

FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

"To save Fulbourn's past for the future"

NEWSLETTER No 21

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Linda Halton,

MOVE TO THE FULBOURN CENTRE

The Society hopes to move its archive to the
Centre some time later in the summer; full
details will be published in the next Newsletter.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2006/7

New subscription rates were agreed at the Annual
General Meeting held in May and the new annual
subscription will be £7.50 per person p.a.
Enclosed with this edition of the Newsletter
members will find a letter inviting them to renew
their membership and asking whether, because of
the Society's move to The Fulbourn Centre in
the Autumn they will (i) need transport or (ii)
are willing to offer transport to those in need.
Please send your subscription renewal to Pauline
Hunt who is also co-ordinating the transport
scheme

MEMBERSHIP OF FULBOURN INSTITUTE

Included on the subscription renewal letter is an
invitation to join Fulbourn Institute whose
annual subscription for those under retirement
age is £5.00; anyone aged 65 or over wishing to
join the Institute makes one lifetime payment of
£2.50, surely the bargain of the century!! If
you'd like to benefit from membership of the
Institute, kindly return your completed
application form, together with a remittance, to
Pauline Hunt.

FUNDRAISING

Our thanks to Ivy Smith and her helpers who
ran a very successful Bottle Stall at the recent
Fulbourn Feast, raising £121 profit for the
Society's funds. On 29 July the Society will
hold its annual coffee morning at Hall Farm,
School Lane, by kind permission of David
Wright. There will be a bring and buy stall and
raffle, again all proceeds will be for the
Society's funds.

BOOK SALES

The Fulbourn Chronicles offer a fascinating
insight into the social history of our village.
There are currently four volumes - covering
the years 1750 - 1955 - available to purchase
either singly or as a set, and these may be
ordered from Norman Osborne to whom all
enquiries should be addressed. Book sales in
the past five years have raised £1,000 for the
Society's funds.

We are delighted to announce that Volume V
of Fulbourn Chronicles (covering 1956-1965)
is close to completion and it is hoped to have
it available in time for Christmas 2007
(Now, there's a thought towards solving
stocking filler problems this year!).

DISPLAYS & EXHIBITIONS

The Society's Displays & Exhibitions Group
has had busy time recently, having mounted
exhibitions of the Society's recent research
"In Search of Fulbourn" on no fewer than
three occasions in recent weeks - at Fulbourn
Feast, Fulbourn Festival and the Arts Festival.
Members of the sub group will also be
presenting this research at the Local Heritage
Initiative Conference at Ely on 18 July, and
again at Shire Hall on 23 July in celebration of
National Archaeology Week. For further
details of this programme 'A Celebration of
Cambridge Castle', which is largely free of
charge, please see page 4 of this Newsletter.

FVHS AT THE 2006 FULBOURN FEAST

For the benefit of those members with short memories, Sunday the 25th of June (the day of the feast) was blessed with a perfect summers day that many of us thought was a thing of the past. It started quite early for some, blinking and yawning, as they assembled in the morning on the recreation ground or arrived at the farmyard of Mr. David Wright who was kindly storing the new FVHS exhibition tent to load and transport this essential item to the ground for erection.

Now, this very substantial and spacious tent was a very new item having been purchased and collected from the outskirts of Norwich by your secretary and myself only a week or so previously. Loading it into a reasonably sized estate car was no easy matter, taxing the ingenuity (and patience) of four people. An evening part rehearsal had been conducted in the farmyard by a small group with very minimal experience of camping skills but then we only succeeded in seeing the roof raised from the ground but as nightfall was approaching decided to end it there. The day of the feast thankfully saw more volunteers and eventually the tent was completely erected with all panels in situ (not necessarily as intended) but the very brief and uninformative instruction sheet seemed to assume (quite erroneously) a level of expertise or understanding of the nature of such things.

Nevertheless, we were all impressed by the space and solidity and even more so once we had further assembled the massive pile of modular free standing exhibition panels. The Society has of course been represented at the Feast for several years. This year was rather different in that we were able to show the final results of the Fulbourn Village Research Group's project 'In Search of Fulbourn' via display panels, the assembled educational handling pack, and some of the many finds discovered over the last few years. The event was also used to hold a celebration of the conclusion of the Project which was attended by the local press. So, was it worth it? Well. the tent was extremely busy and popular all afternoon and many congratulations were received on the presentation, display and the Report with widespread interest shown in the activities and future programme of the Society, yes it was all justified.



All this setting up can be tiring work!



