritage Centre celebrates the remarkable history of the people who have lived and worked in the village of Papworth Everard. Objects and displays reflect the achievements of Papworth

Hospital, from its origins in 1918 as a tuberculosis colony to its development as the UK's largest specialist centre for the diagnosis and treatment of heart and lung disease.

Please contact the Archives & heritage Officer to make an appointment to visit.

**Admission:** Free.

## **Peterborough Museum**

Priestgate, Peterborough PE1 1LF

[www.vivacity-peterborough.com](http://www.vivacity-peterborough.com)

Tel: 01733 864663. Email [museum@vivacity-peterborough.com](mailto:museum@vivacity-peterborough.com)

**Interpretations Manager**

**Stuart Orme**

**Heritage Collections Manager**

**Glenys Wass**

Managed by Vivacity, Peterborough Cultural & 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 archaeology, social history and art. The Museum has varied temporary exhibitions, exciting weekend events and a busy education programme. Please check our website for more details.

The Museum is located in a historically significant Georgian building which has been restored as part of a £3M refurbishment and is due to reopen in early 2012. It includes the restoration and reopening of a rare Victorian operating theatre dating to the period when the building was the city infirmary.

**Opening Times:** Tuesdays – Saturdays 10:00 – 17:00, Sundays & Bank Holidays 11:00 – 16:00, Mondays in school holidays 10:00 – 17:00.

**Closed:** Mondays in school terms, Christmas Day, boxing Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

Please note that the Opening Times shown are provisional – pending reopening of the Museum in 2012.

**Admission:** Free.

## **Peterborough Museum Society**

[www.peterboroughmuseumsociety.org.uk](http://www.peterboroughmuseumsociety.org.uk)

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**Dr. James Deboo**

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## Secretary and Publicity

**Mr R Melville**

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## Membership

**Mrs. B Hirst**

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

Meetings are held between early October and early April on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm. As the Museum is currently closed for refurbishment, all of this season's meetings will be held in the John Clare Theatre, Central Library, Broadway, Peterborough.

**Membership:** £12.50 (pensioners £10; juniors and students £10); visitors £2.50 per meeting.

## Programme

04 Oct.	<b>Liz St Hill Davies</b>	Kill or cure
18 Oct.	<b>Andrew Mortlock</b>	London Brick Company
01 Nov.	<b>Polly Howatt</b>	The wise and unwise women of the Fens
15 Nov.	<b>Peter Carter</b>	Eels, punts and willows – a life on the Fens
29 Nov.	<b>Brian Keenan</b>	Peterborough's bridges
13 Dec.	<b>Stuart Orme</b>	A medieval Christmas
17 Jan.	<b>Bryan Lintott</b>	Exploring Scott
31 Jan.	<b>Geoff Hales</b>	The Chinese gooseberry man
14 Feb.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Fens in the 1800s
28 Feb.	<b>Michael Wood</b>	The story of England
13 Mar.	<b>Cliff Carson</b>	Environmental management in the Middle Level
27 Mar.	<b>Alan Lambert</b>	The restoration of Moulton Mill
10 Apr.	<b>Gerry Burrows</b>	Peter Carl Faberge

## Events

Details of Summer Outings for Members will be available from the Secretary

## Polar Museum, Scott Polar Research Institute

Museum [www.spri.cam.ac.uk/museum](http://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/museum) Friends [www.spri.cam.ac.uk/friends](http://www.spri.cam.ac.uk/friends)

Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER

Tel: 01223 336540

Librarian and Keeper of Collections

**Heather Lane**

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Friends of SPRI Executive Secretary

**Celene Pickard**

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When the Institute was founded in 1920, the nucleus of museum was the depot of polar equipment,

