



FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

"To save Fulbourn's past for the future"

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A TRIBUTE TO PETER HALTON 1946 - 2013

A vibrant member of Fulbourn Village History Society Committee from 2000 to 2011, Peter Halton carried out with dedication and enthusiasm the various roles he willingly took on throughout this long association.

He was Chairman from 2001 to 2006, a period when the Society was faced with a number of challenges, the success of which owed much to Peter's leadership. His unfailing good humour, patience and pragmatism was a great assistance in the negotiations and organisation which led to the relocation of Fulbourn Village History Society from the Cambridge Field Archaeology Unit porta-cabin to 'bespoke' premises at the Fulbourn Centre.

In May 2002 the Society was awarded a grant by the Local Heritage Initiative and also received an award from the Nationwide Building Society. Though working full time and commuting to London, Peter was a committed member of the Project team which applied for the grant, underwent training and produced the booklet entitled 'In Search of Fulbourn'. He also efficiently managed the somewhat convoluted finances involved with such a large undertaking.

Furthermore, Peter's computer skills were a major asset to the Society when we transferred our database to an application more appropriate to the nature of our work. Again, in 2010-11 he started the process of updating that software whilst also serving as Treasurer - even though engaged in the process of moving house from Fulbourn to East Sussex during this year.

Although taking the 'official' side of his work for the History Society very seriously, Peter also enjoyed the more social aspects involved in supporting its fund-raising activities. On one occasion he took part in providing the entertainment at a Christmas Event and was also a very effective Father Christmas - a part which ideally suited his jovial personality.

A true 'people person', Peter was wonderful company and always ready to provide help and advice when it was required. He is sorely missed by all who knew him.

Glynis Arber (Secretary Fulbourn Village History Society).



Participating in Fulbourn Village History Research Project



Providing IT and Research information at F.V.H.S. Exhibitions.



Promoting the Society with energy and much humour.



FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY AND FUNDRAISING.

The increasing financial cost of running our Society is unfortunately a perennial problem and at the Fourteenth A.G.M. the annual subscription fee was raised to £12.00 p.a. for the next two years. Although the average attendance for our Talks is about 60 people (very good compared to many local history societies) F.V.H.S. membership numbers have dropped to around the 100 mark, which obviously affects income.

Our fund-raising activities are therefore very important and necessary. Please continue to support F.V.H.S. by whatever means suit you! Purchasing a 50p raffle ticket at our meetings is, perhaps, the simplest way and of course, we are very grateful for any donations of prizes.

Indeed, the generosity of members who provided bottles and jars for the stall at Fulbourn Feast 2013 was fantastic and helped contribute towards the total of £132.26 (profit for the day after expenses was £107.26).

The Raffle at the Coffee Morning made £35.00, with takings at the Door reaching £65.48 (less expenses for coffee and biscuits of £6.49 = total £58.99). Jackie Newell reported a bumper sale (£20.00 worth) of her wonderful collection of hand made cards and last, but by no means least, a new departure - replacing the Bring and Buy stall with a homemade Cake Stall proved very successful.

Persuaded by the superb salesmanship of Tony Goodall, members and visitors purchased cakes to the total amount of £53.50 - we obviously have a sweet tooth!

The Coffee morning was a lovely social occasion, set in the beautiful grounds of Hall Farm (thank you to our hosts, David and Elizabeth Wright) and the weather was perfect - not too hot following a recent heatwave. In fact, a very SPECIAL THANK YOU is offered to all who baked cakes, especially in weather conditions not conducive to standing over hot stoves!



Fulbourn Village History Society members rise to the Great British Bake off challenge!

If YOU have any ideas about how to raise money for Fulbourn Village History Society, please contact the Secretary, Glynis Arber (01223 570887 g.arber@ntlworld.com)

FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY COMMITTEE 2013-2014

Chair: Ursula Lyons, **Vice Chair:** Tony Goodall, **Secretary:** Glynis Arber, **Treasurer:** Richard Bennett, **Keeper of the Records:** Pat White, **Assistant Secretary:** Rose Tristram, **Webmaster:** John Timperio

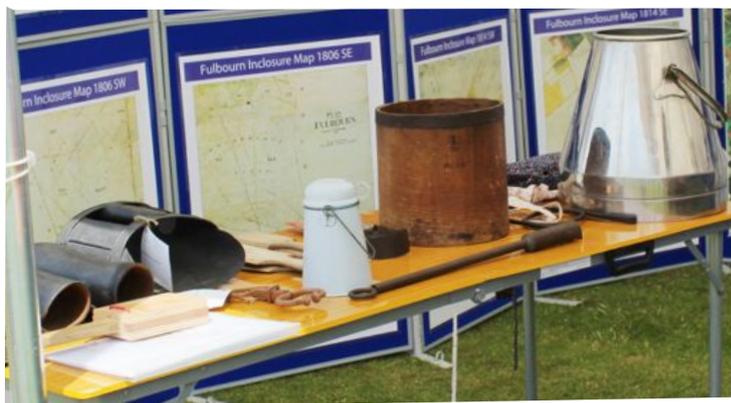
FULBOURN AND FARMING EXHIBITION Report by Glynis Arber

An Exhibition on Farming in Fulbourn was held by Fulbourn Village History Society at the Fulbourn Feast 2013. It proved very popular, with approximately 400 visitors staying for an average of 20 minutes each.

