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Editorial

These Proceedings take us on the usual chronological tour of Cambridgeshire's past, from scant traces of Neolithic occupation at Fenstanton to the impact of 19th century entrepreneurship and 20th century planning on Cambridge's Victorian New Town. As ever, we aim to bring you the most significant results of the latest archaeological excavations, together with the Society's parallel interest in historical and landscape studies. Residents of Cambridge should feel especially well served by the painstaking work represented both in Philomena Guillebaud's reconstruction of the events and effects of enclosure of the West Fields, and Bryan and Wise's analysis of one area of post-enclosure development — as they say, a microcosm of development quite typical of Cambridge in an exceptionally dynamic age. Anthea Jones literally lets the past speak for itself, through the letters of the wife of an Ely bishop, whose domestic concerns were little affected by her husband's daunting ecclesiastical responsibilities.

Outside the normal running of an active local society, CAS has been involved in a peripheral but deeply concerned way with the heritage service (including archaeology, archives and museums) of the County Council. Regular readers will be aware of the concerns we have expressed over the years at what we have seen as a general failure to support excellent staff by providing the right resources. This spring, financial matters became significantly worse, and CAS joined a substantial body of protest which at least postponed for one year one tranche of cuts (worth £100,000). This cut will however go ahead in 2006, leaving Heritage Services to face a 30% budget reduction from £927,000 to £650,000, even though Cambridgeshire is already well below neighbouring counties in funding these services. A consultants' (Kentwood Associates) discussion paper notes among other things that one decision that has caused most damage to the Council's reputation is the abolition of the post of the County Museums Officer, and CAS knows how much John Goldsmith, a vastly effective supporter of local museums since 1975, would be missed (August 2005). They note too that proposed cuts will require far-reaching policy decisions to withdraw from non-statutory services which would have 'a major impact, both for the public directly and on the ability of those services to lever additional — and often substantial — funding from external sources'.

The consultants are particularly flattering about archaeology. 'We believe this to be an outstanding example of a County Council Archaeology Service. Its archaeology and countryside advice services are held in high regard by planners, developers, other local authorities, and regional and national organisations. The service has an enviable track record in obtaining external funding... The outreach programme — particularly work with schools — is exemplary.' The report is concerned that such work is not put at risk, and it is critical of the current short opening hours of the County Record Office, of the County's failure to provide public access to historic buildings information since 2002, and the loss (August 2005) of a valued mentor for small museums. It is also worried that, if a proposed new Historical Resource & Cultural Centre is built with PFI money, there would not be funding to staff it adequately for the hours the public would reasonably expect.

There are clearly frightening times ahead, not least for our small, mostly voluntary, museums. This is very sad at a time when there is so much public enthusiasm for the past and so many new sources that can be tapped if the right support and advice are available. CAS has already filled some gaps, for example by taking responsibility for *Conduit* and publishing 'Recent Fieldwork' without grant support, and we are hoping to reinstate some financial support for local archaeological groups. We will continue of course to co-operate with the County Council through advice, by offering joint working and by fruitful liaison with their over-worked staff. We hope this coming year will see some solutions rather than additional problems, and a better atmosphere of hope and confidence. CAS is certainly willing to give all the support it can.

Just as these *Proceedings* were going to press, we heard the sad news that Rev Prof William Friend had died, at the age of 89. His had been a long and distinguished career (or perhaps series of careers, as theologian, soldier, priest and archaeologist), and he did outstanding work on early Christianity. In his later years in Cambridgeshire he impressed and worried us in turn with his continuing excavations, which were fruitful to the last. He has already submitted the results of this work to CAS for publication, and I am guilty in not having yet edited them for publication. The next *Proceedings* (2006) will include a full obituary for William, with his excavations at Great Wilbraham and accounts of Christian artefacts from Roman Cambridgeshire.

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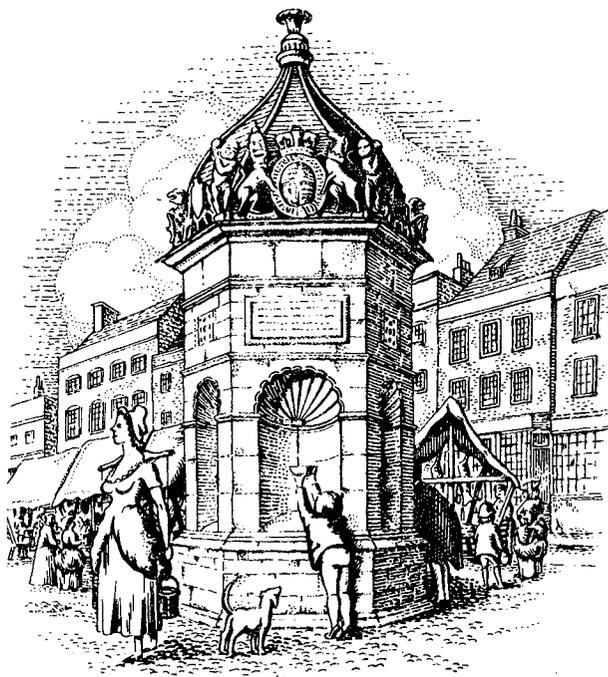
Local History and Archaeology Organisations, Societies and Events

This year's Conduit demonstrates afresh that vibrant commitment which has distinguished historical pursuits so long in our region. Thanks to the Government's vision for 'growth' here, as Tony Kirby emphasised in last year's *Conduit*, our commitment was never needed more than today. And then came the news that Cambridgeshire County Council was to trim its admired 'heritage' services. Neighbouring authorities had done so already but Cambridgeshire's provision was very modest in the first place. As witness the following pages, our own activities in local and family history, archaeology, the support of museums, and every other aspect of preservation and conservation, show that the authorities do not work alone. Each of the councils in our region has long performed certain core functions, not least by virtue of enjoying the broader view. That was emphasised to us by several of the Society's affiliated organisations as we prepared our submission to the County Council's consultants.

So many of the very people for whom the Government is trying to cater with new houses and enhanced infrastructure are strongly concerned about the historic environment. Accordingly, we recommended a 'community approach' in which the County Council works with all of us. Indeed, its plans for a new Heritage Research & Cultural Centre in Cambridge are apt. As 'stakeholders' and citizens, should we not demand that the County Council cultivates its responsibilities fully? Our Secretary would be glad to hear from readers about this.

We are very pleased, again, to include *The Conduit* as a supplement to our Society's *Proceedings*. With the Cambridgeshire Local History Society, we are considering ways to improve the bulletin's content, distribution and frequency. Comments on this matter too would be gladly received by our Secretary. In the meantime, we are grateful to her and Andrew Westwood-Bate for compiling this year's edition.

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The Society was founded in 1840 to promote the study of history, architectural history, and archaeology and the conservation of relevant features and objects, within the county of Cambridgeshire particularly. Members are entitled to free access to lectures (to which university undergraduates and members' guests are welcome), reduced fees for conferences, a free copy of PCAS and access to a specialist archaeological library. Summer excursions are also arranged.

Our monthly lectures and the day conferences are normally held in the Law Faculty, Cambridge University Sidgwick site, except for the joint meeting with the Cambridgeshire Local History Society. There is some free parking available.

Lectures start at 6.00pm and last for about an hour, with an opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 10 Oct Graeme Barker *The Prehistory of Rainforest foraging in island SE Asia*
- 7 Nov Ian Haynes *Life in the Roman 'Auxilia'* (in association with the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies)
- 19 Nov CONFERENCE: *Recent archaeological work in Cambridgeshire*
- 5 Dec Malcolm Gaskill *The Devil in Cambridgeshire: the witch-hunting campaign of 1645-1647*
- 9 Jan Gwil Owen *Archaeological photography: whither away?*
- 4 Feb Jacqueline Cooper *The link between Swing Riots & Allotments* (Joint meeting with the Cambridgeshire Local History Society 2.15pm, St John's Hall, Blinco Grove, Cambridge)
- 6 Feb Debby Banham *'Yes, But what did they have for Breakfast?' Anglo-Saxon food & drink*
- 6 Mar Tony Legge *Edward Daniel Clarke & the Rosetta Stone* (preceded by CAS AGM at 5.45pm)
- 11 Mar CONFERENCE: *The Medieval Castle in East Anglia & Beyond*
- 3 Apr *To be confirmed*
- 8 May Tony Kirby *The rise & fall of English seaside resorts, 1750-2005* (Joint meeting with the Cambridgeshire Local History Society)
- 5 Jun Professor Norman Hammond *New Light on the Ancient Maya*



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The County Council's Archaeological Field Unit has been busy working throughout the County and in neighbouring counties (Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire) over the past year. Notable excavations

included a new Iron Age settlement at Linton, during the investigation at the Village College, Later Prehistoric and Roman remains at Fordham under the new bypass and two large projects in Huntingdon at Walden House and Hartford Road. Huntingdon investigations uncovered important medieval remains from the historic town and were well timed to coincide with the Huntingdon 800 celebrations.

The Archaeological Field Unit are currently engaged in investigation at Loves Farm, St Neots on an Iron Age and Roman rural settlement, work on which is likely to last well into 2006. Open days will be held and there are currently volunteer opportunities on this and most other Archaeological Field Unit projects. Future archaeological excavations are planned at Papworth, ahead of the proposed bypass and as usual the Archaeological Field Unit will be excavating throughout the county.



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Cambridgeshire Archaeology is continuing to build on the extensive and popular outreach service which it offers to the county. Last year (2004) was the most successful year to date with over 100 events and 9000 people visiting and taking part in public archaeology events and projects. So far in 2005 this good work has continued and a programme of events is underway (see below). There are also opportunities to volunteer with the Archaeological Field Unit and get involved in Community Archaeology projects.

The major community archaeology project for 2005 was at Mill Common, part of the Huntingdon 800 celebrations, with the Huntingdon & Godmanchester Civic Society, supported by the Local Heritage Initiative.

For details of this or any other event please contact the Outreach Officer (David Crawford-White).

- 7 Sept *Rampton Guided Walk* with Stephen Macaulay around the medieval castle and village. 7pm, with storytelling event afterwards round an open fire with Paul Jackson. Meet at the monument entrance. FREE. Contact David Crawford-White, Outreach Officer (01223 576201 or 714136)
- 10 Sept *St Ives Finds Identification Day* with the Finds Liaison Officer at the Norris Museum, St Ives. 10am–1pm Contact Finds Liaison Officer (01223 717573) FREE
- 13–23 Sept *Hinchingbrooke Country Park* A range of activities for schools looking at society and lifestyle during the Iron Age & Roman periods at the Iron Age farmstead. £4.75 per pupil, book with Hinchingbrooke Country Park (01480 451568)
- 25 Sept *Hinchingbrooke Country Park* A look at late Roman Britain with Britannia and Venta Icenorum at the Iron Age farmstead. Finds Identification with the Finds Liaison Officer. Adults £2, Children free, 11am–4pm Contact Finds Liaison Officer (01223 717573)
- 2 Oct *Using natural dyes through the ages*, Hinchingbrooke Country Park. A day course with Tina Stapley at the Iron Age farmstead. £30, 10am–4pm, book with Hinchingbrooke Country Park (01480 451568)
- 16 Oct *Pewter Bangle workshop*, Hinchingbrooke Country Park. Day course with Neil Burridge at

the Iron Age farmstead. £35, 10am–5pm, book with Hinchingbrooke Country Park (01480 451568)

- 22 Oct Ely Finds Identification Day with the Finds Liaison Officer at Ely Museum. FREE, 10am – 5pm Contact Finds Liaison Officer (01223 717573)
- 29 Oct *Celtic (Samhain) Halloween Tales* at the Iron Age farmstead, Hinchingbrooke Country Park. Not suitable for children under 10 years. Adults £5, Children £3 (family ticket available), 7pm–9pm, book with Hinchingbrooke Country Park (01480 451568)
- 19 Nov *St Neots Finds Identification Day* with the Finds Liaison Officer at St Neots Museum. FREE, 11am–3pm. Contact Finds Liaison Officer (01223 717573)

Cambridgeshire Archaeology reserves the right to change this programme without notice. Please check details of events before travelling.