(mainly from Captain Scott's Terra Nova Expedition 1910–13), which was made available for loan to, or as research material for, polar expeditions. Much of this was superseded by new technological developments and became obsolete, but has been regularly augmented by more recent equipment and apparatus. A wide range of other material, from personal items, to scientific and natural history specimens, to artefacts from indigenous Arctic peoples has subsequently been collected. In addition, a selection of maps, paintings, drawings, photographs, manuscript, and many other items from the Institute's world renowned archives, library and picture collections, complement the objects displayed. Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Polar Museum at SPRI completed a £1.75 million redevelopment in 2010. The galleries were reopened on 8 June 2010 by TRH The Earl and Countess of Wessex. Our new design increases the existing gallery space by 20% and has opened up the original Lensfield Road entrance. Many more of the Museum's objects are now on view with new and exciting interpretation.

A programme of temporary exhibitions is held throughout the year and the Institute also holds a regular series of public lectures on polar themes. For details on future events and exhibitions, please contact the Museum or visit our website.

**Opening Times:** Tues-Sat 10am - 4pm (except Bank Holiday weekends). Sundays & Mondays – closed,

**Admission:** Free.

## **Prickwillow Engine Trust: The Museum of Fenland Drainage**

[www.prickwillow-engine-museum.co.uk](http://www.prickwillow-engine-museum.co.uk)

Main Street, Prickwillow, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4UN

Tel: 01353 688360. Email [enquiries@prickwillow-engine-museum.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@prickwillow-engine-museum.co.uk)

**Group Visit Organiser**

**Les Walton**

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Tel: 07801 050267. Email [leswalton@talktalk.net](mailto:leswalton@talktalk.net)

**Treasurer**

**Mrs. Pauline Dunham**

Tel: 01353 720737

**Opening Times:** April & October: Saturdays, Sundays, Good Friday, Easter Monday: 11.00 – 16.00hrs  
May 1st to September 30th Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays:  
11.00 - 16.30hrs

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

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

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

## Events

- 9 Oct. Farming ancient and Modern. Displays of Tractors and farming implements from the last century.  
11 Dec. Christmas Special run day.

## Royston & District Museum & Art Gallery

5 Lower King Street, Royston, Herts SG8 5AL

[www.roystonmuseum.org.uk](http://www.roystonmuseum.org.uk)

Tel: 01763 242587. Email [curator@roystonmuseum.org.uk](mailto:curator@roystonmuseum.org.uk)

Curator **Carole Kaszak**  
Tel: 01763 24

A museum was first established in Royston in 1856, but local interest waned and the collection was dispersed in 1901. In 1965 the Royston & District Local History Society was formed with the aim of re-establishing the museum. This was finally achieved in 1976 and some of the original artefacts returned to the collection. The Museum moved to its current building in 1984 and now includes Fine Art, local archaeology, a magnificent loan collection of 19th and 20th century ceramics and glass from nineteenth century, the Royston Crow Printing press, and the Royston Tapestry Project. In addition to the permanent display there are also six temporary exhibitions each year.

### Opening Hours:

Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 am - 4.45pm, all year round.  
Sundays and Bank Holidays, 2pm - 4.45pm Easter to September only

**Admission:** Free

## Royston Cave

Melbourn Street, Royston, Herts SG8 7BZ

[www.roystoncave.co.uk](http://www.roystoncave.co.uk)

Town Clerk **Mrs. Susan Thornton-Bjork**  
Tel: 01763 245484. Email [enquiries@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Situated underneath Melbourn Street, close to the Royston Stone and the Cross 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 the Cave was excavated and a passageway into it 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 restoration work has been carried out with the help of grants from English Heritage, Hertfordshire County Council, the Town Council and the Royston History Society. More work is needed to protect and restore this unique and ever intriguing ancient monument and there is currently a conservation plan in place that will take a number of years to complete. The Cave is managed by volunteers from the Royston and District 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 are currently funding a programme of conservation works.

