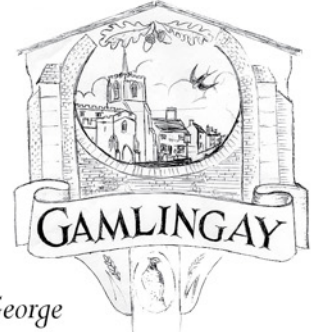


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Gilbert and Sullivan evening in Potton

Travelling minstrels in costume – what could be better?

On Saturday 19 October 2024 'The Wandering Minstrels' (www.wanderingminstrels.org.uk) will present 'THE WORLD OF GILBERT AND SULLIVAN' in St. Mary's Church, Potton at 7.30pm.

They will sing, act and dance their way through many of the immortal Gilbert and Sullivan shows – 'HMS Pinafore', 'The Gondoliers', 'The Mikado', 'Princess Ida', 'Ruddigore' and 'The Sorcerer'.

Artistes appearing in this concert are Alexandra Ferrari, Emma Stratton, Charles Mills, Stephen Godward and Tim Hurst-Brown, with Peter Hewitt at the piano.

Tickets are £10.00 (under 16s free) and are available from Cameron's Newsagents and Tysoe's Hardware Store in Potton town square; from David Tall on 01767 261713; or on the door.

Refreshments will be served in the interval. The concert is bound to be extremely popular, so members of the public are advised to purchase their tickets early in order to avoid disappointment.

This concert of Savoy classics, presented in period costume and performed in traditional style, combines the acerbic wit of W.S. Gilbert and the enchanting music of Sir Arthur Sullivan.

This is the company's first visit to Potton – don't miss what promises to be a hugely enjoyable evening!



Background to the Wandering Minstrels:

The majority of their performances are staged in parish churches, helping to raise much-needed funds for these wonderful buildings. They also perform in theatres and stately homes all around the country and have frequently appeared at the prestigious International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival in Buxton.

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THE VICAR OF DIBLEY IS COMING TO GAMLINGAY



Gamlingay Players will be performing The Vicar of Dibley on Friday 31 January and Saturday 1 February 2025 at Gamlingay Eco Hub.

Come along to see how the village of Dibley react when their eagerly awaited new vicar does not turn out to be what they had expected ... for starters she's a woman!

Will Councillor David Horton ever accept the fun-loving, chocolate addict Geraldine?

Will Owen ever stop swearing, will Frank stop be so boringly pedantic and will bumbling Hugo ever get it together with lovable, but dim-witted, Alice?

Save the date to come and see all your favourite characters and some of the best storylines from the television series.

More details to follow in next month's Gazette.

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Editorial

By the time you read this the *Gazette's* October AGM will have come and gone. Our treasurer will have reported that our financials are in good shape – our advertising revenue covers the cost of printing and we have few, if any, other costs.

For your information, here's a draft version of my editor's report:

In the period October 2023 to September 2024 we produced ten issues. Catherine Travers edited three of them. The year saw some layout changes and the launch of a new regular Personal Perspectives feature, both driven by Catherine. I am very grateful for her support and assistance and a level of skill and professionalism that far exceeds mine.

Our issues are typically of 32 or 36 pages but with a couple running to 40, as content demands. At the time of writing it seems the October issue will probably be 28 pages – unfortunately we cannot dictate what news is sent to us and I am concerned to not write too much of the content myself.

Normally we receive little or no feedback from our readers, however, the April issue cover story titled Gamlingay in Crisis resulted in a letter of complaint to the editor. Happily this was more than balanced by the two written notes of support and several verbal supportive conversations. The climate crisis is definitely something our readers are interested in.

I am confident that our current format of publishing a hard copy and delivering it to every household and business in the village is the right one for the *Gazette* at this time; our potential readers see enough electronic content flashing past their eyes ... we are distinctively different. Of course anybody who wants to can access a .pdf online, in colour!

It would be nice to have more community engagement but many community groups are struggling to attract new blood. Perhaps the issue is not so much to do with the format of the publication and more to do with what goes on in Gamlingay that might attract an audience; what are the young families doing, what groups are they engaged with? What can we offer to such groups (if there are any)?

We are a publication that punches well above its weight and whilst this is due to all of the volunteers, both the committee and the delivery team who trudge through rain hail and heatwaves to ensure the *Gazette* gets through, I will single out two people for special mention. Larry New's professionalism gives the *Gazette* a wonderful "look and feel", and of course Jan Bremner is superb in balancing the books and ensuring our cash flow is positive, not letting editorial enthusiasm for colour carry us away.

*Thank you all
Keith Warburton*

Note: Please contact me or any of the team if you would like to explore the options for getting involved with the Gazette whether writing, producing or delivering – we're a friendly bunch!

Keith Warburton

About the Gazette

About us:

The Gamlingay *Gazette* is an independent publication that aims to inform people living in and around Gamlingay of local news and events. It is funded solely by advertising. Every care is taken to ensure the accuracy of content but the *Gazette* cannot be held liable for any errors. Views expressed do not necessarily represent the views of the *Gazette* Committee.

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Do let us know if you would like to be added to our monthly article submission reminder emails.

Please note that the *Gazette* reserves the right to edit all content for style, length and accuracy.

Parish Council News Flash

Appeal decision for The Lupin Field, land to north of Heath Road, Gamlingay SG19 2JD

We're pleased to share that the appeal has been dismissed!

This means that the South Cambs District Council decision to reject the development has been upheld by the Inspector. The Parish Council wishes to thank residents for their valuable contributions to the public meeting, and to the planning meeting, and for making their views known to South Cambs District Council too. We'd also like to thank Gwyn Williams for providing additional information on the biodiversity of the site.

The Inspector quoted Gamlingay's adopted Neighbourhood Plan, namely policies GAM3 and GAM9 in the decision

You can find the full appeal decision at Greater Cambridge Shared Planning portal: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/.../23...>

The Parish Council spent years developing a Neighbourhood Plan ... this is why. Ed

A peep into the Sarll family

By Gordon Brooks

While looking at 1800s newspaper clippings relating to Gamlingay one surname appeared many times – SARLL. Who were they and what was their effect on the life of the village? I found they were at the centre of two businesses that supported village life. This article is a brief look into the family.