ACTIVE8 ARCHAEOLOGY

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The aim of the group is to undertake private research projects, such as house histories, village histories, site identification and field work including surveying and excavation. The group also carries out their own research projects and investigations, aiming to get as many unidentified and unprotected sites as possible recorded to help preserve them.

The group is available for talks and guided tours.

In 2005 we will be continuing with the 2XL St Bede's School Local Heritage Initiative (LHI) funded project at Cherry Hinton Hall, finishing preliminary work at the previously unidentified watermill site in the grounds and beginning the second phase of the research into the 19th century Hall, park and gardens.

We will be continuing research and field work into an area of interest with unidentified and unrecorded earthworks in Peebles, Scotland.

Some other areas of work 2005–2006 include:

- Gog Magog research
- Euximoor Drove near Wisbech: private house history
- Cambridgeshire hill forts research
- BBC Peoples War site – continuing to gather WW2 stories and material for inclusion.



ARCHAEOLOGY RHEESEARCH

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This is our new name for Triplow Landscape Research Group. The name reflects our further involvement with the Local Heritage Initiative as we have been funded to undertake research into the landscape around South Cambridgeshire. We can now do magnetometry surveys as well as ground resistivity. We like to think of ourselves as a friendly group with no membership requirements (or subscriptions!). New members are always welcome as is contact with other groups in the area who would like to have a survey done on an interesting site. For more details contact the Chairman.



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The group formed to enjoy practical archaeology, including field walking, surveying, some excavating, landscape studies and finds processing, and to hold lectures on archaeological topics for the benefit of members and others. It works within about 15 miles of Cambridge, usually on Sunday mornings, both on its own projects and with the County Archaeological Field Unit.

Lectures on archaeological topics are held at the Department of Archaeology, Downing Street, Cambridge, from October to June, usually on the first Wednesday in the month, 7.30pm. Other (processing) evenings are on Wednesdays at the Community Centre, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn, from 7.45pm. Processing continues throughout the year and lectures will start again on the 5 October, although the programme is not yet finalised. Field walking will start in September/October.

Subscriptions: £7.00 individual, £10 family; £1 per lecture for non-members

Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.



ELY AND DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (EDAS)

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The object of the Society is 'to advance the education of the public in their study of archaeology, history and kindred subjects'. EDAS promotes this via:

- A programme of lectures between October and May
- Visits to sites of archaeological or historical interest
- Collecting and disseminating information about archaeology and history of the local area

Our monthly lectures are held on the third Monday of the month at 8.00pm in the New Room Ely Methodist Church, Chapel Street Ely Cambs. Annual subscription is Individual £8, Joint at the same Address £14, Visitors £2 and Students £1. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

17 Oct Ian Taylor *Romano-British finds at Boxworth, Cambridgeshire*

21 Nov Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl *EDAS: A quarter century of historical investigation*

16 Jan *To be confirmed*

20 Feb Dr Simon Kaner *Recent discoveries in Japanese archaeology*

20 Mar *To be confirmed*

15 May *To be confirmed*



HAVERHILL & DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

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The Group was formed in 1975 to investigate the archaeology of an area within a 10km radius of Haverhill, including parts of Cambs, Essex and Suffolk. Our fieldwork research area in South-East Cambridgeshire covers the parishes of Bartlow, Castle Camps, Horseheath, Shudy Camps and West Wickham. West Wrattling is currently being investigated and will be added to our parishes list. Fieldwork is undertaken on Sunday mornings, crops and weather permitting, and is directed

primarily to the non-destructive detection, identification and investigation of archaeological sites using various methods of field surveying and full liaison with the County Council Archaeological services.

Anyone interested in committing their Sunday mornings on a regular basis to assist/learn 'in the field' would be very welcome.

In addition to fieldwork, monthly lectures are held from September to April. These informal meetings are held in Haverhill Town Hall Arts centre, usually on the third Tuesday of each month except January, when the AGM is held. Non-Members may be asked for a £1 donation. Annual subscriptions are Individual £9, Couple £13, Concessionary £6.50, Joint Concessionary £11. New members are always welcome, both active and armchair-interested alike!

Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

BALSHAM ARCHIVES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

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This extensive collection of archives, photographs and postcards has been collected over many years. The main aim is to collect or scan as many photographs and postcards of the village as possible, as well as to record and transcribe as many historical documents, deeds, wills, etc as can be found.

If anyone has any photographs or pertinent information or documents the group is always very grateful for the opportunity to scan them, in order to build up a picture of this special village, once the home of the Summer Palace of the Bishop of Ely, hence its large and important church.



BRAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Society meets on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Brampton Institute in the Stocker Room. Non-members are welcome at £1.50 per session. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

28 Sep John Gibbs *Charles Wells: A Family Brewery*

23 Nov Brian White *The history of the Railway Post Office*

25 Jan AGM followed by David Hufford *Old Buildings of Huntingdon in pictures*



BUCKDEN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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Founded 1979, the Society aims to promote the study and knowledge of local history in its widest sense, primarily by means of talks on all manner of topics in any way connected with the subject and will be pleased to promote individual or group research into local history projects. Anyone interested in research is asked to contact the Chairman.

Meetings are usually held at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month (September to June) in the Conference Room at Buckden Towers. Annual Subscription, Members £10, Visitors £2 per session.

Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

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The Society meets at Burwell Village College, usually on the third Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm. Membership is £12 per annum, payable at the first meeting in September. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings at £2 per visit. This can be deducted from the full membership fee if, subsequently, they decide to join the Society. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 21 Sep Faith Carpenter *Life on Nelson's ships*
- 19 Oct Rachel Wroth *College servants in the 19th century*
- 16 Nov Sue Oosthuizen *Medieval water management in Fenland: the Burwell Weirs and beyond*
- 14 Dec CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
- 18 Jan John Sutton *Royal Newmarket*
- 22 Feb Chloe Cockerill *1000 Years of English churches*
- 15 Mar Douglas Evans *The Landscape of Displeasure*
- 19 Apr AGM, Local Speaker
- 17 May Peter Filby *Windmills in the Burwell area*



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The Society was founded in 1951 as the Cambridgeshire Local History Council. The name was changed to the Cambridgeshire Local History Society in 1983. The object of the Society is to encourage and support the study of Local History in Cambridgeshire. Corporate Membership by Local History Clubs and Societies or any other organisation with similar aims is strongly encouraged as the Society acts as a Representative Body, always endeavouring to look after other local societies best interests as the umbrella group and information hub for local history in Cambridgeshire. Individual, Family and Junior membership is open to anyone interested in local history.

Our monthly lectures are normally held at St John's Hall, Blinco Grove, off Hills Road, Cambridge, except for the joint meetings with other Societies. There is plentiful free parking.

Saturday lectures start at 2.15pm and last for about an hour, with the opportunity for questions and discussion, while enjoying a cup of tea afterwards; there is always the opportunity to find out what is happening outside Cambridgeshire. An annual 'Review' and bi-annual newsletter are issued to members. The annual subscription is £10 for Corporate or Affiliated membership, £8 for Individual Membership, £10 for Family Membership and £3 Junior Membership. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 1 Oct Hilary Ritchie *History of nursing at Addenbrooke's*
- 5 Nov Brian Creasey *The gardens and inhabitants of Easton Lodge, Great Dunmow*
- 3 Dec Peter Ibbett *A-Z of Victorian Farming* (Joint meeting with the Cambridgeshire Industrial Archaeology Society)

- 3 Jan David Bushy *Victorian Child Employment* (Joint meeting with the Cambridgeshire Family History Society)
- 4 Feb Jacqueline Cooper *The link between Swing Riots & Allotments* (Joint meeting with the Cambridge Antiquarian Society)
- 4 Mar David Short *What people had in their houses 1600–1700*
- 13 Mar Peter Filby *Trades and industries in Cambridgeshire* (Joint meeting with the Cambridgeshire Industrial Archaeology Society at 7.45pm at the Friends Meeting House, Jesus Lane, Cambridge)
- 1 Apr Maureen James *The Clarkson's at Wisbech*
- 6 May AGM & Local History Awards for 2005 at Haslingfield: *details to be confirmed*
- 8 May Tony Kirby *The rise & fall of English seaside resorts: 1750–2005* (Joint meeting with the Cambridge Antiquarian Society at 6pm at the Law Faculty, Sidgwick Site, Cambridge)
- The Society also plans to hold a Practical Workshop in Local History Study in February 2006



CAMBRIDGESHIRE RECORDS SOCIETY

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The Cambridgeshire Records Society, formerly Cambridge Antiquarian Records Society, was founded in 1972 as the result of a decision by the Cambridge Antiquarian Society to form a separate society for publishing documentary sources relating to the history of Cambridgeshire and neighbouring areas. Members of the Society support the research, editing, and preparation of Cambridgeshire records for publication. The subscriptions provide essential long term finance. Membership is open to individuals and to groups and institutions. The annual subscription is £14 and members receive one free copy of each volume (post free) on publication and can purchase back copies at a reduced price. The Society organises visits and talks to launch their volumes. The Society has recently published 'The Churchwardens' Book of Bassingbourn, Cambridgeshire 1496 – c.1540' edited by David Dymond; This is the first published edition of these frequently quoted accounts of a rural parish, with related wills and tax return, which illustrates nearly all aspects of parochial life in the half century before the Reformation.

Works in preparation for 2005/6 are:

Wimpole: A catalogue of Architectural Drawings and Topographical Views

David Adshead, being published jointly with the National Trust.

Reduced reprint of the Ordnance Survey 1:500 town plans of Cambridge 1886–1902, being prepared for publication by AP Baggs and Peter Bryan.

Past Publications: The Society has 19 publications in stock, including two map editions:

Bakers Map of Cambridge 1830

Portfolio of 12 maps illustrating the changing plan of Cambridge 1574–1904

The Society's publications are on sale at the County Record Office. The postal address for enquiries and for purchasing volumes: Cambridgeshire Records Society, County Record Office, Shire Hall Box RES 1009, Cambridge CB3 0AP. For volumes ordered by post, there is an additional charge for postage and packing. Personal applications can also be made at the County Record Office, Shire Hall.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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The object of the Society is to advance the education of the public in the study of family history with particular reference to heraldry and genealogy.