**Opening times:** (Easter Saturday to the end of September): Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays 2.30pm-5.00pm (last entry 4.30). The Cave is also open for the same hours every Wednesday in August. Individual tours for interested parties can be arranged. A candlelight opening is offered in December- see **website for details nearer the time**. **Entry is by guided tour only (which lasts around 30 to 40 minutes) 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 phone the Town Clerk or check the website for more details.**

**Admission:** Adults £3, Over 60s £2. Accompanied children (under 16) are free. Unaccompanied children £1.00.

## **St. Neots Museum**

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

[www.stneotsmuseum.org.uk](http://www.stneotsmuseum.org.uk)

**Curator:** Sara Taylor

Tel: 01480 388921. Email [curators@stneotsmuseum.org.uk](mailto:curators@stneotsmuseum.org.uk)

**Education Officer** Elly Wright

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Local history museum housed in St. Neots Victorian police station and Magistrates Court building, including Edwardian cell block in near original condition. The museum's attractive displays in four galleries appeal to all ages and tell the story of this market town on the River Great Ouse from prehistoric times to the present day. Regular programme of changing exhibitions and activities. Local History Month programme each May.

**Opening hours:** February – December Tues-Sat 11am – 4pm

**Admission:** Free for local residents of contributing parishes. Other visitors - £2 adults, £1 children and OAPs

### **Programme**

10 Sep.-5 Nov.	Memories of Childhood
12 Nov.-31 Dec.	Arts and Crafts for Christmas
4 Feb.-3 Mar.	Art exhibition - to be confirmed
5 May-9 Jun.	Witch hunt - Story of 17th century witch trials in East Anglia
16 Jun.-14 Jul.	Art exhibition – to be confirmed
21 Jul.-1 Sep.	Cambridgeshire Competes
5 Sep.-29 Sep.	St Neots Camera Club exhibition

For further details of these and other museum events/ activities, please contact the museum or see our website.

## **Stained Glass Museum**

South Triforium of Ely Cathedral

[www.stainedglassmuseum.com](http://www.stainedglassmuseum.com)

Tel: 01353 660347. Email [info@stainedglassmuseum.com](mailto:info@stainedglassmuseum.com)

Curator

**Sarah Robertson**

Email [curator@stainedglassmuseum.com](mailto:curator@stainedglassmuseum.com)

The Stained Glass Museum is housed aloft in Ely Cathedral's South Triforium. One hundred examples of the finest British and continental stained glass from the middle ages through to the 21st century are on show in a gallery stretching the length of the Nave. The Museum 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 Trust was set up in the 1970s to rescue and preserve stained glass and now houses a national collection of British stained glass.

The Museum's exhibits include an early 19th century stained-glass copy of a work by Raphael and an 18th century panel copied from a portrait by the artist Sir Joshua Reynolds. Also on display is work by Morris and Co. 20th Century work includes pieces by John Piper, Brian Clarke, and Evie Hone famous for work at Eton College Chapel.

**Opening Times:** Daily from 10.30 to 5.00 (from noon to 6p.m. on Sundays in summer and 5p.m. in winter).

Group visits are welcome and guided tours are available on request. Annual Lecture in July in London and Series of Autumn lectures in the autumn in Ely. Children can design patterns with glass on a light box; there are trails and activity sheets.

**Friends subscription:** £25 - form available online.

## **University Museum of Zoology Cambridge**

Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3EJ

[www.museum.zoo.cam.ac.uk](http://www.museum.zoo.cam.ac.uk)

Tel: 01223 336650. Email [umzc@zoo.cam.ac.uk](mailto:umzc@zoo.cam.ac.uk)

The University Museum of Zoology is home to around one million specimens of animals. Its displays trace the evolution of animal life and show at least one specimen of almost every group in the collections. The Museum hosts a series of temporary exhibitions and events. Please check our website for further details.

## **Whipple Museum of the History of Science**

Free School Lane, Cambridge CB2 3RH

[www.hps.cam.ac.uk/whipple](http://www.hps.cam.ac.uk/whipple)

Tel: 01223 330906. Email [hps-whipple-museum@lists.cam.ac.uk](mailto:hps-whipple-museum@lists.cam.ac.uk)

Chief Museum Assistant

Claire Wallace

Senior Museum Assistant

Steven Kruse

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 Main Gallery has very recently been refurbished.

