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Editorial

After two themed volumes these Proceedings return to the usual PCAS format of mixed papers, covering excavations, local history, landscape archaeology, architecture and historical geography. Indeed, in the finest antiquarian tradition many of the papers involve more than one of these disciplines. There should therefore be something to interest all members in this miscellany.

Two departures from recent practice are the inclusion of Conference synopses and an abbreviated Conduit. The synopses are by popular request, rising from a realisation that many members would be grateful to have a lasting reminder of these important papers. We are grateful to the authors who supplied copy so conscientiously after the event (naturally we had not thought of this in advance), and to Derek Booth who collected them all together. Conduit had to be an even more last-minute construct, when it became clear that the County Council could no longer keep up with the necessary production time-scale. This year’s approach is a bit of an experiment, and it will be useful to know what reaction we have both from members and from affiliated societies.

Alison Taylor

President’s Address

Two years as President is too short a time to see through any substantial programme of reform for CAS. When I was elected there were a number of initiatives I wanted to start in the hope they would mature in another President’s time. To this end Derek Booth as Secretary and I put out a questionnaire in the year 2000 to profile our membership and to canvas opinion on possible changes.

It has been a central part of my Presidency to re-imubef the Society and its membership with confidence in its right to express opinion on heritage issues. It is essential that there remains a well-informed independent Society to safeguard archaeological and related services at a time when other pressures and agenda take precedence within local and central governmental organisations which we perhaps naively assume will be acting in our best interests in protecting the past. It is particularly regrettable that CAS has been excluded from representation within long-established fora to discuss and scrutinise public heritage services within Cambridgeshire at this time.

Another issue I hoped we could address was to reverse the decline of amateur archaeology, perhaps by re-establishing the Society’s post of Director of Fieldwork, and to encourage research-led investigation in the County once more. This latter still awaits the right person and opportunity, but I am pleased there are encouraging signs in the way local groups have attracted grants which will give them solid research foci and draw in new members. Notable amongst these are Thriplow Society, Fulbourn Village History Society, Haverhill and District Archaeological Group and Cambridge Archaeology Field Group.

We asked members if it would be beneficial for CAS to develop other venues for meetings, and would there be interest in workshops on current research topics. We have developed the workshop idea with this year’s conference dedicated to the archaeology, architecture and history of Ely, a town that has had considerable investigation in the past ten years, with some startling new discoveries but little co-ordination or academic discussion. Synopses of the talks are published within this volume. From October we shall be holding our monthly meetings in more comfortable and more accessible surroundings, in the newly built Divinity Faculty at the Sidgewick Site.

Other positive steps are that, after two years I can report that the Web page is now complete and will shortly appear at www.Cambridge-Antiquarian-Society.org.uk, and that the Society has taken back full ownership of Conduit which, over the past ten years, had been produced jointly with Cambridgeshire County Council.

In summary there has been good progress over the past two years and the Society will continue to build upon its strengths as the paramount amenity society guarding Cambridgeshire’s heritage. Government policies at central and local level are capricious and we cannot afford to put faith in them without constant scrutiny and challenge. With the advent of regional government and root and branch reform of the planning system, a Cambridgeshire focus for our heritage provided by CAS will be ever more imperative. The Society is therefore essential and I thank you all for continuing to support and contribute to it. I am pleased to leave it in the capable hands of your secretary Liz Allan, and new President, Tony Kirby.

Tim Malim
The Conduit

Local History and Archaeology Organisations, Societies and Events

In June 2002 the County Council announced that it no longer wished to support production of Conduit, and so CAS took the rapid decision that the cheapest and simplest alternative was to publish the programmes of our affiliated societies within the Proceedings. We will review the situation next year, but in fact we think this may work rather well.

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Cambridge Antiquarian Society was founded in 1840, to bring recent work in local history and archaeology to the general public. Ordinary membership costs £12.50 per year, families and affiliated societies £15.00, and entitles members to free access to our varied range of lectures, reduced fees for our two annual conferences, and the Proceedings, as well as access to a specialist archaeology library. Membership can be taken out at any time; subscriptions fall due on 1st January 2003. Please do keep us abreast of recent work in local history and archaeology. Members of the Society are welcome to bring guests, and junior members of the University are welcome at all meetings. If you would like more information about the Society, please contact the Secretary or Registrar who will be very pleased to hear from you.

