



# FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

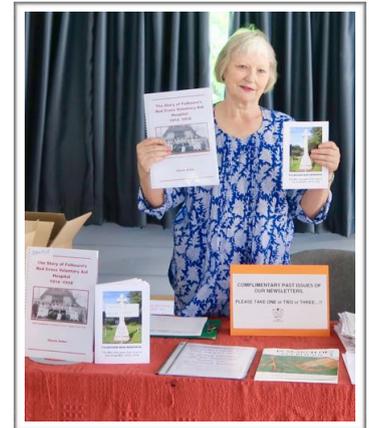
*"To save Fulbourn's past for the future"*

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## WWI BOOKLETS LAUNCH AT FULBOURN FEAST 2018

Members are no doubt aware that in order to commemorate the 100 Anniversary of WWI, Fulbourn Village History Society has published two booklets. 'Fulbourn War Memorial: the Men who gave their lives in the Great War' researched by the Fulbourn Writers Group and 'The Story of Fulbourn's Red Cross V.A.D. Hospital 1914-1918' researched by Glynis Arber.

A successful book launch took place at Fulbourn Feast where they were on sale for the first time. Feedback has been very positive and both volumes contribute to a further understanding of our local heritage and history. The History Society Notice Board in the Foyer of The Fulbourn Centre also has a new display about Fulbourn and the Great War. It is intended that this will be the first of a number of such displays over the next few months. Please have a look!



## FULBOURN PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND APPEAL



The Cake looked fantastic and Rose considered it tasted as good as it looked!



An invitation to view the new extension to Fulbourn Primary School was accepted by your Chair and Secretary. The Classrooms were very impressive and a great deal of thought has been given to the design and decoration. After the tour, we were given an informative and enjoyable presentation about the Playground Appeal - it is hoping to raise £57,000 of which £17,250 has already been found. Visitors then watched the 'cutting of the celebratory cake' - and of course, enjoyed a slice from it!

## FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING, AUG. 11th



The weather was perfect and the company convivial! Many thanks to Susy Worzcroft for hosting this social event in her very nature-friendly garden.

Jackie Newell is also to be congratulated for the £15.00 profit she raised by her card sales that morning.

**Even the chickens seemed to enjoy the ambiance and caused considerably amusement to everyone there.**



## HIDDEN HISTORIES OF ARTEFACTS HELD IN OUR STORE: PRODUCING THE PRINTED WORD - BEFORE THE PERSONAL COMPUTER!



### PORTABLE TYPEWRITER

This machine still works! It was used to type characters before word processors and computers came on the mass market and was manufactured by the BRITISH OLIVER TYPEWRITING COMPANY.

### HISTORY

The **Oliver Typewriter Co.** was headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. It was marketed for home use and between 1895 and 1928 more than one million machines were produced.

Competitive pressure and financial troubles resulted in the company's liquidation in 1928. A group of investors purchased the Company's assets and formed the **British Oliver Typewriting Company** based in Croydon, England. They manufactured and licensed the machines until their closure in the late 1950's. The last Oliver typewriter was made in 1959.

### METHOD OF USE

The Oliver Typewriter was the first effective 'visible print' typewriter allowing the full page of text to be visible whilst it was being printed. It has a 'strike down' design meaning the type bars strike the platen (or roller) from above.

Its type bars are bent to form an inverted U shape and rest on 'towers' on the sides of the typewriter. These grew progressively larger as more keys were added which limited the design of the machine to a three row QWERTY keyboard and precluded the addition of a fourth keyboard row dedicated to numbers.

However, portable machines produced as Types 1-5 by the British Oliver Company had four row keyboards. The one in our collection probably dates from the early 1950's. It is a manual machine - the carriage release/return lever is operated by the user - not powered by electricity.

**GLYNIS ARBER**

**P.S. F.V.H.S. has now purchased a new, laptop. Replacing Windows XP with Windows 10 allows access to more recent software apps and the internet. It will also facilitate our research capabilities.**

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## A HIDDEN TREASURE HELD IN OUR ARCHIVE STORE

The Archive Store of Fulbourn Village History Society holds many treasures. One such is the Autograph book belonging to a member of the Wright family from Hall Farm. This may have been Miss Mary E 'Dolly' Wright, who volunteered as a V.A.D. nurse at Fulbourn's Red Cross V.A.D. Hospital during WWI. Alternatively, it could have belonged to one her younger sisters - Edith 'Tiss', Margaret 'Nelly', Sarah 'Lily' or Ethel. Only 56 pages were used and there appears to have been no particular chronological order imposed. The earliest dated entry was for 1911 and the last entry was dated 1926. Twenty five evidently came from people known personally to the Wright family while thirty one were from convalescent service men who were patients at the Hospital during the war. With one exception, it was possible to find the names of the soldiers entered in the Register of Admissions and Discharge for the Hospital. This reveals further information about the men such as the kind of injury or ailment they were convalescing from, the number of days under treatment and their home address. F.V.H.S. intend to reproduce the pages from the Autograph book and publish this online.