Your editor forsakes her customary headgear to model medieval fashions from the educational handling pack

LOCAL HERITAGE INITIATIVE: IN SEARCH OF FULBOURN

Members should by now have received their copy of "In Search of Fulbourn", the outcome of three years' work by a small and dedicated band of members. Copies of the document have been deposited with the British Library, the Bodleian Library, Oxford, Cambridge University Library, National Library of Scotland, Library of Trinity College,

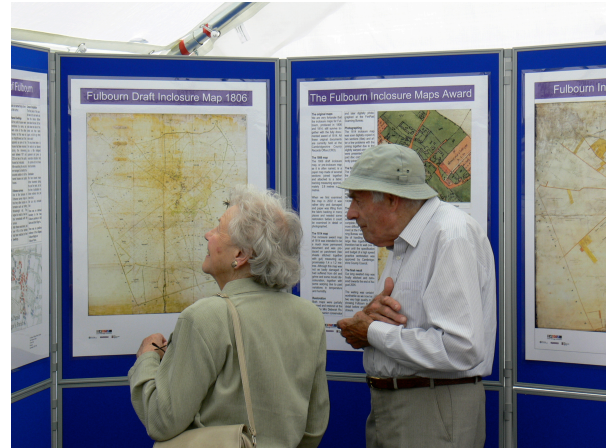
Dublin and the National Library for Wales as well as Cambridgeshire Library Services, the Cambridgeshire Collection, Fulbourn Village Library and local schools. If you have not yet received your copy of the report, please contact 6 Cambridge Road Fulbourn IMMEDIATELY, stating whether you prefer a printed copy or a CD-ROM.



The full display erected and awaiting the Feast opening



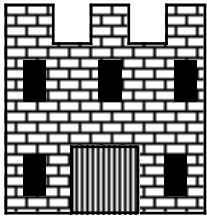
'Ladies with bottle!' The FVHS bottle stall which raised valuable funds stand by for the onslaught.



Many of the welcome visitors to the displays seemed to find them very thought provoking.



To the incredulity of numerous members, your Secretary demonstrates unexpected bottle handling skills at the celebration.



NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK 15-23 JULY

A CELEBRATION OF CAMBRIDGE CASTLE.

Sat. 15th July. Cambridge Central Library
CHILDREN'S ARCHAEOLOGY DAY 6/11 years
Free. 10am - 4pm Book in advance 08450 455225

Sat. 15th July Cambridge Central Library
COMPETITION PRIZE GIVING
Free. 11.30am Carenza Lewis present prizes for
Arts Competition. Info 01223 576201

Tues. 18th July. Shire Hall. 12.30 & 1.15 Free
GUIDED WALKS, CAMBRIDGE CASTLE
Meet at display panel at base of Castle Mound.

Wed. 19th July. Shire Hall & City Centre. 7.00pm
Free. GUIDED WALK, CENTRAL CAMBRIDGE
Meet at display panel at base of Castle Mound.

Thurs. 20th July. Shire Hall. 12.30 & 1.15 Free
GUIDED WALKS, CAMBRIDGE CASTLE
Meet at display panel at base of Castle Mound.

Sat. 22nd July. CAMBRIDGE CASTLE
CONFERENCE. The Bailey Rooms, Shire Hall.
£10.00 per adult. 2 - 5pm. Book 01223 718133

Sun. 23rd July. Shire Hall. 11am - 4pm. Free.
A CELEBRATION OF CAMBRIDGE CASTLE
More info on 01223 718133

Sun. 23rd July. County Record Office, Shire Hall.
CAMBRIDGE CASTLE AND ITS SITE - A DIP
INTO THE ARCHIVES.
Free. 11am - 4pm. More info on 01223 717281

DON'T FORGET....

The Coffee morning with raffle and Bring & Buy at Hall Farm, School Lane, Fulbourn on Saturday 29th July as per details enclosed.

Contributions for this Newsletter are always welcome. Forward to Mrs. Linda Halton at No. 6, Cambridge Road. Fulbourn.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Gone are the sounds we knew so well,
Like the curfew at eight, and the old school bell
Which told us to hurry, and not to stop
And play in the road with our whip and top.

And gone are the horses and cows at Hall Farm,
The stackyard and chickens and most of the barn
Where Bill, Stan and Cyril once heaped up the
corn;
Now empty, and silent and sadly forlorn.

Gone too is the Tavern, that friendly retreat
Where the men from the Mill and Railway would
meet
To drink pints of bitter drawn straight from the
wood:
No man ever tasted a drop quite so good.

And where are the meadows and pastures we
knew,
With the cowslips and buttercups kissed by the
dew?
Where as children we played all the long summer's
day
And as sweethearts caressed in the soft, scented
hay.

And what of the old folk, now no longer here,
Who patted our heads and said "hurry home, dear".
Like Miss Lottie Collins, who all of us knew,
And dear Sister Whitmore, to name but a few.

But now it's the rat race and TV and cars
And instead of the tap-room, it's wine and food
bars.
For our village, like others, has come up-to-date
And old men no longer lean on the front gate.

But some things remain, and we hope always will
Like the Dyke, the Church clock and the mill on
the hill.
For these are reminders that some things on earth
Can never be measured for what they are worth.

Ken Crane
January 1984.

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