

FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

"To save Fulbourn's past for the future"

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Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2001

The objectives of the Society are:- to research, keep and maintain records of all aspects of the village's social and historical development; to publish reports on village history; to stage displays and exhibitions; to hold a programme of regular meetings; to liaise with the Parish Council and to encourage an interest in the study of local history. The Society is administered by a committee currently comprising:

Chairman	Richard Townley
Vice Chairman	Norman Osborne
Hon. Secretary	Linda Halton
Hon. Treasurer	Rachel Thompson
Membership Secretary	Pauline Hunt
Assistant Secretary..	Glynis Arber
and Mary Chaplin, Tony Goodall, Peter Halton, Tim Malim, Geoffrey Rolph, Ivy Smith, Barbara White, Bryan White, Pat White & David Wright.	

The Society has enjoyed a very successful second year and membership has increased to 180. The summer visit was to Ramsey Rural Museum although only a few members went. In September member Adam Menuge twice took parties of members on a guided tour of our village, looking at some of the older and more unusual buildings. Average attendance at meetings has been 90 and the subjects covered in the lecture programme are listed below:

Waving Goodbye (Evacuees in 2nd World War)
20 Years on the Streets of Cambridge (A Street Sweeper's Life)
Mince Pies, Mulled Wine & A Magic Lantern Show
Fulbourn Windmill
The Wilbraham River
Farming in the 1940s

The highlight of the year was without doubt the Millennium History Exhibition, held over three weekends in June and early July at the Manor Stables and Coachman's Cottage. A very small band of dedicated members researched and prepared display boards for the exhibition; another group of equally dedicated and extremely hard working members prepared and furnished the Coachman's Cottage, ready for the many people who visited the exhibition to see what the Society had accomplished in such a short time and to ponder that achievement over a cup of tea and slice of cake in the tea tent! The local television station, BBC Look East, visited the exhibition and filmed children from the village school, dressed in Victorian costume with your Chairman also in costume and masquerading as the village schoolmaster; the clip was unfortunately not shown on the evening news magazine programme. More than 1500 people visited the exhibition and we hope that they will visit again.

In April last year the Society was awarded a grant of £482 by the Bishops & Caraways Charity which enabled us to purchase a vertical plan chest to store maps and other oversize documents as well as another steel cupboard for general storage. Members have also engaged in fundraising (Millennium Draw, a jumble sale, coffee morning and dance) thereby raising £1735. Some of these monies have been used to purchase a CD Writer for the computer and archive quality albums in which to store the Society's growing collection of photographs and newspaper clippings; £1,000 has been put on deposit with the Cambridge Building Society. These monies will be used to fund research and make further capital purchases.

The Society is looking ahead to next year and has plans in hand to hold an exhibition to celebrate our Queen's Golden Jubilee. We