The earliest reference of the Sarll family that I have found relates to burial on 6 September 1838 in Gamlingay of William Sarll who passed away at the age of 82, i.e. born 1756.

James Ulysses Sarll was born in Gamlingay in 1861 and in 1871 his address was Cock Street (now better known as Church Street). He was the son of William and Rhoda Sarll and was one of at least eight children. In 1881 he was working as Butcher in the Market Square in Potton. Later he emigrated to Victoria, Australia where he died in 1934. He married to Agnes Edith Dorell, who had been born in Australia, in 1897.

James and Agnes Edith had at least four children including William Maynard, born 1899, Arthur Ulysses, born 1908 and Margaret Rhoda born 1908. Arthur Ulysses served in the Australian Army in WW2. He passed away in 1995 and is buried in Victoria, Australia.

William Sarll, a Baker, appears in the 1851 census, born 1825. He was living with his unmarried aunts and uncles, Ann, William and Samuel. Samuel, born 1787, also a Baker. William married Rhoda Lunnis and they worked as bakers until Samuel's death in 1901, and then Rhoda continued to operate alone.

So now we have a Butcher and a Baker. No record has been found of any Candlestick maker in Gamlingay, hence a failure to conform to the old rhyme.

We know that some members of the family were soldiers during the various conflicts. The Sarll name does not appear on the village war memorials, either they survived or had moved away from the village when they enlisted. They may appear on other memorials; two such cases are:

§ Arthur Percival Sarll, the son of John Wesley and Alice Sarll relocated to Hounslow. He served in



Left to right: Adelbert James Sarll, Clara Elvira, (his wife,) Rosaline Gidney (Cousin), ?? Son-in-Law of Adelbert, Zack Sarll (father of Adelbert). Pic: FamilySearch Website

the London Regiment from 1914 until his capture by the German Army in 1918. The British Red Cross reported him missing on 23 March 1918 and record of his capture appears in the German records. The Arras Memorial records his passing.

§ Sidney Rowland Sarll, born in Gamlingay during 1879, enlisted in late 1914 and served in the Royal Engineers, eventually he was posted to German East Africa. Prior to his overseas posting he spent time in Glasgow where he married Agnes Campbell Luke in 1916. Sidney's death was on Christmas Day 1917. The cause of death was given as dysentery. He was buried in Dar es Salaam War Cemetery, Tanzania. His wife, Agnes died in 1920 and is buried in Glasgow.

James and Susan Sarll who, in 1841, were living with Susan's parents John and Mary Harris at the Spittle Pit, Gamlingay. Both James and Susan were aged 20. The records show that James James Sarll and Susannah Harris were married in Gamlingay on 24

March 1840. (Some references refer to Susannah as Susan) James was the son of James Sarll and Elizabeth Dew.

The Passenger List for 'The Caroline' that sailed for New York in 1866, contains entries for James, Susannah, Elizabeth, and Zachariah Sarll. Elizabeth was the daughter of James and Susannah, she married GEORGE GIDNEY, and she passed away in Brigham City, Utah. The American census for 1870 indicates that James and Susannah were still living in Salt Lake City with a son, Samuel, age 20.

Tracing the history of Zachariah, the other family member born in Gamlingay seemed to be the next logical step. 1852 Zachariah born in Gamlingay to James Sarll and Susannah Harris

1866 Passenger List for "The Caroline" sailing from London to New York
Zachariah (17) listed, Mother Susannah (47), Father James (47) and Sister, Elizabeth (19)
Zachariah's occupation: Tailor
1896 census Living in San Francisco with son Adelbert James (ages 44 and 21)

Zachariah's occupation:



Sarll's Bakery & House, Honey Hill, circa 1910. Pic: Gamlingay History Society GDHS0603

Coachman
 1900 Birth given as Sep 1857
 Nationality: American, although I have found no proof of this.
 Zachariah's Occupation: Teamster (in control of a team of horses and a waggon)
 Wife listed as Ida M – (Ida May Lindsey), born New Jersey in

1866, Married 1880, Divorced 1905. Her father born England
 Daughter Edythe born UTAH IN 1879 1883?
 1910 census. Divorced Living in San Francisco arrived 1866 born England
 Living with son Adelbert in San Francisco

Son's wife Clara and three granddaughters Ruth, Alice and Florence

Zachariah's Occupation: Porter in Saloon

Adelbert's occupation: Cigar Manufacturer

1920 Now Stock Clerk in Wholesale House

1938 **Death 1 April 1938 (85)**

Buried: Mountain View Cemetery Oakland, Alameda County, California.

It is a sad fact that Adelbert took his own life in 1935 while he was staying with his daughter. He was described as a painter and was due to have a brain operation.

Some of the Sarll family stayed local to Gamlingay. Elizabeth, daughter of John Sarll and Mary Norman, was born in June 1837 and was one of eleven children. In 1864 she married Henry Meeks. Elizabeth passed away in July 1906. I am sure that some of the more senior of the Gamlingay residents will recall the Meeks family.

Of course, there were many other members of the Sarll family living in Gamlingay over the years, I cannot list them all and I am sure that many of them led more mundane lives.



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◆ Health Qigong with Hannah

Qigong is a “moving meditation” and can be thought of as the sister to Tai Chi. This 3000 year old practice can have health benefits and can be done sitting or standing. Hannah leads classes both in person at Darwin Nurseries near Fulbourn and online.

◆ Adult learning at village colleges

Village colleges that offer adult learning and education courses on a huge range of topics. Many courses start in September – some are held in the evening and some are at weekends.

◆ Papworth Everard – The Courtyard Coffee Shop

A friendly speciality coffee shop and micropub serving everyone in the community in Papworth Everard.

◆ Chatty Cafés

The Chatty Café scheme tackles loneliness through a network of ‘Chatter & Natter’ tables hosted by volunteers in a range of venues. Venues in Papworth and Trumpington are part of the Scheme.

