

## *the diary*

### *August & September 2010 (unedited version)*

#### **AUGUST**

##### **DOROTHY DANCING**

Enjoy modern sequence dancing in a friendly atmosphere. Jubilee Hall, Eaton Socon from 8 - 10.30pm; admission £2 includes tea and biscuits.

Info: 01480 213770

Tuesday 20 April to Sunday 5 September

##### **A SIN BUT NOT A CRIME: THE RESTORATION AND THE REGICIDES**

The Restoration of the Stuart monarchy took place in 1660 and those held responsible for the death of the King were punished. The 350th anniversary of the Restoration will focus on the return of the 'Merry Monarch', Charles II, but he was determined to take his revenge on the regicides. The exhibition explains what happened to those accused of killing the new King's father. Cromwell Museum Huntingdon Tues to Sun 10:30 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4:00 FREE

Info: 01480 375830 (Organisation)

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/museums/cromwell/>  
[john.goldsmith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:john.goldsmith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Friday 23 July to Saturday 4 September

##### **RIVERSIDE MEANDERINGS**

This exhibition will explore the wildlife and history of the Great Ouse Valley in and around St Neots. St Neots Museum St Neots 11am-4pm Free to local residents - other visitors £2 adults, £1 concessions

Info: 01480 214163 (Organisation) <http://www.stneotsmuseum.org.uk>  
[stneotsmuseum@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stneotsmuseum@tiscali.co.uk)

Sunday 1 August

##### **BANDS ON THE GREEN**

Band to be confirmed. Tea and cakes available. Abbey Green Huntingdon 2.30-4.30pm Free!

Info: 01487 814957 <http://ramsey-town.co.uk>  
[ramseytowncouncil@btopenworld.com](mailto:ramseytowncouncil@btopenworld.com)

Sunday 1 August to Thursday 30 September

##### **SUMMER COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS**

Exciting mixed show of paintings and prints by talented East Anglian artists. L'bidu Studio Huntingdon

Info: 01487 773737

### **Sunday 1 August**

#### **BEARS TO COLLECT CRAFT & TEDDY BEAR FAIR**

Bears to Collect Craft & Teddy Bear Fair Door entry £3.50 adults, £2.50 conc. accompanied under 16 free. Quality craft & teddy bear exhibitors: Teddy bears, jewelry, cards, wood, memory boxes, textiles, glass, pottery, walking sticks, art, foods etc. BEARS TO COLLECT 5th Anniversary Event 10.30am-4.00pm Entry by advance ticket only £7.50 (includes entry to the craft fair.) Call 01480 860376. Incorporating Steiff Club Event with first UK preview of Autumn Collection & special Event bear, great selection of Teddy Hermann, artist bears and an exclusive Deb Canham, Artist Kevin Wood drawing 'live', charity auction/raffle of some retired/rare bears. And featuring Charlie & Will from Charlie Bears, signing bears adopted on the day, including brand new 'Scribbles' Bear. Hinchingsbrooke House Huntingdon 10.00am-4.30pm  
Info: 01480 375678 (Organisation) <http://www.b2ccrafts.co.uk>  
[srr@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:srr@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk)

### **Monday 2 August**

#### **ART AND CRAFT SESSION**

A session to encourage children to use their art skills - all materials supplied Ramsey Community Hall Huntingdon 10 to 11.30 FREE  
Info: 01487 814812 [amanda.boyden@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.boyden@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### **Mondays 2 to Fridays 6; 9 to 13; 16-20**

#### **STAGEWORKS SUMMER SCHOOL**

Stageworks are offering a week long Performing Arts Summer School for children aged 6 -15 years. This year's show is 'All Around The World' and the challenge is to produce a musical show in a week to perform on the last day to family and friends at Stageworks, The Towers, Buckden; 9am-5pm daily; £130 per week (non members); £125 per week (members).

Info: 01480 812626 or [www.stageworksstudio.co.uk](http://www.stageworksstudio.co.uk)

### **Tuesday 3 August**

#### **GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

A range of fun, environmental activities for children to explore the Park and discover the natural world around. Grandparents required to help! Why not bring a picnic to enjoy afterwards? Suitable for ages 3+. Please contact Sallyann on 07944 844114 to book in advance. Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Huntingdon 10.00am - 12noon £2.50 per child

Info: 07944 844114

### **Wednesday 4 August**

#### **DENS IN THE FENS**

Enjoy fun and wild activities for all the family on National Play Day, including making animals homes and building dens. Wear shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty! Come along any time. Suggested donation £2.50 per person or £6 a family. Refreshments included. Booking advisable

Info: [www.greatfen.org.uk](http://www.greatfen.org.uk), or 01487 710420, or email [info@greatfen.org.uk](mailto:info@greatfen.org.uk)

### **Wednesday 4 August to**

#### **ST IVES EVENING WALK**

This evening walk will last about an hour and is the usual 'Crystal Lakes' walk. This walk is open for all to attend, but if you are a new walker we ask that you turn up