Programme for 2002/3

Our programme of monthly lectures is held in the friendly atmosphere of the Runcie Lecture Theatre in the Divinity Faculty building, Sidgwick site (near Lady Mitchell Hall). Lectures, except for the conferences and joint meeting with the Cambridge Local History Society. There is plentiful free car parking. Lectures begin at 6.00 pm and last for about an hour, with the opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards.

7 Oct Prof. David Hinton Anglo-Saxon Smiths and Myths
4 Nov Dr Sue Bridgford ‘Heroes and Villains’: examining the role of the sword-bearer in Late Bronze Age Britain
23 Nov Conference: Recent Archaeological Work in Cambridgeshire (details will be circulated)
2 Dec Ann Cole Place-names and Landscape – the Cambridge region (with Cambridgeshire Local History Society)
7 Dec David Cozens The Cromwell Family (joint meeting with Cambridgeshire Local History Society at St John’s Community Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge; at 2.00 for 2.15)
13 Jan Alison Taylor Roman Burial: the normal and the strange
3 Feb Dr John Lee The economy of late medieval Cambridge and its region
8 Mar Day conference: Cambridgeshire, Land of Plenty (at Lady Mitchell Hall, Cambridge, details to be circulated)
10 Mar 5.45 pm Annual General Meeting
Prof. Martin Biddle Nonsuch Palace – excavations and history
7 Apr Dr Adam Menuge ‘Speaking volumes’: Oxburgh Hall, Norfolk, and the fabric of late fifteenth century gentry life
From mystery to history: the Garamantes of the Libyan Sahara

A report on a five-year project investigating a vanished civilisation contemporary with the Roman empire.

Sacred landscapes, pilgrimage and prehistory

BUCKDEN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman Robin Gibson 01480 811558
Vice-Chairman Clive Thompson 01480 811050
Secretary Les Button 01480 811323
Treasurer Eric Nash 01487 710 317

The Society aims to promote the study and knowledge of local history in the very 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. Meetings usually on the first Wednesday of each month (no meeting in August) in the Conference Room at Buckden Towers.

Subscription: £10 per year.

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

4 Sept Joan Walton Angels and Devils in Medieval Carving
6 Nov John Slack Kimbolton Midland Railway
4 Dec Bill Wittering History of Postcards
8 Jan John Drake Historic Gardens of Cambridgeshire
5 Feb Peter Ibbett Census Revelations!
5 Mar Mike Storey History of the Parish Clerk
2 Apr Peter Clayton Octavia Hill
7 May to be announced
4 Jun Annual General Meeting
20 Jul Visit to Octavia Hill Birthplace Museum, Wisbech

CAMBRIDGE CATHOLIC HISTORY GROUP

Co-ordinator Christopher Jackson, 3 Lansdowne Road, Cambridge CB3 0EU; 01223 353260

Meetings are held at The Rectory, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1JR.

After six years’ activity, this Group has virtually completed its purpose of researching and publishing a history of the Catholic community in Cambridgeshire. The completed text of Catholics in Cambridge, comprising 37 essays by sixteen contributors, is currently in the hands of our Editor, Nicholas Rogers FSA, Archivist at Sidney Sussex College, and will be published by Gracewing publishing in May 2003. A hardback volume of approximately 132,000 words with illustrations, this will be a unique and authoritative work, to be offered on preferential pre-publication terms to interested subscribers. Subscription forms are available from CCHG, The Rectory, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1JR.
CAMBRIDGE INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

Chairman Don Fage 01727 847 562
Secretary Mrs Joyce Birkby, 149 Hereward Close, Impington CB4 9YF; 01223 233935
Treasurer Nigel Balchin 01223 832439

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 will host the 13th conference on 7th June 2003, the venue and programme to be notified later. Meetings, visits and conferences are open to everyone with an interest in industrial history.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the winter months at the Friends’ Meeting House, Jesus Lane, Cambridge at 7.45 p.m. Subscriptions £4 per year or visitors £1 per meeting.