**Opening Times:** Mondays – Fridays 12:30 – 16:30.

**Closed:** Bank Holidays.

**Admission:** Free.

## **Wisbech & Fenland Museum**

Museum Square, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire PE13 1ES

[www.wisbechmuseum.org.uk](http://www.wisbechmuseum.org.uk)

Tel: 01954 583817. Email [info@wisbechmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@wisbechmuseum.org.uk)

**Curator** David Wright

**Assistant Curator** Robert Bell

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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. Literary and Museum Societies 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 to the Museum is free.

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# Education

## University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education (ICE)

Madingley Hall, Madingley, Cambridge CB23 8AQ

[www.ice.cam.ac.uk](http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk)

Tel: 01223 746262

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

Course that may be of interest to members:

### **Certificates, Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas**

These part-time, one-year courses are taught at undergraduate level, and offer credit within the national Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ). All courses begin in October 2011.

#### *Archaeology*

The **Certificate in Archaeology** gives a solid introduction to the practice, methods, theories and key sources used by archaeologists and is open to everyone regardless of previous educational experience. The **Diploma** gives students an opportunity to extend and develop their knowledge and skills, while the **Advanced Diploma** is a research-based course of supervised independent study on a topic of the student's own choice.

#### *Genetics*

The **Certificate in Genetics** looks at evolutionary genetics, with a particular focus on genetic ancestry and human migration. Students will discuss basic concepts and address recent advances and ethical issues in the subject.

#### *Historic Environment*

The **Certificate in Historic Environment** is designed for anyone with an interest in landscape archaeology, the designed landscape (parks and gardens) and the interdisciplinary sources and methods that underpin all study of the historic environment. The **Diploma** offers an opportunity to extend archaeological and historical knowledge and skills, with a strong emphasis on theory and method, and on combining core skills with regional and/or chronological specialisation. The **Advanced Diploma** is a research-based course of supervised independent study on a topic of the student's own choice.

#### *History of Art*

The **Certificate in History of Art** introduces students to the art history of Europe, ranging from the Renaissance to the beginning of the 20th century and the foundations of Modernism. The **Diploma** focuses on the history, theory and practice of key aspects of the field in Northern Europe from the

late 16th century to the mid-19th century. The **Advanced Diploma** is a research-based course of supervised independent study on a topic of the student's own choice.

### **Local History**

The **Diploma in Local History** course offers a combination of theoretical and practical approaches to local and regional history, covering topics such as the medieval town, religious identity and social change 1700–1900, and how to research your local community. The **Advanced Diploma** is a research-based course of supervised independent study on a topic of the student's own choice.

### **Weekend courses**

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

- The landscapes and buildings of Tudor England (7-9 October 2011)
- Reading old handwriting (21-23 October 2011)
- The Victorian garden: innovation and romance (21-23 October 2011)
- British art 1745 – 1845: from revolution to Romanticism (11-13 November 2011)
- Take Three Evergreens: Yew, Pine and Juniper (11-13 November 2011)
- English place-names: landscape and society (2-4 December 2011)
- Family History: beyond the basics (2-4 December 2011)
- The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World (2-4 December 2011)
- The Anglo-Saxon church in East Anglia (13-15 January 2012)
- Medieval wall paintings (13-15 January 2012)
- Art and war in the 20th century (10-12 February 2012)
- The life and times of Thomas Chippendale (10-12 February 2012)
- Sutton Hoo and the Goths (10-12 February 2012)
- English village history: sources, methods and themes (2-4 March 2012)
- From pit tombs to pyramids: the origins of ancient Egyptian society (2-4 March 2012)
- Markets and fairs: from medieval to modern (2-4 March 2012)
- The Victorians: an era of progress (9-11 March 2012)
- Byzantium: splendour, faith and power in art (23-25 March 2012)
- The parsonage: a social history (23-25 March 2012)
- Birds, gardens and hidden secrets (13-15 April 2012)
- The Northern Renaissance 1400–1550 (13-15 April 2012)
- The landscape of monastic estates (20-22 April 2012)
- Leonardo da Vinci at the court of Milan (20-22 April 2012)
- Maya Doomsday (20-22 April 2012)
- The Edwardian garden (11-13 May 2012)
- Further geology (11-13 May 2012)
- Pineapples: art, status and the Fitzwilliam Museum (18-20 May 2011)