10 minutes early to fill in a short health questionnaire. St Ives Bridge Chapel Cambs  
6pm Free  
Info: 01480 387047 <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks>  
Rachel.Tucker@huntsdc.gov.uk

**Thursday 5 August**

**ENGAGE IN THE AFTERNOON. AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF FANS.**

Engage in the Afternoon is a club for people aged over 50. Each month there will be a guest speaker, and the opportunity to socialise, meet new people and enjoy free refreshments. Huntingdon Library, Archives and Learning Centre Huntingdon  
2pm-3.30pm Free

Info: 0345 045 5225

[http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/directory/huntingdon\\_library.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/directory/huntingdon_library.htm)

**Friday 6 August**

**BIRDS AND BATS**

Make a wooden bird box to attract wildlife to your garden. Suitable for age 4+. Children to be accompanied by an adult. St Neots Museum St Neots 11am - 3pm  
£2.00 per child

Info: 01480 214163 (Organisation) <http://stneotsmuseum.org.uk>  
stneotsmuseum@tiscali.co.uk

**Saturday 7 August**

**MAKING THE LIGHT**

A demonstration of how candles were made in Cromwell's time. Local candle-makers Roy and Margaret Figgis will show how candles, one of the most vital sources of internal lighting until the last century, were made. Cromwell Museum Huntingdon 10:30 - 4:00pm FREE

Info: 01480 375830 (Organisation)

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/museums/cromwell/john.goldsmith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk>

**Saturday 7 August to Sunday 8 August**

**UPWOOD ART GROUP ART EXHIBITION**

Hosted by Upwood Art Group, this Exhibition shows the work of local artists. Some of the work will be available for purchase. Free Car Parking. Refreshments available. Ramsey Rural Museum Huntingdon 11am - 5pm Admission to Art Exhibition £1, children free. Admission to Museum and Art Exhibition:- normal Admission charges apply

Info: <http://www.ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk> m.r.latchem@btinternet.com

**Saturday 7 August**

**MUSEUM MEANDER**

This Saturday walk is perfect for the whole family to attend. All walkers who attend will receive a FREE goody Bag. The walk will last about an hour and finish close to refreshments so you can reward your hard work. If you are a new walker, please arrive 10 minutes early to fill out a short health questionnaire. Ramsey Community Information Centre Ramsey 10am Free

Info: 01480 387047 <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks>  
Rachel.Tucker@huntsdc.gov.uk

**Saturday 7 August**

**THE PAUL SYLVESTER QUARTET**

Huntingdon Town Council Outdoor Summer Performance  
12 - 2pm Huntingdon Town Park - Free.  
Info: 01480 388688 <http://www.huntingdowntown.gov.uk/>

**Monday 9 August**  
**COOKING/PICNIC**

A chance to prepare and eat picnic foods with your children - all materials supplied  
Ramsey Mereside Village Hall Huntingdon 11 to 1 FREE  
Info: 01487 814812 [amanda.boyden@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.boyden@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Monday 9 August**  
**YOUNG ANGLERS**

With all tackle and bait provided, learn basic fishing techniques with Level 2 qualified coaches. Bring plenty of lunch and enthusiasm, wear suitable clothing and footwear for the day. Meet at the Visitor Centre. Sponsored by the Environment Agency, this is a free event for 12-16 year olds. Places are limited - please book in advance. Also on Tuesday 10 August.  
Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Huntingdon  
10.00am to 2.00pm  
Info: 01480 451568 (Organisation)  
[hinchingsbrookecountrypark@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:hinchingsbrookecountrypark@huntsdc.gov.uk)

**Thursday 12 August**  
**GARDEN ART**

Help make a giant collage the town past, present and future as part of the 'St Ives 900' celebrations. Explore the garden for "minibeasts" and make your own colourful bug to take home. FREE fun for all the family, just drop in - under 10s must be accompanied  
Norris Museum St Ives 11am - 3pm Free  
Info: 01480 497314 <http://www.norrismuseum.org.uk/>  
[bob@norrismuseum.org.uk](mailto:bob@norrismuseum.org.uk)

**Friday 13 August**  
**ANIMATED MARSH MONSTERS DROP-IN SESSION**

Make and move monsters from the marsh. Animate these weird and wonderful creatures. Suitable for age 4+. Children to be accompanied by an adult.  
St Neots Museum St Neots 11am - 3pm £2.00 per child  
Info: 01480 214163 (Organisation) <http://stneotsmuseum.org.uk>  
[stneotsmuseum@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stneotsmuseum@tiscali.co.uk)

**Saturday 14 August to Sunday 15 August**  
**PLUM WEEKEND**

A celebration of plums and orchards will be held across the 3 villages of Bluntisham, Colne and Somersham. Orchards will be open and running walks, talks and workshops. Village and church halls will run cooking demos, photo exhibitions and a silk screen printing class. Local pubs will be serving plum based menus, pates, chutneys and desserts and cream teas. Supporting The East of England Apples and Orchards project. Various venues in Bluntisham, Colne and Somersham 11am - 5pm  
Info: 07870 457847 <http://www.orchardnetwork.org.uk>

