FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

"To save Fulbourn's past for the future"

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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