Our monthly meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm, normally at St John's Hall, Blinco Grove, off Hills Road, Cambridge. Membership runs from January to December, UK Membership £7, Overseas Membership £10.

Our March Branch hold their meetings at March Library, City Road, March, PE15 9LT on the first Tuesday of the month, from 7pm. to around 8.45pm. Refreshments are available.

The Cambridgeshire Family History Society Computer Group meetings are held at the Glebe School in Girton on second or third Saturday of each month from 11.00am until 1.00pm. The aim of this computer group is to help both members and non-members make the most of computer technology to aid the research of their ancestors. The sessions are free to CFHS members. Non-members are welcome although a donation to the Society would be appreciated. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

Please check the Society website for the latest information on all the above

28 Sept Keith Hinde *John Leaford of Oxlode – Legend or Fact*

26 Oct Hilary Ritchie *The History of Addenbrooke's Hospital & Sources for the Family Historian*

23 Nov Rev David Reindrop *How the Reindrop name arrived in Cambridge – in Millionaire or Bust*

Dec No Meeting

3 Jan David Bushy *Victorian child employment* (Joint meeting with the Cambridgeshire Local History Society at 2.15pm at St John's Hall, Blinco Grove)



CAMBRIDGE INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

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The Society's aim is to study and record the industrial history and artefacts of Cambridgeshire. It is affiliated to the Association of Industrial Archaeology (AIA) and is one of the founder members of the East of England Industrial Archaeology Conference (EERIAC). The Society also commissions and publishes occasional Monographs on Cambridge industrial subjects by its members. Meetings, visits and conferences are open to everyone with an interest in Industrial history.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of the winter months at the Friends Meeting House, Jesus Lane, Cambridge at 7.45pm, except for the joint meeting with the Cambridgeshire Local History Society. The annual subscription is £4, plus a 50p room-fee and visitors are always welcome at £1 per session. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

10 Oct Peter Harvey (Port Manager and Harbour Master for the Port of Wisbech Authority) *The history & range of activities of the Port of Wisbech Authority*

14 Nov John Greyson (Manager of Watson Petroleum) *My experiences in hospital radio*

- 3 Dec Peter Ibbett *A-Z of Victorian Farming* (Joint meeting with the Cambridgeshire Local History Society 2.15pm, St John's Hall, Blinco Grove, Cambridge)
- 12 Dec Nigel Balchin *Looking at Radio Masts and Dishes*
- 9 Jan AGM and Members Evening: Slide & Print Competitions, Short talks by members
- 13 Feb Geoffrey Skelsey *LVO. MA Why Narrow Gauge??*
- 13 Mar Peter Filby *Trades and industries in Cambridgeshire* (Joint meeting with the Cambridgeshire Local History Society)
- 10 Apr Sylvia Beamon *Industrial underground space such as Salt Mines: problems & possibilities of present and future reuse*



CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

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The Trust was founded in 1983 with the primary aim of raising funds to assist church councils within the County of Cambridgeshire in repairing and maintaining their places of worship. It invites people sympathetic to this aim and with an interest in the built heritage of churches and chapels to take up membership of the Trust at an annual subscription fee of £10. This entitles a person to receive a copy of the Newsletter in February and of the Annual Report in September, with an invitation to attend the AGM in October. Members and friends are informed of details of the Annual Conference held on a Saturday in March or April with a theme related to the history, architecture, artistic heritage of church buildings and their furnishings, with particular reference to Cambridgeshire. The cost is £15 for members and £20 for non-members. In the summer a programme of visits to churches is offered free of charge. These visits take place on the second Sunday in May, June, July, and August and commence at 2.30pm, usually led by Dr Lynne Broughton. The afternoon ends with refreshment provided at the third church visited. In addition the AGM is held in a church and is followed by visits to two neighbouring churches. Precise details of these events are not usually finalised until February, when they are dispatched to members. Queries may be directed to the Secretary.

Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.



CAMBRIDGE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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The Society exists to protect the character, amenities, historic buildings and setting of Cambridge and its surroundings. We own and open to the public, the Wandlebury Estate, the Leper Chapel in Cambridge & Hinxton and Bourn Mills. We are developing a new countryside reserve in farmland at Coton. Individual Membership is £15 and Family Membership £25



CHERRY HINTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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The Society meets at the Church Centre, St Andrew's Church, Cherry Hinton, membership costs £7 per year. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 26 Sep Tony Kirby *Seaside holiday resorts*
24 Oct Alan Brigham *Changes in the streets of Cambridge*
28 Nov AGM followed by Bill Wittering *Illusions in Art*



CHESTERTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman Derek Stubbings, 12 Moore Close, Cambridge CB4 1ZP 01223 424160

The Society aims to promote interest in local history, the environment and conservation of the Chesterton area. The Society meets (usually) on the third Monday evening of each month at 7.30pm in the Music Room of St Andrew's Junior Community School, Nuffield Road, Chesterton, Cambridge. There is ample parking on the school playground. The Annual Subscription is Individuals £5, Joint £8, visitors are always welcome at £1 per session.

Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.



CHESTERFORD LOCAL HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

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The Society aims to foster interest in local history and archaeology and to that end has four meetings a year and an AGM with speakers on relevant topics. It records memories of older residents and obtains photographs and other records. It publishes a series of interim reports.

Meetings are held at 8pm at the Congregational Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford or at the Chesterfords Community Centre, Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford, usually finishing between 10 and 10.30pm. Annual Subscription is Individual £5, Household £9, Fifty years' residence in the Chesterfords or other 'Cam Gap' villages £2.50, Sixty Five years' residence in the Chesterfords or other 'Cam Gap' villages Free. Non-members are welcome to attend any meeting for £1.50.

The programme for 2005/2006 has not yet been arranged. Please contact the Secretary for up to date information. Membership of the Society includes mailing of notice of meetings and a thrice yearly newsletter.

Information about membership, the Society's publications and future programmes is available from the Secretary.



COTTENHAM VILLAGE SOCIETY
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The aim of our Society is to encourage awareness and participation in our village community and the history of the village. Members attend monthly meetings from September to April to hear speakers on a variety of subjects; December is our Christmas party, and May to July we enjoy a guided walk, an outing and a barbecue.

Meetings take place at Cottenham Primary School, Lambs Lane, Cottenham, at 7.45pm. The annual subscription for 2005-2006 is £5. Visitors are welcome (£1 each). Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 9 Sep AGM followed by Ralph Carpenter *An introduction to Horace Gautrey's Diaries*
- 14 Oct Brian Jones *Riotous Behaviour in the Fens*
- 11 Nov Michael Bowyer *Cambridgeshire in Wartime*
- Dec CHRISTMAS PARTY: date to be arranged
- 13 Jan Peter Filby *Windmills and millers of Cottenham and region*
- 10 Feb Simon Wilson *Beekeeping*
- 10 Mar Bill Wittering *The history of postcards*
- 7 Apr Honor Ridout *Stourbridge Fair*
- May VILLAGE WALK (date to be arranged)
- Jun SUMMER OUTING (date to be arranged)
- Jul BARBECUE (date to be arranged)



DUXFORD HISTORY GROUP

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The group has been in existence for some 15 years and what started as a working group, to try and uncover the village's past has now become a winter programme of some 12 speakers. The group meets at Lacey's Way Community Centre at 7.30pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month: admission is £1.50 per lecture.

The group has done some research on schooling in Duxford and is hoping to publish these in the near future. It already has one publication 'Duxford Remembered', a series of memories and anecdotes from the last century.

Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.



EATONS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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We are a Community Association who plan events for the community – one of them being May Day Celebrations on the first Monday in May. During that weekend we also have a local history exhibition and sell local history booklets written by the members. We have a large history project to research all the houses, buildings and their families in Eaton Socon and Eaton Ford from 1800 to 1965. We aim to place Heritage Boards in several of the old hamlets and provide a blue plaque trail around the villages.

We do not hold regular meetings with speakers, but admission to our events is free. Information about the Association and future programmes is available from our website.

- 18 Sep *Stall at Living History Day* at Priory Centre, St Neots. Times to be arranged
29 Apr *Local History Exhibition in St Mary's Church*, Great North Rd, Eaton Socon. 10am–4pm
1 May *Traditional May Day Celebrations* on Eaton Socon Village Green: (stalls, refreshments, BBQ, May Pole dancers and other entertainment 12 noon to 4pm. Also Local History Exhibition in St Mary's Church, Great North Rd, Eaton Socon 10am–4pm)



ELTISLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

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Eltisley History Society aims to research and record family and local history. Monthly meetings are held with a variety of speakers, current research ongoing into Eltisley's World War I soldiers, a project to sound-record and film elderly residents and children about their memories and hopes, and a project to digitise and catalogue the Society's collection of photographs.

Meetings take place at the Cade Memorial Hall, The Green, Eltisley on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 7.45pm for 8.00pm. The annual subscription is £15 for individuals, £25 joint or family (concessionary rates available). Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 28 Sep Martyn Smith *The Hunts Cyclist Battalions*
26 Oct Mike Petty *Cambridge Market Hill 1200–2000*
23 Nov John Gibbs *Charles Wells, a family brewery*
Dec CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER
25 Jan Betty Proctor *Cambridge shopping memories, 13th Century onwards*
22 Feb Sarah Poppy *Italian Field Survey*
22 Mar Dr David Baxter *Field surveying in Bourn*



ELY SOCIETY

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The Society was founded in 1971 to encourage individual awareness and pride in our City, to safeguard the character of Ely and to develop the social, economic and cultural potential of the community.

Our monthly lectures are held in the Methodist Hall, Chapel Street, Ely on the second Wednesday of the month. Annual subscriptions are £10, visitors are always welcome at £2 per evening. Please watch for posters in Ely Library and elsewhere in the city centre for confirmation of meetings and any unavoidable changes.

- 11 Sep *Heritage Open Day* Prior Crauden's Chapel 1:30–3:30pm & King's School Archives, Lower Porta 2:00–4:00pm
- 14 Sep Colin Kirtland *Garden Birds*
- 12 Oct Ian Bowers (Home energy conservation officer for ECDC) *Climate Change – What can we do?*
- 9 Nov Rosie Burton (Conservation officer for ECDC) *The Conservation Area in Ely – A Reappraisal*
- 14 Dec MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY with 'The Isle Singers'
- 11 Jan John Maddison *Painting*
- 8 Feb John Martin *Fifty years of Fenland farming*
- 8 Mar AGM followed by Margaret Haynes *A Blue Badge Guide in Ely*
- 12 Apr Bill Wittering *Countryside Clutter*
- 10 May Steve Cole (Photographer for English Heritage) *Image a Nation: Your Heritage, My Viewpoint*
- 14 Jun David Pritchard (Precentor of Ely Cathedral) *Parish to Cathedral*
- 14 Jun John Powley *Life as a Member of Parliament*



FENLAND FRIDAY HISTORY GROUP WITH MIKE PETTY

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This highly successful Friday Group is not only the place to get an introduction to sources, resources and techniques for all budding local, family and house historians. It is also the place to find out all the news of exactly what is going on in the history world in Cambridgeshire.

