

Hatley Parish Newsletter

December 2018

Public Access Defibrillator

After reviewing the results of the survey sent out to all Hatley residents, the Parish Council resolved at its meeting on 16th October to purchase a public access defibrillator for use by the community. The defibrillator has been purchased and can be found housed in a yellow cabinet on the outside of the Village Hall. It has been registered with the local ambulance service who will provide the access code in an emergency, during the 999 phone call. The equipment will be inspected on a weekly basis by a member of the 'Defib Support Group', who will ensure that it remains available and in good working order, should it ever be required for use. Thank you to all who have volunteered to offer their time for the support group.

Being an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) it is fairly simple to operate. Survival post cardiac arrest decreases by 23% per minute, and therefore knowing where the local defibrillator is, and how to use it, is critical for successful recovery. For those who wish to learn more, a useful guide is available at the following website: www.resus.org.uk/publications/a-guide-to-aeds. The Parish Council will be organising a community training session which will focus on CPR and the use of defibrillators. Full details will be confirmed on the notice boards and website in due course. Spaces may be limited and so if this is the case they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. So please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to express an interest in attending this event. If there is sufficient demand a second training session will be organised to ensure that as many people in the Parish have some knowledge and experience of these essential life saving skills.

Creating a Hatley Parish Emergency Plan

South Cambridgeshire District Council has asked all Parish Councils to put together an Emergency Plan; this type of plan would help our community to cope in difficult circumstances, particularly if the emergency services are overloaded and struggling to deal with similar situations across the county. The plan will provide the residents of Hatley with a local point of contact and assistance, and it will help to keep us informed so that we all have some guidance in difficult situations and are able to respond to problems that might arise in the critical hours following an incident. Possible events might include fallen trees, blocked ditches, major road traffic accidents or sustained power failures.

We aim to put together a list of residents who have access to practical resources such as industrial machinery, building materials, generators or large vehicles; and also to compile a local skills directory which might include paramedics, doctors, nurses, electricians, builders and farmers. The plan will include a telephone tree so that if information needs to be shared with the entire community we have a quick and efficient way of achieving this. If you would like more information or feel that you have practical skills and resources that might be of use, please contact Margot Eagle (email: margoteagle22@gmail.com or tel: 01767 651649).

Play Area

Good news! The new toddler swings and roundabout have arrived and are due to be installed in December. So, if it's not too cold and wet in the coming weeks, please do venture out with your little ones for a play. Our next challenge is to raise funds for a new play tower, so don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any fundraising ideas. We will be in a stronger position to obtain grants if we can provide evidence of local support through fundraising initiatives within the Parish.

Village Hall

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Parish Council successfully applied to South Cambridgeshire District Council for a Community Energy grant to purchase and install two new external doors, to the front and side of the Village Hall. The doors have made an immediate impact on maintaining a comfortable and consistent room temperature inside the hall and have also made it more secure.

Local Crime

The two main types of crime in the Parish continue to be the theft of number plates and criminal damage to local farm fields (potentially for poaching opportunities). Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles or activity to the Police. It is essential that ALL crime is reported even if police presence is not required, as it enables the Police to record an accurate picture of crime in the area and to respond accordingly. Do take photos or film using your mobile phone, if possible, as it could help with the identification of vehicles and/or people. You should call **999** if:

- A crime is happening right now.
- Someone is in immediate danger, or there is a risk of serious damage to property.
- A suspect for a serious crime is nearby.
- There is a traffic collision involving injury or danger to other road users.
- Poaching or hare coursing activity is in progress.

Otherwise please call the **101** service to report any crime or damage that has occurred. South Cambridgeshire Police re-formed its Rural Crime Action Team in response to high levels of rural crime in the area. In 2017 the cost of rural crime in Cambridgeshire was the second highest in the UK!

Parish Council Meetings

There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, to consider planning application S/4156/18/PA: Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operations development at Holbeins Farm, Main Street, East Hatley. Full details relating to the application are on the notice boards and Hatley website. The next Ordinary Meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 15th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. You are all welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings.

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

On Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, 9 people from both villages gathered to ring the bell at Hatley St George Church to commemorate the 1400 bell ringers killed during WW1 as part of 'Ringling Remembers' throughout the UK.

Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival - 8th and 9th 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 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. This year we also have the added pressure of replacing the roof on St Mary's Church, a recent victim of lead theft and so your support is even more vital this year and in the coming months. The Fayre and Festival runs from 1pm to 5pm each day with a wide variety of craft stalls, children's activities, tombola, delicious refreshments, mulled wine and raffles. There will be a variety of musical entertainment and dance performances ending with some community carol-singing and the Grand Draw of the raffle. Entry is only £2 for adults and £1 for children.

Hatley Carol Service - Wednesday 19th December at 7pm

The Carol Service will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Any help decorating the Church with greenery – or donating greenery and berries – before will be much appreciated. Please ring Penny on 650278.

Church services for December

(G) = Gamlingay; (H) = Hatley

2nd – **8am** Holy Communion (G) **10am** First Sunday (G) **6pm** Benefice Advent Carols (G)
9th – **9.30am** Parish Eucharist (G) **11am** Holy Communion (H)
16th – **9.30am** Parish Eucharist with Laying of hands and prayers for healing (G)
19th – **7pm** Christmas Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies (H)
23rd – **8am** Holy Communion (H) **9.30am** Parish Eucharist **6pm** Christmas Carol Service (G)
24th – **4.30pm** Christingle Service (G) **11.30pm** Midnight Mass (G)
25th – **9.30am** Family Communion (G) **11am** Christmas Morning Communion (H)

Church services for January

6th – **8am** Holy Communion (G) **10am** First Sunday (G)

13th – **9.30am** Parish Eucharist (G) **11am** Holy Communion (H)

20th – **9.30am** Parish Eucharist (G)

27th – **8am** Holy Communion (H) **9.30am** Parish Eucharist (G) **6pm** Evensong (G)

News from the Hatley Village Association

What happened in the year2012? Quite a lot, including:

The ship Costa Concordia ran aground (oops!)

The London Olympics (Hurrah!)

China's new President Xi Jinping was elected (free fortune cookies?)

Singer Whitney Houston died.

HM The Queen celebrated 60 years on the throne (that's a long time to be sitting!)

AND

At the Hatley Parish Council Meeting in January 2012 the Village Hall was discussed, particularly its upkeep and potential for future use. Money was needed and some bright spark suggested the setting up of the Hatley Village Association (HVA). The aim of the HVA is to raise funding primarily, but not exclusively, for the upkeep of the inside of the Village Hall. The main structure of the building is the responsibility of the landlord, Micky Astor, who leases the hall to the village for £1 per year.

As you know, we've had quizzes, talks, race nights, fêtes and more! The hall is now in much greater use, with children's parties being very popular more recently. It has even been used for two wedding receptions and looked fantastic on each occasion. Most village halls depend on regular users to survive, such as toddler groups or other clubs. We've had Pilates classes in the past and now a regular Yoga session on Tuesday evenings (why don't you join?) and a band that uses the hall to practice regularly.

What have we done with your money? We started by painting the hall, adding new lighting and curtains. The wooden floor has been sanded and waxed, the carpet shampooed. New chairs and tables have been bought. Our biggest projects were the new kitchen and boiler. We've now allocated £250 plus another £250 from the Hatley Village Fund as a contribution towards the Community Defibrillator project.

What else needs doing? We will probably replace the internal doors to further reduce the draughts. New external doors were recently fitted, supported by the provision of a new and extended lease, thanks to Micky Astor. We hope to improve the toilets in due course and probably the bar area too.

What about you? What would you like to use the hall for? What improvements would you like see being done? Would you like to help by joining the HVA Committee? Or maybe help put on a one-off event? Maybe a 'pub night'? What about dance classes?

Talking of dancing - buy your tickets soon for the New Year's Eve Party and Disco - only £8! Licensed Bar
Tickets from: Village Shop / John O'Sullivan (14 East Hatley) / Alan Pinney (The Old George, HSG)
It's going to be a good one!

Our next event is the **Christmas Tea Party on Sunday 2nd December from 2 till 4pm** at the Village Hall. £1 on the door. Gamlingay Community Choir will be singing at 2pm. Free tea, coffee and cakes. Please do come along. Donations of books or raffle prizes will be gratefully received in advance.

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Please share any news and future events with the Clerk by 1st March. The newsletter can be found on the Hatley website.