**Sunday 15 August**  
**MODEL RAILWAY DAY**

15+ Model rail layouts, trade stalls, rides on a miniature steam traction engine and a narrow gauge steam Railway Train! Demonstration displays. Bargain Barn - full of good quality second hand Books and Collectables. Free Car Parking. Refreshments

Available.Children's Activity Area Ramsey Rural Museum Huntingdon 10am - 5pm  
Admission to Museum and Show:-Adults-£5.00, Concessions £4.00, Children aged 5-14 inclusive-£3.00, Family ticket(2 Adults+2 Children-5-14 years inclusive)-£14.00  
Info: 01487 815715 <http://www.ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk>  
[m.r.latchem@btinternet.com](mailto:m.r.latchem@btinternet.com)

**Monday 16 August**

**POT PLANTING FUN**

Grow your own flowers etc, encourage your children to enjoy and learn about gardening - all material are supplied.Community Hall Huntingdon 10 to 11.30 Free  
Info: 01487 814812 [amanda.boyden@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.boyden@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Thursday 19 August**

**BATTY BARBEQUE**

A short talk by a Ranger about the myths surrounding these nocturnal mammals, followed by a sunset barbeque and a walk to look and listen for bats, with the help of detectors.Hinchingbrooke Country Park Huntingdon 8.00pm to 11.00pm £10.00 person including supper. Please book in advance.

Info: 01480 451568 (Organisation)

[hinchingbrookecountrypark@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:hinchingbrookecountrypark@huntsdc.gov.uk)

**Friday 20 August**

**THE CURIOUS WORLD OF THE BUTTERBUMPS OF THE BOGS**

Investigate the wildlife of the Fens before they were drained. Learn about 'Devil's Darning Needles', 'Old Nogs', 'Butterbumps', and other wonderful wildlife.Suitable for age 4+.Children to be accompanied by an adult.St Neots Museum St Neots 11am -3pm £2.00 per child

Info: 01480 214163 (Organisation) <http://stneotsmuseum.org.uk>

[stneotsmuseum@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stneotsmuseum@tiscali.co.uk)

**Saturday 21 August to Sunday 22 August**

**RAMSEY 1940'S WEEKEND**

Every year for one weekend in August, Ramsey takes a trip back in time as it returns to the 1940s to remember the sights and sounds of this historic era. will be no different and on the 21st and 22nd of August, Ramsey will celebrate all things Forties.

The highlight of this trip down memory lane is Saturday's 1940s dance, held in one of RAF Upwood's old aircraft hangars. There you can dance the night away to an authentic big band sound.

The daytime will see a procession of vintage vehicles, living history displays, stalls, Forties fashion shows and other special events. Looking for some authentic 1940s memorabilia? Ramsey 1940s weekend features a brilliant retail village, with a huge range of stalls selling all things Forties. From uniforms and authentic civilian clothes to paintings, postcards and medals, Ramsey 1940s Weekend will have a stall that can meet your needs.

The site also has a wealth of eating outlets - whether you're looking for a cup of tea and a hot doughnut or a hogroast. And, the food of the Forties isn't forgotten either, with endless mounds of spam sandwiches also on the menu!

Meanwhile, in the town, the town's shops will put on a 1940s window display. There will also be a special market and other events around the town.

The weekend kicks off at 10am. The site will close at 5pm on both days.

Entrance day prices: Adults £7.50, Senior Citizens/Children £5. under 5's free, family ticket £20 (2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children)

The hangar dance kicks off at 7.30pm, with the music, dancing and fun continuing until 12am.

Hangar Dance Saturday at 7.30pm tickets already on sale for £15 each and at present limited to 600 only.

Info: 01524 264948 07881 730047 <http://www.ramsey1940sweekend.info>

**Monday 23 August**

**MESSY PLAY**

A chance for your children to get messy -all material suppliedUpwood Village Hall Upwood 10 to 11.30 FREE

Info: 01487 814812 [amanda.boyden@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.boyden@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Tuesday 24 August**

**DEN BUILDING**

Have fun choosing your site then making a den - will it pass the water test? For 8 to 11 year olds.Hinchingbrooke Country Park Huntingdon 10.00am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.00pm £6 per person (half day). Please book in advance.

