

## NEWSLETTER

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BUMPER AUTUMN ISSUE

### MILLENNIUM EXHIBITION

The Society staged its first exhibition this summer in the Stables at The Manor. The exhibition was assembled in less than six months by a small band of hardworking and dedicated members and visited by more than 1400 people, including all the children from the village primary school. The Society's efforts also attracted the attention of BBC Television's "Look East" news programme who sent along a team of reporters to film for the local news broadcast.

We should like to thank all who visited the exhibition, everyone who contributed in any way whatsoever (especially the stewards and the ladies who made cakes and manned the refreshment tent) and all who helped to make this, the Society's first exhibition, such a resounding success. Special thanks to Mr and Mrs Townley for allowing the Society to use the Stables and the charming Coachman's Cottage. This latter building, furnished as it might have been 100 years ago, was a great success and stirred up memories for lots of people.

### LOCAL HISTORY QUIZ 2000 - RESULT

The result of the quiz is as follows:

- Joint 1<sup>st</sup>: Mrs Joy Mayer  
Mr John Patten
- Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Pat Ogram  
Mrs Barbara White
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs E M Cottee

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to Pat White who thought up the questions.

### SUMMER OUTING TO RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM

Ramsey Rural Museum, deep in the Fens, is beautifully laid-out with a chemist's shop, coibbler's, Post Office, school room and many other interesting exhibits. Nineteen members visited the Museum on

13 August and it certainly provided food for thought as to what we could do in Fulbourn if some kind person would give a building or piece of land to build on! Perhaps members would keep their ears to the ground in hope for the future.

### COFFEE MORNING AT CROFT FARM

Saturday 19 August dawned sunny and bright for the coffee morning which was held at Croft Farm, home of member Geoffrey Rolph. Geoff graciously allowed the Society to use his lovely home and beautiful gardens for this fund-raising event. The weather remained kind and guests were able to sit in the sun, drink their coffee and admire the garden. The magnificent sum of £243 was raised for funds.

Raffle prize winners were:

Champagne	Mrs Kerley
Irish whiskey	Mrs Sporle
Norfolk Punch	Pat Hawkins
Hock	Mrs Baker
Basket of eggs	Mrs Hervey-Murray
Basket of fruit	Joy Carr
Red Rose	June Warren
White wine	Audrey Young
Toilet bag	Mrs Baker
Cava Brut wine	Mr Miles
Saucepan	Ann Waldock

### GRAND MILLENNIUM DRAW

The first prize of £100 was won by Mrs F Rayner from Huntingdon and a full list of prizewinners has been displayed in the Post Office window.

The draw raised the fantastic sum of £776 and for this the Society owes a debt of enormous gratitude to Phyllis Devon without whose vision, energy and sheer hard work the draw would not have happened. Phyllis worked very hard to

arrange the draw and we are indebted to her for her hard work and enthusiasm. Grateful thanks too to those village traders and shopkeepers who gave prizes for the draw. Above all we thank you, our members, for selling tickets, because without your help we wouldn't have raised the money! The money will be used to purchase items essential to the continuation of the Society's work, principally a CD Writer (which will help ensure the security of the Society's computerised records) as well as acid-proof archival materials; monies from the draw have also been set aside to help fund future research. Thank you again, everyone, for your help and support in raising these funds.

### **A GUIDED VILLAGE WALK**

Adam Menuge is an Investigator with English Heritage and a member of the Society so when your Editor learned this she cheekily asked whether he would lead a guided walk around the village, looking at and interpreting (from the outside only) the architectural histories of some of the older buildings.

Adam very kindly agreed to the request and on a lovely sunny September Sunday afternoon took a group around Fulbourn looking at some of the very oldest buildings. His commentary was extremely knowledgeable and very interesting; it "filled out" our knowledge of some of the older local buildings and their development – now we'll look with fresh eyes at the buildings around us.

### **HELP WANTED!**

We have recently been approached by two people seeking help in tracing their family tree:

1. Luke Fromant from Bristol seeks information about the Fromont/Fromant family; he has traced his family tree back to 1711.
2. Paul Moth from King's Lynn is researching his family tree; his grandfather was Harry Ison, born in Fulbourn c.1865.

Can you help? Please contact Linda Halton (880465) who will pass on any information.

### **GOLDEN JUBILEE**

The Cambridgeshire Local History Society celebrates its Golden Jubilee this year with the planting of an oak tree at Denny Abbey. A copy of their latest Newsletter is available to read in the History Hut. The Society's Lecture Programme for the current season will be held at St John's Church Hall, Hills Road Cambridge on the first Saturday of the month at 2.25 p.m.

### **WE HAVE A WEBSITE!**

For your information the Society now features on the [roundyourway.com](http://roundyourway.com) website.

### **CENSUS RETURNS**

There is available in the History Hut copies, in the form of a card index, of the 1851 and 1861 Census Returns. Researchers are very welcome to call at the History Hut, Archaeology Field Unit, Haggis Gap between 2 – 4 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons to access this information.

### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

With the approach of the shorter days you may be thinking of doing some research to while away the evenings. You may, however, be put off because you don't know where to go to get the information you need. Listed below are some of the information resources available locally:

*Fulbourn Library* – has a small section on local history and a map

*Cambridgeshire Collection* – at the Central Library, Lion Yard. Has many useful maps, documents and reference books and is very accessible.

*Cambridgeshire Record Office, Shire Hall* – ring beforehand to book a place as space is severely limited (tel.717281). Many useful sources including Parish Registers, Census Returns and an index of documents and maps for each village. Very helpful assistants. Remember to take a pencil – pens not allowed!

### WASHERS-UP REQUIRED

The Finds Processing Group of the County Council's Archaeological Field unit is looking for volunteers who would like to meet regularly on a weekday for 2 hours to help in archaeological finds processing. No previous experience is required. If you are interested in the area's history, by joining the Finds Processing Group you will be handling recently excavated finds most of which are around 2,000 years old.

Interested? Then contact Nicola on 01223 576201.

### EMIGRATION FROM FULBOURN IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

During the 19<sup>th</sup> century many poor people emigrated to Australia. The government encouraged them in their endeavour of trying to find a better life by offering assisted passages. Most of those taking advantage of these grants were young labourers during a time when wages and conditions were very bad indeed. In Fulbourn, however, the details we have tell of five domestic servants, and only two labourers, all between the ages of 19 and 23, who left for Victoria, Australia. Their names and details are as follows:

*Susan Redhouse* from Fulbourn sailed on the "Nugget" and arrived on 12 November 1856. She was C of E, a cook aged 23 and destined for Ashby.

*Alfred Hart* from Fulbourn sailed on the "Balnagueth" and arrived 17 January 1857. He was C of E, aged 23 and a labourer destined for Belfast. He was accompanied by his wife Sarah, aged 20.

*William Whitmore* also sailed on the "Balnagueth" arriving on 17 January 1857.

He was C of E, aged 19 and a labourer; his destination was Port Fairy.

*Harriet Missen* sailed on the "Neleus" arriving Australia 23 October 1854. Aged 22, she was C of E and a domestic servant destined for St Kilda.

*Avis Rule* sailed with Harriet Missen on the "Neleus". She was 25, C of E and a domestic servant destination Collingwood.

*Lucy Nottage* sailed on the "Sea King" arriving Australia 15 May 1855. Aged 19 and C of E, she was a domestic servant destined for Geelong

*Sarah Nottage*, aged 20, sailed on the "Hornet" arriving Australia 2 September 1857. She was C of E, a domestic servant and destined for Barrabool Hills. Contributed by Pat White (information from *Emigrants to Victoria from Cambs 1840-70 - Cambridgeshire Record Office*)

### FULBOURN CHRONICLES

Searching for an unusual Christmas present? Why not give a set of the Chronicles? Norman Osborne is happy to take orders for delivery by Christmas; contact him on 880303 for further details, price etc.

### THE WILBRAHAM RIVER

Dr Desmond Hawkins has written an excellent publication about this feature of our local landscape. Please contact him at Greyfriars Little Wilbraham Cambridge CB1 5LE for details.

**AND FINALLY ...** Your Editor always welcomes contributions for the Newsletter. Send them to her at 6 Cambridge Rd Fulbourn.

## THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER

A lovely hamper came one day  
T'was tied with ribbons red;  
And now the coconuts I will say  
If I have a good head.

First, grapes which make you smack your lips  
They look so very nice;  
Then apples, but please mind the pips  
And keep them from the mice.

There's soap to wash your rosy face  
And jellies, too are here;  
Some biscuits in a little case –  
They'll soon be gone, I fear.

Here's duck to satisfy a king  
With green peas, thyme and sage;  
Then in some kidney beans we bring,  
Now turn to the next page.

Onions, there which make you cry  
And sardines, pork and pears.  
A cauliflower is lying by,  
Of slugs you must beware.

A chicken which looks plump and fat,  
Raisins for the pudding.  
Eggs, please don't drop them on the mat,  
But wrap them up in wadding.

Pineapple chunks are here, you see,  
Carrots for your dinner;  
Honey sweet, gathered by the bee,  
Stops me from getting thinner.

Cups of tea for early morn,  
Marmalade for breakfast;  
A tiny fig, lone and forlorn,  
Walnuts are seen at last.

Jam rolls for those who have sweet taste  
Peaches minus the cream;  
There are sweets, when to bed we hast,  
And have a pleasant dream.

Sugar and cocoa taken at lunch,  
Jam to spread on the bread;  
Ripe tomatoes, all in a bunch,  
This ends the lovely spread.

*Written by Gladys Mary Baldwin (later the wife of Prime Minister Harold Wilson who became Lord Wilson of Rievaulx). As a child Lady Wilson lived in Fulbourn, at The Manse.*