New support web pages on How Are You South Cambs:

Full details: <https://haysouthcambs.co.uk/support/>

◆ B-United

Supporting men who have experienced domestic abuse in a past or current relationship. This includes emotional support, practical support or signposting to other agencies where required.

◆ Cambridge Acorn Project

Cambridge Acorn Project is a charity offering therapeutic services to children, young people and families who have experienced trauma and face financial hardship.

◆ Children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)

There is a range of support for families with SEND children, both local and national – here are some that local parents have told us are most useful.

◆ Perinatal loss and bereavement

The loss of a baby (or babies) in pregnancy, during birth or in the first year of life can have a profound impact on all members of the family. Here are some national and local sources of professional and peer support, as well as some other resources.

◆ Birth trauma and injury

Experiencing or witnessing a traumatic birth or living with an injury following birth can negatively impact your mental health. Here are some sources of professional and peer support, as well as advocacy should you wish to make a complaint.

◆ POhWER – advocacy

POhWER provides information, advice, support and advocacy to people in Cambridgeshire who experience disability, vulnerability, distress and social exclusion.

◆ NHS CPFT Relational Emotional Difficulties Service (REDS)

REDS is an NHS service for people aged 18+ who experience difficulties associated with strong emotions and interpersonal relationships. It is accessed via a referral from your GP and offers choice in the style and content of your treatment.

News and Events:

◆ Suicide prevention training

STOP Suicide – Funded three-hour training workshops delivered by CPSL Mind, covering how to spot the signs somebody may be at risk of suicide, how to have a conversation with them, and where to signpost them to further support.

Zero Suicide Alliance – Free, online e-learning covering a foundational approach to the above, taking 20 to 30 minutes to complete.

◆ Beyond the borders – Rethink mental illness support group for men with borderline personality disorder

A new and developing group for men with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) or Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorder (EUPD) meeting weekly online via Zoom. More info on this link.

◆ Free dementia resources

Cambridgeshire Libraries has resources to support people living with dementia, their families, friends and carers – including memory boxes, dementia-friendly puzzles and games, books and reading lists. If you are a library member, you can borrow these resources on your library card. It is easy to join the library online or by popping in to your local library.

◆ Bus routes consultation

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is now reviewing how its buses are operated, to improve services for all. A formal bus franchising consultation runs from Wednesday 14 August to Wednesday 20 November 2024. Everyone’s views matter, so please get involved and have your say. Large print is also available on request via the webpage – Bus franchising consultation – CPCA (cpcayourvoice.co.uk) or call 01480 277180

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News from the Eco Hub

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Email is the best way to get hold of us or you can leave a message on our answerphone.

Our general manager is Kate Laugharne, supported by Tony Hurst and John Berry.

Psychic Evening

Confetti Events will be holding their Psychic Evening with Pop Up Café on Saturday 12th October at 7.00pm to 10.00pm. Come along for a wonderful evening of mediumistic one-to-ones and tarot readings.

There will be a range of stalls offering crystals, wellbeing, healing, incense and jewellery, and a pop up café.



Christmas Craft Fair

Our annual Christmas Craft Fair is fast approaching, with over 35 stalls attending on each day. The fair will be held over two days – Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 November, from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. Some stalls will be present for the whole weekend, but others with us for one day only, so do try to visit on both days to make sure you don't miss anything. Entry will be £1 for adults, accompanying children are free, and one ticket will be valid for entry on both days.

Repair Café

After a successful first event in April, we are keen to do it again! Our next Repair Café will be held on 2 November, so please book now if you have anything that needs repaired. To find the booking form please scan the pictured QR code, or visit the Eco hub website. If you want help booking then pop in to the Eco Hub during library opening hours.



We have all sorts of people offering to help to repair things, many of whom have been volunteering at Repair Cafés across Cambridgeshire for several years.

Our team of volunteer repairers is helping for free and there is no charge for admission. We welcome donations to cover our costs and to help us grow our network and foster a culture of repair. They will pinpoint the problem and try to fix it there and then for

you, or let you know what spare parts to get for when you come back next time. This event is run in partnership with Cambridge Carbon Footprint and insured by Wessex Insurance.

During the event we will have a recycling bin for small electrical items only which are beyond repair. Most small items with a plug, battery or cable will be accepted, including toys, appliances, phones, power tools etc; but we can't take smoke alarms, damaged batteries, ammonia fridges, pressurised cylinders, laptops or screens. The items will be used for parts where possible, and otherwise dismantled to be recycled.

The Eco Hub cafe will also be open so come along for a drink and a biscuit to see what is going on even if you don't have an item booked in for repair this time. Also do get in touch if you think that you have repair skills that you would like to offer and then we can let you know what's involved.



Gamlingay Library

Story time for preschoolers

We run story time for preschoolers every Monday afternoon from 2.30pm, come along and introduce your little one to magic of reading. No need to book, all welcome.

Green library week 7 to 13 October 2024

7 to 13 October is Green Library Week. Come into the library to find ways you can improve your carbon footprint and make small changes to create a more sustainable lifestyle. There will be some fun green themed activities for children running throughout the week.



Halloween Children's Crafts and Stories

Join us at the library on Wednesday 30 October for a special Halloween craft and story time session. Free, all welcome. Open 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Library opening hours

Mondays: 2.00pm to 4.00pm
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and 6.00pm to 7.00pm
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Eco Hub October

One-off events

Psychic evening

Friday 12 October

7.00pm to 9.30pm

NCT meeting

Saturdays 12 and 19 October

9.30am to 3.30pm

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Wednesday 30 October

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Message for October

“There is no such thing as not worshipping.”

Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship.

David Foster Wallace

There I was, surrounded by close to 80,000 people and emotions are running high. There's excitement, sadness, joy. Some people have big smiles, others have tears streaming down their faces (be it of joy or sadness). The atmosphere is *electric*. Everyone's joining in with singing and chanting, people are hugging each other, and the passion everyone carries is to be admired. Have you guessed where I was yet? If you are a Christian who has previously experienced the many Christian festivals and worship events, you may have guessed it was at one of these *phenomenal* events, however, you'd be wrong. I was actually at the Tottenham Hotspurs football match!

Now... stick with me... no matter what team you support this is a safe place for us all to gather and chat... right?! Ha Ha).