### **Short courses: the Madingley Weekly Programme**

This new series of short courses and seminar groups starts in January 2012. Each course lasts for five weeks, with one 2-hour session every week.

- Historic environment: online seminar group (starts 4 January 2012)
- Historic environment: seminar group (7 January 2012)

- History of objects: artefacts of ritual and religion (9 January 2012)
- Journeys: travelling with prophets, pirates, slaves and saints (10 January 2012)
- Victorian values (10 January 2012)
- Saints or sinners: the representation of women in Victorian art and fiction (20 February 2012)
- Legacies of war (21 February 2012)
- Legacies of war: online seminar group (3 April 2012)
- Art as power and performance: Byzantine and modern art compared and contrasted (16 April 2012)
- Humps, bumps, buildings and hedges: walking through history (18 April 2012)

## University of the Third Age in Cambridge

[www.u3ac.org.uk](http://www.u3ac.org.uk)

**Chair** Chris Jones

**Secretary** Clem Messenger

First floor, 27-28 Bridge Street, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB23 7XN  
Tel: 01223 321587. Email [office@u3qc.org.uk](mailto:office@u3qc.org.uk)

The U3AC has about 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. As most activities take place during the day, most members are no longer in full-time employment. 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, just click on the link to the 2011-2012 brochure.

**Membership:** £60 per year plus a one-off enrolment fee of £5 and 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 of Studies for 2011 to 2012.

## University of the Third Age in Huntingdon

[www.huntingdonu3a.org.uk](http://www.huntingdonu3a.org.uk)

**Chairman** Bill Quinton

Email [chairman@huntingdonu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@huntingdonu3a.org.uk)

Founded 11 years ago, Huntingdon U3A is a lively organisation with some 400 members and over 40 interest groups. As the U3A is all about "learning for pleasure" many members belong to several groups.

### Groups that may be of interest:

**Archaeology** Monthly except August and September 2nd Tuesday

**Architecture** Monthly 4th Wednesday

**Family History**

**Local History** Monthly Tuesdays 2 - 3.30p.m January-June

**Open Meetings** – these are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Commemoration Hall in Huntingdon, and include: presentations by invited speakers and an opportunity to socialise and gather information on interest groups and activities.

**Events Programme** - including regular outings to places of interest such as gardens, museums, houses, historical sites, and theatres, to promote our life-long learning focus.

**Annual subscription:** Currently £15 p.a. for basic U3A membership and there will be other (moderate) charges associated with individual groups.

## **WEA Eastern Region**

Cintra House, 12 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1JP

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**Adult Learning Manager for Cultural Studies  
Administrator**

**Tina Nay  
Beckie Bowman**

The aim of the WEA is to extend access to education to everyone and to that end we run courses across the whole of the Eastern Region. Last year alone there were nearly 1600 enrolments on WEA courses in Cambridgeshire and learners need no previous experience or qualifications, just an interest in the subject and a willingness to learn.

