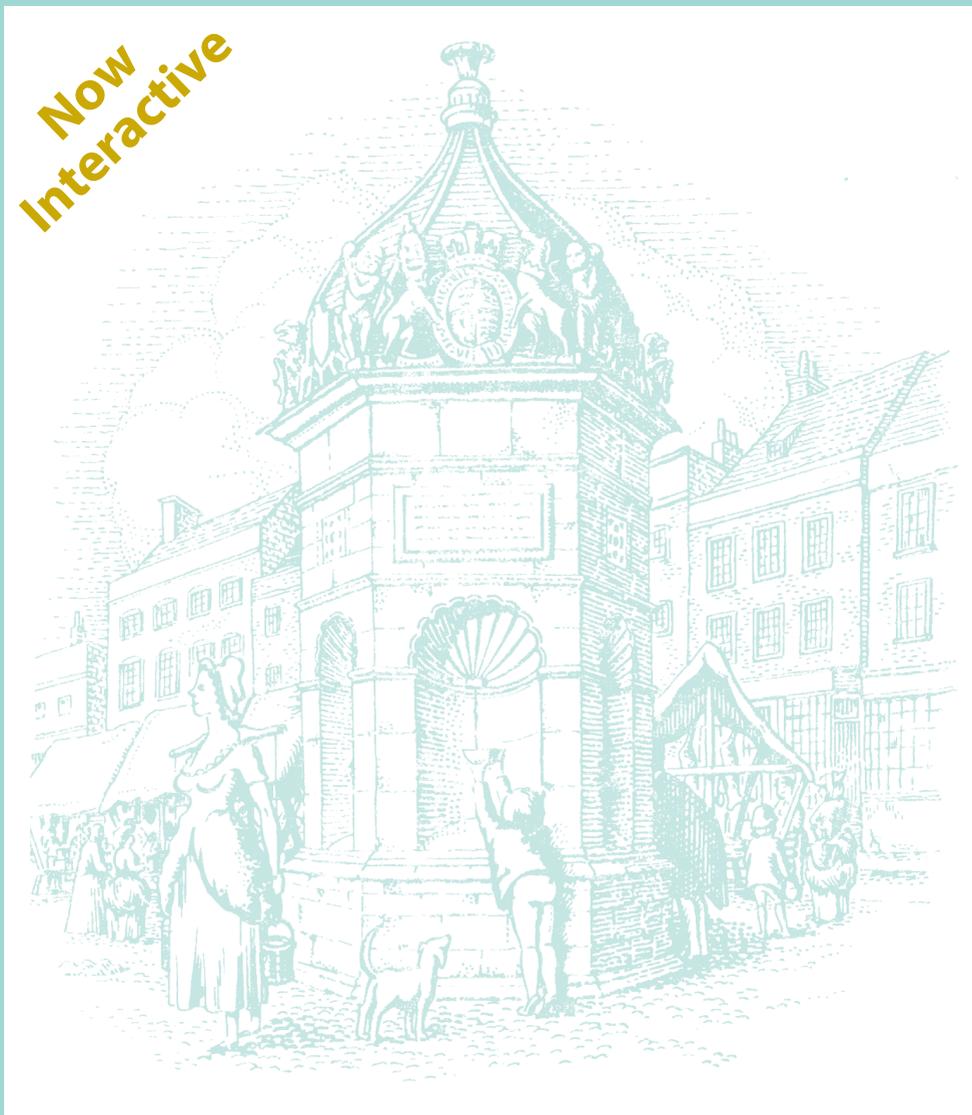


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## Foreword

In compiling *The Conduit* this year we have tried to be totally inclusive, but appreciate that some organisations may have been omitted and note that some societies have not been able to finalise their 2019–2020 programmes at the time of publication. In this case, readers are advised to consult the website of the relevant organisation.

Email and website addresses, where known, are included in *The Conduit*, and users of the online version can **click on the relevant hyperlinks**. It is also possible to **click on one of the Section headings below and go straight to that Section**. We hope you find this useful.

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

This publication is intended as a work of reference both for members of Cambridge Antiquarian Society and by others who use it to inform themselves of events and activities of interest across our richly historical county. I would like to thank Simon Barlow of the University Library, who edited *The Conduit* for eight years, and Vicki Harley who has taken over the role for her hard work in compiling and producing *The Conduit* this year.

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

**Meetings:** Lectures (18:00 on Mondays) and conferences (all day on Saturdays) are usually held in the Faculty of Law on the University of Cambridge's Sidgwick site, unless otherwise stated. There is plenty of free parking. Other events are held where notified.

**Membership:** Individual £20.00; Families and Affiliated Societies £20.00.  
There is no charge for visitors or guests at lectures. New members are warmly welcomed.

## **Programme:**

7 Oct.	<b>Alison Sheridan</b>	Long Before Brexit (Jointly with the Prehistoric Society)
4 Nov.	<b>Emma Jeffery &amp; Tony Walsh</b>	Results from the A14 excavations
23 Nov.		Autumn Conference Recent Fieldwork in Cambridgeshire (Details will be circulated)
2 Dec. TBC	<b>Alison Dickens</b>	'Dear Mother and All': The WWI Letters of Stanley Parker of Rampton Christmas Social Event TBC (Details will be circulated)
6 Jan.	<b>Jackie Hall</b>	Peterborough Abbey in 1116
3 Feb.	<b>Wendy Andrews</b>	'Decorations of the Highest Class': Insights from the Cowtan & Sons' Wallpaper Archive, 1824-1938, at the V&A.
2 Mar.	<b>Stephen Rippon</b>	Kingdom, Civitas and County: the evolution of territorial identity in Eastern England in the Iron Age, Roman and Early Medieval periods
7 Mar.	<b>Spring Conference</b>	Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire in Early Photography and Films (Details will be circulated)
6 Apr. 17:45		AGM
18:00	<b>Simon Bradley</b>	Victorian Cambridge
11 May	<b>Sam Lucy</b>	Anglo-Saxon Trumpington
TBC		Summer Social Event TBC (Details will be circulated)

**Local Maps Research:** This year a large number of enhanced images of local maps of many periods has been added to the CAS website. They are freely available. It is hoped that commentaries on their content and importance will also be added in 2019/20. A full account of the history of Cambridgeshire cartography, with detailed descriptions of three very different maps of the county from the late 18th to the 20th century and full colour plates, appears in *Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society* (forthcoming, 2019) and is essential reading.

New volunteers would be most welcome. All that is needed is an interest in maps and a general knowledge of the history & geography of the county. The main task is to compile detailed descriptions of map content using the resources of the Cambridgeshire Collection in the Cambridge Central Library. If you would like to be involved, please contact Tony Kirby, [akirby121@btinternet.com](mailto:akirby121@btinternet.com), or John Pickles, [jdp1003@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jdp1003@cam.ac.uk), for details.

**Relhan Online:** The Relhan Collection, 360 illustrations of sites and monuments of antiquarian interest, most of them drawn by Richard Relhan, a Cambridge apothecary, between about 1797 and 1840, was given to CAS on his death and is now deposited in the University Library (UL). The Collection contains many important views of villages before Enclosure, churches before Victorian restoration, great houses before demolition or major changes, and church monuments and heraldry while their colour was fresher and inscriptions more legible (and more were extant). It has now been digitised on behalf of CAS, and Beth Davis and I visited many churches last winter, photographing them from the same vantage point as Relhan used, to get before and after shots, and we hope to complete recording work this autumn/winter. Meanwhile, the first draft of background research into the monuments has been prepared for the first 2 (of 3) volumes of the drawings, and I hope this will be complete by Christmas. Once ready, the annotated drawings will go onto the UL website, with open online access for all, copyright remaining with CAS. This exciting project is possible because of a generous bequest by our past President, Mary Hesse, who had a particular interest in landscape archaeology in south Cambridgeshire.  
Alison Taylor

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

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

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

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

Applications should be made through the Secretary. Please email [secretary@camantsoc.org](mailto:secretary@camantsoc.org) for an application form.

**Publications:** All available publications are listed on the Publications page of our website. For copies of these, please email the Honorary Librarian, John Pickles, [jdp1003@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jdp1003@cam.ac.uk)

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# Cambridgeshire Records Society

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

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

**Membership:** The Society is open to all interested individuals, libraries, schools and other institutions at an annual subscription of £17.50. 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 25 publications in stock. See our website or Cambridgeshire Records Society on [www.genfair.com](http://www.genfair.com). The latest volumes are (2016): *Jonas Moore's Mapp of the Great Levell of the Fenns 1658*, accompanying text by Frances Willmoth and Elizabeth Stazicker; ISBN 978 0 904323 25 2, Full price £36, CRS Member price £21.50; (2017): *The Cambridgeshire Committee for Scandalous Ministers 1644-45*, edited by Graham Hart; ISBN 978 0 904323 26 9, Full price £22.50, CRS Member price £15; and (2018): *The Parliamentary Surveys of the Cambridgeshire Properties of the Dean and Chapter of Ely 1649-1652*, edited by William Franklin; ISBN 9780904323276, Full price £22.50, CRS Member price £15.

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* (out of print)

*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:**

*Huntingdonshire Hearth Tax*, transcribed by Ken Sneath

**Sales enquiries:** Email: [paksaunders@talk21.com](mailto:paksaunders@talk21.com)

# Archaeology Groups

## 8–16 Fenland Archaeology

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8–16 Fenland Archaeology is a joint venture between Fenland Archaeological Society (FenArch) and Wisbech and Fenland Museum.

Membership is open to 8 to 16 year olds. The group meets at Wisbech & Fenland Museum on the fourth Saturday of each month (except August and December) between 10:00 and 12:00. Current membership fees £5 pa.

Members also take part in local digs and visits.

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We are a group who have been undertaking geophysical surveys in Cambridgeshire, mostly in the south of the County, during the past 22 years. We use soil resistivity and magnetometry equipment for our surveys. We aim to be surveying most Sundays in the year – depending on the weather though! We welcome new members to come along and join us. We also invite inquiries regarding possible new sites to investigate. Please visit our web site for more information.

## Cambridge Archaeological Unit

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The Cambridge Archaeological Unit was founded in 1990 by Christopher Evans and Dr Ian Hodder and operates out of the University of Cambridge Department of Archaeology. The Unit offers a full range of archaeological services on all types of projects, 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 fulfil 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 continual growth into one of the leading archaeological contracting organisations in the United Kingdom.

## Cambridge Archaeology Field Group

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The Group started in 1978 to enjoy practical archaeology and add to the local archaeological record. Reports of our fieldwork can be seen on our website and you can follow us on Facebook. The Group also holds lectures and occasional workshops open to all. We are affiliated to the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, the Council for British Archaeology and Jigsaw Cambridgeshire.

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

### **Programme:**

The lecture season starts with:

2 Oct. **Paddy Lambert** (Oxford Archaeology East) The Weird and Wonderful World of the Romans  
6 Nov. Celebration of the Group's 40 years and presentation of the 2019 Val Whittaker Memorial Prize

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

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

From autumn to spring we are out field-walking, normally on Sunday mornings, within about 15 miles of Cambridge. In the summer we normally undertake a short-term excavation – in 2020 this will be at Ickleton – and organise other fieldwork as available. We have our own projects and will also undertake fieldwork at the request of other bodies.

**Membership:** £12 individual, £18 family. £1 non-members for lectures. Application forms and further details are available on the website or from the Secretary.

**Val Whittaker Memorial Prize:** The Group offers up to £150 each year to applicants 17 years old or above wanting to pursue their interest in archaeology; currently the prize is advertised to Cambridge University archaeology undergraduates. For further details please see our website.

## 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:** These are normally held at 19:30 on the second Monday of the winter months at the Pye Building, Cambridge Museum of Technology, Cheddars Lane, Cambridge. Further details are available from their website.

**Membership:** £17 yearly (October–September), due from 1 October; Visitors £3 each meeting.

**Programme:**

Complete details of our programme are not available as *Conduit* goes to press, but the dates for 2019/2020 meetings are as follows:

9 September  
14 October  
11 November  
9 December  
13 January  
10 February  
9 March  
20 April

To receive a full programme (ready in mid-September), contact the Chair (as above) with your name, address and telephone number or email [robin.chandler@btinternet.com](mailto:robin.chandler@btinternet.com).

**Visits:** A few visits to sites of interest may be arranged in the summer months.

**EERIAC:** The East of England Regional Archaeology Conferences are fairly informal day meetings, and all are welcome, even if not members of Cambridge Industrial Archaeology Society. EERIAC 2019 is being planned to be held in Norfolk. Further information will be provided as and when available.

## Cambridgeshire Archaeology

**(A) Cambridgeshire County Council: Historic Environment Record**

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The Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record (CHER) is the most comprehensive source of information on archaeological sites and finds in the modern county of Cambridgeshire. It forms part

of a network of Historic Environment Records (HERs) across the United Kingdom. Formerly known as the Cambridgeshire Sites and Monuments Record, we are continuously expanding the record to include information relating to all aspects of the historic environment. In particular, we are incorporating information about historic buildings and settlements, parks and gardens of historic interest, industrial and 20th century remains.

We currently have over 20,000 records concerning archaeological monuments, chance finds, buildings and past fieldwork in Cambridgeshire. These are held on a computerised database and mapping system, where they can be easily searched by date, location and type of remains. Much of the information on the CHER is now available online via the Heritage Gateway.

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

Enquiries can be made by any the following methods:

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

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

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

**(B) Cambridgeshire County Council: 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, above, for more information.

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

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

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

### **(C) Cambridgeshire County Council: Portable Antiquities Scheme**

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The Portable Antiquities Scheme is a national programme hosted by Cambridgeshire County Council for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, which assists with the recording of finds discovered by members of the public. The scheme aims to help finders have their objects identified and recorded, as well as providing specialist advice on conservation and storage. The finds are recorded centrally on a national database, which can be accessed on the online database available here <http://finds.org.uk>.

The Finds Liaison Officer also works at Peterborough Museum one day a week. Finds can be brought for identification to any of the following:

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

Some of the objects that are brought to us fall within the definition of Treasure under the Treasure Act (1996), which provides museums with the opportunity to acquire finds made of gold or silver, or hoards of coins and prehistoric tools. East Anglia has more Treasure Act finds than any other part of the country, and we can provide advice on the process.

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

## Ely & District Archaeological Society

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The Ely & District Archaeological Society (EDAS) was founded in 1980. The object of the Society is to advance the education of the public in the study of archaeology, history and kindred subjects. EDAS promotes this through a programme of lectures between October and May, visits to sites of archaeological or historical interest and collecting and disseminating information about archaeology and history of the local area.

**Meetings:** held on the third Monday in the month from October to May (but not in December and April) at the Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Street, Ely. The lectures deal mainly with local and regional archaeology and history, and include the presentation of recent discoveries. There are also talks about archaeological sites or history in a broader context.

**Membership:** Individual £10, Joint £16 and Student £1 annually; Visitors £3.00 per lecture.

Further information is available from the Chairman.

### **Programme:**

21 Oct.	<b>Craig Cessford</b>	Downham Road: Iron Age, Roman and Middle Anglo-Saxon archaeology on the western fringe of Ely
18 Nov.	<b>Ellie Hughes &amp; Sara Adderson</b>	Ely Museum redevelopment
20 Jan.	<b>Rob Davis</b>	Transforming lives: the first use of fire in Europe
17 Feb.	<b>Steve Cole</b>	Photographing historic buildings
16 Mar.	<b>Richard Kelleher</b>	Coins in the late Medieval countryside: the Rendlesham Project
18 May	<b>TBC</b>	& AGM

## Fen Edge Archaeology Group

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Fen Edge Archaeology Group (FEAG) was established in 2008. It encourages interest in the archaeology of the Fen Edge Community Association area (Cottenham, Landbeach, Rampton, Waterbeach and Willingham), and more generally, by means of lectures, workshops, visits and by providing opportunities to take part in fieldwork and archaeological investigation activities. FEAG works on its own and with other amateur groups and professional organisations.

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

**Membership:** £10.00 per year, starting in January.

**Programme:**

- 2 Oct. **Craig Cessford** Excavating medieval cemeteries in Cambridgeshire: the 'After the Plague' project and rural/village sites'  
*(NB venue: Landbeach Village Hall)*
- 22 Nov. **Duncan Wright** Medieval settlement and conflict on the fen-edge  
*(NB venue: Rampton Village Hall)*
- 14 Jan. **Lesley McFadyen** Under the fen, under the sand: excavating prehistoric land surfaces  
*(NB venue: Willingham Baptist Church)*
- 13 Feb. **James Barrett** Medieval northern journeys: From Arctic and mountain hunting grounds to Eastern England and beyond
- 4 Mar. **Richard Mortimer** Conington: The excavation of a Mercian king's enclosure
- 1 Apr. **Marcus Brittain** The South Georgia Archaeological project: exploring Britain's overseas territories  
*(NB venue: Landbeach Village Hall)*
- 13 May **Nick Ashton** Stepping into Britain: Happisburgh and the earliest occupation of northern Europe
- 8 Jun. **Andy Burnham** The old stones  
*(NB venue: Histon Baptist Church. Jointly with HIAG)*

Please check the websites to confirm the venues and for updates and further details on talks, walks, site visits, fieldwork and workshops. You can also find us on Facebook.