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

14 Oct John Parsons and Ron Hartley Restoration of a vintage car
11 Nov Lorna Delanoy Denny Abbey Farmland Museum: from shoebox to county collection
9 Dec Michael Bowyer Cambridgeshire under attack 1940–1945
13 Jan Members’ Evening Slide and Print competitions, and short talks including Nick Smith on printing
10 Feb Don Unwin Canals: from the viewpoint of a ‘Gongoozler’!
10 Mar to be arranged
14 April Peter Filby Wind and water mills in Cambridgeshire

CAMBRIDGE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Chairman Robin Johnson
Secretary George Brewster, Wandlebury Ring, Babraham CB2 4AE

The Society aims to preserve Cambridge buildings, streetscape, views and amenities. It operates Wandlebury Country park and Nature Reserve (110 acres) and maintains Bourn Windmill and Hinxton Water Mill, both open to the public.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

President Mike Petty
Chairman JM Farrar
Secretary G Rushworth, 1a Archers Close, Swaffham Bulbeck CB5 0NG

The Society has been working for over 40 years to encourage the study of all aspects of local history in the former counties of Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely. Meetings are held at 2.15 pm on Saturday afternoons at St John’s Church Community Room, Blinco Grove, Cambridge unless otherwise stated. Parking is available. Ordinary membership is £8 and allows free access to all lectures. Everyone is welcome to attend and non-members are invited to donated £1. An annual journal is published.

PROGRAMME 2002/2003

5 Oct Steve Cassidy of Rattee & Kett Stone and Restoration
2 Nov  Lorna Delanoy, MBE  *Royal Memorabilia*
7 Dec  David Cozens  *The Cromwell Family*
4 Jan  Francesca Ashburner  *Spinning Houses in Cambridgeshire*
1 Feb  Alan Shipp  *National Hyacinth Collection*
1 Mar  Martyn Smith  *The Hunts Cyclists*
5 Apr  Rachel Wroth  *College Servants in the 19th Century*
3 May  Annual General Meeting

**CHATTERIS MUSEUM SOCIETY**

Curator  Jenny Furlong  01354 692801
Bill Coke  01354 692503

We are hoping to relaunch Chatteris Museum Society, and are finalising details of meetings etc. We would very much like to hear from interested parties to help us to work out a programme.

**DUXFORD HISTORY GROUP**

Contact  Jim Longstaff, 8b St John's Street, Duxford CB2 4RA; 01223 832000

Meetings are held in the Community Room, Laceys Way, Duxford at 7.30 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays between September and March. Subscription is £16.00 per year or £1.50 per meeting.

**PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003**

11 Sep  David Skeates  *Funeral Directing*
24 Sept  Ken Drake  *Covent Garden*
8 Oct  Rosemary Horrox  *The Black Death*
22 Oct  Tony Cornell  *Paranormal*
12 Nov  Becky Proctor  *Shopping Memories in the Folk Museum*
10 Dec  Social evening
28 Jan  Mike Gates  *East Anglian Film Archive*
11 Feb  Peter Roberts  *Bassingbourn Barracks*
25 Feb  Gary O'Shea  *International Rescue*
11 Mar  Robin Driver  *Local Roman Finds*
25 Mar  Malcolm Busby  *Child Labour in Victorian Times*

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ELTISLEY HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman Michael Sawyer, 19 The Green, Eltisley PE19 6TG; 01480 880019
Secretary Mary Flinders, Heylock, Caxton End, Eltisley PE19 6TJ; 01480 880268

Eltisley History Society aims to research and record family and local history. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7.45 pm for 8 pm, usually in the Cade Memorial Hall; details from the Chairman and Secretary. Subscriptions are £10 per year for individuals (£15 for joint or family membership); concessionary rates are available. Visitors are welcome at £1 per meeting.

PROGRAMME 2002/2003

25 Sept Tom Doig Folk Cures and Remedies
23 Oct W & H Peacock, Auctioneers and Valuers: Antiques Valuation Evening
27 Nov Geoff Sewell Eltisley World War I Soldiers
22 Jan Paul Spoerry Medieval Towns
26 Feb Stephen Macaulay The Romans in Cambridgeshire
26 Mar Tom Doig The Domesday Book for Eltisley
23 Apr Annual General Meeting
28 May Cecil Parry Life 1000 Years Ago

ELY AND DISTRICT ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chairman/Secretary Steven Cole, 2a Church Lane, Ely CB7 4JG; 01353 669326
Treasurer Clive Hughes, Berrycroft, 65 The Row, Sutton CB6 2PB; 01353 778388

Meetings are held in the New Room, Ely Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ely at 8 pm. Subscriptions are £6 (individual), £10 (two from the same address) per year. Visitors pay £1.50 (students £1) per meeting.