The WEA has 25 branches in Cambridgeshire and a brochure which listing all of our courses is widely available by contacting our regional office or through the library service. The courses normally last for 10 weeks (with 1.5 hours per session). The fees are low because each branch is run by its voluntary members. For example a 10-week course can cost as little as £47 - suggestions for new courses are always welcome. Meetings are held weekly across the region membership of the WEA is free but courses attendance has a fee. If you are interested in forming a Branch or getting involved please contact Tina Nay on [tnay@wea.org.uk](mailto:tnay@wea.org.uk)

### **Some of the Courses offered for 2011-2012 which may be of particular interest:**

#### **A History of Cambridge C2218017**

2000 years of fascinating Cambridge history. We'll explore the City, people and events through documents, pictures and maps.

*For this course please contact Margaret Arch on 01480 433288 at the Godmachester Branch*

**Tutor** Honor Ridout. **Venue** Queen Elizabeth School, Post Street, Cambridge PE29 2NB  
Thursdays 10.15-1.5 hours 10 meetings from 12/01/2012

*For the courses below please contact the Cambridge Branch Maggie Heywood - 07592 359039*

#### **Parish Churches in East Anglia C2217969**

The Medieval churches of East Anglia are a great treasure: this course will consider how they were designed and built, their meaning, uses and how they have changed over time. Fee £29

**Tutor** Lynne Broughton. **Venue** Cambridge and County Folk Museum, 2-3 Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ Fridays 10.45-1.5 hours 6 meetings from 04/05/2012

### Exploring Cambridge C2217990

This course explores the streets of central Cambridge, on foot, looking at the buildings and shape of the city, and the lives of those who shaped it and lived in it. Fee: £37

**Tutor** Honor Ridout. **Venue** St Giles Church, Castle Street CB3 0AQ

Thursdays 14.00– 2 hour sessions. 6 meetings from 23/02/2012

## Workers' Educational Association Upwood Branch

[www.wea.org.uk/eastern](http://www.wea.org.uk/eastern)

**Chair** Dr. Ian Gaunt

**Secretary** Liz Carter

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

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

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

### Courses for 2011-2012

#### History of London

David Bond £48 Start 28 September 2011 at 8.00pm (10 weeks – 1.5 hrs)

#### Novels into Films

Steven Wade-Jones £48 Start 01 Feb 2012 at 10.00am (8 weeks – 2 hrs)

#### Water, Water Everywhere History of Fenland

Liz Carter £42 Start: 18 April 2012 at 8.00pm (7 weeks – 2 hrs)

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## Conferences

### University of Cambridge, McDonald Institute of Archaeological Research Historic Environment Research Conferences 2011-2012

#### Landscapes of Anglo-Saxon Christianity

Saturday 5 November 2011

Venue: LG17, Law Faculty, University of Cambridge, West Road, Cambridge CB3 9DZ

*Closing date for applications: Wednesday 26 October 2011*

10.00am Monastic landscapes under pressure: minsters and royal centres in Mercian Southumbria, 740-840, Prof. John Blair, University of Oxford

10.45am *Coffee*

11.15am Reliquaries or workboxes? Seventh century Anglo-Saxon women's graves and Christian conversion Dr. Catherine Hills, University of Cambridge

- 12noon The priests of Domesday Book – a fresh insight on England's eleventh-century churches  
**Dr. Steven Bassett, University of Birmingham**
- 12.45pm *Lunch (not included)*
- 2.00pm Custodians of continuity, landscapes of Christianity in the Witham Valley, **Dr. David Stocker, English Heritage**
- 2.45pm As one monastery in two places? Wearmouth and Jarrow in their landscape context,  
**Dr. Sam Turner, University of Newcastle**
- 3.30pm *Tea*
- 4.00pm The archaeology of the East Anglian conversion, **Dr. Rik Hoggett, University of East Anglia**
- 4.45pm *Depart*