Info: 01480 451568 (Organisation)

[hinchingbrookecountrypark@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:hinchingbrookecountrypark@huntsdc.gov.uk)

**Thursday 26 August**

**EVENING GRAFHAM/PERRY WALK**

This hour long evening walk is open for all to attend no matter your age or walking ability.If you are a new walker, please arrive 10 minutes early to fill out a short health questionnaireGrafham Water Fishing Lodge Car Park Huntingdon 6pm Free (Car Park charge)

Info: 01480 387047 <http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/healthwalks>

[Rachel.Tucker@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.Tucker@huntsdc.gov.uk)

**Friday 27 August**

**UTTERLY OTTERS - TALK AND CLAY DAY**

11am - 12pm - Find out about the wonderful otter and more in a session with Kirsty Drew (Paxton Pits Ranger) and stay on to create a clay otter.Suitable for age 4+.Children to be accompanied by an adult.St Neots Museum St Neots 11am - 3pm £2.00 per child

Info: 01480 214163 (Organisation) <http://stneotsmuseum.org.uk>

[stneotsmuseum@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stneotsmuseum@tiscali.co.uk)

**Friday 27 August to Monday 30 August**

**ST IVES ART GROUP ANNUAL EXHIBITION**

St Ives Art Group Annual Exhibition. We are a group of enthusiastic amateurs who put on an exhibition of our work for the public each year in the beautiful Free Church St Ives. The club has a excellent reputation and has been exhibiting for at least 30 years we provide a variety of styles and medium, something for everyone well worth a visit.Friday 27th - 10am - 4.30pmSaturday 28th - 9am - 4.30pmSunday 29th - 2pm - 4pmMonday 30th - 9am - 4.30pmFree Church St Ives Various Free

Info: 01480 840584

**Saturday 28 August to Monday 30 August**

**FLOWER FESTIVAL**

All Saints Church Pidley (nr. St. Ives) Flower Festival August Bank Holiday weekend  
Cream Teas Local Produce/Bric a brac & books for sale All Saints Church Pidley  
Pidley 11 a.m. to 5p.m. Free entry  
Info: 01487 843865 c.paynter@btconnect.com

**Saturday 28 August**  
**SAINTS CRAFTERS FAIR**

With the St Ives 900 celebrations well under way, the August Bank Holiday events will include an Arts and Music Festival organised by FESt, Festival Events, St Ives. The Saints Crafters are delighted to be a part of this event and will have a fair at their usual venue, St Ives Free Church Hall. There will be many talented people showing their hand made pieces, so why not come and see us, it's free entry. Some of the stalls include children's hair clasps and lavender bags, pearl and crystal jewellery, beading of many kinds, candles, painted china and much more. The Free Church United Reformed St. Ives 09.30AM - 4.00pm  
Info: 01480 395819 valerie.bush@ntlworld.com

**Saturday 28 August**  
**MENCAP FAIR**

Homemade craft items, cards etc. Refreshments available. Commemoration Hall  
Huntingdon 9am - 3.30pm Free entry  
Info: 01480 393640

**Saturday 28 August**  
**THE SAINTS CRAFTER FAIR**

This is a group of artists and crafters who handmake their own creations. They come from in and around the St Ives and St Neots areas. The group holds monthly fairs and also raise funds for a local charity. In the first year over £750 was made for the Dreamdrops Charity. This is now our second year and we are fundraising for The Hunts Society to the Blind. Come and see crafts such as candles, stained glass, painted china, cold porcelain flowers, jewellery, cards and mixed media. You will find something truly unique. Free Church St Ives 9.30am-4pm Admission free  
Info: 01480 395819

**Sunday 29 August to Monday 30 August**  
**ANTIQUES FAIR - ST IVES**

Antiques and collectables. Ample Parking. Refreshments available. Burgess Hall St Ives 10am-4pm £2.00 Adult, £1.50 Concession, Accompanied children under 16 Free of charge  
Info: 02392 261388

**Monday 30 August**  
**BIG BANK HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN DAY**

Join us for this unique fun filled raceday with 6 competitive National Hunt races, 6 record breaking events and entertainment in the main enclosure for the children. Gates open 12.30pm, first record breaking event 2.00, first race 2.30. Be amazed or be apart of a record breaking event\* which will be taking place throughout the day: - UK's longest conga\* - World's highest number of John McCririck look-alikes at a racecourse\* - World's highest number of faces painted in one hour\* - World's highest number of jockeys in a car - World's youngest radio presenter - Lifetime in racing award \*Small donations required to take part, all proceeds go to Racing Welfare Accompanied children under 18 come racing for FREE Ticket Hotline: 0844 379 3007 General Enquires: 01480 453373  
www.huntingdon-racecourse.co.uk www.racingwelfare.co.uk \*entertainment,

times and record attempts subject to changeHuntingdon Steeplechases Ltd  
Huntingdon From 12.30 pm £15 per adult, accompanied Children under 18 free  
Info: 01480 453373 <http://www.huntingdon-racecourse.co.uk>  
[huntingdon@thejockeyclub.co.uk](mailto:huntingdon@thejockeyclub.co.uk)

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Thursday 2 September**

### **ENGAGE IN THE AFTERNOON - LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY AT HUNTINGDON LIBRARY**

Engage in the Afternoon is a club for people aged over 50. Each month there will be a guest speaker, and the opportunity to socialise, meet new people and enjoy free refreshments.Huntingdon Library, Archives and Learning Centre Huntingdon  
2pm - 3pm Free

Info:

**Friday 3 September**

### **COME AND MEET THE ST IVES ADULT LEARNING TEAM**

Come and meet us at St Ives Market between 9am and 3pm and find out about all the exciting courses we are offering. NEW: Zumba, silversmithing, bookkeeping and accounts level 3, cupcakes, baby and child first aid.