**MISS WRIGHT'S AUTOGRAPH BOOK: Transcription of page entries from those patients at Fulbourn's V.A.D. Hospital who specifically mentioned their stay in the Village.**

*Farewell! for I may ne'er return  
To view the, wondrous sight's  
Or wander round, Hall Farm  
Fulbourn  
A Ross  
Lovat Scout*

Trooper Ross, Alexander  
**Admitted** 17/07/15 **Discharged** 12/08/15  
**Service No.** 3677 **Regiment:** 1/2 Lovats Scout  
**Details of Case:** Rheumatic Fever  
**Address:** "The Smithy" Rosemarket, Rosshire

*There's many an evening I've had  
out so they say,  
But not one to beat the one  
over the way  
Its jolly fine company you  
must admit  
And I shall be awfully sorry to  
to flit*

*Corporal P C Rosewell  
1/1 st South Mid R.E.  
Clifton  
Bristol*

Cpl Rosewell, P.C  
**Admitted:** 28/02/17 **Discharged:** 29/03/17  
**Service No.** 500115 **Regiment:** R.E.S.Mid Sig  
**Details of Case:** Neuritis  
**Address:** 48 Alma Rd, Clifton, Somerset

*Here's to Miss Wright who lives over  
the way  
who has helped to brighten a dark hour  
away.  
Many is the game of cards we've had  
as in her company you could never be bad  
and in after years I shall often yearn  
to be back again in Old Fulbourn  
Corporal Stokes  
2nd Suffolks*

Cpl Stokes, H  
**Admitted:** 28/02/17 **Discharged:** 29/03/17  
**Service No.** 19476 **Regiment:** 2nd Suffolks  
**Details of Case:** S.W. (shot wound)  
**Address:** 9 Goodenough Rd, Wimbleton, London

*July 5th 1915  
Though fate should take me back again  
To Belgium all tattered and torn  
The happy hours I'll ever mind  
I have spent with thee in Fulbourn*

*"In the golden chain of friendship regard  
me as a 'link'."*

*With sincere wishes for the future  
Yours ever [?]*

*Sapper J F Bown, 9th Field Coy, Royal Engineers.  
In remembrance of a good time at Fulbourn.  
Wounded on Jan 22nd 1915*

Sapper Bown, John  
**Admitted:** 8/2/15 **Discharged:** 14/8/16  
**Service No.** 22813  
**Regiment:** 9th Field Coy, Royal Engineers  
**Details of Case:** Bullet left shoulder  
**Address:** 49 Forburgh Rd, Stoke Newington

Cpl Taylor, Henry A.  
**Admitted:** 25/05/15 **Discharged:** 12/7/15  
**Service No.** 1071 **Regiment:** 7th Warwicks  
**Details of Case:** G.S.W. (gun shot wound)  
Right leg  
**Address:** 13 Court Eight House Spout St,  
Coventry

## FULBOURN CASUALTIES OF THE GREAT WAR: Part 2

Some appreciation of the suffering caused by World War I upon the men and families of Fulbourn may be discerned through the very brief accounts in the Fulbourn Chronicles of injuries received and reports of those combatants that died during the conflict.

Where possible, the following description of events is provided in chronological order.

Three more Fulbourn men were also listed as casualties in reports throughout May 1917. Mr & Mrs John Butler 'have received notice that their son, Lance-Corpl. Herbert Butler, Suffolks, is **wounded**' and in hospital 'somewhere' in France.

Lce-Corpl. Herbert Rogers (son of Mrs Rogers, of the Mangle Inn) was '**severely wounded in the head and is in the 7th Canadian Hospital, France.**' [16.05.17]

Mr & Mrs Henry Banyard, of Low Farm, also heard [23.05.17] that their son, Trooper Harry Banyard, is '**wounded in the foot and is in hospital somewhere in France. (His foot later had to be amputated to save his life).**'

A number of the men who fought were married, some such as Pte. Victor Peacock, of Waterbeach, whose wedding to local Fulbourn girl, Miss Harriet Missen, fourth daughter of Mr & Mrs George Missen, of Broad Green, was reported on 10 December, 1915.

