



Cherry Hinton Local History Society



Welcome to Cherry Hinton Local History Chatterings - Edition 1

So normally Roy and I would be getting ready for the Local History Meeting tonight and come to think of it I was going out to lunch with friends! How quickly life has changed but do not worry, though we may not be able to get together for our monthly meetings, Ken Hames, our Chair, has suggested that we should have a newsletter instead and leading by example has supplied the photographs for the first item. For the moment we shall produce a monthly newsletter until we can resume our meetings. The Committee hope you will all keep safe and healthy.

Swimming at Coe Fen in the 1920's



These photos are of Ken Hame's mother - Ada Rhodes. Ken says that the first one is captioned "over Coe Fen. Madge and myself one Sunday morning, a bit cold." Ada is on the left. Madge is Ken's aunt. The second "just going for my last duck before getting dressed." Ken says that his mother's family lived in Newnham so it wasn't far to go for a swim.

Ken has heard from member Blanche Downing who said that as a child she went from the Morley school on the bus to swimming classes at Newnham, but had to walk from the top of Brooklands Avenue. She remembers the tin hut changing facility. Does any other member have similar memories?

The History of Swimming & Bathing in Cambridge by Sophie Smiley

(Sophie was due to talk to us at the March Meeting)

My talk would be looking at the history of swimming and bathing from the Romans to the ice-breaking, skinny-dippers at present day Newnham.

Who knew that the first illustrated self-help guide - "The Art of Swimming" - was written in Tudor Cambridge? That the 2 oldest swimming pools in England are tucked away in Cambridge colleges? Or that some local boys, climbing over a wall for a midnight swim on a summer's evening, found themselves surrounded by armed police?

From strange, water-contraptions to naked poets - streams to float along and streams of consciousness all meet in Cambridge!

A Message from Mike Petty about Resources you can access by Computer

Our Society has a group membership of the Cambridgeshire Association of Local History (CALH). Here is a message from CALH President, Mike Petty.

The closure of the Cambridgeshire Collection together with the county's Archives and Museums means we no longer have access to those resources we promised ourselves that we would use 'when we have time' But the fact that you are reading these words may mean that you can still have access to at least some of their material here on your screen. I have placed files from my own library here on your device that you can read, download and use for free. They include newspaper articles from 1888, pictures dating back to the 1680s. and everything I've written.

Search **Mike Petty Internet Archive** or look at the website www.mikepetty.org.uk (Roy says this is a very interesting site and can be accessed by a link on the Society's website).



'LOST' CAMBRIDGE COLLEGES St. Bernards College by Committee Member John Gates

St. Bernards College had a very short life, it was founded in 1446 by Andrew Duket, Rector of St Botolph's Church. The college was to be located on a piece of ground between Queens' Lane (then Milne Street) and Trumpington Street. In 1447 Duket changed his plans and persuaded Margaret of Anjou, Henry VI's Queen, to be foundress of a new larger college named Queen's College of St. Margaret and St. Bernard. She was 15 at the time! Building was started on the present site in 1448. In 1465 Duket persuaded Elizabeth Woodville, Edward IV's Queen, to refound the College and it became Queens' College as we know it today. One of the College gates in Queens Lane is named Dokets Gate.

APRIL NEWSLETTER Can you make a contribution?

Were you at work in the last century? If so please tell us about it.

Do you remember typewriters, nylon overalls, luncheon vouchers, clocking on, wage packets containing real money, 2 weeks holidays only?

Do you remember Cambridge brickworks, breweries, the University Press, the Cherry Hinton quarries or cement works or shops?

If you have a memory and/or a photograph please email to mo@cherrydesigns.org.uk or phone 01223 210724 by April 17th

Collection of Memories for WW2 Exhibition Postponement of VE Day Events

You will remember that Ken, Mo and Roy have been representing the Local History Society on the Cherry Victory 75 Committee. In light of Covid 19 we have decided to postpone the concert and exhibition to be held on VE Day. A new date will be announced when things become clearer.

However the Society's Collection of WW2 Memories afternoon did go ahead on Saturday March 7th in Cherry Hinton Library. About 20 people attended and we received some good memories. Thanks to all who gave cakes including Maureen Gibbs, Ann Flack, Jenny Taylor and Amanda Smith. Thanks to Amanda for organising the refreshments and Jenny for ably assisting, to Chrissie, Steve and John for getting people to impart their memories and Shaun for helping with furniture logistics. If you have any memories or can encourage a neighbour or relative to give you their WW2 memories please email them to mo@cherrydesigns.org.uk



WW2 Memories of the Walpole Road Italian Prisoner of War Camp

Committee Member Steve Finch started these off. He said that at that time he lived in Birdwood Road in the semi-detached houses coming down from the Perne Road Roundabout. The houses stopped half way down and it was all open land from then on to Walpole Road. The Prisoner of War Camp backed onto Cherry Hinton Hall and was at the top end of Walpole Road. Steve was not yet going to school. Where Dawes Lane comes up to Walpole Road there was a hole under the railings which he and his friends used to get into the camp to visit the prisoners. Steve said they liked the prisoners because they had wild animals e.g. foxes and badgers as pets. They did not like the English guards who told them to get out!