Fridays from 7 October–9 December 2005 10.15am to Noon. £2 per Session. Information and future programmes available from the Mike Petty.

- 7 Oct Michael Bowyer *Cambridgeshire's Wartime Airfields*
- 7 Oct BBC Peoples War Story Gathering & WW2 Photographic Display. 2pm–4pm
- 14 Oct *To be confirmed*
- 21 Oct John Shepperson *History of Swavesey*
- 28 Oct VISIT TO ISLEHAM
- 4 Nov Alison Taylor *Cambridgeshire Archaeology*
- 11 Nov Janet Fairweather *The Liber Eliensis*
- 18 Nov Gill Rushworth *Fenland River Trade*



FULBOURN VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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Fulbourn Village Society aims to keep and maintain records of all aspects of the village's social and historical developments. Members and the general public are able to consult these for research purposes. Meetings are held in the Function room of the Six Bells public house, at 7.45pm for 8pm on the third Thursday of the month (October to May inclusive). Annual Subscription, Individuals £7.50, Joint £12 and Junior £3. Non-members are very welcome to attend the lectures: entry is £2 on each occasion. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 20 Oct Research team *Fulbourn Village Research Project Update*
- 17 Nov David Shepherd *A history of print and the Cambridgeshire Collection*
- 13 Dec David Wherrel *A history of recorded music*
- 19 Jan Bob Burn Murdoch *A History of Ice Skating on the Fens*
- 16 Feb Dr Rosemary Horrox *The Black Death*
- 16 Mar Dr Swithinbank *Exploring Antarctica*
- 20 Apr Michael Gates *The Cambridge to Mildenhall Railway*
- 18 May AGM



HEMINGFORDS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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The Society aims to improve knowledge of the history of the villages of Hemingford Grey and Hemingford Abbots through exchange of information and by encouraging members to undertake research and to publish the results. Publications by four members are in print and a possible four more publications will appear in due course. A History Trail for the Hemingfords was published in June.

The Society runs a series of monthly talks from September until May. In the summer, visits are arranged to places of historic interest. The talks are held in the Reading Room, High Street, Hemingford Grey, on the third Thursday in the month, except that the Christmas party, usually with a historic theme, is held on the second Thursday in December. Meetings start at 7.30pm. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

Visits in summer 2005 included Flag Fen, Bletchley Park and Moggerhanger House.

- 15 Sep Fiona Lucraft *Dining with the Georgians*
- 20 Oct Bob King *The German Secret Service and Bletchley Park*
- 17 Nov Joan Walton *Medieval beliefs as depicted in misericords found on choir stalls*
- 8 Dec CHRISTMAS PARTY



HILDERSHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

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This small dedicated research group has only been in existence for a relatively short time. It grew up from the realisation that little had been recorded about Hildersham's important past. The main aims are to collect or scan as many photographs and postcards of the village as possible, as well as to record and transcribe historical documents, deeds, wills, etc.

Hildersham has a good forefather in whose footsteps we gently tread, as Matthew Paris the 13th century historian is said to have come from the parish; and the parish church contains the 15th Century memorial brasses of the later Paris family. These along with the Huddlestons of Sawston were the main Catholic families in Cambridgeshire. The parish boasts three SSSI's (Special Sites of Scientific Interest), which are also packed full of history. The church contains fine stained glass and wall paintings by Clayton & Bell, Rev Robert Goodwin & Charles Alban Buckler. A history based newsletter entitled 'The Hildersham Express' is published each month.

If anyone has any photographs or other pertinent information or documents relating to Hildersham, the group is always very grateful for the opportunity to scan them.

This summer with help from the Cambridgeshire Collection, Linton and District Historical Society and Hildersham Parochial Church Council we have purchased a complete set of scanned images of the exquisite colour drawings by Thomas Fisher FSA (1772-1836) from his folio entitled *Monuments and Antiquities in Cambridgeshire* volume 3 (H-S). This folio volume contains 29 sheets of drawings by Thomas Fisher in 1802. Fifteen of these are previously unknown views of Hildersham Church, whose South 'Busteler' Chapel was demolished in 1803. There are also drawings of Isleham, Linton, Sawston and Great Shelford churches. Copies of these drawings will be on display in Hildersham Church on 9 October at 6pm, when you are all invited to join us for a Choral Evensong to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the first of three major periods of Victorian restoration. The group is always willing to lead history walks around the village and church.



HISTON & IMPINGTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Histon and Impington Village Society was formed in 1979 to stimulate public interest in the history, care and preservation of the villages. It now has over a hundred members.

The History Group has extensive archives from which it researches publications - 22 booklets to date. The Environmental Group monitors new developments and planning applications. Monthly meetings and social outings provide regular contact for members who enjoy talks on local history and other topics of general interest. Our monthly lectures are held on the last Tuesday of the month (term time only) at 7.30pm in Impington Village College. Annual Membership is £5, visitors are welcome at £1.50 per meeting. Please contact the Secretary for more information and details of the 2006 Programme.

- 27 Sep Alison Dickens *The archaeology of 'The Grand Arcade' Cambridge*
- 18 Oct *To be confirmed*
- 3 Nov SPECIAL CHARITY EVENING (Members Only. NB. This is a Thursday) Richard Villar
(Orthopaedic Surgeon) *Medicine and War*
- Dec CHRISTMAS LUNCH (Members Only)
- 31 Jan AGM followed by News from the Parish Councils



HOUGHTON & WYTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
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Houghton & Wyton Local History Society was established in 1998 with the object of promoting the study and increasing the public awareness of the history of the villages of Houghton and Wyton. The Society holds six evening meetings a year with speakers on local history topics and arranges exhibitions both in the village and elsewhere.

Our meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, St Ives Road, Houghton, Huntingdon. Annual Subscription is £5.50, Lectures cost Members £1.50, Visitors £3. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

28 Sep AGM followed by a Members Evening (Details to be announced later)

26 Oct Twigs Way *Garden History*

23 Nov Fiona Lucraft *Christmas food through the ages* (a chance to get some ideas for startling the family when they sit down at the festive board)



HUNTINGDONSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

www.huntsfhs.org.uk

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The Society aims to provide links between people interested in families of the old County of Huntingdonshire and to provide a forum for persons interested in genealogy generally. In this respect it fully recognises the needs of those members who cannot easily get to research in Huntingdon, and so uses information technology to make information more easily available.

Our monthly lectures are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at The WI Centre, Walden Road, (the Ring Road), Huntingdon, PE29 3AZ. Cost of annual subscription/membership: Individual £8.00, Family/Overseas £10.00. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

21 Sep Ian Waller *Up With the Lark: C19 Ag Labs*

19 Oct Pamela & Derek Ayshford *The men who fought at Trafalgar*

16 Nov Mike Petty *Wartime WWI in Cambridgeshire*

14 Dec MEMBERS CHRISTMAS MEETING

18 Jan Michael Gandy *Tracing your medieval ancestry: the realistic possibilities*

15 Feb Tom Doig *Old photographs, their identification and dating*

15 Mar Liz Carter *Victorian children*

19 Apr Peter Edwards *Gypsies and travellers*

17 May AGM followed by Sue Oosthuizen *Putting Family History into a wider context*

21 Jun Anne Grimshaw *A weaver at Waterloo*

19 Jul Trip to be arranged

Aug *No Meeting*

HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

www.huntslocalhistory.org.uk

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Chairman David Cozens MBE

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The Society aims to encourage research into Huntingdonshire history. Meetings are held in Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon at 7-30pm, with the exception of the Christmas Social (in the Town Hall), During the summer months, coach excursions to places of interest in the county and beyond are arranged.

The Society's Goodliff Awards Scheme supporting history projects was launched in 1966. Since then 85 awards have been made. Details on how to apply for grants can be obtained from Ken Sneath (01480 450686) or from the Society's website.

The annual subscription of £7 (individual) or £12 (Joint) includes a copy of The Records of Huntingdonshire and two Newsletters.

Information about Membership and the future Programme is available from the Secretary.



THE ISLEHAM SOCIETY

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The Society is a group of people interested in preserving what is of historical interest in the village and promoting good and well planned ideas for the future. To that end, it organises a programme of events that will stimulate ideas and promote knowledge, where possible of local interest.

Meetings are held at Isleham Village Hall at 8pm on the third Thursday of the month. The Annual Subscription is £10 and visitors are welcome at £2 per session. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

20 Oct Michael Gates *Cambridge to Mildenhall Railway*

17 Nov Tony Brown *Fysons steam engines*

Dec *No Meeting*

19 Jan Sarah Poppy *Local archaeology*

16 Feb Mary Ellis *Weaving with words*

16 Mar Mike Petty *Ghosts & Witches*



KIMBOLTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman Nora Butler

Secretary V Schorer-Nixon, 3 The Lane, Stow Longa, Huntingdon, PE28 0TP; 01480 860325

The aim of the Society is to promote and sustain interest in local history and to carryout research and transcribe documents of local interest.

Our monthly meetings are held on Wednesdays at 8.00pm in Kimbolton Castle. The annual subscription is £6 (individual), £10 (joint). Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

14 Sept S Coleman *A bird's eye view of the history & archaeology of Mid & North Bedfordshire*

19 Oct P Burkett *Admiral Lord Nelson*

6 Nov *Kimbolton Castle Open Day 1pm to 4pm*

- 16 Nov M Bradshaw *The Tresham Family, Lyveden & the Gunpowder Plot*
 7 Dec *Antiques Evening*



LANDSCAPE AND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

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An informally run group. Members are mostly active in research (for personal and/or academic interest), or have been/will be. LLHG gives members and occasional visitors a chance to present their research to interested colleagues, and benefit from exchanges of ideas. The research interests of members are geographically diverse, not necessarily local.

Most meetings are held at Shire Hall, Cambridge, usually four times a year at 7.30pm on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday. An occasional charge of £2 is made when necessary. To obtain details of the programme for 2005/6, please contact the Coordinator.

Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.



LINTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Society aims to promote interest in local history, the environment and conservation of the Linton & District region. A summer excursion is arranged.