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

21 Oct David Cozens Capability Brown & Huntingdonshire
18 Nov Richard Mortimer Excavations at West Fen Road
12 Jan Adam Menuge Recent Investigations at Oxburgh Hall
18 Feb Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl Medieval Ely: the town, the inhabitants and their occupations
18 Mar Mary Alexander Excavations in Ely
20 May Allan Brodie Law and Order

ESSEX HISTORIC BUILDINGS GROUP

President DF Stenning
Secretary Alan Bayford, 12 Westfield Avenue, Chelmsford CB1 1SF; 01245 256102

Meetings are held at 7.30 for 8.00 pm on the first floor at Moulsham Mill, Parkway, Chelmsford, except where stated otherwise. Admission is free for members and non-members. Subscription: £10 per year.

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

18 Oct Patrick Crouch Blind Backs and 19th Century Workers' Housing
29 Nov  Members’ Evening, including a brief account of the Vernacular Architecture Group’s visit to Ireland
3 Jan   Speaker to be arranged
7 Feb   Speaker to be arranged
21 Mar Speaker to be arranged
2 May   Speaker to be arranged

FENLAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST
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Flag Fen, a late Bronze Age fen-edge settlement is one of the most exciting English archaeological discoveries in recent years. It is open all the year round (except Christmas Day and Boxing Day) from 11 am to 4 pm. There are guided tours of the site in summer, and a Flag Fen Trail in winter. Schools, universities and colleges are welcome at a special rate of £1.75 per child or student with teachers coming free. Pre-booked tours for archaeological or historical societies or any other group have a special rate of £2.50 per person. The Trust can supply speakers to give lectures to interested groups, for which a fee is charged. For additional information or bookings please contact the Members’ Secretary at the address above.

Subscriptions are: Full Membership £30 per year, Associate Membership £10 per year.

FRIENDS OF MILL ROAD CEMETERY
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Secretary Shayne Mitchell, 7 Atherton Close, Cambridge; 01223 313541

The Friends were founded in 1999 and our aim is to protect the cemetery as a place of remembrance, spirituality, history and nature. We organise a ‘Spring Clean the Cemetery’ day in April and an Open Afternoon/open air service in the summer and have a guest speaker at our October AGM.

Subscription: £6 for three years. Please contact any officers for the dates of the events on the programme.

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003
Oct    Annual General Meeting and AGM guest speaker
Apr    Spring Clean the Cemetery Day
August Open afternoon

HERTS AND ESSEX ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH SOCIETY
Hon Chairman Alan Bayford
Hon Treasurer Peter Lewis
Hon Secretary Kathleen Pollard, 4 Nelmes Way, Hornchurch, Essex RM11 2QZ; 01708 473646; e-mail: KPoiirm11@aol.com
Meetings are held in Room M6, Roding Valley High School, Loughton, near Loughton Station, at 8.00 pm on the second Friday of each month between October and April. Subscription £6 per year (£8 from January 2003); Visitors 50p per meeting. During the summer visits are arranged to buildings of interest. While Herts and Essex buildings are our main interest, we consider it important to take the wider view.

**PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003**

8 Sept  Toby Lyons *Tour of Much Hadham* (01279 815830)
11 Oct  Bob Crump *A study of the Vernacular Buildings in the Rochford Hundred*

Further meetings to be arranged.

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**HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

*President*  Lord Renton KBE, TD, QC, DL
*Chairman*  David Cozens MBE, 70 Upwood Road, Bury PE26 2PA; 01487 815229
*Secretary*  Mary Hopper, 3 The Lanes, Houghton PE28 2BW; 01480 463007
*Website*  www.huntslocalhistory.org.uk

The Society aims to encourage research into Huntingdonshire history. Records of Huntingdonshire, the Society’s journal, is published annually. During the winter months a wide-ranging programme of monthly lectures is held at 7.30 pm on Thursday evenings in the Council Chamber of Pathfinder House, St Mary’s Street, Huntingdon. A social evening is held at Christmas and an Annual General Meeting in May. During the summer coach excursions to places of interest in the county and further afield are arranged. Subscription £7 (individual) and £12 (double) per year, and includes two Newsletters and a copy of Records of Huntingdonshire.

The Society’s Goodliff Awards scheme was launched in 1996. Since then 50 awards have been made, supporting history projects in 24 towns and villages in Huntingdonshire. The projects have been carried out by various organisations including schools, museums and local history societies as well as by many individuals. Further details of how to apply for grants can be obtained from Ken Sneath (01480 450686) or from the Society’s website.

**PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003**

24 Oct  Tim Crawley *Creating an Image of Oliver Cromwell*
14 Nov  Ken Sneath *The Hearth Tax 1664*

Dec  Christmas Social
16 Jan  John Drake *Historic Gardens of Cambridgeshire*
13 Feb  Martin Smith *Hunts Cyclists Battalion*
27 Mar  Dr R Berrington *400 Years of ‘Medical Friars’ in an Alconbury Practice*
17 Apr  Patrick Ellis *The Giddings*

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**THE ICKLETON SOCIETY**

*Chairman*  Sheila Birch

The Society was established to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the village, to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the village, and to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the village. Meets roughly every 4-6 weeks in members’ homes.
THE ISLEHAM SOCIETY

Chairman Roynon Howes, 51 Waterside, Isleham CB7 5SH
Secretary Beryl Powys, 5 Church Lane, Isleham CB7 5SQ

The Society is interested in the history and traditions of the village, in its preservation and development. It arranges lectures each year on a wide range of subjects but all with special emphasis on local and East Anglian interest. There are three or four outings each year, as well as organised rambles around the village pathways in the summer. A Nature Reserve is maintained, and members assist in planting trees in the village.

Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 8 pm on Thursday evenings and subscription is £10 per year (visitors £2 per meeting).

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

5 Sept Dr Susan Murphy The Animal Welfare Trust
24 Oct Peter Norman Old Newmarket
28 Nov John Whitmore The History of Magic
16 Jan Slides from the Arthur Houghton Collection
20 Feb PG Day The History of Lifeboats
20 Mar Rodney Tibbs Gardens
24 Apr Annual General Meeting

Rambles: Saturdays in June, August and September: meet on Priory Green at 10 am, by arrangement.
Contact A Clements for details on 01638 780252.

KIMBOLTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman Nora Butler, 71 Castle Gardens, Kimbolton; 01480 861007
Secretary VM Schorer-Nixon, 3 The Lane, Stow Longa; 01480 860325
Treasurer W Watson, 34 Constable Leys, Kimbolton; 01480 861431

Meetings are held once a month in Kimbolton Castle at 8 pm. Subscriptions are £6 (single) and £10 (double) per year.

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

11 Sept Nina Pope The Construction of Grafham Water
9 Oct Members and Committee Family Histories
13 Nov Tom Doig Folk Cures and Remedies
4 Dec Performance of The Wakefield Second Shepherd's Play by members at the Drama Studio, Kimbolton School

Programme for 2003 not yet available.

THE LANDSCAPE AND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP (LLHG)

Contact Lyn Boothman at 18 York Street, Cambridge CB1 2PY; 01223 323042
email: annys@boothman27.fsnet.co.uk
Are you interested in local and landscape history? Are you doing or considering original research? Would you enjoy an occasional meeting of like minded people? The LLHG exists to provide a meeting place for active researchers (largely amateurs although we have ‘professional’ members); many members are researching in the local area but several are working on places further afield. The group exists on a fairly informal basis, but meets three or four times a year, normally at Shire Hall, Cambridge. It provides a meeting place where members can share research findings, exchange ideas and information and increase their knowledge of the range of records and resources available. Members of Cambridgeshire’s archive staff are active members and we are very grateful for their cooperation, contributions and assistance.

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**MARCH AND DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY**

*Chairman* Peter Hewitt, 101 Elwyn Road, March PE15 9DB; 01354 654783  
*Vice-Chairman* Richard Munns, 1 Milner Close, March PE15 8LH; 01354 653714

The Museum is open:  
Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon  
Saturdays 10.30 am – 3.30 pm  
1st Sunday in summer months 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Parties are welcomed at any other reasonable time and admission is free.

The Museum Society holds its programme of evening lectures on the second Friday evening of each month in St Peter’s church hall opposite the Museum and all are welcome. Subscription is £3 per year. Members attending meetings: £1; Visitors £2.

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Friday evening meetings continue in 2003, but the programme is still to be finalised.

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**ORWELL LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

*Secretary* SH Miller, 55 High Street, Orwell  
*Treasurer* John Holroyd, 2 Greentford Close, Orwell

Meetings are held in the Methodist Church Schoolroom on the last Thursday of each month except August, commencing at 8 pm (June and July meetings are visits to local places of interest). Subscription is £5 per year, payable in November. Non-members are welcome on payment of £1 per meeting.

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Meetings continue in 2003, but the programme is still to be finalised.

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PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM SOCIETY

Chairman DA Sharp, 30 Apsley Way, Longthorpe, Peterborough
Secretary R Rodwell, 9 Royston Avenue, Orton Longueville, Peterborough, PE2 7AA; 01733 231434

The main 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 in the Museum Lecture Hall, Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough. The summer outings programme will be available from the Secretary in February 2003.