St Ivo Adult & Community Learning

Info 01480 495717 - 01480 375308 - <http://www.aclearning.org.uk>

**Friday 3 September**

### **BLINK**

The first half of these brilliant tributes is Blondie and second half is Pink and others...Commemoration Hall Huntingdon 7.30pm £12.50, concessions £11.50

Info: 01480 455167 <http://www.cremm.co.uk> [info@cremm.co.uk](mailto:info@cremm.co.uk)

**Saturday 4 September**

### **ABBA - SUPER TROOPERS**

They are back! One of the country's first tribute bands.Commemoration Hall Huntingdon 7.30pm £12.50, concessions £11.50

Info: 01480 455167 <http://www.cremm.co.uk> [info@cremm.co.uk](mailto:info@cremm.co.uk)

**Saturday 4 September**

### **ST NEOTS HISTORY DAY**

St Neots History Day. An exhibition and 'hands on' activities for all the family on the history of St Neots.The Priory Centre St Neots 10am - 1pm Free

Info: 01223 850500 [oeast@thehumanjourney.net](mailto:oeast@thehumanjourney.net)

**Saturday 4 September**

### **ST NEOTS HISTORY DAY**

We will bring together several themes from a large project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund . The whole 'heritage' community in St Neots ( the Museum, History Society, Archive Group, Camera Club,ESCA, EVA etc) will join the Town Centre Initiative in covering a wide spectrum of St Neots History working closely with our archaeology partners( OA East), Includes special activities area for children.St Neots Museum St Neots 10am - 4pm Free

Info: 01480 224343 [curators@stneotsmuseum.org.uk](mailto:curators@stneotsmuseum.org.uk)

**Tuesday 7 September**

### **ST NEOTS FOLK CLUB GUEST NIGHT - ARTISAN**

A special show by Artisan as they prepare for a Festival in Canada. This popular a 'capella trio, Brian and Jacey Bedford and Hilary Spencer, are getting together again to appear at a Festival in Canada, and need a few 'gigs to hone the show'. This will be an enjoyable evening with material both old and new, much written by Brian. See the website for admission prices. Priory Centre St. Neots 8.15pm tbc - see web site

**Info: 01234 376278** <http://www.stneotsfolkclub.co.uk> [stneotsfolkclub@aol.com](mailto:stneotsfolkclub@aol.com)

**Thursday 9 September to Thursday 16 September**  
**RAISING CHILDREN TASTER SESSIONS (PARENTING PROGRAMME)**

The primary aim of this parenting programme is to offer parents a supportive, informal environment, in which to gain information, knowledge and skills around parenting issues. This fantastic opportunity allows you to explore solutions and strategies for managing unwanted behaviour, building stronger relationships with your children and understanding yourself as a parent. Broad Leas Centre St Ives 9.30am - 11.30am Free

**Info: 07776 494100**

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenyoungpeople/familyinformation/parentingcourses.htm>

**Friday 10 September**

**BOOGIE NIGHTS**

Come along and dance the night away with Starlite Roadshow playing 70' & 80's music. Burgess Hall St Ives 8pm - 1am £8.00 Tickets in advance only

**Info: 01480 388500**

<http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/Leisure%20and%20Culture/One%20Leisure/St%20Ives/The%20Burgess%20Hall/Pages/default.aspx>

**Friday 10 September**

**IN TH MOOD WITH FIVE STAR SWING**

The unique "feel good" show that features Multi-instrumentalists / Vocalists with songs from the Stars of Swing - Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald to "Jools Holland" style Jazz & Blues. Following their performance at the Dame Vera Lynn Charity Ball in London, this show boasts vocals from special guest - Simone, from the latter days of the Ivy Benson Orchestra plus bandleader Chris Smith, the former composer for the band of Glenn Miller's brother - Herb Miller, BBC Big Band and the Royal Variety Performance. . As seen on BBC TV "Children in Need" "Swing and Song of the highest order" Telegraph "They Swing like crazy - Superb !" Sheila Tracy (BBC) "A formidable Swing Band...beautiful ballads to glorious Big Band sounds !" Encore Magazine Commemoration Hall Huntingdon 7.30pm £10, concessions £8.50

**Info: 01480 455617** <http://www.cremm.co.uk> [info@cremm.co.uk](mailto:info@cremm.co.uk)

**Friday 10 September to Saturday 11 September**

**ALLO ALLO**

Yaxley Amateur Players will be performing 'Allo 'Allo. Based on the hugely popular TV comedy series, the stage version of 'Allo 'Allo follows the adventures of Rene, the hapless cafe owner in war-torn occupied France, as he and his wife Edith, struggle to keep for themselves the priceless portrait stolen by the Nazis and kept in a sausage in their cellar. All the well-known characters are there, complete with atrocious accents, and audiences are guaranteed a hilarious evening of entertainment. Public Hall Yaxley 7.30pm £6

**Info: 01487 832131** <http://www.yap.org.uk> [akrills@btinternet.com](mailto:akrills@btinternet.com)

**Friday 10 September**

**IN THE MOOD WITH FIVE STAR SWING**

The unique 'Feel Good' Show that features Multi-instrumentalist/vocalist with songs from the stars of swing- Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald to 'Jools Holland' style Jazz & blues.