As a family, we were invited to this match, a pre-season friendly – when the family tickets were cheaper and affordable – and it was our first ever experience of a ‘major football team,’ its stadium, and overall atmosphere. It was pretty amazing. I could talk to you for hours about how amazed I was by the logistics and planning that had to go into this match (streets, being closed, fencing, stewards, security), but I won't – catch me some time if you want to geek out about that. What *truly, TRULY* surprised me was the overall atmosphere at the event... So let me give you some context.

As a pastor at a local church, I am blessed and privileged to unpack scripture and ‘preach’ on a regular basis. And (this may be a shock to some), I *really* do believe the bible, and everything I share from it and about it, AND, it *really* excites me. I genuinely believe that it is good news, and that there is something *amazing to be shared* (I have to calm down now before I get too excited). But in that is my point. So often, by friends and random visitors alike, my ‘energy and excitement’ has been ‘excused’ or ‘justified’ as my cultural Americanisms, and for a long time, I bought it. I have always said, and continue to maintain, that I never want anyone to ‘become’ me – the world can't fully handle one of me!

However, I do hope, maybe even expect, that some of that excitement and joy will be shared by all who believe. But I have always been told, ‘It's just your Americanisms Adrian, we aren't like that...’ Well... I beg to differ!!!

While at this football match I saw passion, excitement, joy. I heard loud singing, shouting, and more energy than I could even describe... from the ‘reserved British’ who ‘don't do that!’. Now, please *do not misunderstand me*.

I am in no way placing judgement on the 80,000 fans, at all. I rather enjoyed the energy. What I find fascinating is the thought process that ‘we can't do that’ in terms of faith and worship of God, yet ‘we can do that’ in terms of something like football. It landed that quote ringing true in my head, ‘we all worship something, we just choose what we worship.’ It leads me to ask, what are you worshipping? Might seem a strange question to you, if you aren't a person of faith per se. But think about it for a moment. What are you worshipping?

The natural direction the thought took my brain was then to say, as we all worship *something* there is therefore a space and a scope for anyone to worship God, we just have to choose to. Perhaps, in your life thus far you have never had the chance or opportunity to worship God, or even explore what that might mean. Can I invite you to consider it. What difference might it make in your life? Perhaps you have already chosen what you want to worship, but you are feeling unfulfilled, and empty. Can I invite you to consider what worshipping God might do for you? Ultimately, no matter who or what you are worshipping, I would love to further explore this idea of worship with you. Up for it? Why not get in touch for a coffee, or join us at the Backroom Cafe, or for a Sunday Service. You never know, it may be the start of something glorious and worth while.

Many blessings,

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THE GAMLINGAY

FOOD PROJECT

Thank you, thank you!

We are usually asking for something (and yes, we do still need your long life donations – two cans/bottles/packets) ... but this month, we would like to send an enormous thank you to those anonymous people and companies who regularly donate food and money. We have at least one person who regularly sends a Tesco delivery straight to the Food Hub. Without these contributions we would not be able to help those families who are desperately in need.

We are also now collecting from M&S in St Neots five days a week, and are looking for some help with those collections. No training or DBS check is necessary – you just need **a car and a spare hour or so** each week. Please email admin@gamlingayfoodproject.org for more information. Thanks in advance!

GBC Diary October

Sunday services

Hymnal praise at 9.30am

Worship service at 10.45am

13 October 10.45am

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St. Mary's Letter for October

Dear Friends,

October brings time to celebrate harvest and leads into our time to remember. Although grain harvests have been pretty much completed before September we shall, according to local practice, celebrate our Harvest Festivals at the beginning of this month.

As Autumn is now truly upon us and clocks change this month with the daylight shortening, we celebrate the coming to fruition of the work of sowing and tending, all that took place back in the Spring and has continued through the year. We remember our requests at Rogation, and as we give thanks for the agricultural harvest, we are also thankful for the many other harvests of land and sea, and we can also include the harvest of people.

Rogation and Harvest could be thought of as the book-ends of the season of production, although there are many agricultural harvests worldwide that really don't fit into the pattern, which is pretty imperfect even in the UK. As we give thanks for our plenty, this is a particular opportunity to share with those who have less. Our Food Project (named Gamlingay, but serving a wide area well beyond our parishes and input from further afield also) will be distributing harvest gifts collected by the churches locally, but we have also, customarily at St Mary's, collected for the Diocese of Niassa in

Mozambique, where the church has links. Money from the Mini Music Marathon which takes place at the Harvest weekend will be distributed there too. Do come along to St Mary's on the Saturday or Sunday afternoon and enjoy an eclectic mix of local music-making with refreshments available.

This month we think of what is going on in the here-and-now, including the special gift of human lives and the 'fruits' they bring. At the end of the month we lead into All Saints (1 November) and All Souls (2 November) which focus specially on the legacy of those who are no longer alive on this earth.

The harvest of the Kingdom of God is ongoing, the fruit of this Kingdom harvest is described by St Paul in his letters to the early church, notably the church in Galatia (modern day Turkey between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea). Paul names as fruits of the Holy Spirit; Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control – qualities that make a good human life. This idea of fruitful living is a great analogy to work with. An interesting exercise to engage with involves counting up these fruits in our own lives. This year my tomatoes have grown very poorly, partly the weather, but also partly because although I planted them, so at least some grew,

I didn't take enough care, and some simply died from lack of water. Maybe something similar can happen with some of the Spirit fruits? I can draw some comfort from the fact that at least there are **some** tomatoes, not all the plants died! But I know that if I pay more attention to planting seeds and tending the plants, then I'll get a better harvest. The message for me is clear, you don't get fruit if you don't plant the plants, and, more than that, plants need essential resources to grow; without the right care, even if the plant is there, there won't be much fruit. So it is with the fruits of our lives.

So as we give thanks for the physical harvest, let us give thanks too for the spiritual harvest, in our own lives and in the lives of others. And maybe this is a time to think about seeking and tending to the spiritual life within ourselves also, that we may produce a good personal harvest – for our own benefit and the benefit of others. I find it interesting that people with no spiritual reasoning for being kind are discovering that it is actually good for our minds and bodies for us to be fruitful in that and other spiritual ways. May God, who makes the seeds and places within them the power to grow, enable our personal seed time and harvest and let's be thankful for that, in ourselves and in others.

