

FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

"To save Fulbourn's past for the future"

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BUSY! BUSY! BUSY!

Fulbourn's local history enthusiasts have enjoyed a busy summer. In July 41 members visited Ashdon Village Museum, a perfect gem of a place and an inspiration to those of us who'd like a museum for Fulbourn.

This small, user-friendly museum is well worth a visit; it opens Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from April to the end of September, from 2.00-5.00 p.m. and at other times by prior arrangement. There is a small tea room and a pretty garden to sit in on warmer days. It's only half an hour away by car, just right for a Sunday afternoon outing so why not visit?

COFFEE MORNING CRACKER

The coffee morning held at the Manor in August made a stunning £283.90 for funds! Our thanks to Richard & Rosemary Townley for allowing us to use the kitchen and gardens and to all who gave their help and support.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Some members took part in the Archaeological Training Dig held in August in Hall Orchard (more widely known as the Nature Reserve). Aileen Connor from the Archaeological Field Unit writes about the dig and its exciting discoveries later in this issue.

HOUSE DETECTIVE

The Society is trying to compile an up-to-date and accurate record of all buildings in the Parish and would like every FVHS member to check, where possible, the deeds of their home and let us have the following information:

- (a) Date built
- (b) Builder's name
- (c) Alterations: dates & builder's name if known
- (d) Your name and those of any previous occupants, plus dates, if known
- (e) Any other information of interest relating to the property
- (f) Name & postal address of property
- (g) If you cannot discover the exact details please give best estimate & state "estimate"

Please contact Tony Goodall, 41 Cherry Orchard tel.880401 with your information. Once we have your information we can spread the net wider.

SHOPPING TROLLEY SOUGHT

Do you have a shopping trolley you no longer need or use? Pat White, Keeper of the Society's Accessions Register, needs one to cart around records, artefacts and papers. If you can help please telephone her on 881037.

WANTED: MAPS OF FULBOURN

If you have any old maps showing Fulbourn that you do not want, please remember that the Society will gladly take them off your hands. We are particularly interested in old Ordnance Survey maps of the area. Bring them to the History Hut at the AFU Haggis Gap any Monday afternoon between 2.15 - 4.00 p.m.

TIME TO SPARE?

To celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee next year the Society will be staging an exhibition in June at the Manor Stables. We desperately need help from members in researching detail and collating information ready for making up into displays. Most of the information is available from our archives and working parties will start after Christmas.

If you can help please contact Richard Townley (tel. 880284) or complete and return one of the gold forms available at meetings.

BACK COPIES OF PARISH MAGAZINE

The Society seeks copies of the Parish Magazine prior to 1976. If you are looking for a good home for all those back copies, bring them to the History Hut any Monday afternoon between 2.15 - 4.00 p.m.

A NEW RESOURCE

Pat White and Tony Goodall have spent the summer developing a new resource for use by members and others interested in local history. All the photographs and newspaper cuttings which have been given to the Society (and which are still coming in) are arranged in albums, representing a very useful and easily accessible resource for anyone wanting to know more about the village. Work is also proceeding on listing these items in a database for ease of searching.

Please do come and see this wonderful collection for yourself; the History Hut is open Monday afternoons between 2.15 and 4.00 p.m. and at other times by prior arrangement with Secretary (tel.880465).

A.F.U. OPEN DAY

The Archaeological Field Unit in Haggis Gap is holding its annual open day and Day Conference on 24 November 2001. The Conference will discuss recent archaeological work in Cambridge. For further details and to book a place, please contact A.F.U. on 576201 or 881614.

VILLAGE CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Richard Townley seeks for the Golden Jubilee Exhibition information about the Clubs & Societies which existed between 1950-1985. Please contact him at The Manor, Fulbourn with your recollections.