**Fenland Archaeological Society**

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Fenland Archaeological Society (FenArch) was formed after the successful community excavation at Wisbech Castle in 2009. It has built on the enthusiasm generated by that event to provide further opportunities for participation in community archaeology across Fenland. As well as arranging community digs, there is an outreach programme and a winter talks programme. There is also a young archaeologists section, run in conjunction with Wisbech Museum.

**Meetings:** 19:30 on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Mendi's, 22-23 Old Market, Wisbech, Cambs PE13 1NB.

**Membership:** £20.00 (Single), £35.00 (Joint), £10.00 (Students over 16 in full-time education), £5.00 (Associate). £3.00 per lecture (Visitors).

**Programme:**

For further information and details of events, please see the website or contact the above.

**Histon & Impington Archaeology Group**

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The Group was formed in 2016 to encourage interest and research in archaeology, particularly in Histon and Impington. We already have an extensive record of excavation and finds in the villages.

**Meetings:** Talks are held at Histon Baptist Church at 19:30 on Monday evenings, as listed below.

Club nights are held at the Community Centre, St Audrey's Close, Histon from 19:00 to 21:00 on the first Thursday of the month.

To be placed on our mailing list to receive notices and further details, including outings, projects, field walking, training opportunities and other activities, please send an email to the address above or contact us via the website.

**Membership:** £12 per year. Family membership £18.

**Talks:** Members and children free. Visitors £3.

**Programme:**

9 Sep.	<b>Rodney Scarle</b>	Windows into the distant past: Iron Age coins and what they tell us about the Celtic peoples
14 Oct.	<b>Paddy Lambert</b>	Wimpole Iron Age and Roman site: who were the Romano-British?
18 Nov.	<b>Dr Jody Joy</b>	Bog bodies: The 2000-year-old mystery of Lindow Man
13 Jan.	<b>Dr Catherine Hills</b>	Roman to Saxon in East Anglia: the archaeological evidence
17 Feb.	<b>Nick Gilmour</b>	Bronze Age settlement in East Anglia
23 Mar.		TBC
27 Apr.	<b>Chris Evans</b>	Colonising Inlands: Later Prehistoric and Roman North West Cambridge
8 Jun.	<b>Andy Burnham</b>	The old stones (Jointly with FEAG)
6 Jul.	<b>Eleanor Whitehead</b>	Who stole Histon Green? A thousand years of encroaching development

## **Oxford Archaeology East**

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

OA East and Cambridgeshire County Council were joint partners in Jigsaw, a project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Jigsaw – piecing together Cambridgeshire's past – trained and supported 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. Although the

project ended in December 2016, OA East is committed to continue to support the Jigsaw network of archaeology groups and community archaeology projects into the future.

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

## St. Ives Archaeology Group

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

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

**Membership:** £10.00. Lectures £1.00 (Members) and £3.00 (Visitors).

Please note that the Group is not currently active. For information or details of events, please contact the above.

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## Architecture & Civic Societies

### Cambridge Past, Present & Future

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Cambridge Past, Present & Future, (formerly Cambridge Preservation Society), was founded over 90 years ago. We aim to protect the green setting of Cambridge and its most valuable landscapes for people and nature; to inspire people of all ages to get outdoors and to get involved with their local environment, heritage and culture, and we work to protect and celebrate the fantastic heritage of the Cambridge area. We look after the 12th century Barnwell Leper Chapel on Newmarket Road, Hinxton Watermill and the Scheduled Monument, Bourn Windmill. Our green spaces include Wandlebury Country Park, with the remains of a 5th century BC Iron Age Hill Fort and other historic buildings provides tranquil green open space for the enjoyment of all. Coton Countryside Reserve is a working farm which we are developing as a green place to visit to the west of Cambridge. We are a membership charity, open to all. Please visit our website to view our extensive programme of events and activities which is updated frequently.

## Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

[www.camhct.uk](http://www.camhct.uk)

### Hon. Secretary

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

Membership benefits include the Newsletters in spring and autumn. There is an Annual Conference held on a Saturday in March, April or early May with a theme related to the history, architecture and artistic heritage of church buildings and their furnishings, with particular reference to Cambridgeshire. In the summer a programme of visits to churches is offered free of charge. Details of these are announced in the Newsletters and posted on the website.

For details of the programme, please contact the Hon. Secretary.

## Civic Society of St Ives

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

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Our society has 360 members, all with pride in their town, St Ives, Cambridgeshire.

We were founded in St Ives by citizens concerned at the then Huntingdonshire County Council's plans to drive a bypass over the river Great Ouse and Hemingford Meadow, one of the largest traditionally managed water meadows in the country. The Society was instrumental in proposing an alternative route avoiding Hemingford Meadow.

Since that time many other issues have been either supported or objected to, always with the intention *'That future generations will be easily able to recognise the historic character of our Town, despite the inevitable changes that happen down the years'*. This is now our Legacy Statement.

**Meetings:** 19:30 on the third Friday of the month, in the Free Church, St Ives.

**Visitors:** £3.00

**Members:** free of charge

**Programme:**

20 Sep.	<b>Pat Doody</b>	The natural history of the River Great Ouse Meadows
18 Oct.	<b>AGM</b>	Followed by St Ives, a view of the future?
15 Nov.	<b>Stuart Orme</b>	What they didn't teach you in history at school
18 Jan.	<b>Mike Osborne</b>	The Civil War in the Fens
21 Feb.	<b>Martin Lines</b>	Hope Farm – a nature friendly farm owned by the RSPB
20 Mar.	<b>John Gibson</b>	Motor bike rider volunteers – emergency blood transporters
17 Apr.	<b>TBC</b>	Farmland Museum, Denny Abbey
15 May	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Cambridgeshire history, on your laptop or from the record office & museums

Any changes to our programme will be shown on our website.

**Ely Perspective**

<http://www.elyperspective.co.uk>

**Chair**

**Daniel Block**

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

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

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

**Friends of St. Giles' Church, Cambridge**

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

**Chair**

**Dr John Mueller**

**Secretary**

**Ank Rigelsford**

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

**Meetings:** Usually held in the church on the second Thursday of each month at 11:00, with refreshments available from 10:30.

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

**Programme:**

12 Sep.	<b>Sylvia Pick</b>	Discovering St Giles'
10 Oct.	<b>Frieda Midgeley</b>	The archives of Kettle's Yard
14 Nov.	<b>Evelyn Lord</b>	Cambridge in crisis, 1630–32
12 Dec.		No meeting

Please email for details of the programme.

## Littleport Society

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

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

**Meetings:** All our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, except August, at 19:30 at the Village Hall, Victoria Street, and are free to members and non-members.

The Littleport Society Collection, Family & Local History Centre, with local history displays, at The Barn, is open every Tuesday afternoon to visitors between 13:00 and 16:00. Visits at any other time by prior arrangement. Enquiries are welcome.

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

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

### **Programme:**

3 Sep.	<b>Mike Wabe</b>	Witches and witch hunting in East Anglia
1 Oct.	<b>David Smith</b>	Story of fen skating
5 Nov.	<b>TBC</b>	Check our website
10 Dec.	<b>Littleport Brass</b>	Strike up the Band
7 Jan.	<b>Old Littleport</b>	
4 Feb.		<b>AGM (Members Only)</b> <b>+ Prize Quiz Night</b> <b>Quiz Master: James Gilbert</b>
3 Mar.	<b>TBC</b>	Check our website
7 Apr.	<b>TBC</b>	Check our website
5 May	<b>TBC</b>	Check our website
2 Jun.	<b>TBC</b>	Check our website
7 Jul.	<b>TBC</b>	Check our website

## March Society

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

**Chair**

**Jennifer Lawler**

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**Treasurer**

**Keith Wilkinson**

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

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

**Meetings:** 19.00–21.00, on the second Wednesday of the month, in March Library. We have heritage walks in May and August.

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

**Membership:** Individual £5, Joint (at the same address), £8.00, Under 18, £0.00, Corporate: £20.

Membership runs from September to August.

## **Peterborough Civic Society**

**[www.peterboroughcivicsociety.org.uk](http://www.peterboroughcivicsociety.org.uk)**

**Chair  
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The Society is a local civic and amenity voluntary group, financed by membership subscriptions. We seek to provide independent views on civic, amenity and environmental matters in Peterborough and the surrounding area. We seek to encourage public and local authorities to value and care for the local heritage of buildings and other features of historical and environmental interest and to promote local knowledge and pride of place. This is particularly important in our expanding and developing city, with many residents being comparatively new to our area.

We publish an Annual Report, giving details of the previous year's activities, and a quarterly Newsletter, giving an update on current activities. We run a programme of talks during the winter months and a series of summer visits. Our projects are varied, a recent one being a full-colour hardback book celebrating the architectural details of the buildings of the Peterborough area entitled *Peterborough and its Villages in Detail*. We have also produced a range of Peterborough in Detail greeting cards, the profits from which will be donated to assist with the maintenance of Peterborough Cathedral. Both of these items are available via the Society's website. Our major project to replace / update all of the Blue Plaques in the city has been widely praised. We intend to build on this success by providing additional plaques in the coming years.

**Membership:** £12 per individual, £20 per couple or family including children under 18. School and corporate memberships are also available on request.

**Meetings:** 19:30 monthly, normally held at St. Mark's Church Hall, Lincoln Road, Peterborough, (next to St Mark's Church).

Non-members are welcome to attend (with a donation of at least £3 per person requested).

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

# Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings

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

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The SPAB's vision is that old buildings are understood, cared for and appreciated today, and protected for future generations.

Founded by William Morris in 1877, we are at the forefront of building conservation and our hands-on approach to learning sets us apart. Through our casework campaigning, innovative research and unique training programmes we are committed to saving old buildings and inspiring those that care for them. Join the SPAB to help us protect old buildings now and for the future.

**Membership:** £51 individual, under 30s £30, Joint £80

## **Benefits of membership:**

- Our quarterly SPAB Magazine, a must-read for those who love old buildings
- Access to our online list of historic properties for sale
- Visits and events in your local area via our regional groups
- Priority booking for selected SPAB courses
- Discounted tickets to our Spring and Autumn lecture series
- Deals and offers from other organisations
- How your membership helps old buildings

## **Our members are an integral part of the SPAB. As well as championing old buildings and the SPAB Approach, your membership helps us to:**

- Offer free, impartial advice via our technical advice line and online Knowledge Base
  - Carry out casework, responding to applications for alterations to listed buildings across England and Wales
  - Campaign for at risk buildings and promote skills and training within the sector
  - Train the next generation of professionals to care for old buildings
  - Carry out hands-on repairs to old buildings at our working parties and through the Old House Project
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# Archive Groups

## Cambridgeshire Archives

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

### Archives Manager

**Alan Akeroyd**

#### *Cambridgeshire Archives*

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#### *Huntingdonshire Archives*

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We are happy to say that construction of the new archives centre for Cambridgeshire Archives is on schedule. Coulsons Building Group handed over the building to the County Council on 14 June 2019 and fitting-out has now begun. At the time of writing, Rotadex Ltd are carrying out the work to install over seven miles of shelving, work which is programmed to continue until the middle of August. The move of the archive documents will begin later that month. All the records which are currently held in the basement of Shire Hall and at our Cottenham outstore will be moved to the new Ely centre, while Huntingdonshire Archives will remain at its present location in Huntingdon Library.

All being well, we should be opening to the public in the autumn. When we have a definite date for the opening of the archives centre we will publicise this at the earliest opportunity. In the meantime, researchers can carry out genealogical research at the Cambridgeshire Collection in Cambridge Central Library, and we are grateful to our colleagues at the Cambridgeshire Collection for hosting our set of Cambridgeshire parish register transcripts while we are closed.

The entire archives team has been focusing on cleaning and properly packaging all the records before we move. In December we recruited four part-time packaging assistants to assist the team with the cleaning and packaging work. Currently we have worked through over 25,000 boxes of archive records, and are well on track to see the entire packaging project complete by the time the move starts.

We are also happy to say that we reopened Huntingdonshire Archives to the public, as promised, on 3 June 2019. We are grateful to the Norris Museum in St Ives for hosting our transcripts of Huntingdonshire parish registers during the closure period.

We have made an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a grant towards an education outreach officer, to be based at Ely and to work mainly with children of primary school age. We expect to have heard whether our application has been successful by the time you read this.

It will be the end of an era when we finally leave Shire Hall, as the building has acted as a repository for archive records since the 1930s. We are very grateful to the many volunteers who have assisted us with our work on this site over all that time. Some of these volunteers are members of local societies such as the Huntingdonshire Family History Society, the Cambridgeshire Family History Society and others, but many are individual members of the public. When we reopen at Ely we are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces but we also hope to attract new volunteers to join us, who would like to contribute towards document indexing, conservation work or digitisation.

Finally a reminder that the archives service has its own Instagram account. We post images on most days of documents and of the work we are doing. You can follow us here <https://www.instagram.com/cambridgeshire.archives/>

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## **Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network**

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Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network (CCAN), now in its thirteenth year, has digital archives for over thirty Cambridgeshire towns, villages, organisations and projects, and continues to grow with well over 50,000 entries of photographs, video and audio recordings – all available online.

The easy-to-use software is designed by Community Sites, one of the largest providers of Community Archives in the country and is especially tailored to community heritage. In addition to being searchable, it enables visitors to the site to contribute entries and add comments to existing records.

New member archives are always welcome and free training can be organised locally by committee members. Contact us for details.

## **Little Downham Community Archive**

### **Editor**

#### **John Clarke**

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

The group can be contacted through the above contact or at any session of the Book Cafe library access point.

## **Lode On-Line Archive**

### **Chair & Secretary**

#### **Coral Hatley**

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Lode on-line archive is part of the Cambridgeshire on-line archive network serving Lode with Longmeadow. It has over 460 photos and films and is added to on a regular basis. We have held photo exhibitions in St James' Church of the First World War, farming and Lode School. We try to add new photos of changes to the village and record significant events as they occur.

## **Soham Community Archive**

[www.soham.ccan.co.uk](http://www.soham.ccan.co.uk)

**Administrator**

**Ann Roberts or Mary Burnside**

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Soham Community Archive is member of the Cambridgeshire Community Archives Network, (CCAN). It is a searchable online archive of almost 800 photographs and documents relating to Soham people, places and events over the years.

Contributions, comments and queries are always very welcome and can be submitted following the instructions on our home page.

## **St. Neots Community Archive Group**

[www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk](http://www.st-neots.ccan.co.uk)

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

In 2019, a large number of photographs have been added from Bushmead Secondary School in Eaton Socon, which opened as the first secondary school in the area in February 1958 when Eaton Socon was in Bedfordshire and took pupils from several northeast Bedfordshire villages. When the A1 bypass was built around the village in the mid 1960s the school lost many of its Bedfordshire pupils and in 1969 the remaining pupils transferred to the newer school of Longsands in St Neots. Over a hundred photographs have been collected and have been added to the archive website.

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

Committee meetings are held regularly at the St. Neots Museum.

There is no regular programme of talks but photographic displays and film shows are arranged to fit in with local events and are advertised in the local newspapers. 2019–2020 exhibitions and events are being planned with local groups for the annual beer festival, ongoing war commemorations and town events. Talks showing film archives, old and new photographs are regularly given to local groups of all ages. In many cases talks can be adapted for local groups in nearby villages. To arrange talks, please contact Website Manager.

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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. From 1 January 2020 CFHS will include members from Huntingdonshire Family History Society following its closure at the end of 2019, making us stronger, and enhancing the searching of records across the two old counties. We offer 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 1,100 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, and a monthly Newsletter (provided an email address is registered).

Membership: **UK £10 (including postage of the Journal), Overseas £15** (including airmail postage of the Journal), or **£7** (including email dispatch of the Journal). Lifetime Membership UK £100 (postage of the Journal), £70 (email despatch of the Journal), Overseas £150 (airmail despatch of the Journal).

### Central Branch Meetings:

Cambridge Central Library (3rd Floor)

Second Saturday of each month; 10:30–15:30

Free, donations welcome from non members

10:30–15:30

Help & advice with research, including access to

[www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) & [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk)

12:30–13:00

Top tips & websites for family research

14:00–15:00

Speaker (September–June)

Research surgeries are held regularly at several branch libraries. Please see the website for details.

Further details and future programme available from:

**Muriel Halliday** Email: [secretary@cfhs.org.uk](mailto:secretary@cfhs.org.uk)

### March Branch Meetings:

March Library, City Road, March PE15 9LT

First Tuesday of each month; 19.00–21.00

Refreshments are available.

Further details and future programme available from: Email: [march@cfhs.org.uk](mailto:march@cfhs.org.uk)

### **Huntingdon Branch Meetings:**

The WI Centre, Walden Road, (The Ring Road), Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3AZ  
Third Wednesday of each month (September–June); 19.30–21.00.