Every blessing Hilary

St Mary's Church

Mini Music Marathon

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Services for October

Sunday 6 October: Trinity 19
Celebrating Harvest Festival

9.30am: All-age Parish
Eucharist at St. Mary's,
Gamlingay

11.30am: Harvest Celebration
at St James, Hatley
St George

4.00pm: Harvest Celebration at
St Mary's, Everton

Sunday 13 October: Trinity 20

9.30am: Parish Eucharist at
St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am: Parish Eucharist at
St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 20 October: Trinity 21

9.30am: Parish Eucharist at
St. Mary's, Gamlingay
with a focus on healing

4.00pm: Evensong at St. Mary's,
Everton

**Sunday 27 October: Last after
Trinity, Dedication Festival**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist at
St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am: Parish Eucharist at
St. Mary's, Everton

Advance Notice

**Sunday 3 November:
Celebrating All Saints Day**

9.30am: Parish Eucharist at
St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am: Parish Eucharist at
St. Mary's, Everton

6.00pm: Commemoration
Service (All Souls)

**Sunday 10 November
Remembrance Sunday**

Traditional Remembrance Sunday
celebrations in both parishes.

Gamlingay Civic celebration at the
War Memorial followed by Service
at GBC – Speaker Hilary.

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Historyman

by Nick Bruce

The Cinques

This month we are looking at Gamlingay's hamlet, The Cinques, pronounced "Sinks".

Part of my family on my Dad's side were the Bruce's and the Gilberts. Both sides at one time lived in the Cinques but it was the Gilberts who were there for generations with four or five households.

My Nan would tell me stories of how they lived in the small hamlet that was nearly joined onto Gamlingay. One thing I found strange as a nine year old was the language, the Cinques folk had a language of their own. The first time I met a real down to earth person who had lived there all their life was when I met my great uncle Hank who spoke, as I thought, as someone from another country, I just couldn't understand him. He had spent most of the time living and working in the Cinques.

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Pic 1: Charlotte and Zachariah Meeks outside their cottage in the Cinques c1930s/40s. The cottage was originally in Church End but was moved in the early 20th century. A framework was made with rollers underneath and the cottage lowered onto it. This was then pulled by horses while men pulled the rollers out of the back and put in at the front. The move took a week and cost a total of £40.0.0. The story doesn't end there though as in the 1990s it was demolished apart from the chimney stack and rebuilt.



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Pic 2: A view of the Cinques from the common with just a few buildings, the cameraman has his back to two farms and Tetworth Hall. c1915.



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Pic 3: This picture of the Moon Gate is thought to be one of the oldest c1898. It is in the Cinques and was part of Gamlingay Park, The Downing Estate, built in 1712 and abandoned in 1776. The Moon Gate was visible for many years but today is covered in ivy with bushes obscuring the view. Many stories surround the Moon Gate and some tales say that Dick Turpin on Black Bess jumped through the Moon Gate on his way from London to York.



Pic 4: An aerial picture of The Green Man in the Cinques c1983. It closed in April 1985. The last landlord & landlady were Mr & Mrs Jock Cunningham. The pub was owned by the Green & King brewery.

For more on the Historyman or any of my published books (*Portrait of an English Village, A History in Photographs or Views From The Past*), either phone 07925 119346 or email on nb777@btinternet.com

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Pic 5: F Whitbread and Ickle Meeks in the Cinques c1930, both belonged to well known Cinques families and regularly frequented both The White Horse and The Green Man public houses.

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Pic 6: The landlord of the White Horse public house in the Cinques, Herbert Hill taken in 1956 in the doorway. The pub was closed in 1959 which then left only the Green Man in the Hamlet. Once both public houses would be busy but as travel became more widely used one had to close, there now stands a private dwelling on the site.

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Pic 7: The cottages shown here c1915 had a small shop and post box in the middle cottage while the thatched cottage on the right was demolished some years ago.

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Pic 8: In 1927 the Cinques was cut off from Gamlingay by large snow drifts, locals and had to dig through the drifts with shovels. The Ellis and Phillips families from Merton Grange went along to give a hand and took some pictures for the album.

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Pic 9: The White Horse darts team 1942. Many of the men are wearing their Home Guard Uniforms. *Back l to r:* Charlie Gilbert, Harry Meeks, Ickle Meeks, Stan Gore, Mrs & Mr Gaunt (landlords) J Scarrot, Frank Daisley. *Front l to r:* Sam Jakes, Hank Gilbert, Bill Maskelyne, Jack Paine, Horace Gilbert, A Housden.



Pic 10: A famous local haulier who had its yard in the Cinques was SG Hill & Sons. potato merchants who traded for many years through over three generations of the family. This is one of Hill's favourite makes of lorry the ERF which served the company well..

Councillors' Column

Keeping us up-to-date on South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) matters.

Your councillors are always ready to help.

If you have any questions about the following matters or, indeed, any other council matter that you may need help with, then please do not hesitate in contacting:

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receive pension tax credits but are not claiming. South Cambs is therefore doing some work to identify those who are missing out on both sources of income. If you think you might be one of these people please do contact your councillor or the council.

East West Rail

Bridget has written to the new Transport Minister to ask what the government's plans are with EWR. She has had a holding response to say they are working with EWR and are considering it.

Planning reform

There are going to be quite a few changes to building rules some of which are being consulted on now. Planning fees are going to be going up substantially but be aware that councils will still be subsidising your application to a large degree even with the increase. The new government are looking at the Green Belt to identify what areas are low grade 'grey belt' and therefore can be released for development. Their focus, like the last government, is on brown field sites but in economically successful areas like ours there will always be pressure to release farm land for employment and housing use.

Cambridge 2050

You may recall Michael Gove's plans for a large scale development of Greater Cambridge (Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire). Having written to the Deputy Prime minister to ask what the new governments plans are Council leaders and the Mayor have now been invited to meet with ministers in the near future.