In May, 1917, Mrs Peacock heard [23.05.17] '**that her husband, Pte. Peacock, of the Suffolk Regt, has been missing since April 9th.**' They presumably had had a very short married life spent together, and the uncertainty such a report engendered must have been especially hard.

Entries in the newspaper [22.06.17] provide details of four more injured Fulbourn men.

*'Local Casualties'*

*Mrs Robert Rule has been informed that her husband, Pte. Robert Rule, of the R.G.A., is in a military hospital at King's Road, Chelsea.*

*Mr & Mrs Banyard, of Low Farm, have heard that their eldest son, Pte Frederick Banyard, Bedford Regt. lies in hospital somewhere in France, suffering from a **wound in the neck.***

*Mrs Hart, of Hay Street, has heard that her son, Pte. Charles Hart, of the Suffolks, is in hospital at Southampton, suffering from a **wound in the leg.***

*Mr & Mrs A. Hart, Pierce Lane, have been informed that their son, Pte. B Hart, of the Suffolk Regt., was **wounded in the foot by a bomb explosion.***

Injuries to the lower limbs appear to have been quite common. Pte. Albert Percy Peachey (son of Mr & Mrs Peachey, New Farm, Barbraham Road) was '**wounded in the left foot. The injury was so serious that the foot had to be amputated**'. [31.08.17]

Similarly, Mrs Knowles heard [19.09.17] that her husband, Pte. A. Knowles, was '**severely wounded in the left arm and left foot and ankle, and is now in the Military Hospital, Bethnal Green**'.

Pte. Knowles spent his convalescence in Fulbourn's V.A.D. Hospital. Personal tragedy followed - the Chronicle [21.12.17] describes, '*Much sympathy is felt for Pte. Albert Knowles in the sad death of his wife, Jessie Knowles, which occurred at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Pte. Knowles, who is a patient at the Fulbourn V.A.D. Hospital, is left with one little boy.*'

His plight obviously resonated with the people of Fulbourn as can be shown by the a report dated December 28, 1917.

*'The patients at the hospital, together with the nurses, sang carols in the village on Saturday night and Monday night, to the delight of the village folks, and the amount collected - £5 - was handed to Pte. Albert Knowles, in his sad bereavement. The party sang carols at the Christmas service on Christmas Day at the Congregational Church, when a special collection was taken in aid of Pte. Knowles, and realised £5 4s..*

Officers were, obviously, not immune from becoming casualties of war as the following entries show.

*Fulbourn Lieutenant Killed.*

*Much sympathy is felt for Mr & Mrs Harris Webster, of Hay Street, in the sad loss of their only son, Lieut. Lawrence Fitzgerald Webster, 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles, 8th Brigade, 3rd Division, who was **killed in action** on October 30th, aged 31. [14.11.17]*

2nd Lieut. A. Thompson McCullagh **'was severely wounded by a gas shell** in France and now lies at the No. 14 General Hospital Wimereaux, where he is progressing as well as can be expected'. [09.01.18]

It is not quite clear why Lieut. McCullagh was included in news relating to Fulbourn, since his parents lived at Ingleside, Rock Road, Cambridge. However, it was mentioned that he was *'well known in Cambridge'*.

As the First World War progressed into its final stages, reports of deaths and injuries to Fulbourn men still continued.

Pte. George William Peachey, aged 19, who had been **missing** since March 28, 1918, is **'now reported as killed on that date'**. [25.06.19]

As the date of the entry shows, his parents, Mr & Mrs William Peachey of New Farm, Babraham Road, did not have confirmation of this for fifteen months.

*'Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Pulfer, and Mr & Mrs C. Moule and family, of Hill Farm. They have heard that Pte. B Pulfer, Bedfordshire Regt. was **killed in action** during the recent fighting'. [01.05.18]*

Pte. Arthur Butler (son of Mrs John Butler, Home End), was **wounded in the right shoulder and left ankle**. [19.06.18]

*'Mrs Foreman has heard that her son, Pte. Alfred Foreman, R.A.M.C. is **missing**.'* [24.06.18]

*'Mrs Mawhood has received official intimation that her husband, Lce-Corpl. George Mawhood, Royal Marine Light Infantry, is **not among the survivors of the vessel on which he was serving, and which was torpedoed recently, and that in the absence of any evidence to the contrary he must be regarded as having lost his life**. Mrs Mawhood has also received a letter from Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, on behalf of the King and Queen, assuring her of their Majesties' true sympathy with her in her sorrow.'* [24.06.18]

Lance Corpl. John Mervyn Pettit, (second son of Mr & Mrs Seth Pettit, Mill Hill), **'died of wounds in France at the age of 41'**. [21.08.18]

Even as the war came to an end, chemical weapons were still being used.