There was certainly plenty to see. Maps of the location of farms - past and present - within the parish were on view as were photographs showing people, animals, places and machinery connected to farming in Fulbourn.

Our archive store had also been 'raided' so that artefacts related to local agriculture could be examined by the public - including a stainless steel milk churn, leather gaiters and butter pats. In addition, we were very grateful for the loan of objects from the handling collection of the Farmland Museum, Denny Abbey.

(www.farmlandmuseum.org.uk).



A selection of objects and Maps on display at the Farming in Fulbourn Exhibition.



Indeed, the items on display caused much discussion amongst visitors, especially those that could not be readily identified. In particular, a metal implement was described as being a boot scraper, sack holder or fork. I can now reveal it is a 'gag', used by vets to enable them to administer medicine to large animals.



The animal 'gag' (below) with 'ball gun' (above) which delivered the pill.

I was somewhat embarrassed by not being able to fully answer questions about the imperial measurements stamped on some of the containers - although in the long distant past I had learnt Tables relating to quarts, gallons and pecks etc. by rote, these were now forgotten. So having consulted the internet, the following information was obtained from the website (with some small additions) www.gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/units/volume.htm

1 gallon = 8 pints

1 gallon = 4 quarts

2 gallons = 1 peck

4 pecks = 1 bushel

The word 'pint' comes from the French word 'pinte'. It was used in the 14C. A quart is a quarter of a gallon. There is a saying 'You can't get a quart into a pint pot'.

The gallon was mentioned in Piers Plowman (1342) "with a galun of ale". It comes from the Norman French 'galon'.

The peck has been used since the 14C. There is a well-known tongue twister: 'Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper'. You can have a 'peck of trouble' and would probably 'eat a peck of dirt before you die'.

'To hide your light under a bushel' is a biblical quotation (see Mathew 5.14 and Luke 11.13) meaning to keep quiet about your abilities. A bushel is a container that holds a bushel of dry goods, and if up-ended over a light, then the light would be hidden.

Note: There will be an opportunity to find out more about farming in Fulbourn at an illustrated talk by John White and Friends on Friday, 13th December, 7.30 pm in the Townley Hall.

Also, in the next edition of F.V.H.S. Newsletter, Ursula Lyons will complete her fascinating account about Fulbourn farming families.

MORE INFORMATION FOR OUR ARCHIVE STORE

Pat White our archivist, is always anxious to collect documents associated with the history of the parish. This August she has been especially pleased to receive permission from St Vigor's to photocopy material stored in the room over the porch of St Vigor's, before returning the originals to the Church. The earliest record was an exercise book, handwritten between 1779-1826 by the Rev. Robert Fiske, listing the Glebe land for All Saints. It was found in 1941, in a ditch in Milton Road Cambridge!

The following extracts and photographs are just a selection of the fascinating articles etc. presently being photocopied, recorded and filed by Pat. *[The History Society photocopier is not working, so Pat is having to undertake this task via her personal printer - a very slow process - and we thank her for the time and dedication she has spent during the summer on this undertaking, whilst still continuing with her other 'duties' on behalf of the Society].*

From the Pastoral Letter of Rev. James Usill on leaving Fulbourn, after eighteen and a half years spent in charge of the parish of All Saints.

'...I succeeded to the vicarage of All Saints upon the death of the Rev. Samuel Silver, in November 1856, but I did not enter upon the charge of the Parish until April 1857. In the meantime, however, I had been preparing to build a Vicarage-house, and on June 1st the foundations were marked out. I took up my abode in it on March 24, 1858. It was built at a cost of £1498, of which £750 was borrowed from Queen Anne's Bounty. I find, however, that I have already paid £763 in interest and principal to the Bounty Office, so that though a small annual charge will remain upon the Living for the next twelve years, yet I have virtually paid the whole cost of the house.

In the winter of 1858-9, the larger of the two School-rooms and the Class-room were built, at a cost of £596 17s. 1d. The National School was first opened in May, 1859.

In 1863 a scheme was set on foot for removing eleven unsightly and scarcely tenable cottages from the north side of the churchyard, and for the building of the present Almshouses. Some time was necessarily spent in the collection of the funds, and in settling the somewhat complicated details of the scheme; but in the year 1864 the Almshouses were erected, the old cottages were pulled down, and their site, together with the so-called Camping-ground, was added to the Churchyard, and the Church-lane widened by seven feet, with the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese. This work was carried out at a cost of £621.1s.2d.'