Our sense is that there will be a focus on boosting the economy of this region because this is where the greatest opportunities are but we have to ensure that it enhances rather than detracts existing residents quality of life.

Highways

Works to resurface Church Street and Church End in Gamlingay will take place at the end of October at a cost of £325k; and works will take place overnight in order to reduce disruption – further details as and when we get them.

There will be a lot of advance messaging with leaflet drops etc. Shortly thereafter – and weather permitting – Croydon Hill will be resurfaced (costing £330k) and again we will advise nearer the time.

The pavements in Blythe Way Gamlingay are also scheduled to be slurry-

New government

Not entirely unexpectedly with the change of government there are lots of changes on the way – quite a few of which affect us in local government.

Winter fuel payments

The new rules now mean that only those in receipt of Pension Tax Credits can receive the extra annual payment. We are aware that there are probably quite a few people who are eligible to

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sealed this year. We are delighted that a new Highway Supervisor has been recruited covering Gamlingay and the wider area (36 Parishes!) and she is currently undergoing the induction process.

New towns

The government has made it clear that part of their plan to build over 350,000 new homes will include new towns. A recent report has highlighted the strategic benefits of a major (50,000 house) new town at Tempsford because of its exceptional transport links (A1, A14, A428, M11, M10, Rail) – especially when it includes an East West Rail station. However, it is not in the Central Bedfordshire Local Plan and Milton Keynes took 60 years to build – so nothing is going to be happening any time soon.

We probably have more new towns in South Cambs than any comparable sized region and they are very successful. Cambourne got off to a slow start but you are hard pressed to find a house to buy there now and the excellent educational and sports facilities make it very popular.

Northstowe has just completed its first phase and permission to start

building at Bourn airfield has just been granted now that we have sufficient assurance there will be enough water to meet its needs.

The plans for the new Waterbeach Town are looking exciting with high quality transport links and a strong focus away from cars. One other benefit of a focus on new towns is that it relieves pressure to build in and around villages which is often unpopular with residents.

Most recently Government has advised further work will get underway to accelerate sites including Biggleswade Garden Community in Central Bedfordshire which has the potential to unlock more than 10,000 new homes when completed – obviously this would have a significant impact on Gamlingay and the wider area.

Bus franchising

In 2023 the Mayor's Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority launched 'The Road to Better Buses' strategy, which sets out five key ambitions for buses in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough: Add more buses to the network; Provide bus users with better information; More reliability across the network; Nicer, better-quality buses

and better value for money for users.

The Combined Authority has committed more than £13.5million and agreed to three major initiatives to progress our journey on the Road to Better Buses including 30 new routes across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough; a £1 fare for young people under the age of 25 and a consultation on how buses are run across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The majority of buses across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are currently run on a purely commercial basis. CPCA believes our ambitions will only be realised if we change this to have greater influence and control over how buses are run. 81% of respondents to our last survey agreed.

Independent transport consultants, ITP, undertook a detailed assessment of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's transport needs and potential bus reform. Two approaches have been outlined in the assessment: a Franchising solution and an Enhanced Partnership (EP).

Under a franchised network, the Combined Authority would contract bus operators to run services on its behalf but have control over the routes, frequency, fares and overall standards



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of the region's buses. An alternative Enhanced Partnership solution, while producing benefits over the current bus service provides less control over the routes, frequency and overall delivery of the services. This means, as a result, while both an Enhanced Partnership and Franchising can provide enhanced networks, franchising offers the region more control to specify the desired network, levels of service and integrated fares and ticketing, ensuring a more unified and accessible network.

Franchising also allows CPCA to deliver its strategic objectives; to have full influence over outcomes and the efficient delivery of bus service improvements to passengers and bus network changes. The EP is less likely to deliver the strategic outcomes as it leaves key decisions around the network in the hands of bus operators (as per the status quo) with any outcomes subject to negotiations with operators.

Before a final decision is made (due to be on 22 January 2025), we are required by law to seek views. We are now consulting and would welcome your feedback.

You can participate online by visiting: <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-franchising-consultation/>

If you would prefer a paper copy of the consultation documents or large print versions, please contact: consultations@cambridgeshire-peterborough-ca.gov.uk or call us on: 01480 277 180.

The consultation ends on Wednesday 20 November 2024.

School governors

Cambridgeshire County Council is appealing to residents to consider becoming a school governors with about 50 vacancies across Cambridgeshire currently. Governors are crucial to help schools navigate all aspects of school life, while maintaining a focus on learning, and the provision of a high-quality education. The aim is to create a waiting list of applicants, so that as vacancies come up, they can be easily filled.

School governors hold school leaders to account for the performance of the school. They are there to evaluate staff decisions, challenging, asking questions where necessary, and supporting and encouraging where possible.

Each school differs slightly, but there are usually between six and eight two-hour meetings a year, with reading and preparation required in advance. There are around two school visits a

year, lasting approximately half a day. There may also be some committees and working groups. In total, governance can take between five and eight hours per month.

There is no one type of person suited to school governance, and governing boards are better when they reflect the diverse communities they serve.

A range of relevant training is provided. For more please visit: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/school-governors>

A-road litter picking

South Cambs District Council is responsible for litter picking on local A-roads and has been very responsive to representations on the need for additional sessions, for example along the A603 and A1198 which is frequently reported on. A litter pick there was done in June, and another has been slotted in. Please do let us know of particularly bad patches.

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We have recently acquired a new nature reserve of national importance for many species, including turtle doves and nightingale. It is unusual in that the predominant habitat is scrub, which has developed over 20+ years of rewilding from agricultural land. We are currently raising funds as part of our biggest campaign ever to purchase the site and keep it safe for future generations. Please consider supporting, however, you are able, this might be sharing a link or donating:

www.wildlifebcn.org/strawberryhillappeal

Closer to home, a reminder that practical work is on-going through the winter on our woodland sites such as Gamlingay, Hardwick, Hayley and Waresley and Gransden Woods. If you are interested in learning more about what we do, please consider joining a practical work party. Thank you to those who respect our nature reserves by keeping dogs on leads, following site or path closure signs, and sticking to the middle of paths. Please make sure you check our website for access information:

www.wildlifebcn.org/explore/reserve-updates

Our events programme continues in Cambourne through the Autumn with Wilder Home-school sessions on Wednesdays, Little Bugs pre-school sessions on Fridays, and a family night walk over half term.