## **Huntingdonshire Family History Society**

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

### **President Chairman**

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Huntingdonshire Family History Society (HFHS) was founded in 1985 to help people to find out about their family history. It aims to provide links between people interested in families of the old County of Huntingdonshire and to provide a forum for persons interested in genealogy generally, both the beginner and the experienced genealogist. The society has an active programme for transcribing parish registers and monumental inscriptions and publishing them. Our journal *The Huntsman* is published three times a year. The Society is a member of Federation of Family History Societies and is a supporter of the Genealogy UK and Ireland (GENUKI) information service.

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

### **Programme:**

18 Sep.	<b>Gill Cable</b>	The Mystery of Heraldry
16 Oct.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Mr Pickwick's Huntingdon Scrapbook 1838
20 Nov.	<b>Liz Davies</b>	Mr Bartlett begs to inform: Victorian St Neots
11 Dec.		Member's Meeting

At the end of 2019 The Huntingdonshire Family History Society will be wound up and from 2020 it will be incorporated in an enlarged Cambridgeshire Family History Society.

For further details contact the chairman of Cambridgeshire Family History Society.

## **Peterborough & District Family History Society**

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

### **Secretary**

**Helen Tovey**

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The Peterborough and District Family History Society (P&DFHS) is a small, friendly family history society based in Peterborough. We love everything 'family history' and enjoy assisting and supporting others in their research.

P&DFHS was formed in 1980 to maintain an association of those interested in the study of family history, genealogical studies, local history and heraldry. It promotes the preservation of documents, monuments and other material of special interest to family historians. It aims to transcribe and index relevant documents and monumental inscriptions.

We have a Facebook page – Peterborough & District FHS.

A journal is published four times per year.

**Meetings:** are held the first Wednesday of the month at The Salvation Army Citadel, Peppercorn Close, Peterborough, starting at 19.30.

Any enquiries please contact the Secretary – details as above.

**Membership:** £10 per year for an individual; £12 for a joint membership. Visitors are requested to make a small donation when attending a talk. Talks are included in the membership fee for members.

For Programme details see website.

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## Local History & Other Societies

### Abington History Group

**Chairman**

**Jennifer Hirsh**

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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 its findings with those who are interested. A database of parish and census records has been built up together with a large collection of images, mainly photographs both old and recent. References to land and people from other historical sources are also added to a database. We hold copies of a collection of maps of the villages dating back to 1603.

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

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

In 2013, we produced *Aspects of Abington History* – a collection of nine articles and in 2015 followed this up with *Aspects of Abington History 2*, this time containing ten articles on Abington history. *Aspects of Abington History – 3 Great & Little Abington 1900 to 1930 A Time of Change* was published in October 2017. We were very pleased to learn that it had won a 2018 award from the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History.

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

## Barrington Society

### Chair

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### Secretary

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**Meetings:** 19:45 on the third Wednesday (October–June) in Barrington Village Hall.

**Membership:** £15 per year. Visitors £3 per meeting.

### Programme:

16 Oct.	<b>Julie Boundford</b>	Beer & spirits: Tales of our local haunted hosteleries
13 Nov.	<b>TBC</b>	The Genome Centre: The work of this centre of excellence
18 Dec.		Members' Christmas Party
16 Jan.	<b>Tamsin Wimhurst</b>	The David Parr House Cambridge: Its past and present role
19 Feb.	<b>Duncan Mackay</b>	The history of Mackays
18 Mar.	<b>Becky Proctor</b>	Royal Papworth Hospital: The old and the new
15 Apr.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	The story of Sherlock Holmes' visit to Cambridge
20 May	<b>Pam Halls</b>	The Cambridge Museum of Technology
17 Jun.	<b>TBC</b>	plus AGM
15 Jul.		Society BBQ

## Brampton Historical Society

### Chair

**Brian Gebbels**

### Secretary

**Pat Last**

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The society was formed in 1979.

**Meetings:** 19:30 in The Methodist Church, The Green, Brampton, Cambs PE28 4RG on the fourth Wednesday of every odd month starting in January. There is an annual outing, usually in June or July.

**Membership:** £7.00 per year. Visitor £1.50 per meeting

### Programme:

25 Sep.	<b>Roy Stoner</b>	The Cambridge to Huntingdon railway
27 Nov.	<b>Philip Saunders</b>	The Papworth village settlement
22 Jan.	<b>Lester Hillman</b>	The Xmas crisis conference: Brampton 1120 AD
25 Mar.	<b>Peter Clarkson</b>	A life in Antarctica
27 May	<b>TBC</b>	
22 Jul.	<b>TBC</b>	

For information regarding TBC meetings, please contact the Secretary.

## Buckden Local History Society

[www.buckdenroundabout.info/village-organisations/29-hobbies-interests](http://www.buckdenroundabout.info/village-organisations/29-hobbies-interests)

**Chair**

**Barry Jobling**

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**Secretary**

**Richard Storey**

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

**Meetings:** 19:30 on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Conference Room at Buckden Towers (unless otherwise stated).

**Membership:** Individual £16.00. Visitors £4.00 per talk. We welcome new members and visitors.

### **Programme:**

2 Oct.	<b>Mark Bunting</b>	Myths of the Battle of Britain
6 Nov.	<b>John Shere</b>	The Royal Observer Corps above and below ground (including local sites)
4 Dec.	<b>David Stubbings</b>	The Cambridge horse tram
8 Jan.	<b>Terry Haywood</b>	100th anniversary of the R34 Airship's Transatlantic Flight <i>(NB: Second Wednesday)</i>
5 Feb.	<b>Bridget Flanagan</b>	Cootes, constables and chickens: The history of Houghton Grange
4 Mar.	<b>Dr David Oates</b>	The history of Chivers Jam Factory at Histon 1873–1960
1 Apr.	<b>Becky Proctor</b>	The history of Papworth Hospital 1918–2018
6 May	<b>Diana Boston</b>	The history of the Manor at Hemingford Grey
5 Jun.		TBC (+ AGM)
Jul.		Summer Outing – location and date TBC

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

## Burwell History Society

**President &  
Treasurer**

**Ann Briggs**

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**Secretary &**

**Judy Paxton**

**Programme Secretary**

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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 archival material in Burwell Museum and county collections and to encourage individuals and small groups in their research.

**Meetings:** 19:30, usually on the third Wednesday of the month at Burwell Village College (September to May). Visits to local places of interest are arranged during the year and usually take place in June and July.

**Membership:** £15.00 per annum, payable at the first meeting in September. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings at £3.00 per visit.

**Programme:**

18 Sep.	<b>Nora Gardner</b>	Ely Riverside – past and present
16 Oct.	<b>Dr Steve Sherlock</b>	Archaeology of the A14
20 Nov.	<b>Matthew Morris</b>	Richard III: The king under the carpark
11 Dec.	<b>Mike Hurst</b>	Old time Christmas traditions
15 Jan.	<b>Dr Nick Amor</b>	Suffolk's woollen cloth industry
12 Feb.	<b>Michael Brown</b>	Capability Brown: Hero or hooligan
18 Mar.	<b>Tamsin Wimhurst</b>	Pointing, plaster and paint: Conservation work at the David Parr House
22 Apr.	<b>Sarah Doig</b>	AGM followed by Daniel Defoe's tour of the eastern counties
20 May	<b>Mike Westbrook</b>	23 Squadron makes the best of a bad job

## **Cambridgeshire ACRE**

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

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Cambridgeshire ACRE, the Rural Community Council for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, focuses on developing projects and providing products and services that make a real difference to local people in rural parts of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. As a local development charity, we have a long history of supporting a variety of programmes, assets and social enterprises at a community level, working directly with rural communities. We have a particularly strong track record in leading on the delivery of partnership projects across heritage, history, arts, environment and community development amongst others, for instance our current proposal to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to engage local communities with their green spaces and fascinating natural heritage through the 'New Life on the Old West' project.

**Programme:**

For details of our events, volunteering opportunities and partnership projects please go to our website and our many workstream-related websites, blogs and social media channels online.

Learn more about our latest projects, 'New Life on the Old West' at <https://newlifeontheoldwest.wordpress.com/> and UNESCO Fens Biosphere, <https://fenlandbiosphere.wordpress.com/blog/> and <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/news/water-works>

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# Cambridgeshire Association for Local History

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Since its foundation in 1951 as the Cambridgeshire Local History Council, the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History (CALH) has supported the study of local history in Cambridgeshire through monthly lecture meetings and by encouraging the many local groups sharing this aim.

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

CALH holds a popular spring conference, with a strong local history theme. The Local History Awards, made annually, recognise the contributions to local history in the county made by authors in the previous year, and by individuals' life-time commitment to Cambridgeshire history. The presentation ceremony is a great opportunity to hear from and meet authors and historians, and to learn about their work.

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

CALH also circulates, by email, news of its programme and other upcoming events to every other society, group, or club in the county via a central email distribution. It also keeps all the county's societies up-to-date with national and local news.

The Association is producing a series of short guides on research methods and sources for local and regional history.

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

**Membership:** Individuals £8.00; Families £10.00; Affiliated local societies or groups £10.00. Entry to meetings is free for individual and family members, £1.00 for members of affiliated societies and £2.50 for guests & non-members.

The Association also has a Facebook page, which supplements the information sent by email.

### **Programme:**

5 Oct.	<b>Mary Burgess</b>	East Road 1950 to now: 70 years of changes in Cambridge (followed by the AGM)
2 Nov.	<b>Presentation of CALH Local History Awards</b>	
7 Dec.	<b>Dr Julie Bounford</b>	The curious history of labyrinths & mazes
4 Jan.	<b>Honor Ridout</b>	The Nene and the Ouse, from the water
1 Feb.	<b>Chris Sullivan</b>	The Story of RAF Gransden Lodge
7 Mar.	<b>Richard Stebbings</b>	The history of Stebbings Funeral Services
4 Apr.	<b>Dr Charles Turner</b>	Anne Dutton of Great Gransden: 18th century Baptist theologian
2 May	<b>Annual Conference</b>	TBC
6 Jun.	<b>John Sutton</b>	The Muse of Newmarket: Restoration drama in an East Anglian town 1660–1685

### **CALH Landscape and Local History Research Group**

Between 1993 and 2017 this group was organised by Dr Lyn Boothman. In 2018 she asked if the CALH would take it over. Tony Kirby and Evelyn Lord now manage the group on behalf of the CALH.

The group is comprised of people involved in landscape and local history research, sometimes leading to publication and sometimes for personal interest. It has a loose informal structure with no joining fee, and communication usually by e-mail. It meets three times a year on the second Thursday in the months of March, June and October between 18:30 and 21:00.

There is no need to book and no entrance fee. The format for the meetings is a presentation for about an hour followed by a discussion; and one of the benefits of the group is the free exchange of ideas, suggestions for further research and mutual support.

Meetings are usually held at Anglia Ruskin University, East Road, Cambridge CB1 1PT, but this can vary depending on the speaker. The best place to park for ARU in East Road is the multi-storey car park in Gonville Place by Parkside Swimming Pool and the YMCA.

Those wishing to attend should email Tony Kirby [akirby121@btinternet.com](mailto:akirby121@btinternet.com) or Evelyn Lord [evelyn.lord@ntlworld.com](mailto:evelyn.lord@ntlworld.com) / [eal22@cam.ac.uk](mailto:eal22@cam.ac.uk) for up-to-date information.

Under the new organisation meetings have included Drs Peter Bysouth and Evelyn Lord on belonging and identity and the formation of regional culture on Hertfordshire's Icknield Way and the Castle Camps area in Cambridgeshire and Essex, and New Work on the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Census, with reference to Godmanchester, by Dr Ken Sneath.

### **Forthcoming meetings:**

17 Oct.	<b>Dr Sarah Bendall</b>	Estate maps
12 Mar.	<b>Dr Jacqueline Harmon</b>	Barnwell Priory, Cambridge and the local community

## **Cambridgeshire Geological Society**

[www.cambsgeology.org](http://www.cambsgeology.org); Email: [info@cambsgeology.org](mailto:info@cambsgeology.org)

Twitter @CambsGeology

**Chair**

**Franziska Norman**

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The Society promotes an interest in Earth Science, including Earth's history, the development of life on earth, and local landscape heritage. Our talks cover a wide range of topics and include some of the

latest geological research. Ongoing projects include the conservation of local geological sites and the exploration of the links between geology, local landscapes, history and culture, including the heritage on the Cambridgeshire Fen Edge ([www.fenedgetrail.org](http://www.fenedgetrail.org) @FenEdgeTrail). Excursions are organised occasionally.

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

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

Programme details are announced on the website regularly.

## Cambridgeshire Local Studies

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

### Local Studies Librarian

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The **Cambridgeshire Collection** is the first place you should visit if you are interested in local history. We collect and preserve everything we can relating to the former counties of Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely (Huntingdonshire material is kept at Huntingdon Library and Archives). The Collection has around 90,000 books and pamphlets, 100s of maps, 80,000 catalogued images (around 4 million in total) and 90 newspaper titles covering the whole of Cambridgeshire. We continue to work closely with our colleagues from Cambridgeshire Archives to deliver the best possible service to all our users and hope to be able to continue this following their move to Ely. We are very grateful for the support we have been given by our many volunteers and stakeholders, particularly the Cambridgeshire Family History Society, who have funded the purchase of storage boxes for our valuable photographic collections. Our volunteers are currently working on a huge project indexing the earliest of the Palmer Clarke portrait photographs (over 6000 glass plates) which have never been accessible to researchers. We have also completed the repackaging of 7000 Stearn photograph negatives of groups and university sports teams mainly dating from 1942–1950.

The **Cambridgeshire Collection** continues to add material, new and old. In total in the past year we have added over 2500 new items to the Local Studies Collection. We welcome donations of new (and old) material. Local studies staff have put on a series of displays across the county including ones to commemorate the anniversaries of the granting of women's suffrage and of the Save the Children Fund. We welcome visits from groups to the Collection to see some of our treasures; please contact us for details.

## Caxton Historical Society

### Chair

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We are a small informal group (about 30 members) from Caxton, Bourn and neighbouring villages, with varied interests: antiquarian, archaeological and general/ local history etc.

**Meetings:** 20:00 at Caxton Village Hall, usually meet on the second Monday of February, May, September and November. We also arrange outings and visits to places of interest.

**Membership:** £8.00 per year. Visitors £3.00 per meeting.

**Programme:**

10 Sep.            **John Davies**      Cromwell  
12 Nov.                                      Local history knowledge quiz

## **Cherry Hinton Local History Society**

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

**Chair**                                      **Ken Hames**

**Programme &**                                      **Mo Child**

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We are a friendly and approachable group interested in all aspects of local history and its affiliated disciplines countrywide. Visitors and members alike are welcome to come to our monthly meetings. Talks cover all aspects of local history and related subjects. There is a display at each meeting to show some aspect of local history often connected to the talk, a library, along with refreshments and a raffle. The Society hosts an afternoon talk and history walk in Cherry Hinton Festival Week. We also have around three excursions a year.

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

**Membership:** £10.00 a year. Couple: £18.00. Visitors: £2.50.

**Programme:**

30 Sep.    **Craig Cessford**      The Late Saxon and Norman church and cemetery at Church End,  
Cherry Hinton  
29 Oct.    **Michelle Bullivant**      Another history of Cherry Hinton village  
26 Nov.                                      Members' social event (+ AGM)  
27 Jan.    **Mary Burgess**              East Road 1950 to now: 70 years of change in Cambridge  
24 Feb.    **Pam Butler &**  
   **other members**              My journey into family history  
30 Mar.    **TBC**  
27 Apr.    **TBC**  
18 May    **David Taylor**              Operation Chastise and the Dam Busters

For details of the event currently TBC, please check our website or contact the Programme & Excursions Officer.

## **Chesterford Local History and Archaeology Society**

**Chair**                                      **John French**

**Secretary**                                      **Kate McManus**

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

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

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

## **Chesterton Local History Group**

### **Chair**

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

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

If, due to circumstance, the advertised talk cannot be given, the committee will endeavour to provide an alternative talk/event.

**Membership:** £9.00; visitors £3.00 per session.

### **Programme:**

17 Sep.	<b>Sophie Smiley</b>	Swimming in Cambridge
15 Oct.	<b>Charles Malyon</b>	History of Histon Rd Cemetery
19 Nov.	<b>Morgan Bell</b>	Cambridge Instrument Company
17 Dec.		No meeting but possible Christmas meal
21 Jan.	<b>Susan Woodall</b>	Cambridge Female Refuge
18 Feb.	<b>Charles Malyon</b>	The Wraggs of Chesterton Hall
17 Mar.	<b>Ian Nimmo-Smith</b>	Abergele rail accident
21 Apr.	<b>David Stubbings</b>	Chesterton Towers
19 May	<b>Tamsin Wimhurst</b>	David Parr House
16 Jun.		Visit to David Parr House with tour guides

## **Comberton Antiquarian Society**

### **Chair**

**Sandra Hyde**

### **Secretary**

**Peter Johnson**

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**Meetings:** 20:00 on the fourth Tuesday of each month in Comberton Village Hall.