Meetings are held in Linton Village Hall at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May. So why not come and join us, and have a great evening amongst friends? There is always lots of news of what is happening locally in the history world and a chance to discuss your project with the experts. Membership is £8 per year, £2 for visitors. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 20 Sep Brian Sutton *Raising the 'Mary Rose'*
 18 Oct Jennifer Hirsh *A walk through the history of the Abingtons*
 15 Nov Mary Goddin *Cambridge Colleges: past, present & future*
 20 Dec Garth Collard Christmas Lecture *The History of 'The Grip' & Hadstock Road areas of Linton*
 17 Jan David Broomfield *Everything you wanted to know about Heraldry, but were too afraid to ask*
 21 Feb Chris Jakes *Cambridge in old photographs*
 21 Mar Tom Doig *Marriage & courtship in the 1800s*
 18 Apr Brian Creasey *The History of the House, the family & gardens of Easton Lodge*
 16 May Garth Collard Spring Lecture *Linton & District in the Second World War*



THE LITTLEPORT SOCIETY

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The Littleport Society was founded in 1987 and it is the only non-political, non sectarian organisation in Littleport whose membership is open to residents and anybody else who holds an interest in this fenland town. The Society consists of an expanding group of local people who voluntarily work together in the interests of the community. The Society now has in excess of 1265 members, who live not just in Littleport but in countries including France, Australia, New Zealand and USA. The aims of the Littleport Society are:

- To encourage individual awareness and pride in our town.
- To safeguard the character of Littleport
- To develop the social, historical and cultural awareness of the Community

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except August) at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Victoria Street, Littleport. Annual Subscription: Adult £2, Family £3 and Overseas £10. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 6 Sep Ian Powys *The Bayeux Tapestry*
- 4 Oct Greg Wilson *Hereward the Wake*
- 1 Nov Brian Jones *Hallowe'en traditions & superstitions* (Return Visit)
- 6 Dec A CHRISTMAS CONCERT by Littleport Junior Band (Musical Director Susan Laycock)
- 3 Jan MEMBERS' EVENING. All members are invited to share any hobbies, interests or talents with other members. Each participant is required to give a 5 to 10 minute talk, or prepare a small display. (Please contact Deborah Curtis with your submissions)
- 7 Feb AGM Followed by a Prize Quiz
- 7 Mar Judy James *The Work of the Macmillan Cancer Trust*
- 4 Apr Bill Wittering *Countryside clutter: Windmills to dovecotes: East Anglia's rural relics*
- 2 May John Pirie *Mongolia discovered* (The return of an ever-popular speaker)
- 6 Jun MIDSUMMER LIVE PERFORMANCE EVENT. Details to be announced
- 4 Jul Brian Jones *Drugs in the Fens — with a touch of Blue Paint*



ORWELL LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Secretary SH Miller, 55 High Street, Orwell, Royston, Herts. SG8 5QN 01223 207328

The Society aims to promote interest in local history, the environment and conservation of the Orwell & District region.

Meetings are held at 8pm in the Methodist Church, School Room, Town Green Road, Orwell. The monthly meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month (except August & December). The Annual Subscription is Individual £6 or £1 per meeting. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 27 Sep Elizabeth Stazicker *50 years of Archive Collecting by Cambridgeshire Records Office*
- 25 Oct *to be confirmed*
- 29 Nov Amanda Tuck *A view through the Victorian Magic Lantern*

PAMPISFORD SOCIETY

Chairman Dennis Beaumont, 4 Hammond Close, Pampisford, Cambridge CB2 4EP 01223 833653
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The Society aims to promote interest in the history, environment and conservation of the village and surrounding area. Social events are also arranged, such as carol singing, Christmas party and a summer visit to a place of local interest.

Our meetings with speakers are held in the village hall at 8pm on the 4th Tuesday of September, November, January, March and May. Society business and social occasions are held in members' homes in the other months, except August. The annual subscription for 2005/2006 has been set at £5. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Chairman.



PETERBOROUGH CIVIC SOCIETY

www.peterborough.net/civicsociety/

President Rev Richard Paten

Chairman David Turnock, 01733 393010

Publicity Brian McNeill, 45 Meynell Walk, Netherton, Peterborough PE3 9RR 07956 273176
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The Society is concerned with civic, amenity and environmental matters. We seek to encourage the public and authorities to value our local heritage and to develop 'pride of place,' particularly important with many developments in progress and many new people in Peterborough. The Society view is 'today's development creates tomorrow's heritage.'

Committee Meetings, Chairman's Evenings, AGMs, Talks and Visits all meet in different places. We have no permanent base currently. Basic membership £11.00 (see website).

We have visits during the summer months, followed by our AGM in October, with monthly talks during the winter and our Chairman's evening in April 06. Other events will be added to this schedule. We also produce an Annual Report in October and a Spring Newsletter.

Please see our website for up to date information: *www.peterborough.net/civicsociety/*



PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

www.peterborough.org.uk

President Olive Alderman

Secretary Margaret Brewster, 111, New Road, Woodston, Peterborough Cambs PE2 9HE
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The object of the Society is to advance the education of the public in the study of family history with particular reference to heraldry and genealogy.

Our monthly meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm and are held at the Westgate Church, Peterborough. Annual Subscription: Membership, Individual £8, Family Members £10, Overseas Members £8. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 7 Sep *Open Meeting*
- 5 Oct *Peter Harvey Monumental Gems Slide show of cemetery architecture, sculpture and headstones of famous people*
- 2 Nov *Mike Petty Cambridgeshire in WW2*
- 7 Dec *CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING*



ROYSTON & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

www.royston.clara.net/localhistory/

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Secretary CP Black, 15 Brambles, Royston, Herts SG8 9NQ 01763 249632

Prog Secretary David S Allard, 8 Chilcourt, Royston, Herts., SG8 9DD 01763 242677

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The Society started in 1965 to campaign for a museum in the town. It has about 130 members. The Society's Trustees are responsible for the now thriving Museum's collection and some of our members assist at the museum on a voluntary basis. From time to time, the Society contributes towards new artefacts. The opening of the historic Royston Cave, attributed to the Knights' Templar is arranged by our member Peter Houldcroft with guides and an Audio commentary. It opens from Easter to the end of September on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays, 2.30pm-5pm and also Wednesday afternoons in August. An active Publications sub-committee has already produced several books and research is on going for further publications.

The Society meets at 8pm, at the Heritage Hall, Town Hall, Royston on the first Thursday of the month from October to April, and on the second Thursday in May. There is also a coach trip in June. Annual Subscription for Individuals £5 and visitors are always welcome at £2 per session. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 6 Oct Ian A Powys *The Bayeux Tapestry*
- 3 Nov Stephen Ruff *The Buntingford Branch Line*
- 1 Dec Dr Mary Archer *The Old Vicarage at Grantchester*
Dr Archer's book *Rupert Brooke and the Old Vicarage, Grantchester* will be on sale.
- 5 Jan Sandra Barker *Plait in History, old trade of straw plaiting*
- 2 Feb Keith Matthews *The People of Ancient Baldock*
- 2 Mar Tony Rook *Whodunit? - a crime writer tells of the discovery of a Roman villa and the writing of a murder mystery*
- 6 Apr Mike Lawrence *Slides of Old Royston*
- 11 May AGM at 7.30 p.m. followed at 8pm by Alison Horsley *The East Anglian Air Ambulance*. The evening concludes with a buffet and drinks.
- 10 Jun COACH OUTING to Stamford



SAWSTON VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

www.sawstonhistory.org.uk

Chairman Mary Dicken

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The Society aims to keep the village, schools, etc, informed of their local history with exhibitions & lectures, collect all relevant artefacts and documents for display in a future museum, and to republish books by local authors.

The Society meets at 7.30pm at the Chapelfield Community Centre, Link Road, Sawston on the second Thursday of each month. Annual Subscription is £5, with concessions £2.50. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 8 Sep AGM
- 13 Oct Michael Bentinck *Waving Goodbye*

- 10 Nov Hilary Ritchie *The History of Addenbrooke's*
 8 Dec MEMBERS EVENING
 12 Jan Chris Taylor *Village landscapes*
 9 Feb Wendy Doyle *Genealogy*
 9 Mar *to be arranged* Polar research
 6 Apr Brian Creasey *The gardens of Easton Lodge* (this meeting has to be the first Thursday)
 11 May Jane Randall *The Magog Trust*



STAINED HUNDRED LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman Maureen Rogers, 95 High Street, Bottisham, Cambridge CB5 9BA
 Secretary Janet Marsh, The Old Bakery, 22 High Street, Bottisham, Cambridge 01223 811314
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 Programme Secretary Gill Rushworth, 01223 811703

The aim of the Society is to stimulate an interest in local history through monthly meetings and occasional outings. A wide area of East Anglia is covered.

Meetings are held at Bottisham Village College on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. The annual subscription is £10; visitors are welcome to attend meetings on payment of £2.50 on each occasion. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 14 Sep Harry Jones *Wisbech Dissenters*
 12 Oct Tom Doig *Farming with Steam*
 12 Nov Margaret Richardson *War Memorials*
 14 Dec CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
 11 Jan *Impington Hall*
 8 Feb *To be arranged*
 8 Mar *To be arranged*
 12 Apr John Sutton *Charles II & Newmarket*
 10 May WALK about locally
 June ALL DAY OUTING



ST NEOTS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President David Bushby
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The aim of the Society, which celebrates its 25th Anniversary in 2006, is to stimulate and foster an interest in local history through monthly meetings, the opportunity for research, and outings. Historical information is collected and a magazine published three or four times a year.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the first Friday of each month in the hall of Eynesbury Primary School, Montague Street, Eynesbury, St Neots. Annual Subscriptions: Individual £10. Visitors are always welcome at a charge of £2.50 per session. Information about Membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 7 Oct Joan Walton *Medieval Carvings*
 4 Nov David Bushby *Some Fires & Fire Engines*

- 2 Dec MEMBERS SOCIAL EVENING
 6 Jan George Howe *Omar Bartle and his Buses*
 3 Feb AGM followed by *Highlights of the Last 25 Years*
 3 Mar Rene Welsh *Maypole Heritage*
 7 Apr David Hufford *Portholme Aerodrome: Its Factory & Airmen 1910-20*
 5 May Rev Roger Arguile *St Mary's Parish Church, St Neots - Stained Glass Windows*



THRIPLow SOCIETY

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The Society aims to promote interest in local history, the environment and conservation of the Thriplow region. It cares for the smithy on the village green and its collection of agricultural and local by-gones.

Meetings are held in Thriplow Village Hall mostly on Mondays at 8.00pm; visitors are welcome on the payment of £1 on each occasion. The annual subscription is £5 per family member; this includes three issues of the Thriplow Journal. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 26 Sep Chloe Cockerill *A medieval menagerie*
 24 Oct Dr Neville Silverstone *My life in medicine over 50 years*
 21 Nov Jim Wilson *The canal that never was*
 8 Dec TOUR OF CPB TWYFORD GLASS HOUSE (Members Only)
 3 Jan Michael Knight *Milestones, Roads & Turnpikes*
 18 Feb SATURDAY SOCIAL EVENING
 24 Apr AGM & Video of Paul Heiney *A Victorian Summer*



THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY: GREAT EASTERN GROUP

www.victorian-society.org.uk

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The Victorian Society is the national society responsible for the study and protection of Victorian and Edwardian architecture and other arts in England and Wales. It was founded in 1958 to fight the then widespread ignorance of 19th and early 20th century architecture. Among its thirty founder members were John Betjeman and Nikolaus Pevsner.

- We fight to preserve important Victorian and Edwardian buildings so that they can be enjoyed by this and future generations
- We provide expert advice to churches and local planning authorities on how Victorian and Edwardian buildings can be adapted to the way we live now, while keeping what is special about them
- We offer advice to members of the public about how they can help shape the future of their local Victorian and Edwardian buildings
- We provide information to owners of Victorian and Edwardian houses about how they can better look after their precious buildings

- We help people understand, appreciate, and enjoy the architectural heritage of the Victorian and Edwardian period through our publications and educational programmes.
- We organise lectures, walks, and visits on a regular basis.

