

# FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

"To save Fulbourn's past for the future"

## NEWSLETTER

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### **ROUNDUP of Speakers to date:**

#### **STRAW OR REED?**

A thatcher all his working life, Malcolm Dodson from Kings Ripton spoke at the October meeting and gave members an entertaining and informative talk about thatching, its history and future development. Following his talk, Malcolm spent over half an hour answering questions and fielding members' concerns about their thatched roofs

#### **WONDERS IN WOOD**

Alan Eade's hobby is studying timber-framed buildings. He spoke at the November meeting about the history of timber framed buildings, illustrating his talk with slides taken on his travels around the UK and Europe.

#### **A GOOD OL' BOR**

The Christmas meeting, held in the Townley Hall, was a very happy occasion. Mince pies, mulled wine and the talented John Humphreys (from Bottisham) were a winning combination. John entertained members with hilarious Tales from the Fens., based around his boyhood during the 1940s and 50s at Sutton in the Isle, Ely, where his father was vicar.

#### **LABOUR MARKET**

Rachel Wroth spoke most eloquently at the January meeting about College servants in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Mrs Wroth handed out a list of servants from Fulbourn who had worked at Emmanuel College, where her late husband was master; she is engaged in further research of this subject.

***COPIES OF FULBOURN CHRONICLES AND HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS AVAILABLE NOW FROM FULBOURN POST OFFICE OR NORMAN OSBORNE, 18 TEVERSHAM ROAD, FULBOURN***

#### **ENGLISH HERITAGE NATIONAL MONUMENTS RECORD Local Studies Resources Pack**

The National Monuments Record is the public archive of English Heritage and has designed this offer for people interested in finding out more about their local area. An order form is attached detailing the offer so if you are interested, complete and return it to the address shown on the form.

#### **JANUARY DANCE**

Ann Waldock again organised a very successful dance to raise money for the Society's funds; a profit of £148 was made. Our thanks to Ann for organising the dance, Ivy for organising the raffle and everyone who came and joined in the fun.

#### **WHEN WAS YOUR HOME BUILT?**

The Society is trying to compile an up-to-date record of all buildings in the Parish and would like every FVHS member to check, where possible, the deeds of their house, and let Tony Goodall, 41 Cherry Orchard (tel.880401) have the following information:

- Date built
- Builder's name, if known
- Alterations & dates & builder's name, if known
- Your name & those of any previous occupants, together with dates, if known
- Name & postal address of property
- Any other information of interest relating to property
- If you cannot discover exact details, please give best estimate and state "estimate"

**Remember, Tony Goodall is waiting for your response!**

#### **CAMBRIDGE ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY**

The 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting will be held Monday 4 March 2002 at 5.45p.m. in the Chemistry Laboratories, Lensfield Road, Cambridge. All members of Fulbourn Village History Society are welcome to attend.

#### **CONFERENCE ELY: Archaeology, architecture & historical perspectives**

Cambridge Antiquarian Society have arranged the above conference for Saturday 9 March 2002 at Lady Mitchell Hall, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge. In recent years there has been considerable research into aspects of Ely's past. Archaeological discoveries have radically altered previous models for the origins and development of the Saxon & mediaeval town, its economic basis and the extent of trading contacts. In addition the monastery & cathedral have attracted much fresh study through historical documents and standing building recording. This conference gives the opportunity for current research and new insights to be presented and discussed.