**Membership:** £8.00; £4.00 if joining after the New Year. Visitors: £3.00.

**Programme:**

24 Sep.	<b>Gill Blanchard</b>	Tracing your house history
5 Oct.		Autumn outing to Greenwich
22 Oct.	<b>Mark Pardoe</b>	The inns and outs of pub sign
26 Nov.	<b>Roger Crabtree</b>	The Pye story
28 Jan.	<b>Mark Knight</b>	The Must Farm dig
26 Feb.	<b>Michael McCarthy</b>	Accents and dialects in Cambridgeshire
24 Mar.	<b>Dominic Shelley</b>	The use of metal detecting in archaeology & Roman discoveries in our area
28 Apr.		AGM
23 Jun.	<b>Helen Ackroyd</b>	Lord Fairhaven's life at Anglesey Abbey

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

## **Cottenham Village Society**

[www.cottenhamvillagesociety.wordpress.com](http://www.cottenhamvillagesociety.wordpress.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 second Friday in the month) to hear speakers on a variety of subjects. There are social events held each year. During the summer the Committee arranges a visit to a place of interest and a party; also at Christmas, a party with good food and wine.

**Meetings:** 19:45 at Cottenham Parish Church Hall

**Membership:** £10.00; Visitors £2.00 per session.

**Programme:**

13 Sep.	<b>Ralph Carpenter</b>	AGM followed by Newspaper cuttings
11 Oct.	<b>Pam Harper</b>	Hearing dogs for deaf people
15 Nov.	<b>Alison Giles</b>	The Home Front in the Second World War
14 Dec.		Christmas party (Saturday 18:00)
10 Jan.	<b>Stuart Orme</b>	Peterborough Cathedral
14 Feb.	<b>Deejay Latchuman + acc.</b>	An evening of romantic songs for Valentine's Day
13 Mar.	<b>Emma Jeffery</b>	A landscape through time: Archaeology of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme
17 Apr.	<b>Dr Julie E. Bounford</b>	Beer and spirits: tales of sightings, sounds and sensations in our local hostleries
12 Apr.	<b>Jonathan Ashley-Smith</b>	The loss of skills in conservation

## Covington History Group

[www.covington.org.uk/clubs/history](http://www.covington.org.uk/clubs/history)

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### Chair

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### Treasurer

**Mo Brown**

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

**Membership:** Annual fee £20. Meetings are £4 for residents and £5 for visitors.

The group is dedicated to finding out what it was like to live in Covington in the past. Our activities include archaeology, record office research, talks, outings and the collection of reminiscences. We have produced a Covington History Trail, a Church History Leaflet and a Guide to the Archaeology of Covington. This year we will be publishing a history of Covington School. For five years were part of Jigsaw (Cambridgeshire) and we completed our own Sharing Heritage funded archaeology project. We continue to be associated with the Jigsaw advisory group. Site reports have been uploaded to the Archaeological Data Service and are also available on our website. It is hoped this year to produce pages for the website on aspects of village history, to complement those on our archaeological activities.

## Eatons Community Association

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

### Chair

**Sue Jarrett**

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### Secretary

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The association was founded in 1979 as the Eaton Socon Community Association and was later changed to the Eatons Community Association (ESCA) to include both Eaton Socon and Eaton Ford, both now suburbs of the town of St Neots. We promote activities within the Eatons, write history books and hold an annual history exhibition (1st weekend in May in St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon), at our popular May Day weekend (May Day celebrations on Eaton Socon Village Green – 1st Monday in May). Please note that this may change in 2020 due to the change in the Bank Holiday date. There is an Open Gardens event during June, and we open our church and unique village lock-up regularly during the summer. Talks and walks around the village can be organised by contacting the chairman. Walks can include sights such as the river mill, a large village green on the Great North Road, the village lock-up, the church with its sculptures of the builder, architect and other village people, the only Bedfordshire village sign in Cambridgeshire and possibly a visit to the Norman castle site. We also have a newsletter delivered free to all houses in the Eatons three times a year, as well as being available on the Eatons website. There are no membership fees. We do not hold talks/lectures but we do liaise with nearby history and archive groups and work with them on various projects.

We now hold a large archive relating to Eaton Socon Parish, which was in Bedfordshire until 1965, and have written more than 30 history booklets on a variety of subjects. As part of a very large project we researched all the buildings and their families within the present areas of Eaton Socon

and Eaton Ford from the enclosure in 1799 to 1965 and some information comes right up to the present. Most 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 village trails, 9 Heritage Boards and 15 blue plaques in the Eatons. We raise money at our May Day celebrations, other events and through writing history booklets. Committee meetings are held monthly.

Our War Memorial has been researched and the information published in a book. During 2014 we produced an exhibition and a book showing what life was like in the parish during the Great War. The local newspaper – St Neots Advertiser – has been indexed for the war years, covers the present town of St Neots and many local villages, and is freely available on the St Neots Local History Website – [www.stneotslhs.org.uk](http://www.stneotslhs.org.uk). The most recent booklets are revised village trails and reflect how the Eatons developed over the centuries and suddenly grew in the 1970s and 1980s after the Great North Road was bypassed with a new A1 to the west of the former villages. Information on our history books and events can be found on our website. Many local archives are freely accessible on the site.

The Chairman, Sue Jarrett, is happy to give a variety of talks that can often be adapted for different audiences. No talk is ever exactly the same.

## Eltisley History Society

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

Tel: 01480 880268

**President**  
**Chair**  
**Secretary**

**William Topham**  
**Peter King**  
**Mary Flinders**

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Eltisley History Society aims to research, record, preserve and publish family and local history relating to Eltisley. Work is ongoing to catalogue and digitise the Society's extensive archive of documents. A book published about the 14 men from Eltisley who died in the First World War (*Eltisley Remembered, 1914–1918*) can be viewed on the Society's website and ordered through the secretary.

**Meetings:** 19:45 for 20:00 on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Cade Memorial Hall, The Green, Eltisley.

Visitors are welcome at all meetings (£3.00 per meeting).

### Programme:

25 Sep.	<b>Ken Drake</b>	A Tour around Blackfriars and possibly also Aldersgate
23 Oct.	<b>Julie and Trevor Bounford</b>	Beer and spirits: Tales of sightings, sounds and sensations in our local haunted hostelries
27 Nov.	<b>Bill Franklin</b>	A brief history of enclosure in Cambridgeshire and changes in Eltisley fields from mediaeval times to 1886
22 Jan.	<b>Martin Davies</b>	The Gransden windmill
26 Feb.		TBC
25 Mar.	<b>Pam Halls</b>	The Cambridge Museum of Technology
22 Apr.	<b>AGM</b>	
27 May		TBC
24 Jun.	<b>Eleanor Jack</b>	Humphry Repton and Waresley

## Fulbourn Village History Society

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

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<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Rosemary Tristram</b> Email: <a href="mailto:r.tristram@live.co.uk">r.tristram@live.co.uk</a>

Formed in 1999, the Fulbourn Village History Society aims to keep and maintain records of all aspects of the village's social and historical developments. Members and the general public are able to consult these for research purposes on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10.00 until 12.00 at the archive store situated in the Committee Room of the Fulbourn Centre, Home End, Fulbourn, Cambridge CB21 5BS. It is advisable to make an appointment before your visit.

To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WWI, Fulbourn Village History Society has published two booklets entitled *Fulbourn war memorial: the men who gave their lives in the great war* (£2.50) and *The story of Fulbourn's Red Cross V.A.D. hospital 1914 - 1918* (£5.00). Both volumes are based on recent research undertaken by members of the Society and are on sale at our archive store during opening hours.

**Meetings:** 19:30 in the Fulbourn Centre on the third Thursday of the month, (October to April inclusive).

**Membership:** £12.00 per year. Visitors £3.00 per meeting.

### Programme:

17 Oct.	<b>Sean Lang</b>	Russian Revolution
21 Nov.	<b>Evelyn Lord</b>	The Great Plague in Cambridge
12 Dec.	<b>Mike Hurst</b>	Old-time Christmas
16 Jan.	<b>Martin Daunton</b>	Contested history
20 Feb.	<b>Julia Bounford</b>	Heffers of Cambridge
19 Mar.	<b>Craig Cessford</b>	Cambridge Augustinian Priory
16 Apr.		<b>TBC + AGM</b>

## Gamlingay & District History Society

[www.gamlingayhistory.co.uk](http://www.gamlingayhistory.co.uk) and [www.gamlingayphotos.co.uk](http://www.gamlingayphotos.co.uk)

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<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Angela Sanderson</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Chris Robins</b> Tel: 01767 651119
<b>Programme / Webmaster</b>	<b>David Allen</b> Tel: 01767 651472

**Meetings:** 19.30 in the Keir Suite, Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay SG19 3JR.

**Membership:** £15.00. Visitors £3.00.

**Programme:**

9 Sep.	<b>Steve Fuller</b>	The Bedfordshire Regiment and its Gamlingay soldiers
14 Oct.	<b>Peter Bradley</b>	RSPB's The Lodge, Sandy: Its natural history and archaeology
11 Nov.	<b>Ken Bonham</b>	The barns of Cambridgeshire and adjacent counties
9 Dec.		Christmas history quiz, and social evening
10 Feb.	<b>James Brown</b>	More Gamlingay history
9 Mar.	<b>Sarah Doig</b>	Education, education, education: Victorian village schools
6 Apr.	<b>Liz Carter</b>	The parish pauper
11 May	<b>Martin Davis</b>	Gransden windmill and other local windmills
8 Jun.		AGM & social evening

## **Gransdens Society**

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

**Chair**

**Trevor Bounford**

**Secretary**

**Val Davison**

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

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

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

## **Harston Local History Group**

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

**Chair**

**Hilary Roadley**

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The Group was founded in October 2014 to try to gather together all the local history information on people, places and events and memories of past times in the village before they were lost. From August 2015 to August 2016 the Group successfully carried out an 'Exploring Harston's Heritage' project with the aid of a Sharing Heritage Lottery Fund grant, sharing findings, via displays and talks, with those living in Harston and anyone else with an interest in Harston's History. A Harston History website was launched in November 2015 and we continue to add material to it, including maps, newspaper records, local memories of Harston, an increasing number of house histories and material from archive research. In November 2016 we produced a permanent Heritage interpretation board located on The Green, showing old pictures and giving information on the older part of the village. The group listens to a small number of history talks throughout the year and these are advertised on the website events section.

On the first Saturday of each month some members will be at the Fair Trade Better Brew Café in Harston Village Hall 10.30–12.30 alongside a display of local history and are happy to chat with anyone. All are welcome to come along. A self-guided Harston village heritage trail can be bought there for £1 as well as cards depicting interesting buildings within the village.

## Hemingfords' Local History Society

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**President**

**Pam Dearlove**

**Chair**

**Ian Ray**

**Secretary**

**Karen Partridge**

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

**Meetings:** 19:30 in the Hayward Room of the Pavilion, Manor Road, Hemingford Grey, PE28 9BX, on the third Thursday of the month from September to May (excluding December).

**Membership:** Individual £14.00 per year; Family £25.00; Guests and visitors £3.00 per meeting.

### **Programme:**

19 Sep.	Secrets of Hall Farm
17 Oct.	Huntingdonshire enclosures
21 Nov.	Join a Pathfinder trip
16 Jan.	Medieval Christmas
20 Feb.	St Ives as a riverport
19 Mar.	'PYE' in Cambridge
16 Apr.	Sherlock Holmes in Cambridge
21 May	Bourne Mill

## Histon and Impington Village Society

[www.histonandimpingtonvillagesociety.wordpress.com](http://www.histonandimpingtonvillagesociety.wordpress.com)

**Chair**

**Vacant**

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

**Meetings:** During school term 19.30 on the last Tuesday of the month at Impington Village College. One week earlier if half term. We also arrange occasional afternoon meetings and outings.

**Membership:** £12.00 per year. Visitors: £3.00 per meeting.

### **Programme:**

For our current programme, please see our website.

## Holywell with Needingworth Local History Group

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

### Chair

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Formed in 2012, our small group explores the history of our village through informal meetings about local buildings, documents and families. Most years we organise a guided walk in a part of the village.

**Meetings:** 19:30 on the second Monday of alternate months (October, December, February, April, June, August) in various homes.

**Membership:** Free

### Programme:

Details can be found on the website or by contacting the Secretary.

## Houghton & Wyton Local History Society

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

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### Chair

**Maurice Hanslow**

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### Secretary

**Davina Scrivener**

### Programme Secretary

**Gerry Feakes**

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### Project Manager

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

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

**Membership:** £5.50 (plus £1.50 door fee at meetings, except at the AGM). Visitors £3.00 (except at the AGM).

### Programme:

26 Sep.	<b>Stuart Orme</b>	The private life of Oliver Cromwell
24 Oct.	<b>Richard Carter</b>	The Witches of Warboys
28 Nov.	<b>Maureen James</b>	The Clarksons of Wisbech

Please contact Gerry for details of our 2020 programme

# Huntingdonshire Local History Society

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

**President (2019)**  
**President (2020–)**  
**Chair**

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**David Smith**

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The society exists to encourage, share and enjoy the history of Huntingdonshire. Lectures are organised in the winter, a weekend away in May and visits to places of historical interest, including at least one coach excursion, in the summer. The society publishes a newsletter (*Huntingdonshire Local History Almanack*) four times a year and a journal, *Records of Huntingdonshire*. The current issue of *Records* includes articles on Virginia Ferrar, Archbishop Sancroft's Visitation, Jarvis Matcham, the Leman Baronetcy and St Edward's Home, Huntingdon. Copies are available price £3.00 from Huntingdonshire Archives and of previous issues and other publications (various prices, see website) at meetings. The next issue is in preparation. Articles should be submitted to the editor, Richard Halliday, who can supply publishing guidelines.

## Goodliff Awards Scheme

The society's Goodliff Awards Scheme provides funding to individuals, societies, schools and groups who need support for a project, research, publication or preservation of heritage of Huntingdonshire history. Further information and application form can be found on the society's website, or email the administrator, Kate Hadley, [goodliff.awards@gmail.com](mailto:goodliff.awards@gmail.com). The deadline for applications is 31 March 2020. Awards will be announced at the AGM.

**Meetings:** 7.30pm, now usually held on a Wednesday evening, in the Methodist Church, High Street, Huntingdon (disabled parking only during building work; large public car park nearby at Malthouse Close, Princes Street, PE29 3AN).

**Membership:** Individual £10.00, Couple £15.00, Visitors £3.00 (suggested donation per meeting)

## Programme:

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| 9 Oct.    | <b>Michael Dudley</b>      | Churches and Chapels - the past, present and future  |
| 12 Nov.   | <b>Dr. Eric Somerville</b> | Opium-eating in the Fens in the Nineteenth Century   |
| 10 Dec.   |                            | Christmas Social: Entertainment by Bedford Gallery Quire (Huntingdon Town Hall)  |
| 8 Jan.    | <b>Stuart Orme</b>         | Cromwell's first campaign, 1643: Oliver Cromwell at Huntingdon, Peterborough, Crowland and Gainsborough                      |
| 12 Feb.   | <b>Adrian Moss</b>         | John Howland of Fenstanton, The Mayflower and the Great Migration  |
| 11 Mar.   | <b>TBC</b>                 |  |
| 15 Apr.   |                            | Annual General Meeting, with short talk or entertainment; see website for details  |
| 15–17 May |                            | Weekend in Kent  |
| 20 May    | <b>Dr David Starkey</b>    | Goodliff Awards Presentation and President's Lecture: <i>for subject see website (Members only, at Huntingdon Town Hall)</i> |

## Isleham Society

### Chair

**Clive Patterson**

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### Secretary

**Glenda Preece**

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### Programme Secretary

**TBC**

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 have interesting speakers, often with special emphasis on topics of local or East Anglian interest. The Society also organises outings each summer. Though primarily a group of Isleham residents, the Society welcomes all visitors.

**Meetings:** 19:30 for 19:45, on the third Thursday in the month, in The Beeches, Isleham. Meetings are followed by a cup of tea or coffee and the opportunity to meet other village people and our guests.

**Membership:** £10.00 per person or £15.00 per couple. Visitors £2.00 per session.

### Programme:

19 Sep.	<b>Lucy Lewis</b>	My life in the Bomb Squad
17 Oct.		A guided visit to Ely Cathedral
21 Nov.	<b>Philip Clark</b>	A local charity 'Steel Bones'
Dec.		No meeting
16 Jan.	<b>TBC</b>	Planning finances in your retirement
20 Feb.	<b>AGM</b>	

For details of our 2020 programme, please contact the Secretary.