Victorian and Edwardian architecture contributes overwhelmingly to the character of places people love and places where people live. It is an important part of our everyday lives.

In addition to the Society's activities on a national basis, there are regional groups in several parts of the country. East Anglia is represented by the 'Great Eastern Group', which covers membership in the postcode areas CB, CM, CO, SG together with some additional members in towns such as Kings Lynn and Bury St. Edmunds. A Society member sits on the Conservation & Design Panel in Cambridge. Activities locally and nationally can be found on the Society's website <http://www.victorian-society.org.uk>. Non-members are welcome at meetings. Information on Society activities is available by telephoning the local Secretary 01799 521290



WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Chairman Andrew Morris

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The aims of the club are to foster interest and appreciation of the history of the local area. Being a small club with limited financial resources, we struggle to find speakers who are willing to talk to us for little more than a warm welcome. Offers are always greatly appreciated and reciprocal arrangements are distinctly possible.

Our monthly meetings are normally held in West Wickham Village Hall on the second Monday in the month at 8pm. The annual subscription is £8 and visitors are welcome at meetings for £1.50. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 10 Oct Chris Jakes *The Cambridgeshire Collection*
- 14 Nov Andrew Westwood-Bate *A photographic stroll around historic Hildersham*
- 12 Dec CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
- 9 Jan Garth Collard *The Linton area in the First World War*
- 13 Feb *To be confirmed*
- 13 Mar AGM
- 10 Apr John Drake *The Cambridgeshire Garden Trust* (Joint meeting with the West Wickham Gardening Club)



WHITTLESEA SOCIETY

Chairman Ken Mayor

Secretary David Hancock, 3 Vinters Close, West Parade, Peterborough PE3 6BT 01733 753894

Meetings are held at the Town Hall, Market Street, Whittlesey at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each Month. The Annual Subscription is Individuals £3, Family £5. Information about membership and future programmes is available from the Secretary.

- 12 Sep Anne Barnes *Marjorie Kempe of Kings Lynn*
- 10 Oct James Hopgood *Thomas Cook and the development of Victorian travel*
- 14 Nov Neil Mitchell *Then & Now – The Peterborough villages*
- 12 Dec John Smith *Souvenirs of the past*
- 13 Feb Derek Harris *Up the Cut*

- 13 Mar Gerry Burrows *Grandma's kitchen*
 10 Apr Mike Petty *The Fens 1066 to 1610—Hereward & the other Fighters*
 8 May Jane Barton *Life on the Lincolnshire Marshes*

MUSEUMS AND MUSEUM SOCIETIES

CAMBRIDGE & COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM
 2/3 Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ 01223 355159
www.folkmuseum.org.uk
 email: info@folkmuseum.org.uk

President Cllr David White
Secretary Philip Kratz
Curator Dr Cameron Hawke-Smith
Deputy Curator Becky Proctor becky@folkmuseum.org.uk

The museum, which reopened in May 2005 after complete refurbishment, covers the social history of Cambridge and its region. It arranges lectures, talks, activities for children, adult education classes, special provision for those with sight and hearing difficulties. For details contact the museum.

Friends of the Folk Museum: for information about membership or events, please ring the museum or email friends@folkmuseum.org.uk

- 16 Nov AGM at the Museum (Wednesday)
 2 Dec CHRISTMAS PARTY (Friday)

Information about membership and the future programme is available from the Museum.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY
 Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3DZ 01223 333516
<http://museum.archanth.cam.ac.uk>
 email: cumaa@hermes.cam.ac.uk

Director Professor David W Phillipson

The Museum has extensive collections relating to world prehistory and archaeology of the Cambridge region, plus anthropology from all parts of the world. The collections and their associated photographic and archival material are of outstanding research and historical value and are an important national resource in archaeology and anthropology.

Public opening hours: Tuesday–Saturday 2–4.30pm. Closed 1 week at Christmas and Easter and on most bank holidays. Extended summer opening: please telephone for details. Admission free. For more details on forthcoming events and exhibitions, please contact the Museum or visit our website.

The Museum has an active programme of temporary special exhibitions. Current and forthcoming exhibitions are:

Until February 2006

- Paired Brothers: concealment and revelation
- Iatmul ritual art from the Sepik, Papua New Guinea

Until February 2006

- Vanuatu Stael: Kastom & Creativity

Until March 2006

- Currency in Africa

Until December 2007

Deadly Energy

Annual Graduate Student Exhibition

Opening April 2006

Pasifika

Maori and Pacific art and culture in the 21st century

Rotating Textiles Display

Changing exhibition of textiles not normally on public display

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY

Downing Street, Cambridge CB2 3EJ 01223 336650

www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/museum

email: umzc@zoo.cam.ac.uk

Director Professor Michael Akam

Museum Administrators Sarah Ferguson & Julie McArthur

City-centre museum with spectacular displays of internationally important zoological specimens, including fossils, dinosaurs, mammal skeletons, birds, beautiful shells and a huge whale. Temporary exhibitions throughout the year.

The Museum is open Monday – Friday 10.00am–4.45pm, plus extended hours on Saturday 10.00am–1.00pm from 25th June–24th September 2005. Admission to the Museum is free. For more details on forthcoming events and exhibitions, please contact the Museum for a leaflet or visit our website.

Special Temporary Exhibitions:

20 August to 24 September

Encounters by the 62 Group

Textile Art in response to the Collections and Research of the Museum

(There is a programme of educational events to accompany this exhibition (eg feltmaking, using a sketchbook), run by the contributing artists. Further details of these are available on request.

November 2005

Fragility by Camiris

Photographic Works

June & July 2006

Due South by John Kelly Impressions and Drawings from a Trip to Antarctica

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CAMBRIDGE MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY

The Old Pumping Station, Cheddars Lane, Cambridge CB3 0AQ 01223 368650

www.museumoftechnology.com

email: museumoftechnology@ic24.net

Chairman David Gates

Secretary Linda Brookfield

The museum is a Victorian Pumping Station and working museum. The building is an industrial national monument. It houses many original pumps and boilers, other engines, a print room, a collection of early Cambridge Wirelesses and other local artefacts.

The museum in Steam 2005: Due to a major overhaul being required for the boiler 10 year service inspection, the museum will not be in full steam. However there will still be plenty to see with all of the exhibits including other engines running and the printing presses working. Please check this web site or phone the museum for more information.

The Museum is open: 11am–5pm on 29–30 October, New Year Saturday 31 December, and Sunday 1 January 2006

Open not in Steam Every Sunday 2–5pm, Easter to October. First Sunday in month from November to Easter.

New Admission Charges for 2005: Steam Days Adults £5, Concessions £2.50. Non-steam days Adults £3, Concessions £1.50

The children's charge covers children between the ages of 7 and 18. Children under 7 are free.

For more details on forthcoming events and exhibitions, please contact the Museum or visit our website.

CHATTERIS MUSEUM SOCIETY

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Chairman Jenny Furlong, 14 Pound Road, Chatteris, Cambridge PE16 6RL

Secretary Dr Barbara Duguid, 3 St Martin's Road, Chatteris, Cambridge

The Society is open to anyone who is interested in local history. Our meetings are held at the Chatteris Museum, 14 Church Lane, Chatteris and usually involve either a guest speaker or a trip out to a local place of interest. Some of our members are actively involved in the running of the Museum. Information about membership and the future programme is available from the Secretary.

30 Sep Visit to the Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon

25 Nov Speaker to be confirmed

27 Jan AGM & Speaker to be confirmed

DENNY ABBEY & FARMLAND MUSEUM

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www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

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email: *Education@f-m-denny.fsnet.co.uk*

Curator Corrina Bower

Education Jeremy Rossiter

The Farmland and Denny Abbey is a museum of Cambridgeshire farming and village life and an English Heritage Grade I Abbey in a beautiful rural setting. On site there are various craft workshop displays including a Blacksmiths, Basket Makers and Wheelwright. There is a 1940s farm workers cottage and village shop.

Public opening hours: Closed from 1 November until 31 March inclusive, otherwise every day Noon–5pm. Admission charges: Adults £3.80, Concessions £3, Children £1.60, Family Ticket £9.60, entrance is free for children under 5. Entrance to the Abbey is free for English Heritage members, with reduced entry fee to the Farmland museum.

The Museum has an active programme of temporary special exhibitions. Current and forthcoming exhibitions are:

10–11 Sep *Art Workshop*. Led by Ann Biggs, an experienced tutor and local artist. These workshops are suitable for all adults, from beginners to more advanced. Prior booking essential.

4 Sep & 8 Oct *Basket Making Workshop*. Make a basket in a day! Yes, we promise that it is possible.

Take home your very own fruit, plant display or planter basket. Prior booking essential.

25 Sep *Harvest at Denny Food*, animals and music to celebrate the traditional harvest time. 12–5pm

16 Oct *Winter Warmers Felt Workshop* Get set for those cold winter months by making your own

snuggly gloves and hats at this masterclass in felting. Prior booking is essential.

27 Oct *Hallowe'en Costume Making* Includes free admission ticket to the Hallowe'en special event on the 30 October

30 Oct *Hallowe'en at Denny Pumpkins* galore at our final farewell event of the season. Apple bobbing, face painting, fancy dress contest, ghost walks and lots more. 12–5pm

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DENNY ABBEY & INSTITUTE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Denny Abbey, Ely Road, Waterbeach, Cambridge CB5 9PG

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www.dennyfarmlandmuseum.org.uk

Education Jeremy Rossiter Education@f-m-denny.fsnet.co.uk

The following courses are being held at Denny Abbey and the Farmland Museum in conjunction with the University of Cambridge, Institute of Continuing Education. To book contact the Education Officer, Jeremy Rossiter 01223 863036.

The Building Stones of East Anglia. Tutor: Gillian Sheail

In many parts of England, building stone reflect the local geology. This introductory course will identify the main building stones and discuss their qualities and use both locally and regionally. Every Thursday for 10 meetings from 29th September until 8th December 2005, 1.30pm–3.30pm
Cost: £55 (£45 concessions)

Discovering the History of your Local Landscape. Tutor: Dr John Baker

Uncovering the hidden history of individual villages and parishes through careful observation of the physical landscape as it is now, and as it was recorded in earlier resources.

Every Tuesday for 10 meetings from 4 October until 13 December 2005, 2pm–4pm
Cost: £55 (£45 concessions)

Some Rural Technologies. Tutor: Derek Palgrave

Before the industrial revolution, our ancestors in predominantly rural situations developed a wide range of crafts and skills to ensure their survival. This course explores many of their technical innovations.

Every Tuesday for 10 meetings from 10 January until 21 March 2006, 2pm–4pm
Cost: £55 (£45 concessions)

Art in East Anglia Tutor: Graham Slimming

Anyone making a study of English art, can only be impressed by the significance of East Anglia as a breeding ground for artists. We will look at this situation and attempt to explain it in the context of Gainsborough and Constable amongst others.

Every Thursday for 10 meetings from 12 January until 23 March 2006, 2pm–4pm
Cost: £55 (£45 concessions)

English Cathedrals. Tutor: Dr Francis Woodman

This course will examine the medieval architecture of England from her great cathedrals.