Tickets £10 and Conc. £8.50 from the Box Office on 01480 455167 or [www.ticketsource.co.uk\patch](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/patch) or the card gallery in Huntingdon.

**Saturday 11 September**

**ST NEOTS ART GROUP EXHIBITION**

Exhibition of paintings by members of the art group in various medium. Most pictures will be for sale. St Marys Church Rooms St Neots St. Neots 10.30am - 5pm  
Free admission

Info: 01480 212960

**Saturday 11 September**

**AUTUMN RHAPSODY**

An evening of classical and light music by: Frank Pallister (Organ & Piano) Pam Carter (Flute & Clarinet) Eileen Tomlinson (Soprano) David Lester (Baritone)  
Proceeds for Paines Mill (Providing accommodation for homeless young people) Methodist Church St. Neots 7pm £5

Info: 01480-405379 [dawsonken@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dawsonken@tiscali.co.uk)

**Saturday 11 September**

**DROOPY SUMMER**

Discover Green Men and leaf art and look out for what is on the turn as Autumn approaches Monthly Wildlife WATCH Group meeting - for children aged 6 to 14 years. Bring a waterproof and wellies, or sunhat and cream. New members please phone first as there may be a waiting list. Hinchingbrooke Country Park Huntingdon 10.30am to 12.30pm £1 per child

Info: 01480 451568 (Organisation)

[hinchingbrookecountrypark@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:hinchingbrookecountrypark@huntsdc.gov.uk)

**Sunday 12 September**

**NATIONAL HERITAGE DAY**

As part of the National Event, the Museum's comprehensive local History Archive is available for perusal. Assistance will be given in Genealogy research. Bargain Barn - full of good quality second hand Books and Collectables. Free Car

Parking. Refreshments Available. Children's Activity area. Ramsey Rural Museum Huntingdon 11.00am - 5.00pm Admission to our archives-free. Admission to the Museum:-Normal charges apply

Info: 01487 815715 <http://www.ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk>

[m.r.latchem@btinternet.com](mailto:m.r.latchem@btinternet.com)

**Sunday 12 September to Sunday 12 September**

**HERITAGE DAY AT THE TOWERS**

A chance to visit this historic 16th Century complex comprising the Great Tower, the Inner and Outer Gatehouses and the Victorian House. Free parking (entrance from the High Street, Buckden), Refreshments, Produce Stall. Guided Tours (exteriors) £1.00 per head, children free. Please note that it may not be possible to visit the interiors of the buildings since the complex is used as a working conference centre. It is rumoured that "Henry VIII and his wives" may make an

appearance during the afternoon. Friends of Buckden Towers Huntingdon 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm Entrance Free  
Info: 01480 810807 <http://fobt.org.uk> [admin@fobt.org.uk](mailto:admin@fobt.org.uk)

**Sunday 12 September**

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST AUDITIONS**

Auditions for all characters in Huntingdon's family pantomime of Beauty and the Beast take place at Huntingdon Junior School, Ambury Road on Sunday 12 September. 10 - 16 years at 2pm and over 16 at 5pm. All the information including performance dates and character list will be available. We have a chorus of mixed ages as well as main character parts some of whom will be singing. So if you fancy performing or helping behind the scenes we would love to hear from you. Hartford Junior School Huntingdon 2pm (10 - 16 years), 5pm over 16 years Free  
Info: 01480 467202 <http://www.pantomime89.co.uk> [pantomime89@live.co.uk](mailto:pantomime89@live.co.uk)

**Sunday 12 September**

**HARMONICA WORKSHOP**

Come along and learn the harmonica with Steve Lockwood! This workshop is very popular, so book early. All welcome, from beginners to those who have been to a workshop before. Commemoration Hall Huntingdon 11.00am - 4.00pm £25, 14 - 18 year old £20

Info: 01480 455167 <http://www.cremm.co.uk> [info@cremm.co.uk](mailto:info@cremm.co.uk)

**Sunday 12 September**

**HARMONICA WORKSHOP WITH STEVE LOCKWOOD**

Play blues rhythms, cool country wails, pitch bend all the way down and jam along with new rockin' solos. No matter what your level of playing is, right from complete beginner to advanced, this session will supply you with tips to help improve your blues and pop playing and get the best out of this deceptively humble instrument. Commemoration Hall Huntingdon 11am Tickets £25 conc. if you are 14 to 18 £20