## Kimbolton Local History Society

[www.e-voice.org.uk/klhs](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/klhs)

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**Nora Butler**

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### Secretary

**Anne Beszant**

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

**Meetings:** 20:00 on Wednesdays, usually in the Saloon at Kimbolton Castle (by kind permission of the Headmaster).

**Membership:** £8.00 per year, (Single); £14.00 per year, (Couple). Visitors: £2.00 per meeting.

### Programme:

4 Sep.	<b>Bill Franklin</b>	The changing fields of Huntingdonshire
9 Oct.	<b>David Fowler</b>	The BBC & Glen Miller in WWII
3 Nov.		Kimbolton Castle open to the public
6 Nov.	<b>Ian Burton</b>	Papworth: A century of care (with film)
4 Dec.	<b>Michael Brown</b>	Mediaeval Christmas

The 2020 programme is currently under development. Please check our website.

## Landbeach Society

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

**Chair**  
**Secretary**

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**Membership Secretary**

**Joan Russell**  
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**Activities:** Occasional visits to places of interest in the spring and summer, talks and social events.

Comments on appropriate planning matters.

**Meetings:** 19:30 on Wednesdays during the Autumn & Winter months, in the Village Hall

**Membership:** £2.00. Admission to talks: £5.00 per head per meeting.

### **Programme:**

18 Sep.	<b>Sean Lang</b>	Cambridge bonfires
18 Dec.		Christmas celebration
18 Mar.	<b>TBC</b>	AGM and Talk: FEAG Greens and Ponds Project

## Linton & District Historical Society

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**Chair**

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**Meetings Secretary**

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**Meetings:** 19.30 on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton, CB21 4JS

### **Programme:**

17 Sep.	<b>Mary Dicken</b>	Sawston Hall
15 Oct.	<b>Gill Blanchard</b>	Tracing a house
19 Nov.	<b>Ken Sneath</b>	Everyday life in the 18th century
17 Dec.	<b>Julie Bounford</b>	Beer and spirits: Tales from haunted hostelries
21 Jan.	<b>Jennifer Hirsh</b>	Abington pottery
18 Feb.	<b>Janet Morris</b>	West Wickham 100 years ago
17 Mar.	<b>Dr Dick Paden</b>	Cambridge instruments: A history and legacy
21 Apr.	<b>Tony Kirby</b>	Landscape of religion: Churches and chapels since the reformation
19 May	<b>Mike Wabe</b>	That rings a bell: Tales of a town crier

**Kindly note:** Our previous Meetings Secretary died suddenly at the beginning of this year; her family have been unable to locate her files containing any speakers booked for the coming season.

Therefore, if you are a speaker and your name has not been included in the above list please contact Ian Creek details above. Thank you.

## Little Shelford Local History Society

### Chair

### Ray Saich

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### Secretary

### Vacant

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

**Meetings:** 19:30 in November, February & April (AGM), in Little Shelford Memorial Hall.

**Membership:** £7.00 per year. Visitors £3.00 per meeting.

### Programme:

13 Nov. **David Adams** Tales from the organ loft

12 Feb. **TBC**

20 Apr. **TBC** + AGM

For further details of events please contact the Chair.

## Longstanton & District Heritage Society

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

### Chair

### Roy Stoner

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### Secretary

### Hilary Stroude

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The Longstanton & District Heritage Society (LDHS) was founded in 2007 to record the history of Longstanton and Oakington villages, RAF Oakington and Oakington Barracks. Faced with the imminent disappearance of their rural villages due to the development of Northstowe, local residents decided to create a record of what went before. LDHS members include existing and former residents and people with historic family or military links to the villages.

LDHS is dedicated to recording a shared history and making it available for public enjoyment and education. The Society continues to monitor the impact of the Northstowe development on our heritage assets and, as in previous years, works cooperatively with the developers, local government and others to help protect our shared heritage. Nine out of ten of the rare 'Oakington' pillboxes associated with RAF Oakington have been given Grade 2 listed status as a result of the work of the society. LDHS is represented on the Heritage Core Group which is tasked with, amongst other things, developing a heritage strategy for Northstowe.

LDHS members enjoy an annual newsletter summarising the work of the Society. The LDHS website provides both members, and non-members, with free world-wide access to information and samples of an ever growing archive. LDHS also has a Facebook page which offers easy access to up-to-date

news and views and provides a simple way of contacting us. 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, Northstowe or Oakington airfield/barracks are encouraged, and all members are welcome to get involved with our work. There is much to be done and more help is always needed if we are to fully realise our potential.

LDHS holds six talks each year on the first Friday evening of March, April, May, September, October and November. Details of these talks and other events can be found on our website, our Facebook page or in the local community magazines. Alternatively, information can be sent out via e mail on request. Entry for non-members is £2 and light refreshments are served afterwards. Our AGM takes place on the first Friday in September prior to the first talk of the autumn season.

The Heritage Society is aware of our responsibilities under GDPR legislation and full details of our Privacy Policy, what data we keep and how it is used can be found on our website.

## Longstowe History Society

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

**Meetings:** 19.30 refreshments for 20:00 start, at Longstowe Village Hall, unless otherwise indicated.

**Membership:** £10.00 per annum. Visitors £3.00 per meeting including refreshments.

### Programme:

24 Sep.	<b>James Brown</b>	Villagers: discovering people of the past. 750 years of village life.
19 Oct.	<b>Stephen Owen and Peter White</b>	Longstowe Church, its rebuilding and the story of the bells (NB: 14:30 in Longstowe Church)
26 Nov.	<b>Iona Robinson</b>	Must Farm: Life in the Bronze Age Fens
28 Jan.		AGM
25 Feb.	<b>George Howe</b>	The story of Potton
28 Apr.	<b>Alan Denney</b>	A dirty history of Cambridge: Supplying water to the town and the story of Hobson's Conduit
12 May	<b>Pam Halls &amp; Alan Denney</b>	Visit to Cambridge Museum of Technology (NB: 19:30; meet at the Museum)
30 Jun.	<b>Steve Owen</b>	Ermine Street / Old North Road - the story of the road

## Meldreth Local History Group

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

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### Chair

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### Secretary

**Gloria Willers**

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, to 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:** 09:30–11:30 every first and third Monday in each month (excluding Bank Holidays), at the Sheltered Housing Community Room, Elin Way, Meldreth. These are not talks, but are meetings to discuss and continue the work of the group. For example, we update our website and discuss/work on other projects. Anyone who wishes to help the group or to bring along photographs or other material is welcome to attend.

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

## Mill Road History Society

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

[www.facebook.com/millroadhistory/](https://www.facebook.com/millroadhistory/)

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

We have an annual programme of talks, tours and workshops which we promote on our website, via e- newsletter and by leaflet, and we contribute to the CU Open Cambridge and Festival of Ideas programme. We support people who wish to do their own research and have some 'how to' brochures/booklets, e.g. 'how to research a building' and 'how to look up who lived in your house'.

We meet in venues on or close to Mill Road, and our events are generally open to all. Membership is free, and we ask for an average donation of £3 per event to cover our costs. Some events require booking and we always make that clear. For workshops, please email at [admin@millroadhistory.org.uk](mailto:admin@millroadhistory.org.uk) if you plan to attend.

For queries please email [millroadhistory@gmail.com](mailto:millroadhistory@gmail.com) or sign up for our e-newsletter on our website [www.millroadhistory.org.uk](http://www.millroadhistory.org.uk).

Mill Road History Society was formed in 2015 to continue the work of the HLF-funded Mill Road History Project. The Society aims to celebrate and research the history and community of the Mill Road area and to create a permanent record of that research. A growing collection of completed reports of key buildings, people and places, and some oral histories, can be found on the website [www.capturingcambridge.org/mill-road-area](http://www.capturingcambridge.org/mill-road-area). This is now hosted at the Museum of Cambridge and holds information about different areas of the town as well as Mill Road.

**Meetings:** 19:30–21:00 at the Ross St Community Centre unless otherwise indicated.

**Programme:**

10 Sep.	<b>Helen Geake</b>	The Portable Antiquity Scheme and archaeology found by the public
12 Nov.	<b>John McGill</b>	Changing landscapes in Romsey Town: from cement works to mosque, garage to student housing
14 Jan.	<b>Duncan Mackay</b>	A history of a local ironmonger's store
11 Feb.	<b>Maggie Kalenak</b>	Courtship and engagement in Victorian England
10 Mar.	<b>Mariel Rodriguez</b>	Town vs. gown: social divides in Cambridgeshire antiquarian life 1839–1913
12 May		AGM and special event to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day
14 Jul.		Stories from Mill Road Cemetery

**Other events:**

14 Sep.	10.15–12.00	Three walking tours of Mill Road ending at an exhibition in the Bath House, details and booking via <a href="http://www.opencambridge.cam.ac.uk">www.opencambridge.cam.ac.uk</a>
10 Oct.	19:30–21:00	Eglantyne Jebb revisits Mill Road: an entertaining evening of fact and fiction, Ross St Community Centre, book via <a href="http://www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk">www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk</a>
14 Apr.	19:30–21:00	Workshop, Mary Naylor: who lived here? The Bath House, 10 places, book via <a href="mailto:admin@millroadhistory.org.uk">admin@millroadhistory.org.uk</a>
9 Jun.	19:30–21:00	Creative writing workshop: Plot, People and Place. The Bath House. Book via <a href="mailto:admin@millroadhistory.org.uk">admin@millroadhistory.org.uk</a>

**Newmarket Local History Society**[www.newmarketlhs.org.uk](http://www.newmarketlhs.org.uk)**Postal enquiries:**

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Newmarket Local History Society (NLHS) aims to research and record the history and archaeology of Newmarket, its people and the surrounding areas. We also promote an interest in those subjects by inviting a variety of speakers to our monthly meetings, visiting local places of interest and giving talks to other local groups and organisations. We liaise with local schools and we have produced a variety of books about local history. Several new ones are currently in production. We assist local councils and other organisations with information, as requested. Newmarket straddles a county boundary, so NLHS is a member of Suffolk Local History Council.

**Meetings:** 19.30 on the third Tuesday of each month from September to April at The Stable, 65 High Street, Newmarket CB8 8NA. Local visits are arranged from May to July and there is no meeting in August.

**Membership:** £8. Visitors: £2 per meeting. Our fees are intentionally low because we aim to make local history accessible to everyone.

General information and the Society's programme can be found on the website. The webmaster also accepts general queries.

## **Orwell Local History Society**

**[www.orwellpastandpresent.org.uk](http://www.orwellpastandpresent.org.uk)**

### **Secretary**

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

A small group of Orwell LHS members is also involved in maintaining and continually adding to our website, set up in 2012 with the aid of a Heritage Lottery Fund grant. Entitled Orwell Past & Present, the site is an ongoing record of life in our village over the past 2000 years. Contributions and comments are welcomed and the site includes a link to the Orwell Community Archive of old photographs within the Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network (CCAN). An 80-page book containing a selection of these photos, with notes on Orwell history, is available price £5.00, from the Secretary at the above address.

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

**Membership:** £10 per year payable at the October meeting. Visitors £3 per meeting.

### **Programme:**

24 Sep.	<b>Honor Ridout</b>	The Cambridge you may have missed.
	<b>Preceded by AGM at 19.45pm</b>	
29 Oct.	<b>Becky Proctor</b>	The history of Papworth Hospital
26 Nov.	<b>Martin Boswell</b>	The Cambridgeshire regiment in WW1
28 Jan.	<b>Paddy Lambert</b>	Roman Britain
25 Feb.	<b>Tony Kirby</b>	Transport in Cambridge since 1900
31 Mar.	<b>Ian Keable</b>	The history of satirical cartoons
28 Apr.	<b>Craig Cessford</b>	'To Clapham's we go'. The story of an 18th century Cambridge coffee house
26 May	<b>Vic Botterill</b>	'Pub Crawl'. The origins and meanings of pub names

Please see our page on the Orwell village website – [orwellpastandpresent.org.uk](http://orwellpastandpresent.org.uk) – or contact the Secretary for details of our programme.

# 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.

Please see the separate entry for Royston Cave in the Museums & Museum Societies section of this publication.

**Meetings:** 20.00 on the first Thursday of the month (October–April), in the Heritage Hall, Town Hall, Royston. Talks last about an hour. There is plentiful parking which is free in the evening. Tea or coffee and biscuits are available afterwards. The May meeting (second Thursday) starts with the AGM at 19:30 and is followed by a talk at 20:00. The evening concludes with light refreshments.

**Membership:** £5.00 (under 18s £2.50) due 1 September. Visitors: £2.00.

## Programme:

3 Oct.	<b>Paddy Lambert</b>	Archaeological excavation at Wimpole
7 Nov.	<b>Lynne Broughton</b>	The seven deadly sins (and a few lively virtues)
5 Dec.	<b>Nick da Costa</b>	The mystery & magic of Egyptian hieroglyphs
2 Jan.	<b>Chloë Cockerill</b>	Pomp and circumstance
6 Feb.	<b>Damien Odell</b>	Four inspirational women
5 Mar.	<b>Kate Harwood</b>	History of allotments
2 Apr.	<b>Jo Ward</b>	Stevenage: the first post-war New Town
14 May	<b>Geoff Hales</b>	Letters home the story of Gertrude Bell (+AGM)
6 Jun.		Coach outing to Windsor

*(NB: Details available after February 2020)*

## Saffron Walden Historical Society

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

### Chair

**Mike Hibbs**

### Secretary

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

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

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

**Membership:** £7.00. Visitors welcome at £2.00 per session.

### Programme:

25 Sep.	<b>Hilary Walker</b>	Life in 18th century Saffron Walden
23 Oct.	<b>Mike Furlong</b>	Saffron Walden trades and professions in the 18th century (NB: the Mary Whiteman Memorial Lecture)
27 Nov.	<b>Ken Macdonald</b>	'The 100 Parishes': An introduction
22 Jan.	<b>Mike Levy</b>	The Kindertransport
26 Feb.	<b>Martin Rose</b>	Henry Winstanley: the last Renaissance engineer
25 Mar.	<b>Melanie Backe-Hansen</b>	House histories: Discover how to research the history of your house
22 Apr.	<b>Murray Jacobs</b>	The young Charles Darwin in Cambridge
22 May	<b>TBC</b>	

## Sawston Village History Society

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

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### Publicity

**Vacant**

The Sawston Village History Society was founded in 1991 and provides a varied programme of both local and wider interests, including an annual outing in July.

We have an archive at the Mary Challis house, 68 High Street, Sawston available on most Tuesday mornings 10.00–11.45. Entrance is through the Challis garden.

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

**Membership:** £7.00. Admission to meetings for non-members is £3.00.

**Programme:**

10 Oct.	<b>Dr David Smith</b>	Oliver Cromwell – hero or villain?
14 Nov.	<b>Jane Mycock</b>	The archives of Windsor Castle
12 Dec.	<b>David Short</b>	My life behind bars
9 Jan.	<b>Tamsin Wimhurst</b>	Restoration of the David Parr house
13 Feb.	<b>Alan Osborne</b>	Ada Lovelace, Lord Byron's daughter
12 Mar.	<b>Dr Samantha Williams</b>	The Georgian support agency
9 Apr.	<b>Bob Bates</b>	The Pye story
14 May	<b>Craig Cessford</b>	Buried with their belts on

## **Sawtry History Society**

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**Chair**

**Phil Hill**

**Secretary**

**Marilyn Gautreaux**

Sawtry History Society (SHS) was founded in 1976 with the title 'Sawtry & District Archaeological Society' which then became 'Sawtry and District Archaeological & History Society'. After a long spell, the 'Archaeological' was dropped as members interests changed and the name finally alighted upon the present 'Sawtry History Society'. We now encompass all history interests, whether it be local or family history, military or ancient history and with new members joining, archaeology has once again, become more popular, so the History Society joined with Jigsaw, a Cambs-based community archaeology support group. We are pursuing new archaeology projects, such as a geophysics survey and research on Sawtry's Cistercian Abbey of St Mary, the only Cistercian Abbey site in Cambridgeshire, in conjunction with Historic England to find out more about the Abbey and the deserted medieval village of Sawtry Judith and other archaeological projects.

Over the years, the Society has held several history exhibitions and has participated in many local history events. SHS has undertaken some very useful work, such as surveys of All Saints' Churchyard and St Nicholas' Church, Glatton, all work being carried out by members of the Society, resulting in an index of all the memorials there with their locations. SHS also maintains the Sawtry Village Local History Archives, an archival project of paper records that were held by the Society over the years which took two years to prepare and was completed and opened in February 2013. The Archive is located at Sawtry Community Centre and includes historical material from Sawtry and the surrounding villages of Holme, Conington, Glatton and Coppingford and is available for reference.

We also work in conjunction with the 457th Bomb Group Association, an American veterans organisation of servicemen who were stationed at Conington Airfield near Peterborough in WW2.

We have been contacted by people from all over the world, interested in Family History and their ancestors who were born and lived in the Sawtry area and the Society are currently expanding our collection of family history information at our Archive and are always adding other new material as well.

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

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

The Sawtry Village Local History Archives are located at Sawtry Community Centre and are open from 10.00 to 12.00 every Saturday morning. Please contact us on the above email address if you would like any local or family history information.

**Meetings:** We meet at the Women's Institute Hall on Gidding Road, the third Thursday of the month at 19:30, except August and December and we welcome new members and visitors to our meetings.