These illustrations depict the only (that we are aware of) three churches who share the unusual name of St Vigor.

A photograph (a) and sketch (b) of St Vigor, near Bayeux, France and sketches of St Vigor at Stratton on the Fosse, Somerset (c) and St Vigor, Fulbourn, Cambridgeshire. (d)

Memoranda from the Second Register of Baptisms for Fulbourn, St Vigor, Cambridgeshire. It was copied (with the abbreviations used in the original register) by T.P.R. Laying.

The pew on the South side of the Chancel was built at the expense of Susanna dau of the late Mr. Jonathan GREEN in July 1774 for £4. 6. 7 and was sold by her in July 1797 for 2½ guineas to Mr. John WELLS, the lessee of Queen's College Estate.

The seat on the North side of the Chancel was fitted up as a pew by Mr. Wm STACEY, the tenant at Shardelow's in Jan'y 1798.

The pew adjoining the Rector's pew in the Chancel was built by Mr. Wm KING, tenant of the Improprs. Tithe Farm in 1814 at the expense of £13.9.8.

The pew bought in 1790 by Mrs. Sarah IVES (who afterwards married Mr. Chas GREEN) was sold by Mr John HANCOCK for £7.15.0. 9 Nov 1819.

14 May 1822. The pew in the South Aisle against the S.E. window was granted to Mr. Thos OSLAR one of the churchwardens upon his paying 40 shillings towards the repairs of the Church. It was supposed to have been built by Mrs. Mary DAWSON who died in 1764, became vacant and disposable by the Minister & Churchwardens upon the house being taken down in 1810.

3 July 1826. The pew bought by Mr. John KETFORD at the N.W. corner of the Church in Nov 1790 was sold by his widow Phyllis K. to Mr. Robert LAYTON for 30 shillings.

16 Oct 1785. Rev Robert FISKE built 3 pews in the North Aisle: part of the materials came out of All Saints & part were new for £3.7.7. They were bought for £1.2.6 each by Mr. PAYNE, tenant to Mrs. WELCH's estate, by Mr. John SHARPE, and jointly by Mr. Manning and Mr. COLLIER.

In some churches, pews were installed at the expense of the congregants and were their personal property. Pew deeds recorded title to the pews, and were used to convey them. It is interesting to note that in 1785, the Rev Robert Fiske used building materials for 3 new pews (subsequently sold), which were partly recycled from the Church of All Saints, demolished a year earlier. Most pews listed above appear to have been bought by farmers or the more well to do - who were presumably the only residents of Fulbourn able to afford them! Editor.

