

# Hatley Parish Newsletter - July 2017

## **Hatley Fête – 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, Sunday 9th July on the playing field in Hatley St George**

This year the Hatley Fête moves to a new location on Hatley St George playing field. Please come along between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Sunday 9th July for a fun-filled afternoon and bring your family and friends with you! Funds raised at this year's fête will be shared between the Hatley Village Association (the event organiser) and Hatley St George Church.

## **St. Denis' Church Handover Ceremony**

The Parish Council is hosting a ceremony to commemorate the handover of this historic church from South Cambridgeshire District Council to the Friends of Friendless Churches. The event will take place at 6 pm on Tuesday 11th July at St Denis' church. We hope you are all able to join us to celebrate the handover and to find out what exciting plans are in store. Please do bear in mind that parking is limited close to the church. The Parish Council meeting will still be going ahead at 7.30 pm in Hatley Village Hall, where the planning application for this site will be considered by the Council.

## **Let's Talk – to the District Council**

South Cambridgeshire District Council is seeking your views on the things that you love about your community and what should be preserved and enhanced whilst our district is changing. You are invited to respond using an online comments form on [www.scambs.gov.uk/letstalk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/letstalk) by 28th July and can send photos or videos that show what is important to you in your locality. The information gathered will help to draw up a plan for the next five years.

## **Thank You!**

Thanks to the many residents who joined the annual Hatley Litter Pick in March. I hope you all agree that their efforts made a significant improvement to the verges in the Parish. There are still lots of small projects that require the help of local volunteers throughout the year, from cleaning road signs to cutting back overhanging trees or bushes to make road signs more visible and to allow the speed camera to work more effectively. So, if you think you can spare a little time now and then to assist your hard-working Parish Councillors please do let the Parish Clerk know.

## **'Deer Crossing' Road Signs**

The Parish Council will be installing warning road signs across the Parish boundary on both sides of Hatley to address the issue of the increasing number of deer that are injured and killed crossing the road. This will not only help to protect wildlife but will also reduce the distressing scenes witnessed by residents as well as reduce the burden for those residents that remove the killed and injured deer from the roadside.

## **Play Area Updates**

The Parish Clerk will be submitting applications in the next month for grants that will hopefully enable the Parish Council to achieve its goal of replacing the timber play equipment which has deteriorated over recent years. Updates will be given at Parish Council meetings. Hopefully you will see new play equipment installed within the next 12 months. If you have any fundraising ideas that may help towards the purchase of new items or would like to get involved with this project in any way please do get in touch.

## **New Speeding Sign**

No doubt you have all have seen the new speeding sign in action?! We hope this will encourage the cars and lorries passing through the Parish to travel within the speed limit. Those that exceed the limit are warned of their speed and instructed to 'Slow Down'. A small number of people have already offered to help with the regular relocation of the sign across the four sites but if you would like to make yourself available to help with this project please contact Alan Pinney or the Parish Clerk.

## **Obstructions and Verges in East Hatley**

It has been mentioned before that many residents are concerned about the damage caused by an increasing number of vehicles parking on or driving across the well-kept grass verges. Please do encourage your visitors

to park with care and consideration, whilst also ensuring that there is sufficient space for vehicles to pass a parked vehicle without the need to mount the kerb. There have been incidences of late where large vehicles have been unable to pass cars that are parked on the road, so again, please encourage visitors to use your driveway when possible.

### **Superfast Broadband**

Some residents have experienced difficulties in acquiring the new Superfast Broadband (FTTP) service from BT and were incorrectly advised that the service has reached full capacity in some locations. Please be assured that this is not the case and that the service is available to all. BT confirmed that there had been some system issues but they should be resolved by the time you read this. If anyone has further difficulties please contact the Parish Clerk.

### **Coffee Mornings**

The Coffee Mornings continue to be well attended by both residents and visitors from neighbouring parishes. They take place on the first Tuesday of each month from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. All profits are donated to local projects including the Hatley Village Association which continues to raise funds to improve and update the hall.

### **News from Hatley St George Church**

#### Services at Hatley St George Church

##### *July*

9th at 11 am: Eucharist with the Reverend John-David Yule

23rd at 8 am: Holy Communion BCP with the Reverend Canon Les Oglesby

##### *August*

No services at Hatley church during August

9.30 am: Benefice services each Sunday at Gamlingay or Everton churches

Services resume on Sunday 10th September at 11 am.

#### Rector Vacancy

Reverend Steve Rothwell left the Benefice in September 2016 and since then visiting priests have taken services at Hatley St George church. We are grateful to Chris Miller for organising cover for services.

Background information to advertise the post of a new rector for the Benefice of Gamlingay Hatley St George and Everton has been collated from members of all three churches in the Benefice and the position was advertised in April, but without success. Further advertising is taking place over the next few months.

#### Events at St Mary's Church, Gamlingay

##### Scarecrow Festival

Saturday 1st to Sunday 2nd July

This includes a Summer Fête at the church on Saturday from 2.00 pm until 5.00 pm. If you'd like to enter a scarecrow, either as an individual or as part of a group, the theme is Film and TV. Contact Jan Cooper for further information: [drama\\_jan@hotmail.com](mailto:drama_jan@hotmail.com).

#### From the registers

Isabel Starr was baptised at Hatley St George church on 11 June.

#### Contact information

If you need to get in contact with a priest, require a home visit to discuss anything or need any other information please get in touch with Chris Miller who is Churchwarden and Licensed Lay Minister: telephone 650779 or [cfm55@btinternet.com](mailto:cfm55@btinternet.com).

### **Future Communications**

This newsletter can be found on the Hatley website. If you prefer a 'greener' version of future newsletters sent by email please let the Parish Clerk know. Your email details will only be used for this purpose and will not be shared with any other individuals or organisations. Please also get in touch if you have any notices or event dates that you would like shared in the next newsletter, due to be distributed in November.

#### **Dates to Note**

- First Tuesday of every month, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm – Hatley Coffee Morning at the Village Hall
- Sunday 9th July, 2 pm - 5 pm – Hatley Fête on Hatley St George Playing Field
- Tuesday 11th July, 6.00 pm – Handover Ceremony at the Church of St Denis, East Hatley
- Tuesday 11th July, 7.30 pm – Hatley Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall
- Tuesday 17th October, 7.30 pm – Hatley Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall