

Hatley Parish Newsletter – November 2017

'Deer Crossing' Road Signs

The Parish Council has successfully installed three new signs on the approaches to the Parish with the support of Croydon and Gamlingay Parish Councils. We hope that they will have the desired impact to encourage a reduction in both the speed of vehicles and the number of injured and killed deer on the road.

Play Area

A number of grant applications have been submitted to help finance the new play equipment that is needed for the play area. We are pleased to announce that South Cambridgeshire District Council has approved a Community Chest grant of £1,000 for this purpose; however, other applications have yet to be determined. In the meantime, if you have any fundraising ideas that may help towards the purchase of new items for the play area, or you would like to get involved with this project in any way, please do get in touch.

Speeding Data

The new speed monitoring sign has provided us with very useful data, illustrating the volume and speed of traffic passing through the parish. Not only are high numbers of vehicles exceeding 40 mph but a significant number are travelling at speeds over 60 and 70 mph. The traffic reports for each location will be shared on the village website in due course. The Parish Council will liaise with South Cambridgeshire Police to see how this data can help them to enforce speeding within the parish.

Hatley Website

The village website project has received a £500 grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council's Community Chest which, combined with contributions from the National Association of Local Councils and the Parish Council, will enable a new website to be developed in the New Year.

Superfast Broadband

We have been advised that the issues preventing some East Hatley residents from accessing Superfast Broadband have now been resolved. All Hatley should now be able to access this service, so if this is not the case for you please do let the Parish Clerk know.

Gazette Deliveries

Thanks to Mr and Mrs Buckingham for their many years of voluntary work delivering the Gazette to residents in Hatley St George. Understandably they would now like to hang up their walking shoes! Please can you consider whether you would be able to help deliver the Gazette in Hatley St George once a month - a good opportunity for a stroll out and for some fresh air. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to volunteer.

Coffee Mornings

The Hatley Coffee Morning's first anniversary in October was celebrated in superb style with special cakes created by Sue Wright and Ann Roach in a Mad Hatleys' Tea Party theme. Gifts of thanks were given to Linda Hudson and Mervyn Lack for their continued hard work in hosting this community event, which takes 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 village hall.

Changes to the Paper Caddy recycling service

From 11th December you will no longer need to use the paper caddy in your blue wheelie bin. Waste paper can be placed directly into the blue bin with other recycling. You can keep your black caddy for other uses or if you prefer you can recycle it at a household waste recycling centre.

Heat Seeking Vision

South Cambridgeshire District Council is making thermal imaging cameras available to borrow free of charge. This equipment will enable you to locate where heat may be leaking from your home so that action can be taken to tackle draughts or poor insulation. For further information call 03450 450 063 or email reception@scambs.gov.uk.

News from Hatley St George Church and St Mary the Virgin, Gamlingay

Church services for December – All welcome

- 3rd 8 am Holy Communion / 10 am First Sunday / 6 pm Advent Carols (All Gamlingay)
- 10th 9.30 am Parish Eucharist (Gamlingay) / 11 am Holy Communion (**Hatley**)
- 17th 9.30 am Parish Eucharist / 6 pm Carol Service (All Gamlingay)
- 20th **7 pm Carol Service in Hatley to be followed by mulled wine and mince pies**
- 24th 9.30 am Parish Eucharist / 4 pm Christingle / 11.30 pm Midnight Mass (All Gamlingay)
- 25th 9.30 am Parish Eucharist (Gamlingay) / 11 am Holy Communion (**Hatley**)
- 31st 9.30 am Benefice Eucharist (Gamlingay)

Church Services for January – All welcome

- 7th 8 am Holy Communion / 10 am First Sunday (All Gamlingay)
- 14th 9.30 am Parish Eucharist (Gamlingay) / 11 am Holy Communion (**Hatley**)
- 21st 9.30 am Parish Eucharist (Gamlingay)
- 28th 8 am Holy Communion (**Hatley**) / 9.30 am Parish Eucharist (Gamlingay) / 6 pm Evensong (Gamlingay)

Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December at St Mary the Virgin, Gamlingay

This weekend is our final fundraising event of the year and is crucial to enable us to meet the Parish Share payable to the Ely Diocese and which encompasses the parishes of Gamlingay, Hatley St George and East Hatley. The upkeep of two old churches is a constant challenge and so your support for this weekend will be greatly appreciated. We'd love to see you! The Fayre and Festival runs from 1 pm to 5 pm each day with a wide variety of craft stalls, table decorations, children's activities, tombola, delicious refreshments, mulled wine and raffles. There will be a variety of musical entertainment ending with some community carol-singing and the Grand Draw of the raffle. Entry is only £2 for adults and £1 for children.

Future Communications

This newsletter can be found on the Hatley website. If you prefer a 'greener' version of future newsletters 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 February.

Dates to Note

- First Tuesday of every month, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm – Hatley Coffee Morning at the Village Hall
- Sunday 3rd December, 2 pm - 4 pm – Christmas Tea at Hatley Village Hall
- Wednesday 20th December, 7 pm – Carol Service, mince pies and mulled wine at Hatley St George Church
- Tuesday 16th January 2018, 7.30 pm – Hatley Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall
- Saturday 3rd February 2018, 7.30 pm – Hatley Quiz Night at the Village Hall