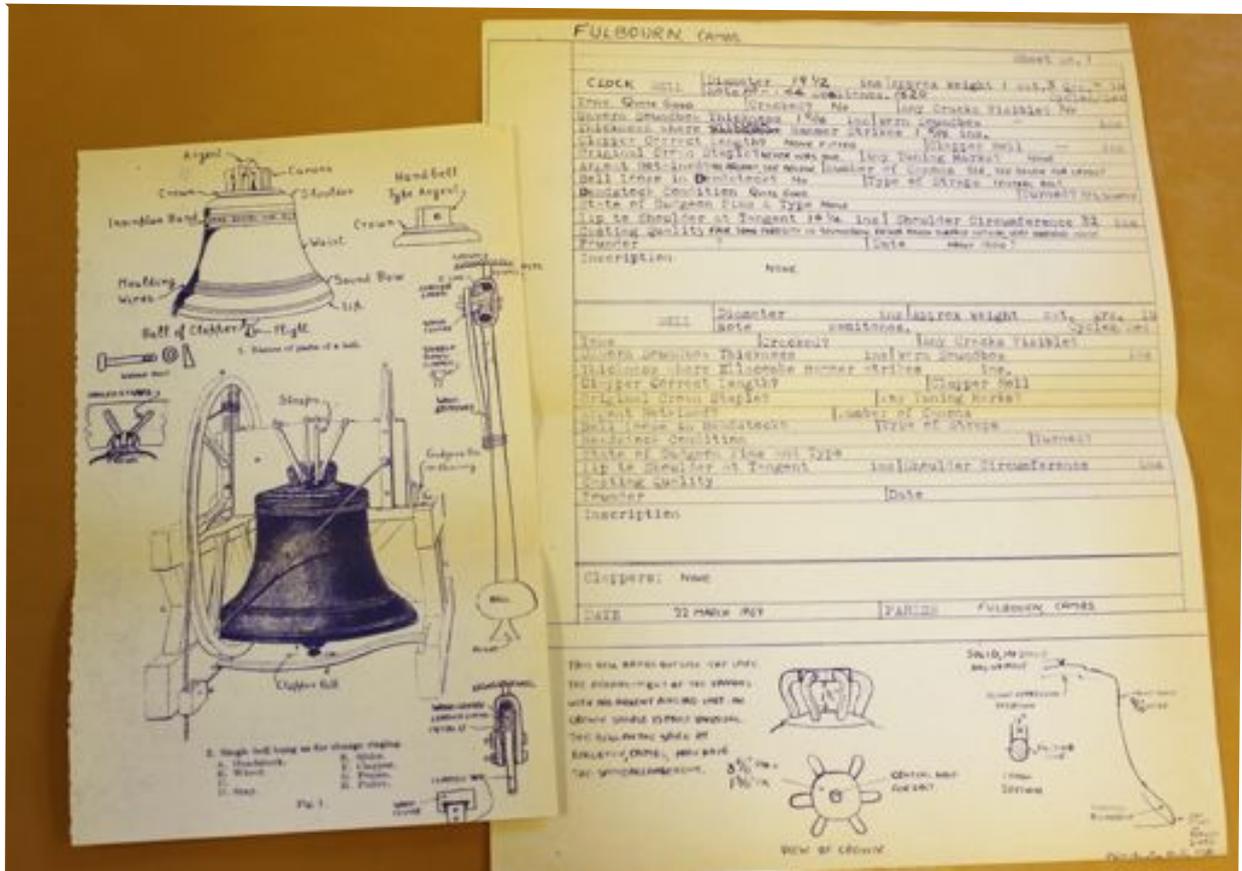


Diagram of the names and parts of a Bell, and descriptive report of St Vigor's Clock Bell dated 22 March 1969

BACK TO PLAY SCHOOL.....

Would you like the chance to experience again the delights of cutting, pasting and filling a scrapbook? Then Fulbourn Village History Society has the ideal job opportunity - updating our Files of Newspaper Clippings.

Seriously, though, this is an essential part of the Society's remit to research, keep and maintain records of all aspects of the Village's social and historical development. The Fulbourn Chronicles Volumes I to IV, based on newspaper articles, references etc. related to Fulbourn and covering the period from 1750 until 1955, were produced by the late Don Crane. The latest volume V, 1956-1966, was researched and prepared by members of the Society, Linda and Peter Halton, Norman Osborne and Ivy Smith. All these books* prove very useful for research purposes as well as providing a fascinating insight into the life of the village.

Although the internet provides access to newspaper archives, this is not always an easy operation and requires quite specific search parameters. Fulbourn Village History Society offers an alternative. Since 14th May 1988, volunteers (the most recent being David Wright), have been pasting into special scrapbooks references to Fulbourn published by the local press.

David has now 'retired' (many thanks for your sterling efforts with scissors and glue), and we hope someone will be able to take over this task. It is not onerous - the cuttings are already prepared and just need trimming, positioning and sticking to the page. So if you have an hour or two spare on Monday and/or Wednesday from 10.00 until noon, pop along to the History Society Archive Room (ie Committee

Room, The Fulbourn Centre) where you will be welcomed with enthusiasm and much relief! This is also a 'job' which could be undertaken by more than one person and it may be possible to 'work' from home.



Maintaining F.V.H.S's Scrapbook record is certainly not 'high tech' but is fun! Together with our photographic albums, they always have an appreciative 'readership' when on display.

P.S. There are other 'job opportunities' available - for instance, Tony Goodall would be very grateful for help with keeping the digital photographic records up to date, and we also would like to record information from further volumes of Kelly's Directories relating to Fulbourn - not to mention documents associated with the early 19th Century Enclosures within the parish.

* We also intend in the future to produce Vol VI of the Fulbourn Chronicles - another valuable research project. Interested???

PROGRAMME OF TALKS 2013-2014

17th October 2013

'The Tyrrell family, a local family history' [Lords of the Manor of Fulbourn from 17th-18th Century].
Bethan and Rupert Featherby.

21st November 2013

'A House of Sport and Pleasure' [Charles II and Newmarket].
John Sutton.

13th December 2013

'Farming and Fulbourn' [An opportunity to find out more, amongst convivial company, about the Farming community of Fulbourn].
John White & Friends. (Christmas Social Event. Entry by Ticket only).

16th January 2014

'Eels in East Anglia' [A fascinating subject by a locally, and now nationally - as his Radio and T.V appearances testify - well known authority].
Peter Carter.

20th February 2014

'Excavations at Trumpington' [Results from the Archaeological Dig at Trumpington Meadows]
Alison Dickens.

20th March 2014

'There is no such thing as a good tax' [As the end of the Tax year approaches - a topic all can appreciate!].
Sarah Doig.

17th April 2014

'Market Towns' [Complementing the recent farming theme - they were very important for an agricultural economy such as Fulbourn].