Beginning with the unseen — the evidence of the Anglo-Saxon period — we will trace the style and development of cathedral architecture chronologically.

Every Thursday for 7 meetings plus a field trip from 20 April 2006, 2pm–4pm
Cost: £55 (£45 concessions)

For more details please contact the Museum Education Officer or visit our website.

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ELY MUSEUM

The Old Gaol, Market Street, Ely, Cambridge CB7 4LS 01353 666655

www.elymuseum.org.uk

email: elymuseum@freeuk.com

Director Robert Clasby

Curator Polly Hodgson

Secretary Pamela Blakeman

Ely Museum, in the Old Bishop's Gaol, is a bright and friendly local history museum. Displays include original prison cells, fossils that can be touched, Roman remains and an archive film of the Fens including punt guns and eel catching. There are special events and exhibitions throughout the year.

Public opening hours: Summer: Monday–Saturday 10.30am–5.00pm, Sunday 1.00pm–5.00pm. Winter: Monday–Saturday* 10.30am–4.00pm (*closed on Tuesdays except for school and group bookings). Admission: Adults £3.00 Concessions £2.00 Accompanied children free. Friends Membership £6.

The Museum has an active programme of temporary special exhibitions, day and evening events and lectures held at the Ely Museum. Current and forthcoming exhibitions are:

15 June–September

World War I Letters Home to Ely

An exhibition of letters from the front line.

September–November

War Time Memories from Kings School Ely

An exhibition of second world war time archives from the Kings School Ely.

11 Sep *Heritage Open Day* free admission to the museum.

24 Sep Will Schnek talking about archaeological excavations in Gisa, Egypt.

27 Oct *Wave in the Nave*: a children's activity in 4 attractions in Ely.

10 & 17 Dec *Santa's Grotto at Ely Museum*

For more details on forthcoming events and exhibitions, please contact the Museum or visit our website.

KETTLE'S YARD

Kettle's Yard, Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ 01223 352124

www.kettlesyard.co.uk

email: mail@kettlesyard.co.uk

Director Michael Harrison

Curator Sebastiano Barassi

Education Julia Tozer

A major collection of 20th century paintings and sculpture exhibited in a house of unique character. Also, temporary exhibitions in the gallery with changing contemporary and modern art exhibitions, talks and discussions. An education programme and a regular concert series are held during the academic terms. The Friends programme a series of national and international visits and events. Membership of the Friends of Kettle's Yard is Single £15, Joint £25

Entry to Kettle's Yard is Free. The Gallery is open: Tues-Sun & Bank Holiday Mon 11.30-17.00, The House is open: Tues-Sun & Bank Holiday Mon 14.00-16.00 (extended to 13.30-16.30 in the summer)

PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM

Priestgate, Peterborough PE1 1LF 01733 343329
www.peterboroughheritage.org.uk/museum/index.html

Head of Service Veronica Wellington
Head Curator Glenys Wass
Contact Stuart Orme

Owned by Peterborough City Council, the museum records the history of Peterborough and its surrounding area. Collections encompass geology (including Jurassic seas monsters), archaeology, social history and Napoleonic POW camp at Norman Cross. The museum has varied temporary exhibitions, exciting weekend events and a busy education programme.

For more details on forthcoming events and exhibitions, please contact the Museum for a leaflet or visit its website.



PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM SOCIETY

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The aims of the Society are to promote the study of local and natural history, archaeology, art, science and kindred subjects, and to promote the interests of the Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery.

Meetings are held on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Museum Lecture Hall, Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough PE1 1LF

- 4 Oct Dr B Blades *Deacon's School and the First World War*
18 Oct Don Chiswell *Horatio Nelson*
15 Nov Alastair Goodrum *From Balloons to Blériots*
29 Nov Eric Kearley *Evaluation evening*
13 Dec Dr Jim Deboo *President's Evening: Home truths, Humorous and Hallowed*
3 Jan Neil Mitchell *The life and achievements of John Thompson*
17 Jan Bronwen Parr *Milestones*
31 Jan Chris Montague *Lost and Found*
14 Feb Ben Robinson *Diggings around Peterborough*
28 Feb Bruce Jarvie *The History of the King's School*
14 Mar Rutland Osprey Project Officer *The Return of the Osprey*
28 Mar AGM followed by Stuart Orme *150 Million Years in Fifty Minutes*
Summer Outings' Programme available from the Secretary in February 2006



FRIENDS OF PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

Priestgate, Peterborough PE1 1LF

Chairman Dr E Warman
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The aim of the Society is to raise funds for the museum and art gallery and over the ten years of its existence many donations have been made for acquisitions and refurbishment.

A monthly lecture is held at the museum, together with a snack luncheon, on every third Thursday of the month, entrance £3.00 incl. Open to all comers. An annual Martin Howe Memorial

lecture is also held. Membership Fees: Corporate: £40.00, Patron: £25.00, Family: £18.00, Individual: £12.00, Concessionary: £6.00. Information about membership and the future programme is available from the Secretary.

- 15 Sep Len Wilcox *Willow: One man's history of basket making in Peterborough*
20 Oct Fred Harrison *Life and times of a City Beadle*
17 Nov Hugh Beech *The History of inn signs, their heraldic, religious & historical themes*
15 Dec D Heiser (Spanish Community Association) *Spain in the Festive Season*

Subjects for 2006 include Illuminated manuscripts, collecting Mabel Lucie Attwell Memorabilia. Stained Glass techniques, Tolethorpe Hall, the makings of the Shakespeare Open Air theatre, Peterborough's Past.

RAMSEY RURAL MUSEUM

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The Ramsey Rural Museum is an independent museum staffed, run and managed entirely by volunteers. It is housed in 17th century buildings which originally formed part of the woodyard of the Fellowes Estate. The collection consists of vintage agricultural machinery, lovingly restored by the volunteers, together with a Chemists, Cobblers, Village Shop and a Victorian Kitchen, Bedroom and Living Room. In addition there are many artefacts chronicling the social history of the area over the past 150 years. We also house a large archive which includes censuses and many other records which could be of use to anyone researching families who may have lived in the area.

Public opening hours: Open April to September: Thursdays 10am - 5pm, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays 2pm - 5pm, Please check website for full details. Admission Charges: Adults £3, Concessions £2, Children £1.50, Children under 5 free.

Forthcoming events for families at the Ramsey Rural Museum.

25 Sep The Annual Plough Day/Craft Fayre has been renamed *The Country Show*. 11am-5pm

For more details on forthcoming events and exhibitions, please contact the Ramsey Rural Museum or visit our website.

ROYSTON MUSEUM

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www.users.waitrose.com/~roystonmuseum/

Town Clerk Celia Walpole 01763 245484

Guided by successive curators, and with the enthusiastic support of the Local History Society and Friends' organisations, the collection has continued to expand in order to reflect the rapid progress of the 20th century. In addition to the current display, there is an extensive photographic, newspaper, and document collection (made available for research purposes by appointment), costumes/textiles, and an art collection which includes major holdings of paintings and etchings by E Herbert Whydale.

The Museum is also fortunate in being able to display a magnificent collection of ceramics and glass from the later part of the nineteenth century through to the present day. It includes Laurence McGowan's magnificent Royston Charger, commissioned to commemorate the beginning of a new millennium.

Opening Hours All year: Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 am-4.45 pm. Easter until 30

September: Sundays and Bank Holidays, 2pm–4.45 pm. Other times by arrangement with the Curator. Admission is free, though donations are appreciated

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SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE MUSEUM

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The museum began when the Institute was founded in 1920 as a depot of equipment for polar exploration for loan to, or as examples for, polar expeditions. A wide range of other material, from personal items, to scientific specimens, to artefacts from Arctic indigenes and natural history specimens has subsequently been collected. In addition, a selection of maps, paintings, drawings, photographs, manuscript, and many other items from the Institute's archives, library, and picture collections, complement the artefacts displayed.

The Museum is open 14:30 and 16:00 on Tuesday to Saturday (with the exception of some holiday weekends and an occasional special day). Access is by stairs or a wheel-chair ramp. Group bookings, often by schools, may be made. The Institute arranges at least one Special Exhibition annually and occasionally displays items of particular interest. The Institute also has a regular series of public lectures on polar themes in the Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge CB2 1ER. They are free and open to all who are interested. Seats may be reserved, on request, for members of the Friends of the Institute. The Institute opens half an hour before lectures begin. Please arrive in time because for safety reasons anyone arriving after the theatre is darkened may not be admitted. The Friends serve light refreshments after the Saturday evening lectures.

1 Oct 7.30pm Aidan Dooley *Tom Crean Antarctic Explorer*

Tom Crean participated in expeditions led by Scott and Shackleton. Tickets £17.50, which include refreshments during the interval.

15 Oct 8pm Hilary Shibata *Nobu Shirase's Antarctic Expedition, 1910–12*

This lecture corresponds with the launch of a new book, the English version of the first Japanese Antarctic expedition (translation coordinated by the speaker)

29 Oct 8pm Bob Headland *Herbert Ponting, Antarctic Camera Artist*

Herbert Ponting was a still and ciné photographer for the first year of Captain Scott's Terra Nova expedition (1910–13).

12 Nov 5pm Robert Stephenson *Antarctic Sites: Outside the Antarctic: Memorials, Statues, Houses, Graves and the Occasional Pub*

The lecturer has spent much time searching for, assiduously investigating, and recording the vast, and diverse, amount of memorials and other sites associated with those who have worked in the south polar regions. Followed by the AGM of the Friends of the Scott Polar Research Institute.

26 Nov 8pm Richard Pattison *The Forbidden Plateau, British Army Expedition, 2004*

The lecturer led a British Army expedition across the long narrow snow-covered plateau extending from Charlotte Bay to Flanders Bay during the 2004–05 austral summer.

11 Feb 8pm Film *The Crossing of Antarctica – Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1955–58)*

The first crossing of the Antarctic continent from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea. Led by Dr Vivian Fuchs, with members from Britain, New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa, the expedition established bases at the southern extents of the Weddell Sea ('Shackleton') in February 1956, and the Ross Sea ('Scott Base') in January 1957. From 24 November 1957 to 2 March 1958 the crossing was made reaching the South Pole on 20 January 1958. Peter Fuchs, son of Sir Vivian Fuchs, will introduce the film.

25 Feb 8pm Jan Piggott *Shackleton and Elephant Island*

The lecturer is the Keeper of Archives of Dulwich College, London (Sir Ernest Shackleton's school) The narrative of the *Endurance*, beset and sunk, of the ordeals of the men on the ice and in the boats to Elephant Island is now well known, as is Shackleton's journey in *James Caird* to South Georgia to save his men.

11 Mar 8pm Michael Smith *Sir James Wordie: Polar Crusader*

Sir James Wordie, as a geologist, was a member of the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition led by Sir Ernest Shackleton, whose early Antarctic experiences included being marooned on Elephant Island.

25 Mar 8pm Peter Clarkson *The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research*

The lecturer is the recently retired Executive Secretary of the senior NGO involved with all branches of Antarctic scientific research.

