

# FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

"To save Fulbourn's past for the future"

## NEWSLETTER No. 1 – June 1999

### HOW IT ALL STARTED

We'll start our very first Newsletter with some home-grown history which many of you may already know; it concerns how the society came to be formed. In 1995, Norman Osborne, now the Society's Vice Chairman, staged, in the United Reformed Church, an exhibition of photographs showing Old Fulbourn. The exhibition generated a lot of interest and Norman got to thinking how good it would be to have a village museum or a village history society – some way of preserving the past for the future..... Last year the Parish Council invited parishioners to submit ideas on ways to celebrate the forthcoming Millennium and Norman sent in his suggestion – a village history society. The Parish Council liked his idea and in October last year fourteen "interested persons" met at The Manor to discuss forming a local history society. Most of those who met then are now on the Society's committee; their names are listed below

### YOUR COMMITTEE

- ✓ Miss Mary CHAPLIN
- ✓ Mrs Judith CHAPLIN
- ? Mrs Phyllis DEVON
- ✓ Mrs Linda HALTON (Hon. Secretary)
- ? Mrs Pauline HUNT
- ? Tim MALIM
- ✓ Norman OSBORNE (Vice-Chairman)
- ✓ Geoffrey ROLPH
- ? Anthony ROWLAND-JONES
- ? Mrs Ivy SMITH
- ✓ Mrs Denise SWALLOW
- ✓ Miss Rachel THOMPSON (Treasurer)
- ✓ Richard TOWNLEY (Chairman)
- ✓ Bryan WHITE
- ✓ Mrs Pat WHITE
- ✓ David WRIGHT

### THE SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee is split into two "Groups": the Programme & Procedures Group under the chairmanship of Richard Townley deals with

administrative matters and sets the winter programme. The Education, Recording & Research Group have much more fun; under the co-ordination of Pat White and Denise Swallow sub-groups covering the following topics have been set up:

#### Research sub-group topics

**Taping of memories** of older Fulbourn residents

**The updating of the work done by Don Crane** in his book "Highways and Byways"

**Maps:** Collating of maps from all possible sources and recording of same

**Collecting and recording on paper,** anecdotes from villagers of their experiences of the past, of school, at work, during the War and of village life in general

**The history of the village pumps, wells and waterworks, ponds and waterways**

**The re-recording of the inscriptions** in the churchyard to discover how many are still decipherable

**Photographs:** it would be interesting to photograph again views we already have and compare them as they are today, also to photograph as many buildings and other interesting nooks and crannies as possible. This will mean that some very enthusiastic photographers and people with facilities to process, print and enlarge will be needed for these projects

To help to encourage villagers to share their historic photographs, either by allowing them to be copied or by donating them to the Society's archives

If you would like to take part in the research or can volunteer a particular skill, give the Secretary a ring on 880465 and she will put you in touch with the Group Convenor.

### OPEN MEETING

The support given by the village to the formation of the Society has been overwhelming and beyond the wildest imaginings of those who met back in October 1998. There were more than 80 people at the

open meeting in January – we lost count at the end! Those of you who were at that meeting will remember you were asked to show on your membership application form your preferred night for the Society's meetings. The poll revealed Thursday evenings as the clear favourite. The Society's regular winter meetings will therefore be held on the third Thursday of the month, between September and March.

### INAUGURAL MEETING

On 18 March the Society held its inaugural meeting at The Manor. David Dockerill, Eric Jacobs and Mary Dickin of the Sawston Village History Society spoke about how their society got off the ground, showed us some of their discoveries and then treated the audience of 80 to a slide show of Old Sawston. Seventy-six people heard this very interesting and illuminating talk.

### NEW MEETING PLACE

The large numbers of people attending meetings has prompted us to search for bigger premises. We are delighted to tell you that Horace and Linda White have very kindly agreed to let the Society meet in the Function Room at the Six Bells, starting this October.

### DIARY DATES:

#### **18 July 1999 – Guided Walk to the Roman Road**

Sharon Earle, Beds & Cambs Wildlife Trust will be leading a 5-mile guided walk taking in Zouche's Castle, Hindloders and the Roman Road. Meet 2.00 p.m. at the Church.  
Enquires to Sharon on 712410

#### **16 September – Summer Outing to Burwell Museum**

Meet at Museum 6.45 for 7.00 p.m. Entry fee: £1.50 payable on night.  
Letter will be sent to members later in the summer.

#### **21 October – Extraordinary General Meeting to approve the Society's Constitution**

Meeting will start at earlier time of 7.30 p.m. and will be followed by a talk on the History of Fulbourn Hospital (see programme).

### PRIVATE RESEARCH

Members contemplating undertaking their own research might like to know that to help you the Society's Secretary has put together a bibliography of more than 350 publications, pieces of information etc. Please contact her if you would like to use this resource.

### FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

The Society's programme for the forthcoming 1999/2000 winter season (effective from October 1999) is currently being compiled and will be distributed to members in the summer; details of events will also be published in The Mill and displayed around the village. Non-members are welcome to come as guests on payment of £1.00 at the door. The Secretary would welcome ideas and suggestions for future talks and visits; members might also want to share an interest and give a short talk at a meeting. It's your Society, so let's hear from you what you want in the way of talks and outings.

### AND FINALLY ...

Your membership card and copy of the forthcoming programme will be sent shortly. We hope you have a very enjoyable summer and look forward to the outing in September and the first meeting of the Autumn Winter series in October; this will be at our new venue, the Six Bells function room, where coffee as well as a full bar will be available for your refreshment.