**Membership:** £15.00 per year and £7.50 for children to the age of 16, Visitors £2.00 donation. Please contact us for more information on any of the above.

**Programme:**

Sep.	<b>Mike Petty TBC</b>	Vanishing Cambridgeshire
Oct.	<b>Kevin Redgate</b>	Sawtry Abbey Archaeology Projects Update
Nov.	<b>Roger Leivers</b>	The Godmanchester Stirling
Dec.		No Meeting

## **Somersham History Society**

**<https://www.facebook.com/TheSomershamHistorySociety/>**

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Somersham History Society offers a programme of stimulating talks and also arranges guided tours/walks around places of local interest – as well as the odd quiz.

Posters advertising events are always displayed around Somersham. To be kept informed of our talks please contact us to be added to our email circulation list.

**Meetings:** 19:30 on the fourth Tuesday of every other month in Somersham Baptist Church, High Street, Somersham, Cambs PE28 3JB.

**Membership:** There is no formal membership fee but we do have an attendee charge of £3.00 for all meetings and events.

**Programme:**

24 Sep.	<b>Fran Saltmarsh</b>	Corsets, crinolines and camisoles
26 Nov.	<b>Liz Davies</b>	A Victorian family Christmas in Peterborough
28 Jan.	<b>Peter Cox</b>	The Earith hovertrain
24 Mar.	<b>Sue Paul</b>	My ancestor was a pirate
May	<b>TBC</b>	RAF Tempsford and Somersham
22 Sep.	<b>Rev. Stephen Day</b>	Huntingdonshire's stained glass
24 Nov.	<b>Dr Sean Lang</b>	Cambridge and the Russian Revolution

Further information is available from the contacts listed above and from our Facebook page.

**St. Neots Local History Society**

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

**President**

**Chair &**

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The aim of the Society is to promote interest in the rich and varied local history of the St Neots area through monthly meetings, research and summer outings. Historical information is collected and archives are held in St Neots Library. Several plaques to local celebrities have been erected throughout the town. A regular magazine is published containing interesting articles on local history.

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

**Membership:** £15.00. Visitors £3.00 for each meeting.

**Programme:**

3 Jan.	<b>Rodney Todman</b>	St Neots 1949: A snapshot in time (Part 2)
7 Feb.	<b>Sue Jarrett</b>	St Neots: Famous for who and what? (after Society AGM)
6 Mar.	<b>Grace Richards</b>	Love and toil
3 Apr.	<b>Martyn Smith</b>	Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalions
1 May	<b>David Longman</b>	Bedfordshire churches
17 May	<b>Don Hill</b>	Beating the bounds walk <i>(A 12 mile walk around the St. Neots parish boundary)</i>
5 Jun.	<b>Barry Chapman</b>	The Wilcox family
3 Jul.	<b>Kate Hadley</b>	Guided tour of Godmanchester
7 Aug.	<b>Chris Jones</b>	The inns and pubs of St Neots walking tour
4 Sep.	<b>Tony Walsh</b>	A landscape through time: The archaeology of the A14 improvement scheme
2 Oct.	<b>Liz Davies</b>	St Neots and the Second World War
6 Nov.	<b>Chris Jones</b>	In search of Dora Beagarie
4 Dec.	<b>Mark Steinhardt</b>	Hereward of the Fens

## Stapleford History Society

**Chair**  
**Secretary**

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The Society aims to promote interest in local heritage & history, with a particular focus on Stapleford and the surrounding area. We have regular talks, and groups of members are pursuing a range of projects including archaeological test-pitting, oral history, development of a village archive and building up our website. We organise occasional excursions, and have started regular history coffee mornings for local residents to share memories, photos and anecdotes relating to the history of the village.

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

**Membership:** £10.00 Individual, £15.00 Family. Admission to meetings for non-members is £3.00.

### **Programme:**

10 Oct.	<b>Sean Lang</b>	The end of the War to End All Wars
11 Dec.	<b>Steve Sherlock</b>	Archaeological finds during the construction of the A14
14 Jan.	<b>Helen Ackroyd</b>	Anglesey Abbey and the life of Lord Fairhaven
12 Mar.	<b>Duncan Mackay</b>	Mackays Shop & Engineering Company at Cambridge
12 May	<b>Maureen James</b>	Cambridgeshire Calendar Customs
9 Jul.	<b>Gillian Pett</b>	Wise women or witches: What was a midwife?

## Swavesey & District History Society

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

**Meetings:** 19:30 on the third Tuesday of the month (December meeting is on the second Tuesday) in the Global Resource Room at Swavesey Village College.

**Membership:** £12.50 per year. Visitors £2.00 per meeting.

### **Programme:**

17 Sep.	<b>Linda Wayman</b>	The girl who was never sent to school: my mother's story
15 Oct.	<b>Janet Morris</b>	Solving the housing problem: the conversion of railway carriages into cottages after the Great War
20 Nov.	<b>Philip Saunders</b>	From record type to digital byte: 200 years of publishing Cambridgeshire historical records
10 Dec.		Members evening

21 Jan.	<b>John Robb</b>	The people of medieval Cambridge
11 Feb.	<b>Hannah Vandridge</b>	Shopping through the centuries
17 Mar.	<b>Ken Sneath</b>	Singing milkmaids
21 Apr.	<b>Terry Holloway</b>	The history of Marshalls airport
19 May	<b>Mark Pardoe</b>	The inns and outs of pub names
16 Jun.	<b>Vanessa Mann</b>	Victorian and Edwardian postcards

## Trumpington Local History Group

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

### Chair

#### Howard Slatter

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We research the history of Trumpington and its environs. We organise meetings where members can share the results of their research and where outside speakers can present matters of local historical interest. We also lead occasional history walks around the Trumpington area. Publications include a free set of ten Trumpington History Trails. Most of our research and reports on meetings appear on our website.

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

**Membership:** £2.50 per indoor meeting.

### Programme:

26 Sep. Some notable Trumpington women  
21 Nov. Local railways

Further events will be publicised on our website.

## Warboys Local History Society

[www.fowl.org.uk](http://www.fowl.org.uk) then follow links to Warboys Directory / Associations, Clubs & Leisure / History Society

### Chairman

#### Brian Lake

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### Secretary

#### Joan Bennett

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### Other Contacts

#### Joan Cole

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#### Roger Mould (archaeology)

Tel: 07721 907863

The Society was founded in 1992 to promote the study of local history in this part of Huntingdonshire. We have speakers from around the area presenting general local history topics. Members and other interested parties are sent updates by email, and posters detailing each meeting are displayed in the library, on the Parish notice board and in local shops and social media. Warboys Archaeology Project is now well established and has received local and national recognition. WAP is currently working on the Ramsey Abbey site and has received a Heritage Lottery Grant for the Ramsey Abbey Community Project.

**Meetings:** 19:30 on the first Monday of each month (except January), in the Methodist Church, Warboys.

**Membership:** £12.00 per year (TBC). Non-members: £3.00 per meeting.

**Programme:**

7 Oct.	<b>Roger Leivers</b>	House of spies
4 Nov.	<b>Steve Graham</b>	Romans and Saxons at Farriers Way
2 Dec.	<b>Mark Knight</b>	Must Farm: New discoveries
3 Feb.	<b>Liz Davies</b>	Mr Bartlet begs to inform: A Victorian St Neots diary
3 Mar.	<b>Maureen James</b>	Gaffer Legge, Ratty Porter & Granny Hall & AGM
6 Apr.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	The Ely House of Correction
11 May	<b>Chris Tarr</b>	Invisible imps: Medieval medicine
5 Jun.	<b>Pip Wright</b>	Whistle craft
6 Jul.	<b>Joan Cole</b>	Armchair village walk
13 Aug.	<b>Fran Saltmarsh</b>	Six into one goes: Tudor fashion
2 Sep.	<b>Alison Dickens</b>	TBC

Please contact the Secretary or visit the local website for details.

## Waterbeach Village Society

**Hon. President  
Chair**

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Stephen Lack**

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**Programme Secretary**

**Adrian Wright**

Tel: 01223 861846; Email: [adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com](mailto:adrianj.wright@ntlworld.com)

The Society aims to stimulate interest in and care for the attractiveness, history and character of the village and its surroundings and to invite speakers for the further edification of those interested

**Meetings:** 19.45 on the fourth Wednesday of each month (September–May inclusive), but the third Wednesday in December. In St Johns Church Room, Station Road, Waterbeach, CB25 9HL. Car park behind the church.

**Membership:** £15 per year. Visitors: £3

**Programme**

2019 / 2020 programme not yet finalised.

## West Wickham & District Local History Club

[www.westwickham.org](http://www.westwickham.org) then see our link under Clubs

**Chair**

**Andrew Morris**

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**Secretary**

**Janet Morris**

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

**Meetings:** 19:30 on the second Monday of the month unless otherwise stated (October–April), in West Wickham Village Hall.

**Membership:** £10.00; visitors £2.00 per meeting.

**Programme:**

14 Oct.	<b>Valory Hurst</b>	Bassingbourn
11 Nov.	<b>Sepe Cassettari</b>	1617 Balsham Map Project
9 Dec.		Christmas social event and quiz
13 Jan.	<b>Honor Ridout</b>	Tudor Cambridge
10 Feb.	<b>TBC</b>	
9 Mar.		AGM
6 Apr.	<b>TBC</b>	

## Whittlesea Society

**Chair**

**Ernie Hall**

**Secretary**

**David Hancock**

3, Vintners Close, West Parade, Peterborough, PE3 6BT  
Tel: 01733 753894; Email: [hedgebetties@gmail.com](mailto:hedgebetties@gmail.com)

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 second Monday of each month at 19:30 in the Town Hall, Market Street, Whittlesea.

**Membership:** £8.00 per year individual, £10.00 per year family.

**Programme:**

9 Sep.	<b>Maureen James</b>	A history of fairy belief
14 Oct.	<b>Mike Shearing</b>	The mud walls of Whittlesey and Eastrea
11 Nov.	<b>Roger Negus</b>	The home front and Peterborough during World War II
9 Dec.	<b>Stephen Perry</b>	Postwar Peterborough and RAF Westwood
13 Jan.	<b>Laurence Seaton</b>	My work as an auctioneer
10 Feb.	<b>TBC</b>	
9 Mar.	<b>Rev. David Bond</b>	War memorials
11 May	<b>Dr Eric Somerville</b>	Quacks and quackery
8 Jun.	<b>Mike Petty</b>	Sherlock Holmes in Cambridge
13 Jul.	<b>TBC</b>	
10 Aug.	<b>Maggie Ashcroft</b>	From Stamford to Deeping by canal
14 Sep.	<b>Chris Carr</b>	An abundance of riches
12 Oct.	<b>Dr Martyn Thomas</b>	Women in medicine

For details of events still TBC, please contact the Secretary.

# Whittlesford Society

[www.whittlesford.photo](http://www.whittlesford.photo)

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

**Support:** We also support and promote other local and nearby societies and interest groups with their events in line with the Society's aims. Please get in touch via one of the officers listed above. Similarly, in the current climate of pressure for huge commercial development, especially with Junction 10 of the M11 located in the parish, an important part of the Society's work is in scrutinising planning applications and making representations with particular reference to heritage and environmental impact.

**Journal / Magazine:** *'Whither Whittlesford'*, our main publication ever since the Society started, is now published at least annually and scanned copies of all but the most recent of the 123 issues are available in full on our website. Additionally every month the 'Whit Soc' page in the village magazine 'LOOK' covers topical event & activities and is also posted in the website. Printed copies of these and a number of Society books and other publications are available on sale – details on the website. This is currently being reviewed to provide access to even more archive material and photographs of Whittlesford past and present.

**Events:** Established activities include guided local history walks, a yearly open meeting / AGM with a notable speaker in April; a key role in the annual Newcomers Tea Party and group visits to interesting nearby institutions / organisations (e.g. in the past year, St Johns Church, Duxford; The Hamilton Kerr Institute; Wellcome Genome Campus ) and an annual tour of a selected area of the Imperial War Museum Duxford, which lies partly in this parish, with whom we have close association. From time to time we also have themed exhibitions, focus days, natural history events and archaeological fieldwork. Our major research project since 2014 has been about the impact on this village of World War One, with one output being the just-released IWM 'Lives of the First World War' international database, in which Whit Soc has two 'Communities' – one detailing the 100+ men who left to fight (and some to die), the other about life and lives here in the village in that period and about the three VAD hospitals here, where mainly local volunteers cared for a total of some 1700 wounded servicemen, strangers, but just like local absent loved ones. A book is planned to mark the centenary of a dinner that inspired the project, held in honour of the 'Whittlesford 100' and the unveiling of the village War Memorial Cross at the start of January 2020 and a series of 'Poppy Pilgrimages' round all the village locations associated with World War One began on Remembrance Sunday 2018.

**Membership:** Open to all residents – past and present – and people interested in the village and its history.

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

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## Museums & Museum Societies

### **Burwell Museum of Fen Edge Village Life**

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

Mill Close, Burwell, Cambridge, CB25 0LH

Tel: 01638 605544 (answerphone when office is unstaffed)

Email: [museum@burwellmuseum.org.uk](mailto:museum@burwellmuseum.org.uk)

**Group Visits  
Museum Manager**

**Alison Giles**  
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An amazing family day out – explore the windmill, follow the trails, enjoy the rare vintage vehicles, old schoolroom and village shop, and find out how people lived in Burwell on the edge of the Fens.

The Museum depicts life on the edge of the Cambridgeshire Fens through the centuries. Opened in 1992, it is housed in a collection of different and interesting buildings. Some are reconstructed from other sites, such as the 18th-century timber-framed barn, and others are built in the local style using mainly reclaimed materials, such as the wagon sheds / granary display area. Most of the displays are set out as scenes, rather like stage sets, with lots of individual artefacts making each display in order to give visitors a better idea of how, where and when items were used. Also on the site is a Grade II\* Listed windmill – Stevens' Mill – which has recently undergone a Lottery-Funded restoration. Guided tours of the mill available at no extra cost.

**Open:** 11:00–17:00 Sundays, Thursdays and Bank Holiday Mondays from Easter Sunday to the end of October. Pre-booked group visits are welcome any day – daytime or evening. The Museum is closed from the start of November to just before Easter.

**Admission:** £4 per adult, (over 16 years), £2 per child (3–16 years). Season ticket holders and under 3s are free.

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

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

### **Cambridge Museum of Technology**

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

The Old Pumping Station, Cheddars Lane, Cambridge, CB5 8LD

Tel: 01223 500652; Email: [info@museumoftechnology.com](mailto:info@museumoftechnology.com)

**Chair of Trustees  
Curator**

**John Little  
Pam Halls**

Cambridge Museum of Technology invites you to explore our local industrial heritage. The Museum was founded in the late 1960s by a group of people from the City and University of Cambridge. They saved the town's Victorian pumping station and machinery from destruction when the station closed down, and created a museum dedicated to local technology and industry.

In June 2019 the Museum reopened after a major redevelopment funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The work includes new interpretation of the 19th century pumping station explaining how it provided an ingenious solution to the environmental and health problems caused by rubbish and sewage produced by Cambridge's growing population. There are brand new displays about Pye and Cambridge Instrument Company, two major local technology companies based in the city during the 20th century. We also focus on Cambridge's forgotten industries including iron founding, brickmaking, electricity generation, gas production and brewing.

We provide a full calendar of events and activities as well as learning programmes for schools. Check our website for the latest information. Museum staff offer various talks including *Museum: past, present and future*, *Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company* and *The Folklore of Industry*. We also offer guided tours for groups. We welcome volunteers to help run the Museum. The new 'Pye Building', which seats up to 60 people, is available for hire when the Museum is not open to the public.

Email us to book a talk or tour, about volunteering or to enquire about venue hire.

**Open:** Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00 to 17:00.

**Admission:** Adults £5.00; Concessions\* £4.00; Children aged 5 to 18 £3.00; Children under 5 Free; Families of two adults and up to four children £13.00; Families of one adult and up to four children £8.00. Museum members and volunteers – Free.

\* Concessions are seniors (65+), disabled visitors in receipt of PIP, students, and recipients of Universal Credit. Accompanying carers for disabled visitors are free.

Please note, the Museum's Print Shop is only open on Sunday afternoons, 14:00 to 17:00. Please contact us if you are planning to make a special journey to see the Print Shop to avoid disappointment.

**Fundraising:** We are still raising funds towards our redevelopment. If you would like to make a donation please go to [www.justgiving.com/cambridgemuseum-technology](http://www.justgiving.com/cambridgemuseum-technology).

## Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology & Anthropology

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

Downing Street, Cambridge, CB2 3DZ

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**Kate Phizacklea**

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

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

**Open:** Tuesday–Saturday 10:30–16:30; Sunday 12:00–16:30  
**Closed:** 1 week at Christmas and on all Bank Holidays

**Admission:** Free

On display at MAA until Easter 2020 is 'A Survival Story – Prehistoric Life at Star Carr'. The exhibition gives visitors a fascinating glimpse into life in Mesolithic Britain 11,500 years ago. Included in the display are deer skull head-dresses as well as axes and weapons used to hunt a range of animals such as red deer and elk, a shaman's costume and pyrite and fungus used to make fires.