*'Fulbourn Men Gassed and Wounded*

*Mrs A. White, of 8 Church Street, Fulbourn, has heard that her son, Pte. Edwin White, of the Suffolks, has been **severely burned and gassed**, and is now lying in hospital at Shrewsbury.*

*Mrs W. Mason, of Church Street, Fulbourn, has received news that her son, Corpl. E. Mason, has been **gassed** and is in hospital in France.*

*Mrs Jobson, of Home End, has heard that her son, Pte. Jobson, is lying **seriously ill with gunshot wounds** in hospital at Rouen'. [11.09.18]*

Pte. Fred (or Ned, according to another report) Hart, second son to Mr & Mrs Arthur Hart, **fell in action**. [25.09.18] as did Pte. William Henry Papworth, who was **killed on 27 September 1918**, and *'whose wife resides at Home End'*. [06.11.18]

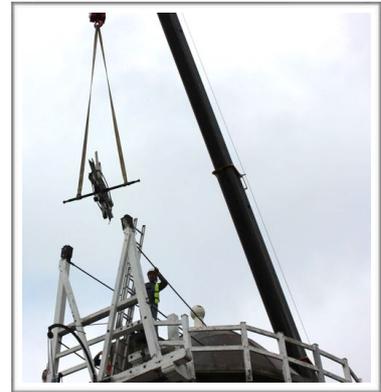
**Glynis Arber**

# FULBOURN WINDMILL (Part III).

## Sail and Fantail Restoration Project 2013 - 2016

### 4 (continued from Newsletter 47) Fantail

The Fantail acts like a giant weather vane, spinning in one direction or the other depending on the angle of wind. Through a series of drive shafts and gears, the spinning of the fan itself then acts to turn the cap so that the sails are always facing the wind direction. The fan comprises 8 large blades attached to a circular cast iron hub.



**Lowering of fantail**



**Fan blades standing under tent**

Again, all the wood was subject to the same treatment as the sails, although in this case, the stocks were painted in black, to give the trademark finish of millwright Paul Kemp (fig 18).

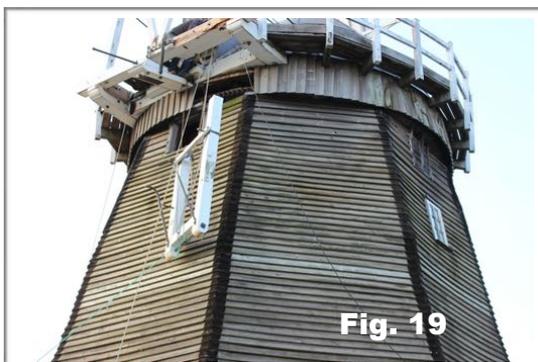
Prior to the restoration programme a skeleton fantail made from marine plywood had been fitted. This had failed to stand up to the ravages of the weather and so had had to be removed. To facilitate the construction of the new blades, the fantail shaft and assembly was lowered to the ground with the sail lift in September 2014 (fig 16).

The replacement blades were constructed (fig 17) and attached to individual stocks of



**Completed fan blade on front lawn**

### 5 Fantail Staging



**Lowering of fantail drive harness**

Nevertheless, this still required some elements of the staging to be removed and lowered to the ground where it could be worked on more easily. Of course, it was neither practical nor affordable always to hire a crane for this purpose, and so the team had to resort to more traditional methods! (fig 19).

Although it had been replaced as part of the restoration programme in the 90s, the wooden framework supporting the fantail unfortunately also proved to be suffering from substantial wet rot. However, rather than wholesale removal and replacement, it was decided to replace only those components most seriously damaged (eg the “A” Frame cross beam) and to refurbish the remaining components by scarfing in new wood and using copious quantities of epoxy resin.

## 6 Ironwork

Much of the original ironwork used for the striking gear (used to open and close the sail shutters) and the winding gear (used to drive the rotation of the cap from the fantail) remained in place. However, again weather had taken its toll and many of the original castings were badly rusted. Although made from extremely heavy cast iron, wherever possible the metal components were removed and lowered to the ground manually (**fig 20**) where they were carefully cleaned and repainted with metal primer and paint (**fig 21**). In one or two cases repairs were needed, particularly to the broken teeth on some gears. However, the worm gear connecting the fantail shaft to the down drive shaft, a critical component, was completely missing. A paten was made for this and a complete new worm gear cast (**fig 22**).