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

1 Oct  Toby Fox Flag Fen: New Development
15 Oct  F Nigel Hepper Kew: Pharaoh’s Flowers
29 Oct  Payne Life in a Fenland Village in the 1920s
12 Nov  M Dillon Queen’s Jubilee
26 Nov  A Mills The Jedburghs from Milton Hall
10 Dec  Hurluberlu An Evening with Jane Austin
7 Jan   D Mackreth Peterborough Cathedral Archaeology
21 Jan  Dr J Sutcliffe Wild Flowers – English Nature
4 Feb   Canon Higham The Monastic Infirmary and Table Hall
18 Feb  Adrian Green London before London – Archaeology
4 Mar   Dr T Foulds Nottingham Castle: A Magnificent Palace
18 Mar  B Sutton The Mary Rose: Second Episode
1 Apr   A Purser The Monk’s House, Monastery and Cloister

SAWSTON VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

President Mary Dicken, 23 Princess Drive, Sawston
Chairman Joan Paine, 18 Evans Way, Sawston
Treasurer Eric Jacobs, 21 West Moor Avenue, Sawston
Secretary Bryan Howe, 16 Henry Morris Road, Sawston; 01223 833963

The Society has a small Museum at 57 High Street, Sawston, and it is open every second Saturday of the month 2–4pm, except in August. During this time there will always be an enthusiastic member available who will be delighted to talk about any of the exhibits, or any other aspect of local history. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Chapelfield Community Centre, starting at 7.30 pm.

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

12 Sept Annual General Meeting
10 Oct Barry Stevenson Antiques Road Show
14 Nov Members’ evening 1939–45 War Experiences
12 Dec Members’ evening
9 Jan William Tyler Witchcraft
13 Feb Henry Porter The University of Cambridge
13 Mar Peter Filby Wind & Water Mills of Sawston
10 Apr  Mary Dicken  Sawston Surnames
8 May  Origins of the Land Settlement Scheme

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STANE HUNDRED LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman  Robert Hill, 12 Albert Road, Quy CB5 9HH
Programme Secretary  Gillian Rushworth, 1a Archers Close, Swaffham Bulbeck CB5 0NG; 01223 811703
Meetings Secretary  Maureen Rogers, 95 High Street, Bottisham CB5 9BA; 01223 812146

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at Bottisham Village College. Subscription is £6.50 per year. Visitors are welcome (£2 per lecture).

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

11 Sept  Lorna Delanoy  From Shoebox to County Collection
9 Oct  Dr Tim Hunt  Opium Trail Across East Anglia
13 Nov  Mike Petty  Pickwick's Cambridge Scrapbook
11 Dec  Professor Parker  History of the Botanic Gardens
8 Jan  Peter Hewitt  Development of Wisbech
12 Feb  Gill Rushworth  A Short History of the Department Store
12 Mar  Ann Holton-Krayenhbuhl  Monks, Merchants, Craftsmen in the Broad Street Area of Ely
9 Apr  S Pearl  History of Straw Plaiting

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ST NEOTS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman  vacant
Deputy Chairman  E Marshall, Church House, Berkeley Street, Eynesbury, St Neots PE19 2NA
Meetings Secretary  R Pullinger, 40 Drake Road, Eaton Socon, St Neots PE19 8HS; 01480 217933
Programme Secretary  E Meeks, 26 The High Street, Wilden, Bedford MK44 2PB; 01234 771792

The aim of the Society is to stimulate and foster an interest in local history through monthly meetings and the opportunity for research and outings. Historical information is collected, and a magazine published three times a year.

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the first Friday of each month in the school hall of Eynesbury Primary School, Montagu Street, Eynesbury. Subscriptions are £6.00 per year (individual) and £10.00 per year (double).

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

6 Sept  Gp Capt Peter Garth  The Airship Heritage Trust
4 Oct  Peter Walker (Gamlingay Wood Warden)  Ancient Woodland
1 Nov  David Bushby  Frank Day's Photograph Album 1880–1910
6 Dec  Members' Evening
3 Jan  Rod Todman  The Clarabut Photographs
7 Feb  Annual General Meeting
              Sue Jarrett  Eaton Socon Cross Hall and the Old Workhouse
7 Mar To be announced
4 Apr Mike Osborne 20th Century Military Structures
2 May Ian Burton History & Development of the Papworth Settlement
6 Jun David Rudd St Neots Priory
4 Jul Ann Taggart: Outing to Taggart's Gallery and Tile Museum
1 Aug Outing to Cambridge Folk Museum

THE THRIPLOW SOCIETY

Chairman Shirley Wittering, 24a Middle Street, Thriplow
Secretary Peter Spark, 23 Church Street, Thriplow
Treasurer Peter Yates

The Society aims to promote interest in local history, the environment and the conservation of the Thriplow region. All meetings are held at the Village Hall at 8 pm unless otherwise stated. Subscription is £5 per year (Visitors £1 per meeting). The Thriplow Journal is published three times a year and is free to members.