**Events:** Talks, workshops and special events take place throughout the year. There are usually drop-in activities for families during October half-term and the Festival of Ideas, as part of Summer at the Museums in July and August, Twilight at the Museums in February, Cambridge Science Festival in March and at various other times. Please see the website for details.

## Centre for Computing History

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

Rene Court, Coldhams Road, Cambridge, CB1 3EW  
Tel: 01223 214446; Email: [admin@computinghistory.org.uk](mailto:admin@computinghistory.org.uk)

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

**Open:** 10:00–17:00 Wednesday–Sunday. Open every day in school holidays.

**Admission:** £9 Adults, £6 Children, £7 Concessions, £26 Family (2 adults + 2 children).

## Chatteris Museum

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

14 Church Lane, Chatteris, PE16 6JA  
Tel: 01354 696319; Email: [chatterismuseum@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chatterismuseum@tiscali.co.uk)

**Curator** **Ian Mason**  
10 Juniper Drive, Chatteris, PE16 6HY  
Tel: 07979 334833

Chatteris Museum is an independent charity run entirely by volunteers. The collections and displays reflect life in Chatteris and the local fenland area from prehistoric times through to the present day. We run a number of special events and temporary exhibitions during the year.

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

For details of special events and temporary exhibitions please visit Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and our website, or contact the Curator. Loan boxes and talks on local history can be provided.

**Open:** Tuesday and Thursday 14:00–16:30, Saturday 10:00–13:00

Closed over Christmas and the New Year.

Other times by appointment with the Curator.

**Admission:** Free.

## **Cromwell Museum**

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

Grammar School Walk, Huntingdon, PE29 3LF

Tel: 01480 708008; E-mail: [museum@cromwellmuseum.com](mailto:museum@cromwellmuseum.com)

### **Curator/Museum Manager Stuart Orme**

Situated in a medieval building which is both the oldest in Huntingdon and the former town Grammar School, the Cromwell Museum is home to the largest and most important collection of objects relating to Oliver Cromwell (1599–1658), soldier and statesman. The collection includes fine art, manuscripts, arms and armour, coins and medals, and many personal items relating to Cromwell's life and times.

The museum is host to a regular programme of temporary exhibitions and events; educational visits, talks and guided tours can be arranged for groups onsite or by us coming to you. Please contact us for more details, go to our website or visit us on Facebook or Twitter.

The Museum is run by an independent charity, the Cromwell Museum Trust.

**Admission:** Free (donations appreciated)

**Opening Hours:** 1 Apr–31 Oct: Tue–Sun 11:00–16:00  
Bank Holiday Mondays 11:00–16:00  
Closed Mondays except pre-booked groups  
1 Nov–31 Mar: Tue–Sun 11:00–15:00  
Closed Mondays except pre-booked groups  
Closed: 24–26 December, 1 January

## **Fitzwilliam Museum**

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

Trumpington Street, Cambridge, CB2 1RB

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

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

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

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

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

**Selected Exhibitions:**

Until 10 Nov.	The celebrated Mr Belzoni: A cultural gift to the Fitzwilliam
Until 12 Jan.	Fans Unfolded: Conserving the Lennox-Boyd Collection
24 Sep.–5 Jan.	Rembrandt and the Nude
8 Oct.–12 Jan.	Seeing Sound: Music, imagery and inspiration
9 Nov.–22 Mar.	Inspire
26 Nov.–26 Apr.	Feast & Fast: The art of food in Europe, 1500–1800

## Flag Fen Archaeology Park

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

The Droveaway, Northey Road, Peterborough PE6 7QJ

Tel: 01733 864468; Email: [flag.fen@vivacity.org](mailto:flag.fen@vivacity.org)

**Heritage & Arts Programmes Manager**

**Sarah Wilson**

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

A programme of events and activities takes place over the year, as well as an onsite educational programme. This includes 'The Flag Fen Archaeology lectures' in February/March. Please check our website for more details.

Entrance for private tours and schools groups is available all year round.

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

**Closed:** October–March (except for pre-booked private tours and school parties).

**Admission:** £6.00 Adults, £4 Concessions (Under 5s free), £18 Families, (Up to 2 Adults and up to 3 Children over 5). Prices vary on special event days.

## Friends of Wisbech & Fenland Museum

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

Museum Square, Wisbech, Cambs PE13 1ES

Tel: 01945-583817; Email: [friendsofwisbechmuseum@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofwisbechmuseum@outlook.com)

**Chair  
Secretary**

**Roger Powell  
Garry Monger**

The Friends support the museum both by raising funds and providing volunteers to help run the museum. They have funded acquisitions, computer equipment and programmes of events. See website and Facebook for further details

**Admission:** Free

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

**Friends membership:** £10 individual and £15 for two individuals at same address

**Meetings:** monthly

## **Kettle's Yard**

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

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

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

**Director**

**Andrew Nairne**

Kettle's Yard is one of Britain's best galleries – a beautiful and unique house with a distinctive modern art collection, and a gallery exhibiting modern and contemporary art. Supporting this is an established learning and community engagement programme, archive, and programme of chamber concerts. In February 2018, Kettle's Yard reopened after a two-year development by architect Jamie Fobert. The new Kettle's Yard includes major new exhibition galleries, generous education spaces, a café and new welcome areas.

**Gallery, shop and café open:** Tuesday–Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 11:00–17:00

**House open:** Tuesday–Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays, 12:00–17:00

**Admission:** Free, however we rely on donations to continue our programme of exhibitions and events and to preserve the House and collection for future generations.

### **Selected exhibitions:**

3–27 Oct. 2019

The Cambridge Show

12 Nov. 2019–2 Feb. 2020

Homelands: Art from Bangladesh, India and Pakistan

18 Feb.–26 Apr. 2020

Linder

12 May–5 Jul. 2020

Untitled: Art on the conditions of our time

21 Jul.–25 Oct. 2020

Palestinian Embroidery

## **Longthorpe Tower**

**[www.vivacity.org](http://www.vivacity.org)**

Thorpe Road, Longthorpe, Peterborough, PE3 6LU

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**Heritage & Arts**

**Laura Hancock**

**Events Manager**

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

The Tower has a hands-on exhibition which explains the story of the building, paintings and Thorpe family. A year-round events programme includes weekend re-enactments and expert talks. Please see our website for more details.

**Open:** April–October inclusive: Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays 10:00–17:00 (last admission 16:00).

Entry is available for private tours and school parties all year round.

**Admission:** £3 adults, £2 concessions (under 5s free), £8 families, English Heritage members free. Event prices vary on special event days. Please see our website for details.

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

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

High Street, March, Cambs PE15 9JJ

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

### **Chair**

#### **Gordon Thorpe**

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### **Vice Chair**

#### **Nigel Denchfield**

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The March Museum was established in 1972 and is staffed entirely by a dedicated band of volunteers. Housed in a listed 19th Century School, the museum has a fascinating collection of local memorabilia, including several tableaux illustrating late 19th and early 20th-century domestic life. The medals (including the George Cross) awarded to Benjamin Gimbert following the train explosion at Soham in June 1944 are the focus of displays on the central role played by the railway in the town's history, together with the nameplates from the two Class 47 locomotives named in honour of the driver and fireman. Also on display is the unique banner representing the March branch of the ASLEF Union. A wide range of historical documents, including rate books, are available for those researching local or family history, along with an extensive collection of photographs showing Fenland life through the years. Special exhibitions are mounted on a regular basis. Children are welcome at the museum with a regularly changing children's trail. Youth groups can be booked in at any time and a number of loan boxes are available to local schools and youth organisations free of charge. In the museum yard can be found a reconstructed Fenland cottage and a blacksmith's forge.

The Museum Society runs a series of regular evening talks in St Peter's Church hall opposite to the museum. These cover a wide range of topics and are open to all.

### **Museum:**

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

**Closed:** Christmas & New Year.

**Admission:** Free (donations welcome). Groups, to arrange visits out of hours email or ring, leaving a contact number on the answerphone.

**Volunteers:** For volunteering opportunities contact as above.

### **Society:**

**Meetings:** 19:30, usually on the second Friday in each month (September–May, except December), at St.Peter's Church Hall, High Street, March, PE15 9JJ, opposite the museum. Parking on site. Please check the website for details.

**Membership:** £4.00 per annum, available at the museum or at meetings.

**Admission:** £2.00 members; £3.00 visitors. Refreshments included.

**Programme:**

13 Sep. **Kevin Rodgers** Marcam Hall: Music Mecca of the Fens  
11 Oct. **Mike Cowlam** The world of sundials  
15 Nov. **David Edwards** A history of British postcards +A.G.M.

For 2020 talks, please see the website.

## **Museum of Cambridge**

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

[www.facebook.com/museumofcambridge](https://www.facebook.com/museumofcambridge)

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2/3 Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ

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The Social History Museum of Cambridge and the surrounding area, with objects relating to life in the town and the Fens. We are housed in a 16th century timber-framed building, the former White Horse Inn on Castle Hill. This is located on an ancient crossroads, close to the busy bridging point on the River Cam and to the Norman castle mound. We are next door to Kettle's Yard.

Our collections, in nine rooms, relate to the domestic and working lives and leisure of ordinary people over the last few hundred years, particularly in the Victorian period. We also have a significant collection of folk art and toys. In addition to an ever-changing exhibition space in the dining room upstairs, which is hired by community organisations, we host regular events throughout the year and provide family and children's activities and trails in the holidays. We are an independent charity, largely run by volunteers and led by trustees, with a special role within the community.

### **Current events:**

- **Exhibition:** Everyone's an Artist: An exhibition of Folk Art from the Museum of Cambridge Collection, 29th July–29th October

**Future events:** check details on the website.

**Opening Times:** Mon–Sat 10:30–17:00, Sun 11:30–16:30. Please visit the website for up-to-date information about holiday opening hours.

### **Admission:**

All tickets allow future entrance for FREE, 12 months from date of purchase.

Adult pass £6.00.

Concession Pass £4.00 (60 years of age and over, students, those aged between 13 and 18)

Child (12 years and under) FREE

Accompanying carers FREE

Art Fund and Museums Association Members FREE

# Museum of Classical Archaeology

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

Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DA

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## Curator

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## Education & Outreach

### Coordinator

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### Bookings & Visitor Services

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### Group Bookings

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

**Open:** 10:00 – 17:00 Tuesday – Friday  
10:00 – 13:00 Saturdays (University term time only)

Closed on Bank Holidays.

For Christmas and Easter closures, please consult the website.

**Admission:** Free

**Events:** Talks, workshops and special events take place throughout the year. We run a busy programme of family activities for Summer at the Museums, most of which are droppable. We also take part in the Festival of Ideas, Twilight at the Museums and Cambridge Science Festival. Events are normally free of charge and all are welcome. For up-to-date listings, please consult our website at [www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum/things-to-do/events](http://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum/things-to-do/events)

**Drink and Draw:** We host Drink and Draw in our atmospheric Cast Gallery twice a year, in May and August. Relax, enjoy a glass of wine and draw our classical casts to your heart's content, under the expert guidance of our artist instructors.

**Group Bookings:** Groups visits are welcomed, and we are happy to organise tours and activities for adult and community groups. We also provide a free education service for schools and younger visitors. To arrange a school visit or find out more, please visit our website and fill in our Online Booking Form at [www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum/schools/online-booking-form](http://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum/schools/online-booking-form)

**Exhibitions:** MOCA now regularly hosts exhibitions in the Cast Gallery, with works by contemporary artists on display amongst the casts. Upcoming exhibitions include:

- Sep–Dec 19 **Marian Maguire** Goddesses  
New Zealand artist Marian Maguire returns with a new series of lithographs, featuring Greek goddesses reconsidering their choices.
- Jan–Feb 20 **Debbie Loftus** Panathenaia  
Works inspired by the Parthenon frieze, created while Debbie Loftus was artist-in-residence at the British Museum
- From March 20 (TBC)  
**Robert McCabe** Mycenae 2020  
Photographic exhibition

**Volunteering:** Last year, 47 volunteers gave up 695 hours to help us with events and our collection. To find out more about volunteering, please visit our website at [www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum/support-us/volunteer-1](http://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum/support-us/volunteer-1)

## **Museums in Cambridgeshire**

[www.museums.cam.ac.uk/about-us/museums-in-cambridgeshire](http://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/about-us/museums-in-cambridgeshire)

c/o PO Box SH 1219, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP

**Manager**

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Museums in Cambridgeshire (MiC) is the umbrella association for all 36 extraordinarily diverse museums in the county, each of which pays an annual subscription. MiC represents the interests of all museums, publishes a weekly newsletter and carries out projects of benefit to the museums and the audiences that they serve.

## **Palace House: The National Heritage Centre for Horseracing & Sporting Art**

<https://www.palacehousenewmarket.co.uk/>

Palace St, Newmarket CB8 8EP

Tel: 01638 667314; Email: [project@nhrm.co.uk](mailto:project@nhrm.co.uk)

**Assistant to Chief Executive**

**Jodie Mellor**

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Palace House aspires to be a world-class visitor experience, based in the internationally recognised home of horseracing, which provides a showcase for horseracing as well as the finest examples of British sporting art.

**Open:** Opening hours Monday–Sunday 10:00–17:00

Closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

**Admission:** Adult: £12 (online £11), Child: £7 (online £6), Family: £35 (online £34), Annual Pass: £20 (online £19). Children (under 5): FREE

## **Norris Museum**

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

The Broadway, St Ives, PE27 5BX

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

**Director**

**Sarah Russell / Ann Wise (Acting Director)**

**Learning & Outreach Officer**

**Hannah Vandridge**

**Community Officer**

**Susan Bate**

The museum tells the story of the county of Huntingdonshire. Reopened in 2017 after a £1.7 million redevelopment, objects, displays and interactives allow the visitor to explore the county's history from 160 million years ago to the present day.

The museum first opened in 1933 through the legacy of Herbert Norris. Norris' own collections form part of the museum and visitors can now discover a recreation of his study in the museum.

The museum is set in picturesque gardens with views of the River Ouse and Holt Island Nature Reserve. The museum has an accessible community room where an extensive programme of events, activities, workshops and talks take place all year round. The room is also available to hire.

The extensive Huntingdonshire library and archive is a unique resource for the museum and local researchers. The research room can be booked for those wishing to come and view items from the collection. Please contact us for more details or to book.

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

**Admission:** Free. For some event and workshops, charges may apply.

## **Peterborough Museum**

Priestgate, Peterborough, PE1 1LF

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

Tel: 01733 864663; Email: [museum@vivacity.org](mailto:museum@vivacity.org)

**Director of Culture**

**Richard Hunt**

**Heritage & Arts**

**Laura Hancock**

**Events Manager**

Managed by Vivacity, Peterborough's Culture & Leisure Trust, the Museum covers the history of Peterborough and its surrounding area. Collections include internationally important collections of geology (including Jurassic sea monsters) and Napoleonic prisoner of war work related to the camp at Norman Cross, as well as social history and art. The archaeology collection includes finds and information from all periods, which reflect the archaeological importance and diversity of the Peterborough area. The Museum is located in a historically significant Georgian building which has been restored as part of a £3M refurbishment, including the restoration and reopening of a rare Victorian operating theatre dating to the period when the building was the city infirmary.

**Open:** Tuesday–Sunday, 10:00–17:00

Monday (Bank holidays and school holidays), 10:00–17:00

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

**Admission:** Free.

Admission charges apply on special event days.

The Museum has varied temporary exhibitions, exciting events and a busy education programme. This includes 'Hoards: a hidden history of ancient Britain' – a British Museum and Salisbury Museum partnership exhibition, supported by the Dorset Foundation. Peterborough Museum will be the final destination for this touring exhibition, from 12 Oct to 15 Dec 2019.

### **'Hoards' talks programme:**

All talks start at 19:30, £6 per person, booking strongly advised.

17 Oct.	<b>Mark Knight</b>	Hoards at Bradley Fen and Must Farm in the Bronze Age
23 Oct.	<b>Jody Joy</b>	Snettisham Iron Age hoards
6 Nov.	<b>Eleanor Ghey</b>	Hoards: A hidden history
21 Nov.	<b>Stephen Upex</b>	Roman Durobrivae and the Water Newton treasure
27 Nov.	<b>Richard Hobbs</b>	The Mildenhall treasure: fine dining in Roman Britain

Please check the website for more details.

