

Hatley Parish Newsletter

July 2018

The Hatley Village Fête

The Hatley Village Fête was held on Sunday 1st July from 1.00 – 4.30 pm, on the playing field, Hatley St George. The proceeds were just short of £700, which will be allocated between Hatley Village Hall, Hatley St George church and other worthy village projects via the Village Fund. The takings were quite a bit down on last year but nevertheless it was a good return for a small village event.

The weather, lovely though it is, was a deterrent as lots of people just stayed at home in the shade. (Surely still better than heavy rain, which was forecast a couple of weeks prior). Innovations this year were a beer tent, crêpes and an ice cream van. The BBQ and Pimms were popular but not as many wanted a cup of tea. The car and tractor display was well populated and attracted a lot of enthusiastic attention. The stalls, both Hatley and privately run, were popular and encouraged attendees to part with their hard-earned cash. All-in-all an enjoyable and pleasant way to spend a sunny afternoon and encouraging for future years.

If you are interested in supporting any community fundraising events, please contact the Parish Clerk who can put you in touch with members of the Hatley Village Association. The HVA is a very small team of residents who work hard planning and hosting a wide range of events through the year for the benefit of the community, both socially and by providing essential fundraising for many worthy projects. Please do consider whether you can spare some time to help, on an ad-hoc basis for specific events or by joining the HVA team. The next event is the monthly Hatley Coffee Morning on Tuesday 7th August, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Play Area Project Funding

The Hatley Play Area Project was shortlisted earlier this year for a public vote in **Tesco's Bags of Help** initiative. We were up against tough competition and were only able to secure enough votes for third place, being a grant of £1,000. But this is still fantastic news – a much needed contribution to a very sizable and costly project. The Parish Council can now proceed to purchase and install a new roundabout and new double toddler swings thanks to the financial support of South Cambs District Council, Tesco and Groundwork. Next up – fundraising for the new play tower! If you have any fundraising ideas and would like to get involved with this project please do get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

Public Access Defibrillator

Interest has been expressed by a number of residents for the purchase of a public access defibrillator for the benefit of the whole community. This project has been considered by the Parish Council in recent years and, whilst the benefit of providing life-saving equipment is unquestionable, there were some practicalities that were of concern or needed addressing. The Parish Council will be considering this project once again at the next Parish Council meeting which is due to be held on Tuesday 17th July at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, so please do join us if this is of interest to you.

Village Hall Improvements

The Parish Council and HVA continue to strive to improve the Village Hall. The Parish Council has recently applied to South Cambs District Council for a community energy grant to finance the installation of new external doors to help keep the heat in and the draughts out. We eagerly await the outcome which if successful will enable the new doors to be fitted before the colder months are upon us. Thank you to the many residents who have hired the hall so far this year. The hall and garden are a fantastic space so please do take advantage of the residents rate of £7.50 per hour to use the hall for your social events. The hall hire fee is the only income for the Parish Council other than the Parish Precept, so please also encourage non-Hatley residents to consider the hall for their events too, at a rate of just £10.00 per hour.

St Denis' Church Progress and Open Evening

You'll be very pleased to hear that the first phase of work to St Denis' church has now been completed. You are all invited to see the renovations made to the inside and outside of the church on the evening of Friday 20th July. New glazing has been installed in the nave windows with black powder coating metal guards on the outside. In the nave floor, tongue and groove boards have been installed with three hatches enabling mediaeval roof timbers used as floor joists to be seen. The central walkway to the nave has been re-tiled with salvaged and new tiles. A new floor had been made in the choir stalls area and the York stone edging restored. A beautiful York stone slab found under tiles in the porch has been left exposed and the Sir George Downing plaque over the door made clean. The Trustees have agreed to install some salvaged 19th century stained glass in the east window. The process for that has started but it will take some time. Further details of the open evening on 20th July will be circulated very soon.

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

On 25th April over 80 people attended the funeral of Joan Perry, aged 90 – a fitting tribute to a lady who was born and died in Hatley.

We are looking forward to having a vicar again, Revd. Hilary Young, who will take up her duties in the Parish here after her licensing and installation on 29th July at St Mary's, Gamlingay.

Church services for July

(G) = Gamlingay; (H) = Hatley

8th July – Trinity 6 – Visiting Priest Revd. Dr. Cally Hammond. 9.30 am: Parish Eucharist (G).

11 am: Holy Communion (H). 6 pm: Choral Evensong (G).

15th July – Trinity 7 – Visiting Priest Revd. John-David Yule. 9.30 am: Parish Eucharist with laying on of hands and prayers for healing (G). 1 pm: Baptism of Thomas Oliver Hugo Smith (G).

22nd July – Trinity 8 – Visiting Priest Revd. Canon Les Oglesby. 8 am: Holy Communion (H).

9.30 am: Parish Eucharist (G). 6 pm: Evensong (G).

29th July – Trinity 9 10 am: Licensing and Installation of The Revd. Hilary Young as Priest-in-Charge of the benefice – Bishop Stephen (G). 4 pm: Holy Communion – Revd. Hilary Young (G).

Friday 20th July – Garden Party 6.30 pm at The Emplins – please see invitations in Gamlingay church.

Saturday 28th July – Preparation for Licensing service – cleaning and tidying church and hall from 9.30 am onwards. Many hands make light work!

Saturday 28th July – Wedding of Kristian Jones and Sara Ward, 1 pm in Hatley church.

Sunday 29th July – Licensing and Installation followed by lunch. We are asking for donations of food and drink from the members of the three congregations. It would help with the planning if we had an idea of who is coming and what you are prepared to bring, to include cold buffet items such as quiches, pizzas, cold meats, cheeses, various salads etc. followed by a variety of puddings. There is a sign-up list in Gamlingay church and Brenda Elcome is co-ordinating it (01767 50489).

Church services for August

5th August – Trinity 10

10 am: Gamlingay, Benefice Eucharist – Revd. Hilary Young

12th August – Trinity 11

11 am: Everton, Benefice Eucharist – Revd. Hilary Young

19th August – Trinity 12

9.30 am: Gamlingay, Benefice Eucharist – Revd. John-David Yule

26th August – Trinity 13

11 am: Everton, Benefice Eucharist – Revd. Hilary Young

Sunday 5th August – Afternoon Tea Party in Gamlingay church hall garden. The tea will consist of sandwiches, scones and cakes and there will be a few garden games. The proposed cost is £5 per head.

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Please share any news/event dates with the Clerk by 1st November. The newsletter can be found on the Hatley Website.