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

14 Sept Visit to Burwell Museum
18 Oct Anne Rowe Dovcotes: Historic Features of the Landscape
15 Nov Visit to the Cambridgeshire Collection
17 Jan Michael Bentinck Wartime Women
15 Feb Tenth Birthday Party
14 Mar Bill Wittering King's Cross to Cambridge: An historic trip
25 Apr Annual General Meeting
David Lee Duxford: Past, Present and Future

THRIPLOW STUDY GROUP

Contact Bruce Milner, 8 Brookfield Road, Sawston CB2 4EH; 01223 570596
e-mail: brucemilner@ntlworld.com

We are in the process of putting the results of our research on the factors influencing the development of Thriplow into print, for which we are hoping to attract funding. Not wishing to rest on our laurels we intend to apply our newly-acquired skills in further projects of a similar kind, in the south Cambridgeshire area. We are not intending to emulate Time Team, but the purchase of geophysical equipment will greatly enhance our scope for research into how and where the earlier residents of Cambridgeshire lived. New members are always welcome!

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Secretary Janet Morris, 21 High Street, West Wickham CB1 6RY; 01223 290863

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 8 pm in the West Wickham Village Hall.
PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

14 Oct Julia Napier The Work of the Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke
11 Nov Tim Reynolds Recent Developments in Archaeology in Cambridgeshire
9 Dec To be confirmed
13 Jan Janet Morris Horseheath Hall
10 Mar Annual General Meeting

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WHITTLESEA SOCIETY

Chairman Ken Mayor, 19 Bowker Way, Whittlesey PE7 1PY; 01733 204944
Vice-Chairman Ray Cotton, 6 Bellman’s Grove, Whittlesey PE7 1TX; 01733 202065
Hon Secretary David Hancock, 3 Vintner’s Close, Peterborough PE3 6BT; 01733 853894
Hon Treasurer Barbara Gale, 160 Eastrea Road, Whittlesey PE7 2AJ; 01733 208381

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month (except August) at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall, Market Street, Whittlesey. Subscriptions are £5 (individual) and £7.50 (family) per year.

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

9 Sept Geoffrey Dodd What the Blacksmith Said Before He Died
14 Oct Alan Porter An Auctioneer’s Life
11 Nov John Gates When I Think Of What I’ve Thrown Away
9 Dec Matthew Piccavar Forensic Science
13 Jan Alan Dawn Fossils of the Fens
10 Feb David Cozens Ramsey Abbey
10 Mar Gerry Burrows The Fifties Revisited

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BURWELL MUSEUM

Mill Close, Burwell CB5 0HJ; 01638 605544 (recorded messages)

Contact    Paul Hawes, tel. 01638 742847
Website     http://mysite.freeserve.com/burwell_museum

Opening Times  Easter – end of October, 2 – 5 pm on Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays
Admission     £2 (adults) and 50p (children); season tickets £5.00
Group Visits  School and evening group visits arranged by appointment
            Contact Mike Pike tel. 01638 741933
Directions    From A14 take B1102 signposted Burwell. Free parking for the Museum at the Gardiner
              Memorial Hall which is signposted on the village High Street.

Burwell Museum concentrates on fen-edge village life and is housed in a re-erected 18th century
barn depicting bygone domestic and working life over the past 100 years. Around the site there are
displays showing a village school, shop, working telephone exchange, forge and wheelwright’s shop,
vintage car, Nissen hut with war memorabilia, carts, traps and carriage for the gentry, audio-visual
room with archive films, over 5000 photographs in our Millennium Collection, local archaeology and
much more. All are housed in a visitor-friendly environment. Toilets, stair chairlift, giftshop and
‘special events’ throughout the year make this an idea afternoon out for the family.

Friends of Burwell Museum enjoy free admission to the Museum, discounted entry to fund-raising
events and free newsletters trice a year. Annual subscription £5 per person. Contact Len Bowyer, the
Friends’ Membership Secretary, for further details (tel. 01638 743193).