### **Recent research in vernacular architecture: rural building traditions of the 'poorer sort', 1600-1900'**

Saturday 25 February 2012

Venue: LG17, Law Faculty, University of Cambridge, West Road, Cambridge CB3 9DZ

*Closing date for applications: Wednesday 15 February 2012*

- 10.00am Mud hovels and clod halls: the homes of the rural poor in Wales, **Dr. Eurwyn Wiliam, RCHMAW**
- 10.45am *Coffee*
- 11.15am Wretched habitations – The Manx cottage in the 19th century, **Dr. Catriona Mackie, University of Liverpool**
- 12noon A decade of research into vernacular architecture in East Anglia: Community projects, volunteer-led research and the work of the Norfolk Historic Buildings Group,  
**Dr. Adam Longcroft, University of East Anglia**
- 12.45pm *Lunch (not included)*
- 2.00pm Living upstairs: an exploration of the bastle tradition in Alston Moor, Cumbria,  
**Dr. Lucy Jessop, English Heritage**
- 2.45pm Recent research in the Oxfordshire region, **David Clark, President, Vernacular Architecture Group**
- 3.30pm *Tea*
- 4.00pm Poverty, housing and tenure in rural north Cumberland, **Peter Messenger, University of Lancaster**
- 4.45pm *Depart*

### **Recent research on Medieval and Tudor Gardens, in association with the Association of Garden Trusts**

Saturday 9 June 2012

Venue: Lucia Windsor Room, Newnham College, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DF

*Closing date for applications: Wednesday 30 May 2012*

- 10.00am The medieval antecedents for Tudor parks and gardens, **Dr. David Jacques**
- 10.45am *Coffee*
- 11.15am Medieval and Tudor gardens, **Dr. Paul Everson, English Heritage**
- 12noon Medieval to modern: the evolving garden in 16th-century London, **Dr. Paula Henderson**
- 12.45pm *Lunch (not included)*

- 2.00pm Lost gardens and gardens that never were: stories of air photography, **Cathy Stoertz, English Heritage**
- 2.45pm Gardens and designed landscapes of medieval Wales, **Spencer Smith**
- 3.30pm *Tea*
- 4.00pm Redesigning gardens for privacy; two new examples from 14th-century castles  
**Magnus Alexander, English Heritage**
- 4.45pm *Depart*

### **Colloquium on Death, Memory and the Landscape, in association with the University of Chester**

Saturday 19 May 2012

Venue: McDonald Institute of Archaeological Research, Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge, Cambridge CB2 3QY

**Closing date for applications: Wednesday 9 May 2012**

- 10.00am Remembering and forgetting the dead through monuments and movements in the landscape, **Dr. Harold Mytum, University of Liverpool**
- 10.45am *Coffee*
- 11.15am Death and the antiquarian's landscape, **Prof. Howard Williams, University of Chester**
- 12noon 'Walking in the shadow of Death': the archaeology and folklore of 'Death Roads',  
**Dr. Lucy Ryder, University of Chester**
- 12.45pm *Lunch (see application form)*
- 2.00pm 'To teach us that Cities dye as well as men': Cropmarks and the presence of the dead in the early modern English landscape, **Dr. Philip Schwyzer, University of Exeter**
- 2.45pm The place of the dead: Territory and identity in the post-medieval landscape,  
**Dr. Nicola Whyte, University of Exeter**
- 3.30pm *Tea*
- 4.00pm Landscapes of rejection: Cemeteries at psychiatric institutions in 20th century Denmark,  
**Dr. Tim Flohr Sorensen, University of Aarhus**
- 4.45pm *Depart*

Enrolment at each event: £43 per person, including refreshments but not lunch.

For further details and enrolments, please contact Dr. Susan Oosthuizen preferably by email on [smo23@cam.ac.uk](mailto:smo23@cam.ac.uk) or alternatively by post at HERC Conferences, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge, Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3ER, or by telephone on 0758 315 1685 (office hours only).

## **Entries in The Conduit**

There is no charge for entries to Conduit, which is a free service offered to local societies and museums across Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, compiled each summer. If you would like to find out more or send us your details, please email the Conduit Editor at [conduit@camantsoc.org](mailto:conduit@camantsoc.org)

### **Is your organisation's entry accurate and up-to-date? If not, please contact:**

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