Info: 01480 455167 <http://www.cremm.co.uk>

**Tuesday 14 September to Sunday 31 October**

**WITCH HUNT. THE WITCHCRAFT TRIALS OF THE 1640S**

During the Civil War there was a wave of witch mania that led to the deaths of many innocent victims of persecution and paranoia. The activities of the Witchfinder General Matthew Hopkins in the eastern counties of England in the 1640s have been well documented and even the subject of a feature film. The reality of what actually happened is the subject of this absorbing travelling exhibition. Cromwell Museum Huntingdon Tues to Sun 10:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:00  
FREE

Info: 01480 375830 (Organisation)

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/museums/cromwell/>  
[john.goldsmith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:john.goldsmith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Tuesday 14 September**

**ST NEOTS FOLK CLUB GUEST NIGHT - LANDERMASON**

Northumbrian based duo, Fiona Lander and Paul Mason have been playing together for 9 years and have developed a unique sound encompassing contemporary folk and jazz. Fiona plays piano, saxophone, whistles, recorder and clarinet and Paul plays guitars. They both sing with superb harmonies and thoughtfully crafted songs.

They have gone down a storm in previous years and are back! Priory Centre St. Neots 8.15pm Members £7 Non-members £8  
Info: 01234 376278 <http://www.stneotsfolkclub.co.uk> [stneotsfolkclub@aol.com](mailto:stneotsfolkclub@aol.com)

**Thursday 16 September to Saturday 18 September**

**ST IVES BEER FESTIVAL**

SEP 16-18 (Thu-Sat) St Ives (Cambs) Booze on the Ouse Beer Festival. Burgess Hall, St Ivo Recreation Centre, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambs, PE27 6WU. Over 55 cask beers over the 3 days, plus real cider and foreign beers, souvenir glass, tombola and CAMRA shop. Open: Thu 6-10.45pm; Fri 5-10.45pm; Sat noon-10.45pm.

Admission (includes programme) Thu £1 5-7pm, £2 after 7pm; Fri £1 5-7pm, £3 after 7pm; Sat £1 all day. CAMRA members free admission all sessions. Food all sessions. Free soft drinks for drivers. Helpers needed. For further details contact Andy Shaw, [festival@huntscamra.org.uk](mailto:festival@huntscamra.org.uk), 01480 355893, 07802 485449. Burgess Hall St Ives

Info: 01480 355893 07802 485449 <http://www.huntscamra.org.uk/festivals/andy.shaw@huntscamra.org.uk>

**Thursday 16 September**

**OLD SAWTRY - SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING**

A Slide Show - "Old Sawtry" - a peek back down memory lane using some of the vast photographic archive that the Society holds. Sawtry Womens Institute Hall Sawtry 7.30-9.30pm £1 for non-members

Info: 01487 834173 [allan.Bamford@yahoo.com](mailto:allan.Bamford@yahoo.com)

**Saturday 18 September**

**THE SAINTS CRAFTERS FAIR**

This is a group of artists and crafters who handmake their own creations. They come from in and around the St Ives and St Neots areas. The group holds monthly fairs and also raises funds for a local charity. In the first year over £750 was made for the Dreamdrops Charity. This is now our second year and we are fundraising for The Hunts Society to the Blind. Come and see crafts such as candles, stained glass, painted china, cold porcelain flowers, jewellery, cards and mixed media. You will find something truly unique. Free Church St Ives 9.30am-4pm Admission Free

Info: 01480 395819

**Saturday 18 September**

**HOBBIES, CRAFTS & COLLECTIONS**

Vintage cars, tractors on show outside. In the church will be knitting, spinning wheel, bee keeping, car badges, hand massage, handy crafts, handmade jewellery, homemade jams, penny farthing cycle, antique dolls and prams, cards and paper craft and lots more. Fenstanton United Reformed Church Fenstanton 10am - 4pm Entrance £1 - children free

Info: [jeanding@talktalk.net](mailto:jeanding@talktalk.net)

**Sunday 19 September**

**70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF BRITAIN**

The Royal Air Force Association Service will be marking the 70th Anniversary of Battle of Britain. 6pm - Parade of RAF and ex-service standards and ATC Cadets Nos 73, 213 and 511 Squadrons 6.30pm - Service led by Rev Andrew Milton and sermon to be given by Wing Commander David Osborne. All Saints' Church Huntingdon Huntingdon 6pm onwards

Info: 01480 383898

**Sunday 19 September**

**HONEY SHOW**

Discover the importance of bees and see inside a beehive. Try the different honey varieties and learn about the role of the beekeeper. Have a go at candle rolling, see candles dipped, admire the wax models and much more. Hinchingsbrooke Country Park Huntingdon 12noon to 4.30pm