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CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTY FOLK MUSEUM

2–3 Castle Street, Cambridge CB3 0AQ; 01223 355159

Curator Cameron Hawke-Smith
Assistant Curator Becky Proctor
Education Officer Sarah-Jane Harknett
Museum Assistant Katherine Shearer
www.folkmuseum.org.uk

PROGRAMME FOR 2002/2003

14 Oct   Tea Party, 2.45–4.15 p.m.  Admission £1
13 Nov   Museum’s Annual General Meeting, 7.30 p.m.
6 Dec    Christmas Social Evening, 7.30 p.m.
All events are held in the Museum.

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NORRIS MUSEUM

The Broadway, St Ives PE27 5BX; 01480 497314

Curator Bob Burn-Murdoch
e-mail bob@norrismuseum.fsnet.co.uk.

Opening Hours
Monday–Friday: 10 am–1 pm, 2–4 pm
Saturday: 10 am–12 noon
Also open Saturday and Sunday afternoons May–September

Friends of the Museum £3 (individual) and £5 (couple)

The Norris Museum’s ducks are like the Tower of London’s ravens. Nobody knows what use they are, but we keep feeding them just in case they’re doing something vital we don’t know about. (The Norris Museum’s curator is much the same really.) Picture the consternation then when the Norris lost its last Muscovy!

Duck numbers have always fluctuated, but by the end of last year we were down to just one. On New Year’s Day, annoyed by the lateness of breakfast, she flew off in search of a hotel where the staff were more respectful. Disaster for the Museum followed swiftly on this portent.

St Ives Town Council has allocated £22,000 to the rebuilding of the river wall at the end of the Museum building; the state of the wall has been a cause for concern and the Town Council’s generous offer is of a piece with its whole-hearted support for the Norris over many years. It was hoped to carry out the work this summer, but at the time of writing the project has been blocked by the District Auditors on various obscure technicalities.

But things could be worse. Building work may be at a standstill, but the Museum’s catalogues are being computerised on equipment the auditors don’t know we’ve got, by people pretending to work for someone else; our programme of displays and exhibitions is being enhanced by pictures and posters from a colour printer we didn’t officially pay for; and much conservation work is being done on the collections, all carried out for nothing if you believe the balance sheets. It would be sad to see so many years of fraud and peculation sliding into the River Ouse but if the ducks won’t come to the Museum, I suppose the Museum must go to the ducks.

Obviously with all this uncertainty we must ask PCAS readers not to visit the Norris again this year. We’re still trying to attract a better class of visitor.

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ST NEOTS MUSEUM

FRIENDS OF ST NEOTS MUSEUM

The Old Court, 8 New Street, St Neots PE19 1AE; 01480 214163 (Reception)

Curators Anna Mercer and Elizabeth Davies
Friends Secretary Gillian Hillyard 01480 394950

Opening Times
January–April: Wednesdays to Saturdays 10.30 am – 4 pm
May–December: Tuesdays to Saturdays 10.30 am – 4 pm
Christmas, New Year, Bank Holidays, please contact Museum

Admission
Friends of St Neots Museum free
Residents of St Neots & contributing parishes free
Other adults £1.50, Concessions £0.75, Under 5s free
Out-of-hours pre-booked groups £2 each (minimum £20)
Friends’ Annual Subscription on application

Access
Market Square and town centre car parks 2 minutes’ walk away

The Museum has been awarded a Heritage Lottery Fund grant for improved presentation, including new exhibitions in the 1907 cells (believed to be the only ones in Huntingdonshire in near-original condition) and other additions. Work will be complete by November 2002.

Opened in 1995 and commended in the national Gulbenkian Awards in 1997 for ‘outstanding achievement with limited resources’, the Museum occupies the former police station and magistrates’ court. Attractive, professionally-designed displays tell the story of St Neots district from prehistoric to modern times. The Museum has large reserve collections. Of particular interest is the Don Wills collection of Huntingdonshire postcards, maps and postal history, amounting to several thousand items. A copy of the catalogue of these is kept at the Huntingdon Record Office. Originals and many digital copies may be seen by appointment with a curator. The Museum welcomes school and other pre-booked parties. Several resources link with the National Curriculum and a Primary Schools Resource Pack is available. Please contact a curator.

Events and exhibitions: the Museum has a rolling programme of temporary exhibitions with supporting workshops and demonstrations. Full details from the Museum.

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