Fig. 20

Example of lowering of metal drive



Fig. 21

Repainting / restoration of iron work on the ground



Fig. 22

New worm gear.

### Dr Ian Harrison

#### Further information:

For further information about Fulbourn Mill, please visit the website [www.fulbournwindmill.org.uk](http://www.fulbournwindmill.org.uk) or find us on Facebook. The Mill is usually open to visitors on the first Saturday of every month, except December to February, although viewings outside these times can be made by prior arrangement with the owners at [harrisons@oneservice.co.uk](mailto:harrisons@oneservice.co.uk)

### DIARY DATES

**Saturday 3 Nov** Fulbourn Library will have on display WWI Books. F.V.H.S. is also selling 'Fulbourn War Memorial' and 'The Story of Fulbourn's Red Cross V.A.D. Hospital'.

**Our First Meeting of 2018 -2019 Season is on Thursday 18 October, 7.30 in the Fulbourn Centre. If you intend to pay your Annual Subscription at this evening, please bring the correct change. Thank you.**

#### Talks 2018-2019

**18 Oct. Boudicca** by Cris Carr

**15 Nov. Samuel Pepys and his Fabulous Library** by Jane Hughes

**14 Dec. Tudor Christmas** by Katy Salmon  
(Social Event).

**17 Jan. Mackays** by Duncan Mackay

**21 Feb. Village Life in the 1800's**  
by Helen Harwood.

**21 Mar. Special Operations:  
Nadine's Story** by John Munden

## HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW LOGO?

Some subtle changes have been made to the original design which now incorporates our full name rather than just the initials.



Information about the contents of Fulbourn Village History Society Archive Store has also been updated. This will be on our Board in the Foyer of the Fulbourn Centre after the WWI exhibitions have ended. However, we are conscious that there are a number of new members who may not be aware of our Research facilities and the records that we possess. Please come along and visit us in the Archive Store, Fulbourn Centre on Monday or Wednesday from 10.00 until noon where you can find information about....

### FAMILY HISTORY such as

- ~ Register of Electors and the Census Returns from 1841-1901.
- ~ List of Names on Headstones in United the Reformed Church and St.Vigors churchyards (and Church Registers).
- ~ Transcriptions of Wills dating from 16C drawn up by Fulbourn inhabitants
- ~ Press cuttings from local Newspapers dating from 1980's to the present.
- ~ Photographs associated with Fulbourn places and people from 1870's onwards.

### BUILDINGS and STREETS

- ~ Surveys of Historic Houses within the village.
- ~ History/plans of significant buildings eg. the Churches, Fulbourn Windmill, Pumping Station, The Manor...
- ~ Maps of Fulbourn Parish - some are copies of early maps and others large scale O.S. maps.
- ~ Copies of Draft (1806) and final (1814) Enclosure Map of the Parish.

### FULBOURN VILLAGE RECORDS and FULBOURN SOCIETIES

- ~ Extracts from Fulbourn Parish Minute Book 1859-1990.
- ~ W.I. Minute books
- ~ Births, Marriages and Deaths Parish Records.
- ~ 'The Mill' Parish Magazine 1947 to present.
- ~ Documents relating to Fulbourn Societies eg. British Legion, Bell Ringers, Cricket, Teversham & Fulbourn British Legion Band.

### LOCAL HISTORY and BOOKS

- ~ We have a Reference Library containing books on history, geology, archaeology etc of the local area.
- ~ The five volumes of the Fulbourn Chronicles compiled from Newspaper reports 1750-1960 are also available as is 'Highways and Byways'.
- ~ Fulbourn Village History Society publishes books on research undertaken by members and titles include: 'Walks Around Fulbourn', 'In Search of Fulbourn', 'Fulbourn War Memorial' and 'The Story of Fulbourn's Red Cross V.A.D. Hospital'.

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## NOTICE FROM THE TREASURER Dr Ian Harrison

- All 2017-18 Members who have not set up a Standing Order will receive their subscription form for the 2018-19 season via email.
- Those Members who do not have an email address will receive their subscription form for the 2018-19 season delivered by hand or post.
- At the beginning of September, when the Standing Orders are paid, all members who have renewed by Standing Order will be sent an email or hand delivered note, confirming their renewal and membership for 2018-19.
- Treasurer's contact details: [harrisons@oneservice.co.uk](mailto:harrisons@oneservice.co.uk) Mill House, Cambridge Rd, Fulbourn