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Gamlingay Bowls Club finished this season on a triumphant high.

It was a different situation prior to the season getting underway when, in a special members meeting before a bowl had been delivered, questions were being asked if current membership levels were enough to fulfill the commitments required for competing in the three leagues we had previously participated in.

Our membership just had sufficient numbers but health and fitness issues were a major issue, so we needed everyone capable and able to stand tall and commit.

This meeting helped us galvanise the members with some committing to bowl every game and others looking to complete fitness tests thus enabling us to confirm our desire to compete in all three leagues: The Cambridge and District, The Millicent Childs Over 60s, and Meldreth League.

Cambridge & District League

We played in the top flight, Division 1, for the second successive season. It was a very tough and experienced division.

We surprised ourselves by winning our first games against four of the previous season's top teams, however, the pressure finally took its toll and a series of defeats followed, ending the season one win away from avoiding relegation back to Division 2.

What we did take away from the season was our success in reaching the semi-final of the Gilbert Cup, a competition in which we have been knocked out in the first round in previous seasons.

Round up of the season's games:

Tuesday 13 August – **lost 5-2** away to **Chesterton 'A'**

Thursday 22 August – **won 6-1** home to **Cottenham 'A'**

Meldreth & District League

We lost our fourth match of the season but from that point on we never looked back, going on to win the division comfortably without any further defeats.

In our last Meldreth & District League game of the season we won the Champion of Champions Cup (a final between the winners of the two M&D League sections) against Melbourn by ten shots.



Gamlingay Bowls Club, winners of the Champion of Champions Cup against Melbourn in the Meldreth & District League.

Everyone in the club contributed to our success in this league which, once again, reiterates the team spirit and comradery that exists among our small squad of players.

Round-up of the season's games:

Thursday 8 August – **won 6-1** home to **Steeple Morden**

Thursday 15 August – **won 4-3** away to **Duxford**

Monday 19 August – **won 6-1** home to **Meldreth**

Thursday 29 August – **won 7-0** home to **Foxton**

Millicent Child Over 60s

We have played in Division 3 for a number of seasons. Although coming close to promotion in the past, key results have prevented success.

However, over this season we excelled ourselves by not only winning promotion to Division 2 in second place, but were only two points away from winning the league.

Round-up of the season's games:

Tuesday 14 August – **lost 2-5** away to **Houghton & Wyton**

Wednesday 21 August – **won 5-2** home to **Sharnbrook 'B'**

Wednesday 28 August – **won 5-2** home to **Fenstanton 'Red'**

Monday 2 September – **won 5-2** home to **Huntingdon**

Tuesday 3 September – **won 4-3** home to **White Hart Worboys**

From a seemingly bleak start we ended with a very successful season and now look forward to next season in all three leagues with a great deal of confidence and anticipation.

The club is always on the lookout for new members, so if you are interested, even if you are a beginner, then please get in touch with either Brian Culverhouse (07836 256 433) or Keith Tokens (07712 405 365) and join a friendly bunch, build your bowling skills and keep fit.



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Cheese biscuits

A recipe from Roderick Starksfield



These are very simple, but very tasty nibbles. Useful for a small party.

This is from my mother's recipes.

Ingredients

- 3oz/75gm softened butter
- 4oz/110gm plain flour
- 5oz/150gm grated mature cheese
Can be a mixture of cheeses, i.e. Cheddar with a bit of blue cheese added
- 1tsp English Mustard powder (optional – some people are allergic to mustard)
- 1tsp Cayenne Pepper (optional)
- 1 egg beaten

The addition of mustard and pepper greatly improve the cheese flavour.

Method

- Rub the butter and flour together using your fingers, with the mustard and pepper if using, until

its like a bread crumb texture.

- Add the cheese and mix thoroughly.
- The mixture should just stick together, even if a bit crumbly.
- Once cooked the melted cheese will help to keep it together.
- On a floured surface, roll out to about 4mm to 5mm thick.
- Using a pastry cutter cut out shapes – re-rolling any bits left over, and cutting the shapes out again.
- Place on a parchment lined baking tray.
- Liberally brush over with beaten egg (essential, as the biscuits are so short).
- Bake in the oven at 200°C, 180°C fan, Gas Mark 4, for 25 minutes.
- Once cooked, allow to cool before storing in an airtight container.



Quiz and Puzzle Corner

by Kevin Bentley

Komino rules

Using the whole list of reversible digit pairs, complete the grid so that each box contains one pair. A digit cannot be beside the same digit in an adjacent box. Boxes containing a pair of identical digits cannot be side by side.

Komino				Medium		
	6	7	2	0 4	0 6	1 3
				1 7	2 4	2 8
9			8	3 4	4 4	4 5
				4 6	4 8	5 6
				8 9		
	1	3				
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Komino Notes:

I hope that you have enjoyed the challenge of solving these Komino puzzles. These are similar to the ones I have published in my first book of 200 Komino Puzzles which is currently available with 20% off the retail price from my publishers (Troubador) for £8.00 at: <https://troubador.co.uk/bookshop/sport-hobbies/komino-puzzles> using discount code KMNTC1