Two other memories of the Prisoner of War Camp came at the Memories Afternoon from Evelyn Ogesby who said "they gave a Christmas Party for us children" Bill Chapman also has memories he says "they made toys on strings for the children. There were also football matches between the prisoners and the local team". When Ken and Mo visited the Cambridgeshire Collection Mary Burgess found an aerial photograph which shows the Prisoner of War Camp. If anyone else has memories of this camp please email them to mo@cherrydesigns.org.uk.

Useful Websites

www.chlhs.org.uk is the Society's website.

On the website you will find a useful link to **CCAN Cherry Hinton**
On the bottom right hand corner "**More Links**" will list **Mike Petty's website** and other interesting sites.

The Society were one of the founding groups of
CCAN (Cambridgeshire Community Archives Network) (www.ccan.co.uk)

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Committee Members Amanda and Shaun Smith are our webmasters.

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About our History Society

Our society is a friendly group of residents of Cherry Hinton and beyond sharing an interest in the history of Cherry Hinton and surrounding areas and memories of being here. We have fun meetings a year with a talk given by a guest speaker on historical subjects, often but not always, with a local context. The society also arranges excursions. Please see our current programme below for a flavour of what we do.

We meet **baggs** in the Church Centre at 7.30pm on the last Monday of most months. A talk is followed by questions, coffee, bits of chat and a raffle to help the society's funds.

Membership for 2020 costs £10 for single members and £18 for couples. Guest membership for anyone who would just like to attend one talk is £2-50.

Sadly we have to cancel all meetings and excursions until further notice. We hope that all our members keep safe from the virus.

2020 programme

DATE	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
27th Jan	Cherry Hinton Road – Past & Present	Mary Burgess Local Studies Assistant, Cambridge Collection
26th Feb	My journey into Family History	Pam Butler
30th Mar	The History of Swimming & Bathing in Cambridge	Sophie Smiley
27th Apr	Museum of Technology – Past, Present & Future	Pam Halls Curator
18th May	Operation Chastise & the Dam Busters	David Taylor
29th Jun	Cherry Hinton Characters in St. Andrew Churchyard	Michelle Bullivant
27th July	The American Cemetery	Suzie Harrison
	No meeting in August	
28th Sept	The story of how P&O became Cambridge's biggest private sector company for much of the 20th century	Roger Crabtree P&O History Trust
26th Oct	Ely Cathedral	Mark Bradford Cathedral & Tower Guide
30th Nov	AGM and Members Social Event	

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The Cherry Hinton Village Website
A wealth of information about Cherry Hinton including a nice article on history. There are links to village events, community groups, gardens, surgery info, bus routes and much more.

More links

Cherry Hinton
Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network

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Farming in Cherry Hinton (Photo: M Bullivant)

Agricultural

Demolition of Sidney Farm, Cherry Hinton (Photographer Geoff Kitchen)

Farming in Cherry Hinton (Photo: M Bullivant)

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Half Farm, Cherry Hinton High Street now TSB Lloyds Bank. The children are on the stile to Love Lane (courtesy of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society)

See also

'Farming in Cherry Hinton (Photo: M Bullivant)' also appears in:

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Researching Family History for Free

Following up on our February talk by Pam Butler and Amanda Smith the CCAN Committee have sent this interesting information. If you don't want to pay to use a site like Ancestry or Findmypast, it's still possible to research your ancestors using free online resources. Just be aware that it will take a longer, be more complicated, require a lot more effort and be more frustrating! That said, much basic information such as births, deaths, marriages, baptisms, burials and even censuses are available for free if you know where and how to look for them.

And don't forget Google! Judicious searching, particularly using Google Advanced Search, can bring up excellent information for 'putting the flesh on the bones' of your ancestors, such as historical and geographical background to the places they lived in, the occupations and industries they were involved in, the social and political events which might have influenced their lives, and so on. Google Images is also useful (for places particularly) and, of course, Google Maps.

Try to keep a note of where you found information – it's frustrating to have made a note of something and not be able to find it again because you've looked at so many sources and followed so many links that you've lost track! Bookmark the useful sources you find, then it's easy to visit them again.

For the list of websites you can access please see the separate article which will be sent with this newsletter.