

FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

"To save Fulbourn's past for the future"

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A NEW CHAPTER IN FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY

On a gloriously sunny Saturday afternoon, September 9th, Fulbourn residents gathered together to celebrate the official opening of The Fulbourn Centre. Following a jubilant performance by award winning Teversham and Fulbourn Brass Band, Mr Richard Townley and Mr Stan Hardwick gave a succinct account of the history of the Townley Memorial Hall from its conception and various phases of development to the present. Members of the Community Project were thanked for their dedication and hard work, and the Chairman, Mr Ron Ward was presented with a special commemorative inscribed tablet.

Mr James Pace M.P. then congratulated Fulbourn on the community effort which had resulted in the building of The Fulbourn Centre. Helped by two pupils from Fulbourn Primary School, he unveiled a wall plaque the distinctive logo of which was designed by David Shepherd.

The audience was invited to tour the facilities inside, where they were able to admire both the refurbishment of the Townley Memorial Hall and the new, modern Committee Room (whose table and comfortable chairs were provided by Fulbourn Village History Society through an Awards For All Grant). Information relating to Clubs using The Fulbourn Centre was also on display in the large Meeting Room.

A relaxed social atmosphere prevailed as people mingled and enjoyed refreshments together. All tastes were catered for with either a cup of tea and cake in the Townley Hall or something more alcoholic at the Institute!

It was an auspicious start to a new chapter in Fulbourn Village history.... and to the Fulbourn Village History Society's new home.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2006/7

For those who have forgotten.... please send your forms and remittance to Membership Secretary OR bring to October 19th meeting. in which case to prevent queues at this evening, programme/membership cards will be issued later.

INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Due to very high demand, there is some delay in processing applications, but you will be able to use the Institute at our meetings or indeed at any other time that the Institute is open. A list of recently approved applications is displayed on the wall at the Institute

REMINDER.....

The initial meeting this season is on Thursday 19th October with 'Ghosts and Witches' by the ever popular Mike Petty.

COFFEE MORNING

Another enjoyable social occasion was experienced by members attending Fulbourn Village History Society Fund-raising Coffee Morning on July 29th. The weather was kind (very kind), and we did not require the shelter of our new tent (but at least it gave the 'erection' team more practice in setting up, which is inevitably a dramatic, sometimes acerbic performance, causing much amusement to onlookers!).

In the wonderful surroundings of Hall Farm Garden, all present caught up on news while sipping coffee and nibbling biscuits. They also obtained some great bargains at the Bring and Buy Sale or won lovely prizes in the raffle, while at the same time benefiting the History Society. Indeed our profit for the event was a very satisfying £195.79.

Many, many thanks to David and Elizabeth for their generous hospitality on this event.

MOVE TO NEW ARCHIVE STORE

Our Archives and equipment have been now been transported by members, from the History Hut to their purpose built store in the new Fulbourn Centre. This was a D.I.Y exercise, (taking place in a heat wave), and included manhandling awkward file cabinets onto (and off) a trailer. Despite the mature years of the 'labourers' few (if any) of whom were in peak physical condition, the undertaking was completed successfully, if somewhat breathlessly!. Congratulations and grateful thanks to all concerned.

The Archive Room is open on Monday and Wednesday morning, from 10.00 am until 12 noon (Please note change in Monday hours).

Right - Volunteers helping with the move and endeavouring to make it look difficult!



CHAIRMAN WANTED!



Mr. Norman Osborne (that's the handsome young man pictured above for those of you that do not know) is acting as temporary chairman of your Society. Both the Society and Norman would prefer to see a regular chairman in control. The position is anything but onerous but reasonable communication skills and a fairly sociable nature would not be a handicap. If you would like to exercise your social conscience for the benefit of the society and generate that 'feel good' factor at the same time, then contact your Secretary (Glynis) on 01223 570887 to discuss further.

The reason Norman is standing in is because of Peter Halton stepping down after completing three years chairmanship of both the Society and the Fulbourn Village Research Project. To mark this service a letter of appreciation and a book token have been presented to Peter. I am sure we are all grateful for the hard work Peter has put in and we wish him and Linda well for the future.