September Solution

2	6	1	0	1	5
1	2	6	1	4	0
4	1	2	5	0	3



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Bellringers	Thursdays	7.30pm to 9.00pm with John Boocock at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
Bin Collection Days	Thursdays: 3, 17 October 10, 24 October	Blue and Green Black
Booklinks Book Club	Monday 7 October	First Monday of the month, 7.30pm in the Library at the Eco Hub.
Cock Inn	Mondays 14 October	Monthly quiz nights starting at 8.00pm. £2.00 per head for various charities. New teams welcome.
Community Choir	Wednesday 2 October Saturday 19 October	First Wednesday of the month 8.00pm to 9.30pm Third Saturday of the month 10.00am to 12.00noon Both in the Kingspan Hall at the Eco Hub
Connect Café	Fridays	10.30am to 12.30pm at the Eco Hub. All welcome to a friendly drop-in cafe for a cuppa and cake – £2.00 with free drinks refills. Lifts available. Please contact the Eco Hub Manager.
Eco Hub	Every Monday	Zumba Gold – 10.00am to 10.45am Kingfisher Disability Group – 10.00am to 3.00pm Fitness Pilates – 11.00am to 11.45am Movement for Memory – 1.00pm to 2.30pm Street Dance & Freestyle Disco – 4.00pm to 6.50pm (<i>term time only</i>) Rainbow Guides – 6.00pm to 7.00pm (<i>term time only</i>)
	Every Tuesday	Mat Pilates – 10.00am to 10.55am Chair Pilates – 11.05am to 12.00noon Active Ageing Pilates – 12.05pm to 1.00pm Carpet Bowls – 2.00pm to 4.00pm Yoga – 7.15pm to 8.15pm
	Every Wednesday	Fitness to prevent injury – 9.30am to 10.30am Kingfisher Disability Group – 10.00am to 3.00pm Love Art Community Art Group – 10.30am to 12.30pm Puppy training – 2.00pm to 4.00pm Tai Chi – 9.30am to 10.30am
	Every Thursday	Cha Char Chimps, children's fun session – 10.00am to 11.00am Crafty Ladies Craft Group (<i>Gentlemen welcome too!</i>) – 10.00am to 12.00noon Cha Char Baby Chimps Session (<i>For newborns and non-walking babies</i>) – 11.30am to 12.15pm Over 60s Fitness – 2.00pm to 3.00pm New Age Kurling – 2.00pm to 3.00pm Ballroom and Latin Dance Class – 4.00pm to 5.00pm (<i>term time only</i>) Alice Lucas School of Dance – 5.00pm to 7.45pm (<i>term time only</i>) Kingfisher Disability Group – 10.00am to 3.00pm Connect Café Community Coffee Morning – 10.30am to 12.30pm O'Mahoney Academy Irish Dancing – 9.00am to 11.00am Little Ruggers – 8.00am to 12.15pm (<i>term time only</i>)
	Fortnightly/monthly events	For Men to Talk – first Tuesday of the month, 6.00pm to 8.00pm Memory Lane Group – For people living with dementia and memory loss, and their companions. Fourth Tuesday of the month, 2.00 to 4.00pm Library Lego Club – first and third Saturdays of the month 10.00am to 12.00noon Sound Bath – fourth Friday of the month at 7.30pm
	One off events	Psychic evening – Friday 12 October, 7.00pm to 9.30pm NCT meeting – Saturdays 12 and 19 July, 9.30am to 3.30pm Halloween crafts and stories at the library – Wednesday 30 October, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Gamlingay Allotments Association		Secretary Robert Carolan, gamlingay.allotment@gmail.com

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Gamlingay Library	Mondays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays Saturdays Saturdays 5 October	2.00pm to 4.00pm – Preschoolers' Story Time 2.30pm 2.00pm to 4.00pm – Free computer buddying, ask at the library for info 6.00pm to 7.00pm 10.00am to 12noon 10.30am to 12.30pm 10.00am to 12.00noon 10.00am to 12noon – Library Lego Club
Gamlingay Parish Council	Full Council Meeting Tuesdays 8 October F&GP Meeting Tuesdays 22 October	Meetings held at 7.30pm in the Kier Suite at the Eco Hub and are open to all. Planning Committee Meetings (open to all) at 7.00pm prior to the Full Council and Finance & General Purposes Meetings. Clerks: Leanne Bacon and Kirstin Rayner. Tel: 650 310 or Email: clerk@gamlingay-pc.gov.uk . Agendas available on our Website: www.gamlingay-pc.gov.uk and on noticeboards.
Gamlingay Social Club	Thursdays 10, 24 September Thursdays 3, 17, 31 September Every Friday	Cribbage Fun Quiz Cash prize bingo at 8.30pm
Gamlingay Walkers	Wednesdays 2 October 6 November	First Wednesday morning of the month, followed by optional pub lunch, March to December. Contact Miriam on 01767 654 891 or email miriamjones80@hotmail.com
Greensands Writers	Tuesdays 15 October	Meetings held on the third Tuesday of every month via Zoom. Details on www.greensandwriters.weebly.com
Guild of St. Mary's	Mondays 21 October	Monthly meetings, usually third Monday of the month.
Hatley Coffee Morning	Tuesdays 1 October	10.00am to 1.00pm at Hatley Village Hall. Everyone welcome. Donations on the day split between the Village Hall and Church.
Hatley Parish Council	Third Tuesday of the months January, March, May, July and October	Meetings start at 7.00pm. Contact the Clerk Kim Wilde on 07591 346 835 or email clerk@hatley-pc.gov.uk Details on the website www.hatley.info or noticeboards.
History Society	Tuesdays 6 October	Meetings, open to all, are held at the Eco Hub, Stocks Lane at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month, except January, July and August.
Jelly Tots Baby and Toddlers	Mondays	9.30am to 11.00am. A baby and toddler group for 0-5 years. £2.00 per adult and child plus 50p per extra child. St Mary's Church Hall.
Music Club	Thursdays 3, 17, 31 October	Meetings held every alternate Thursday. For further information call Geoff Bruerton on 01767 650 748.
Photographic Society		Contacts: Nick or Jackie Bruce 01767 651 025/07925 119 346
Potton Ladies Club	Tuesdays 1 October	Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at the Mill Lane Pavillion, Mill Lane, Potton. Sarah Burgoine: sarahjburgoine@gmail.com or 01767 631 415.
St. Mary's Choir	Thursdays	6.30pm choir practice open to all singers at St. Mary's Church.
St. Mary's Simple Lunches	Tuesdays 1, 15 October	First and third Tuesday of the month. 12.30pm start at St. Mary's Church Hall
The Gazette	Friday 25 October	December issue deadline for all copy and adverts.
The Wheatsheaf	Mondays Thursdays Fridays	Quiz on the last Monday of the month, starts at 7.30pm Pizza Van from 5.00pm to 9.00pm Kebab Van from 5.00pm to 9.00pm
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