## Peterborough Museum Society

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

### President Chairman

**Dr Stephen Upex**

**Trevor Fogg**

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### Secretary & Publicity

**Brenda Fearon**

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### Membership

**Brenda Hirst**

8 Websters Close, Glington, Peterborough, PE6 7LQ  
Tel: 01733 252993

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

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

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

### Programme:

2 Oct.	<b>Mark Knight</b>	Archaeologist of the Year 2017
16 Oct.	<b>Nick Sandford</b>	The national forests
30 Oct.	<b>Lyn Blackmore</b>	Crosse & Blackwell excavation, London
13 Nov.	<b>Sherryl Sime</b>	Arts & crafts through the ages: Their utility, meaning & development
27 Nov.	<b>Dr Pat Kirkham</b>	The Arts and Crafts movement
11 Dec.	<b>Andy Lowings</b>	The golden lyre of Ur
8 Jan.	<b>Claire Richardson</b>	Victorian women: the poor, mad & unfortunate
22 Jan.	<b>Dr Alex Devine</b>	Medieval library manuscripts from Peterborough Abbey
5 Feb.	<b>Stuart Orme</b>	The Cromwell Museum
19 Feb.	<b>Dr Susan Kilby</b>	Fantastic beasts and where to find them
5 Mar.	<b>Alison Eskriett</b>	The woman's lot in the 18th Century
19 Mar.	<b>Rachel Hand</b>	The Captain Cook collection
2 Apr.	<b>Dr Stephen Upex</b>	Recent work & ideas on Durobrivae

## Prickwillow Engine Trust

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

Main Street, Prickwillow, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4UN

Tel: 01353 688360; Email: via contact form on web site

### Visit Organiser

**Les Walton**

32 Hall Street, Soham, CB7 5BW

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### Treasurer

**Pauline Dunham**

Tel: 01353 720737

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

**Open:** 10 Apr.–4 Oct.: Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, 12:00–16:00

**Admission:** Standard: Adults £3.00, Children £1.00, Senior Citizens £2.00, Family £6.00  
Events & Run Days: Adults £5.00, Children £2.50, Senior Citizens £3.00, Family £12.00

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

**Programme:**

Please see website for details

## **Priestgate Vaults**

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

Peterborough Museum, Priestgate, Peterborough PE1 1LF

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**Heritage Programmes / Rachel Walmsley**  
**Commercial Development**  
**Director**

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

**Open:** Tuesday–Friday, in school terms, daily at 14:30

Monday–Friday, in school holidays, daily at 14:30

Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays, daily at 11:30 and 14:30

Additional tours are added on event days & at peak periods. Please see the website for details.

**Admission:** £4.00 Adults; £3.00 Children

## **Ramsey Rural Museum**

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

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

Tel: 01487 815715; Email: [info@ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk](mailto:info@ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk)

**Contact**

**Jeremy Mumford**

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

**Open:** Easter to end of October  
Thursdays 10:00–17:00  
Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays 14:00–17:00

**Admission:** Adults £4.50, concessions £4.00, children (5–16 yrs) £1.00, children (under 5 yrs) free. These prices are for normal opening hours as above. For special events, please see our website.

## **Royston Cave**

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

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

Email: [info@roystoncave.co.uk](mailto:info@roystoncave.co.uk)

**Cave Manager**                      **Nicky Paton**

Royston Cave is an enigma. No records of its age or purpose exist. Some theories suggest it was used by the Knights Templars, others by King James I and the Freemasons.

Discovered by accident in 1742, Royston Cave has continued to baffle visitors for centuries. Man-made and beehive shaped; the cave is cut 25ft into the chalk that underlies Royston's ancient crossroad, Ermine Street and Icknield Way. Some suggest it is also the site where two ley-lines meet. It is believed that the ley-lines are a powerful source of healing energy and that the cave has been a sacred site for thousands of years.

The cave contains an extensive range of medieval wall carvings representing the Crucifixion, the Holy Family and several saints including St Katherine, St Laurence and St Christopher. Elsewhere are figures of a horse and an Earth Goddess, believed to be Pagan symbols for fertility. Beside the carvings, the cave was found containing a human skull and fragments of a drinking vessel.

**Open:**  
Seasonal opening. Easter Weekend to end of September. Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Entry by guided tour only. Tours at 14.00, 14.40, 15.20 and 16.00.

Private tours available all year round, by arrangement. Visit our website for details.

**Admission:**  
Adult: £5. Senior: £4. Student (with valid student I.D): £4. Children (under 16)\*: £2. Babe in arms: Free.  
\*All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
There is no wheelchair or pushchair access.

## **Scott Polar Research Institute Polar Museum**

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

Lensfield Road, Cambridge, CB2 1ER

Tel: 01223 336540

**Museum Curator**                      **Charlotte Connelly**  
Email: [museum@spri.cam.ac.uk](mailto:museum@spri.cam.ac.uk)

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, manuscripts and many other items from the Institute's world-renowned archives, library and picture collections, complement the objects displayed.

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 visit our website.

**Open:** Tuesday–Saturday 10:00–16:00  
Bank Holiday Mondays 10:00–16:00

**Closed:** Sundays and Mondays, and over Christmas and New Year

For details of opening during public holidays, please see our website.

**Admission:** Free.

## **Soham Museum**

**[www.museum.soham.org](http://www.museum.soham.org)**

**Chair**

**Donna Martin**

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Tel: 01353 624409; Email: [museum@soham.org.uk](mailto:museum@soham.org.uk)

**Secretary**

**Ann Roberts**

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

Soham Museum runs Soham History Group which hosts a programme of bi-monthly local and social history talks at Berrycroft Methodist Church Hall. All welcome.

Soham Local & Family History Group is a study group, which aims to publish an annual journal of new research. We are also currently creating an archive of Soham buildings. We meet for six consecutive Monday evenings each term at Soham Library 19:00–21:00 (e-mail for dates). Any local articles, poems, photographs and images will be considered for publication and may be e-mailed to the address above. New members welcome, the group is free to join and refreshments are provided.

Archaeology Cambridgeshire East (ACE) was formed as a sub-group of Soham Museum in 2014 under the umbrella of the HLF Jigsaw project set up to establish active local archaeology groups across Cambridgeshire. Mentored by Oxford Archaeology East, ACE meets at Soham Library on the last Wednesday of each month 19:00–21:00 and is free to join. For more details, please visit Soham Museum website or e-mail Soham Museum.

Soham Museum Coffee Mornings are free, informal, 'drop in' sessions held on the first Saturday of each month at Soham Library 10:00–12:00, to which guests can bring along items of local and social interest and share a love of history with likeminded people. This is a great opportunity to meet our team. All welcome.

Our current interests are anything at all Soham related, but in particular, Soham pubs and breweries, Soham in the 1950s, Soham people, Soham Mere and associated inland waterways, and local trade and commerce. We are always interested to hear from people who would like to share their local stories and information with us. We also run a local family history research service. We warmly welcome everyone to our events and look forward to meeting you.

**Membership:** Friends of Soham Museum supports Soham History Group membership and runs from 1st January annually. £10.00 per annum per individual. £15.00 per annum for same household membership. Guests £3.00 although many events are free. All welcome.

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

Soham Museum and sub-groups have no association with Soham Heritage & Tourism. Please ensure when you are donating photographs and information that you are talking to a member of Soham Museum – if you are at all concerned, please verify on the website. We are always happy to help you.

## St. Neots Museum

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

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

Tel: 01480 214163; Email: [curators@stneotsmuseum.org.uk](mailto:curators@stneotsmuseum.org.uk)

**Curator**

**Liz Davies**

**Learning Officer**

**Lesley Sainsbury**

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

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

**Admission:** Free for local residents of contributing parishes.  
Other visitors £3.00 adults, £2.00 Seniors & Concessions, £1.00 Children.

### **Programme:**

11 Sep.–12 Oct.	Buckden Life Drawing Group
19 Oct.–24 Dec.	Winter craft & art gifts exhibition
Jan. 2020	CLOSED
5 Feb.–21 Mar.	Edwardian St Neots in photographs
25 Mar.–25 Apr.	Art exhibition
29 Apr.–13 Jun.	St Neots in the 1950s
16 Jun.–27 Jun.	St Neots schools art exhibition
1 Jul.–5 Sep.	Weird and wonderful collections
12 Sep.–19 Oct.	Art exhibition
24 Oct.–24 Dec.	Winter craft & gifts fair

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

**Talks:** The museum offers talks on a number of local history topics for a set fee, currently £60, either at the museum or where your group usually meets. Topics include: Folk Medicine in Huntingdonshire; The Kimbolton Coin Hoard; Crime and Punishment in Victorian St Neots; Kill or Cure: Dr T. J. Walker, Victorian Surgeon; Their Finest Hour, St Neots in WW2; St Neots and the Great War 1914–18; A Victorian Christmas in Peterborough; St Neots 1820–1900 from a Printer’s Scrapbook.

Please contact the Curator to make a booking.

**Walks:** Monthly town centre ‘Story of St Neots’ walk and monthly Pubs & Inns Walk, start at the Museum at 7.30pm, last approximately 90 minutes, walks go ahead whatever the weather, see our website for dates. Monthly Ghost Walk in the winter months.

**Booking:** Book online through Eventbrite, email us or come to the Museum and pay on the day.

## **Stained Glass Museum**

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

South Triforium of Ely Cathedral, Ely, CB7 4DL

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

**Curator**

**Dr Jasmine Allen**

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

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

The Stained Glass Museum was founded in 1972 to rescue and preserve stained glass from redundant buildings. The Museum’s exhibits encompass fine examples of the art and craft, including medieval and renaissance glass from Europe and a late-18th-century panel copied from a portrait by the artist Sir Joshua Reynolds. Also on display is work by Morris and Co. Important examples of 20th-century stained glass include artworks by Evie Hone, Harry Clarke, John Piper, Patrick Reyntiens and Brian Clarke.

Depending on availability, audio guides are provided to visitors free of charge. Discovery packs and activities for visiting families are available from the admission desk.

The Museum also has a specialist reference library, open to the public via prior appointment.

**Open:** Monday–Saturday 10:30–17:00  
Sunday 12:30–16:30  
Please check the museum’s website for closures.

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

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

**Exhibitions & events:** The Museum holds temporary exhibitions throughout the year. Regular events include an Annual Study Weekend in April, Annual Lecture in summer and a series of Autumn Lectures. Additional events are held throughout the year. Please see our website for more information.

**Friends subscription:** minimum £25.00. You can join online.

## The Stretham Old Engine

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

Green End, Stretham, CB6 3LF

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A visit to the Stretham Old Engine is a rewarding experience for people wishing to learn about Fenland history and industrial archeology. Close to the village of Stretham, near Ely, this land drainage pumping station (now disused) is scheduled as an Ancient Monument and has been restored by the Stretham Engine Trust. It contains a fine steam powered double-acting rotative beam engine, and is the last surviving complete example of its kind in the Fens. The Trust has leased the pumping station for one hundred years from the Waterbeach Internal Drainage Board.

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

**Admission:** Adults £4.00, Children £1.00. Group and School visits welcomed by arrangement.

## 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 showcases the diversity and evolution of the animal world. With thousands of specimens on display and a vibrant programme of public events, the Museum offers something for visitors of every age.

The renovated University Museum of Zoology, Cambridge opened on Saturday 23 June 2018. It is one of Cambridge's major attractions. Our brilliant new galleries showcase the diversity of animal life, from marsupials to monkeys, mammoths to manatees. Visit us to discover stories of extinction, survival, evolution and exploration.

**Open:** Monday: Closed (open Bank Holiday Mondays)  
Tuesday–Saturday: 10:00–16:30  
Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays: 12:00–16:30

**Admission:** Free.

Please check our website for Easter and Christmas holiday opening times and for our 'What's on' programme.

## Whipple Museum of the History of Science

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

Free School Lane, Cambridge, CB2 3RH

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

<b>Director &amp; Curator</b>	<b>Prof. Liba Taub</b>
<b>Curator of Modern Sciences</b>	<b>Dr Joshua Nall</b>
<b>Collections Manager</b>	<b>Claire Wallace</b>
<b>Senior Museum Assistant</b>	<b>Steven Kruse</b>
<b>Learning Coordinator</b>	<b>Rosanna Evans</b>
<b>Gallery Attendant</b>	<b>Alison Smith</b>

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 and demonstration equipment, pocket electronic calculators and laboratory apparatus. The Whipple's Main Gallery was refurbished in 2010 and the Upper Gallery has been transformed into a new, permanent Globe Gallery that opened in the summer of 2013.

**Open:** Mondays–Fridays 12.30–16.30

**Closed:** Bank Holidays and between Christmas and New Year

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

**Admission:** Free.

## Wisbech & Fenland Museum

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

Museum Square, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire PE13 1ES

Tel: 01945 583817; Email: [info@wisbechmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@wisbechmuseum.org.uk)

<b>Acting Curator</b>	<b>Robert Bell</b>
	Email: <a href="mailto:curator@wisbechmuseum.org.uk">curator@wisbechmuseum.org.uk</a>

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 manuscript 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 twenty-six local parishes.

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

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

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

We welcome group visits. For further details please visit the Visits page of the website or telephone us.

Facilities include toilets, baby changing facilities, gift shop, and level entrance with internal lift giving access all the main display areas.

**Admission:** Free.

**Exhibitions:**

23 Jul.–Oct. 26	The Egyptians: Alexander Peckover's journey down the Nile, 1865–66
9–30 Nov.	Chairman's Exhibition: a very special exhibition curated by Museum Chairman, Richard Barnwell, from his personal collection of curiosities
12–30 Nov.	Anti-slavery campaigns: a community co-curation project on modern day slavery and anti-slavery campaigns in the Museum library
8 Dec.	Wisbech Art Club Winter Exhibition
7–8 Dec.	Special Saturday and Sunday opening (10:00–16:00) as part of Wisbech Christmas Fayre

**Talks and events:**

7 Sep.	The paint detective and colour & paint in the smaller 18th century house, by Patrick Baty
14 and 21 Sep.	Heritage Open days talks on the Rev. William Ellis and the Dalziel Brothers tbc
2 Nov.	Library Presents: The Victorians evening performance

**Children's Activities:**

22 and 24 Oct.	Egyptian themed craft sessions 11:00–15:00
24 Oct.	Museums at Night 17:00–20:00

The manuscript of *Great Expectations* is usually available to view on the first Saturday of the month when the Museum Library is open to the public. It is advisable to check opening dates before visiting.

For up to date details of our programme of exhibitions and activities please visit:

**[www.wisbechmuseum.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.wisbechmuseum.org.uk/whats-on)**

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# Education

## University of the Third Age in Cambridge

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

First Floor, 27-28 Bridge Street, Cambridge Cambs CB2 1UJ

Tel: 01223 321587; Email: [office@u3ac.org.uk](mailto:office@u3ac.org.uk)

**Chair**

**Susan Honeyford**

**Secretary**

**John Wills**

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

**Membership:** £78.00 per year plus a one-off enrolment fee of £5.00 plus extra fees for a small number of courses. Telephone or visit the office, (10:00–14:00 Monday to Friday), and ask for a membership pack which includes the Programme for 2019–2020.

## University of the Third Age in Huntingdon

<https://u3asites.org.uk/huntingdon>

**Secretary**

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Founded 19 years ago, Huntingdon U3A is a lively organisation with some 650 members and over 60 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 on the third Thursday

**Architecture** Group currently taking a break

**Family History** Second Tuesday

**Meetings:** these are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Methodist Church in Huntingdon, and include: presentations by invited speakers and an opportunity to socialise and gather information on interest groups and activities.

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

**Membership:** Currently £20 p.a. for basic U3A membership and there will be other (moderate) charges associated with individual groups.

# Miscellaneous

## Haddon Library of Archaeology & Anthropology

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

Downing Street, Cambridge, Cambs CB2 3DZ

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

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

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

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

The library has lift and stairlift access.

## McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research

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

Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3ER

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The McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research in the University of Cambridge was established in 1990 through a generous benefaction from the late Dr D.M. McDonald. The benefaction enabled the University to construct and maintain purpose-built premises for the Institute, which include research rooms and laboratories, together with archive space and a seminar room. The Institute serves as an interdisciplinary hub aiming to provide a shared intellectual home for archaeologists at Cambridge with a programme of seminars, workshops, conferences, publications and research

grants as well as laboratory space for a wide range of archaeological research which crosses continents, periods and approaches in its exploration of the diversity of the human past.

There are also usually workshops and conferences held throughout term-time, which may be of interest to archaeological groups outside of the University of Cambridge. Details may be found at [www.mcdonald.cam.ac.uk/events/mcd-conferences](http://www.mcdonald.cam.ac.uk/events/mcd-conferences). Prior booking might be required.

## Society of Cambridge Tourist Guides

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The Society of Cambridge Tourist Guides (SCTG) represents qualified Blue and Green Badge Guides for Cambridge (and, in the case of Blue Badge Guides, also for the surrounding area). SCTG members support a number of events on a voluntary basis, including the Science Festival, Open Cambridge and Bridge the Gap. Visit Cambridge and Beyond exclusively uses our members for public and private tours.

Any enquiries regarding organising tours or future Guide training should be addressed to Visit Cambridge and Beyond.

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### Afterword

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The postal address for this is:  
Cambridge Antiquarian Society, Haddon Library, Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3DZ

Many thanks in advance.

Vicki Harley (CAS Conduit Editor)  
John Pickles (CAS Honorary Librarian)