HELP SAVE THE PLANET ?

Producing Newsletters such as this in printed form consume resources and energy which do little to help the environment but do give healthy exercise to your volunteer delivery team.

A possible alternative does exist in the form of an electronic (pdf) version which could simply be e-mailed to you. There would be benefits involved to members electing to accept this form such as the ability to enlarge text to assist reading for those with difficulties in this respect as well as the advantage of clearer images and also the use of colour.

It is of course fully understood that not all members are equipped to receive the newsletter in this form but many will be, so the printed version is not at risk. Recipients will of course have the option of printing off a 'hard' copy if so desired and in colour via their own printer.

Apart from a computer and internet connection with an e-mail address, the software Acrobat Reader will be required. This is completely free and the appropriate version for your own system can be downloaded from the Adobe website (simply type 'Adobe' into your search engine.)

To gauge the level of interest in this alternative, if you are possibly interested please e-mail me at <piscator2003@yahoo.co.uk> mentioning FVHS Newsletter (and your name) and I will e-mail back a pdf version of this issue in order that you may see for yourself how it would appear.

THIS JOB IS A SNIP



Our new purpose built, generously proportioned worktable with its comfortable chairs, (located in The Fulbourn Centre) now makes research activities a real pleasure. Indeed, it becomes a social occasion - come and try it!

There are many 'jobs' that can be undertaken, none of which are onerous. For instance, help is always appreciated by the 'Cut and Paste' group who scour local newspapers for references to Fulbourn. These are stuck into a scrap book with their details also being entered onto the History Society database. So if you would like to wield a pair of scissors and glue brush, come along and contribute towards preserving Fulbourn's recent past for the future!

There must be many members with the time to spare (to suit) who would welcome the opportunity of assisting the Society in some way and at the same time enjoy some congenial company. If you feel that this describes yourself, then why hesitate - act now and contact Glynis on (01223 570887) who will be delighted to hear from you and to let you have more information.

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For further particulars apply to Mr G.S. HALL, Solicitor, Sidney Street or to WENTWORTH & SON, Auctioneers, Valuers and Estate Agents, 1 Rose Crescent, Cambridge

(From the archives courtesy of Mrs.Pat White.)



An archive photo of the 'Fulbourn Heroes'... but who/what are they? Do you know?

MY FATHER AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN or In the event of a bereavement think of an archive. by Clinton Tweed.

In 1942, whilst serving in the Royal Navy, my father sustained a serious injury which resulted in him being treated in a United States military hospital.

On leaving hospital, he spent a few months in the United States and whilst he was there he developed an interest in President Lincoln which was to last for the rest of his life.

My father was both a writer and an avid reader and so, throughout the remainder of his life, he acquired numerous books and other publications about the President.

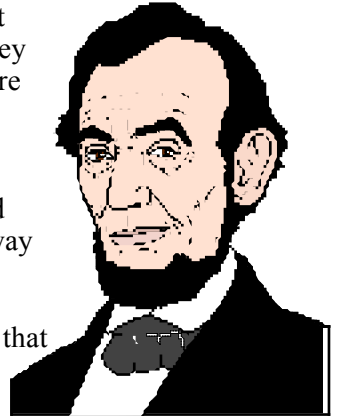
One day, a few weeks before his death, I told my father that I thought one or more of his books may be of interest to Lincoln scholars and that at the appropriate time I would contact the Lincoln Memorial Library in Illinois to see if they would be interested. He was pleased at the suggestion but was certain that they would have everything that had ever been written about 'the great man' (as he called him).

After his death I did contact the Library and although they had most of the books, there was one book written and published in this Country in 1921 that they wanted.

I happily sent the book and received a lovely letter by way of acknowledgement.

What pleased me most was that when my father purchased the book (sometime during the war) he had signed and written his then home address on the inside. Little did he think that over sixty years later his book would help contribute towards the vast field of knowledge about the man he so admired.

A more appropriate end enduring memorial to my father I cannot think of.



Another archive photo (we are really spoiling you in this issue) - anybody here that you know?