**Info: 01480 451568 (Organisation)**

**[hinchingsbrookecountrypark@huntsdc.gov.uk](mailto:hinchingsbrookecountrypark@huntsdc.gov.uk)**

**Tuesday 21 September**

**ST NEOTS FOLK CLUB GUEST NIGHT - JON BETMEAD & TOM LING**

Jon Betmead has been performing at St Neots for very many years and now works with fiddler Tom Ling. You are guaranteed an evening with good singing and humour from these talented guys. Jon and Tom were last seen in St Neots some years ago at the Folk Festival. Priory Centre St. Neots 8.15pm Members £7 Non-members £8

**Info: 01234 376278 01234 376278 <http://www.stneotsfolkclub.co.uk>**

**[stneotsfolkclub@aol.com](mailto:stneotsfolkclub@aol.com)**

**Thursday 23 September to Thursday 2 December**

**RAISING CHILDREN (PARENTING PROGRAMME)**

This is a 10 week course for parents with children of all ages. The primary aim of this parenting programme is to offer parents a supportive, informal environment, in which to gain information, knowledge and skills around parenting issues. This fantastic opportunity allows you to explore solutions and strategies for managing unwanted behaviour, building stronger relationships with your children and understanding yourself as a parent. Broad Leas Centre St Ives 9.30am - 11.30am Free

**Info: 07776 494100**

**<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenyoungpeople/familyinformation/parentingcourses.htm>**

**Friday 24 September**

**BOOT-LED ZEPPELIN**

Sweeney Entertainments present Boot-Led-Zepplin Rock fans are in for a real treat as Boot-Led-Zepplin present an evening of classic Led Zep. This immensely talented band offers the definitive tribute to one of the world's most legendary rock bands, Led Zeppelin. Capturing the magic and excitement of Zeppelin's concerts from the '70s, the band faithfully performs their classic songs with the aid of carefully designed costumes and authentic stage props. Boot-Led-Zepplin really do deliver the ultimate Zeppelin experience. They've got the look, the sound, and can even reproduce the unique stage ambience of the stalwart seventies rockers, whilst retaining their own independence as awesome musicians in their own right. Their sheer enjoyment of the music fuels their powerful performance, no doubt honed by their dedication to their idols. "Go on Boot Led! The nearest thing I have heard to the Lords of Rock. They got me so close to my true fantasy of hearing Led Zep live. You seriously won't get any closer than this!" Fearne Cotton, BBC Radio 1 Friday September 24th . 8pm. £15. The Priory Centre, St Neots

**Info: 01480 388922 [www.thepriorycentre.com](http://www.thepriorycentre.com)**

**Friday 24 September to Saturday 25 September**

**VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE**

The Centre Theatre Players will be presenting their Annual Charity Cabaret 'Variety is the Spice of Life' in The Burgess Hall of One Leisure, St. Ives. The show is an evening of singing, dancing and comedy. This years nominated charities are HEADWAY Cambridgeshire and The Broad Leas Centre in St. Ives. This is The Players 30th Cabaret performance and already they have raised in excess of £40,000 for various charities, both local and national. 8pm. Friday £7 Saturday £8  
Tickets for the show are available from 1st. August from the Centre Reception, telephone.  
**01480 388500 [www.centreplayers.co.uk](http://www.centreplayers.co.uk)**

**Saturday 25 September**

**MUSICAL JOURNEYS**

'Buckden Festival Strings' - a new chamber orchestra conducted by local musician Ian Bradley play music from 17th century to modern music .  
St Mary's Church, Bucken. £18, conc £8. 7.30pm  
**Info: 01480 811608 [www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbuckden.org.uk)**

**Saturday 25 September**

**FILM: MORRIS A LIFE WITH BELLS ON - 12A**

A tongue in cheek comedy with Derek Jacobi, Greg Wise and Harriet Walter. A word of mouth sensation that have all the makings of a cult classic!  
7 for 7.30pm Upwood Village Hall £5 from School Plus, Gt Whyte, Ramsey  
**Info: 01487 710225 [www.ramseyarts.co.uk](http://www.ramseyarts.co.uk)**

**Sunday 26 September**

**PLOUGH & COUNTRY FAYRE DAY**

This is Ramsey Museum's best show of the year, visitors come from all over to see the last big event. There will be tractor ploughing competitions, heavy horse ploughing competitions, vintage vehicles, stationery engines, crafts and trade stalls, food outlets, miniature steam steam traction engine and more....  
Admission: Adults £6, Conc £5, Children aged 5-14 incl £4, Family ticket (2 adults + 2 children) £18. 11am - 5pm  
**Info: 01487 815715 <http://www.ramseyruralmuseum.co.uk>**

**Tuesday 28 September**

**ST NEOTS FOLK CLUB - ROUND THE ROOM SESSION**

Friendly singaraound atmosphere, performers and audience very welcome. Come and exercise your tonsils or play your instrument! Or just come and enjoy others doing that! The Priory Centre, St Neots. 8.15pm. £2  
**Info: 01234 376278**

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