29 April 7pm 60th Anniversary of the Friends of the Scott Polar Research Institute

Sir Ranulph Fiennes *To the Ends of the Earth*

The Friends of the Scott Polar Research Institute was founded on 27 April 1946. Sir Ranulph will speak on his Antarctic and Antarctic exploration and adventures to commemorate this event. He has travelled by surface to both poles, made several other polar traverses encountering, and surviving, perilous situations, which he will describe. His recent biography of Captain Scott is a profound contribution to the understanding of the explorer in particular and exploration in general. Following the lecture there will be an opportunity to meet the speaker at a reception. Tickets (including the reception) are £12.50 each and should be purchased in advance from the Friends Secretary addressed at the Institute.

For more details on forthcoming events and exhibitions, please contact the Museum or visit our website.

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SEDGWICK MUSEUM OF EARTH SCIENCES

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A hidden treasure, the Sedgwick Museum is packed with rocks and fossils with more than 1 million in its collection. These range from the earliest forms of life from more than 3000 million years ago, to the wildlife that roamed the Fens less than 150,000 years ago. The museum was built in memory of Adam Sedgwick and is the oldest of the University Museums, founded with Dr John Woodward's bequest of his fossil collection in 1728 (still on display in its original cabinets).

Displays include the world's largest spider, a gallery of minerals and gemstones, rocks collected by Charles Darwin, dinosaurs, marine reptiles from the Jurassic, and fossils from the local area including a hippopotamus from the nearby Barrington gravel pits.

Open Monday to Friday 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm. Closed bank holidays and Christmas. Please check website for full details.

Forthcoming free events for families at the Sedgwick Museum.

10 Dec 10am -4pm *All that Glitters*

Discover the world of crystals in a workshop designed for all the family. Make jewellery from gemstones and investigate mystery minerals. Find out about ice and snow and how they help to shape our planet and life on it.

18 Feb 10am -4pm *Fabulous Fossiliferous Family Fun day*

Visit the Timetruck and try hands-on activities. Also featuring Earth Talk- three short talks for families by young geologists at the University of Cambridge (booking required; please call or

register online from January 2006). Event in association with Rockwatch.

For more details on forthcoming events and exhibitions, please contact the Sedgwick Museum or visit our website. Saturday opening and these events have been made possible through the generous support of Cambridge City Council.

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SOHAM COMMUNITY HISTORY MUSEUM

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The Society was founded in 1998; Soham Community History Museum is a project working towards premises. We hold a busy programme of talks and events and run a Friends of Soham Museum Membership scheme. Several books and pamphlets based on local research are available by post on request, please see website for details. We also maintain a collection of local artefacts, photographs, and archives.

Our bi-monthly History Group meetings are normally held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in The Meeting Room, The Pavilion, off Fountain Lane, Soham. Committee meetings take place every 6 weeks on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm (Dates on application). Membership is £10 per person or £15 per family. Please check the Society website for dates and venues.

8 Oct *Annual Museum Open Day & Family History Seminar All Day* Saturday at Lodeside Hall, Soham Village College, Soham

7 Dec *Mike Petty Pickwick's Fen Scrapbook* at 7.30pm at Berrycroft Methodist Hall, Soham

Information about membership and the future programme is available from the Museum.

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THORNEY SOCIETY & THORNEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

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The Thorney Society was founded in 1985 and opened a community museum in 1987. The museum is open 2pm to 5pm on Sundays from Easter until the end of September, and by appointment for individuals or groups. The museum and Thorney Society holds activities designed to involve the whole local community.

11 Sep A SUNDAY WALK to Hill Farm and lunch.

21 Oct A talk about Admiral Lord Nelson, followed by the lighting of the village beacon to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of Trafalgar. Friday 7.30 pm, Bedford Hall, Thorney.

22 Oct *Saturday Family History Day* in the Bedford Hall, with stalls and talks. Contact M Fletcher 01733 270634.

Information about membership and the future programme is available from the Museum.

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FRIENDS OF WISBECH & FENLAND MUSEUM

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The aims of the Friends of the Wisbech & Fenland Museum are to improve the display of exhibits, arrange special exhibitions, lectures and concerts, further the charitable purposes of the Wisbech & Fenland Museum and encourage the development of facilities afforded by it.

Our winter monthly meetings are held at the Wisbech & Fenland Museum, Museum Square, Wisbech, at 7.30 pm on the first Wednesday of the month. The annual subscription is Individual £8, Family £10 and 50p for Juniors.

- 5 Oct Talk on Nelson, details to be arranged
- 3 Nov AGM followed by Mr Lancaster *Fireworks*
- 7 Dec MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT by Ruth Banger & Friends
- 4 Jan TALK *Know Your Own Museum*

Information about membership and the future programme is available from the Secretary.

WISBECH & FENLAND MUSEUM

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This well preserved Victorian Museum holds extensive collections across a broad range of subjects, including Local History, Archaeology, Art, Photography, Archives and Natural History. There is a changing programme of temporary exhibitions and events. Please contact the Museum for details. Admission is free.

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Napoleon & Nelson Exhibition

Information about membership and the future programme is available from the Museum.

WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION (CAMBRIDGESHIRE)

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The WEA provides courses for adults in many venues throughout Cambridgeshire. Courses are also held in day centres, for students with learning difficulties, disabilities, recovering from mental illness etc. Only those courses covering history, archaeology and cognate subjects are listed here. For the full programme (and for the courses running in 2006), please contact the County Organiser.

The Eastern Region AGM will be held on 5 Nov at St Ives Free Church. Here there will be a WW2 photographic display and a BBC Peoples War Story Gathering Session.

Burwell Contact I Friend 01638 744022

Architecture in East Anglia Tutor: Christopher Walker

Tuesday 10 weeks starting 20 September 2005, 3.15 pm-4.45 pm, Burwell Day Centre, Ash Grove, Parsonage Close. Full Fee: £33.00 Concessionary Fee: £23.50

Cambourne Contact Sue Young 01480 455080

History of Cambridge Tutor: Honor Ridout

Wednesday 10 weeks starting 28 September 2005, 7.30 pm–9.00 pm, The Ark, Jeavons Lane, Great Cambourne. Full Fee: £33.00 Concessionary Fee: £24.00

Cambridge Contact WEA Cambridge 01223 361656

Curious and Collectable Tutor: Deborah Fletcher

Thursday 10 weeks starting 22 September 2005, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Folk Museum, Castle Street. Full Fee: £33.00 Concessionary Fee: £24.00

Cheveley Contact Mrs Scilla Harvey 01638 731154

Why Value the Victorians? Tutor: Roger Powell

Friday 10 weeks starting 23 September 2005, 10:15 am–11:45 am, Cheveley Community Centre, Cheveley CP School, Park Road. Full Fee: £33.00 Concessionary Fee: £23.50

Cottenham Contact Liz Milway 01954 250039 or Val Saberton 01223 861186

Edwardian England 1900–1914 Tutor: Mary Dicken

Tuesday 10 weeks starting 20 September 2005, 9:30 am - 11:00 am, Cottenham Village College, High Street. Full Fee: £33.00

Godmanchester Contact Jane Paynter Tel: 01480 450023

Fenland Past Tutor: Peter Hewitt

Thursday 10 weeks starting 15 September 2005, 10.15 am–11.45 am, Queen Elizabeth School, Post Street. Full Fee: £35.00 Concessionary Fee: £28.00

Great Gransden Contact Tony Barber Tel: 01223 262224

Local History of Cambridgeshire Tutor: Mike Petty

Thursday 10 weeks starting 29 September 2005, 10.00 am–11.30 am, The Reading Room, Fox Street. Full Fee: £33.00

Guilden Morden Contact Mrs C Murfitt 01763 852526

Coins and Trade

Tuesday 10 weeks starting 13 September 2005, 7.45 pm–9.15 pm, Guilden Morden Primary School, Pound Green. Full Fee: £33.00 Concessionary Fee: £24.00

Haddenham Contact Derek Genders Tel: 01353 741100

Ancient Peru Tutor: Angela Rhys-Williams

Monday 10 weeks starting 19 September 2005, 10:00 am–11:30 am, Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road. Full Fee: £33.00 Concessionary Fee: £23.50

Hemingfords Contact Michael Sneath 01480 300965

English Education since the Middle Ages Tutor: Peter Hewitt

Monday 10 weeks starting 26 September 2005, 7.45 pm–9.15 pm. The Reading Room, High Street, Hemingford Grey. Full Fee: £33.00

Huntingdon Contact Vera Williams 01480 810353

Princes, Protestantism and Print Tutor: Roger Powell

Tuesday 10 weeks starting 20 September 2005, 7:30 pm–9:00 pm, Godmanchester Primary School, Park Lane. Full Fee: £33.00

Ickleton/Chesterfords Contact Jeffrey Lowe 01799 530277

Architecture in East Anglia Tutor: Christopher Walker

Thursday 10 weeks starting 29 September 2005, 7:45 pm–9:15 pm, Ickleton Village Hall, Frogge Street, Ickleton. Full Fee: £33.00

March Contact Celia Taylor 01354 657410

Winston Churchill – The Man and the Politician Tutor: Peter Neville

Thursday 10 weeks starting 15 September 2005, 10:00 am–11:30 am, The Conservative & Unionist Club, 14 Creek Road. Full Fee: £33.00 Concessionary Fee: £26.00

Linton Contact Leslie Allison 01223 891154

The Plant Hunters Tutor: Peter White

Tuesday 10 weeks starting 20 September 2005, 10:00 am–11:30 am, Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton. Full Fee: £29.50 Concessionary Fee: £23.00

St Neots Contact Elaine Donaldson 01480 21749

Changes in Victorian Social Life Tutor: Liz Carter

Thursday 10 weeks starting 29 September 2005, 7:30 pm–9:00 pm, St Neots Community College, Barford Road, Eynesbury. Full Fee: £33.00 Concessionary Fee: £27.00

Upton Contact Nora Wood 01480 890646

Swamps, Stilts & Monks Tutor: Liz Carter

Wednesday 10 weeks starting 14 September 2005, 10:00 am - 11:30 am, Upton Village Hall, Green Lane. Full Fee: £33.00

Wisbech Contact Ivan Esgate 01945 583326

The World in the Thirties Tutor: Peter Hewitt

Wednesday 10 weeks starting 21 September 2005, 10:30 am–12:00 pm, Upper Room, St Peter's Church Hall. Full Fee: £33.00 Concessionary Fee: £28.00

Yaxley Contact Mr RA Dudley 01733 269341

The Story of Peterborough Tutor: David Bond

Tuesday 10 weeks starting 20 September 2005, 7.30 pm–9.00 pm, Royal British Legion Club, 210 Broadway. Full Fee: £33.00 Concessionary Fee: £24.00

I would like to express my gratitude to all the contributors to this year's *Conduit* for their great patience; most of them had to submit their entries twice, due to a thunderstorm that damaged my computer's hard drive. I have therefore had to compile this edition twice. I do hope, however, that I have managed to recover every entry completely and correctly.

Andrew Westwood-Bate
Conduit Editorial Team

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