

HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY

# ALMANACK

## The Newsletter of the Huntingdonshire Local History Society Summer Excursions Edition 2019



*Wingfield College*

*Inside you will find the programme of this summer's excursions. We hope you will find them interesting and will join us on several.*

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## **An evening walk around historic Peterborough, Tuesday 11th June.**

Stuart Orme, Cromwell Museum Curator, lives in Peterborough. For many years he was a curator at Peterborough Museum, worked at the Cathedral, written extensively on the city's past and led many guided walks, so knows its historic nooks, crannies and stories well. Cromwell may get a mention apropos the Civil War, but the tour will take in the Cathedral Precincts, historic shops and pubs, medieval kings and bridges, and the industrial heritage, as well as the stories of riots, rebellions and a man whose life was saved by the bell!



**Meet outside Peterborough Museum, Priestgate, at 7.00 p.m. Public or own transport.** Best car park is Trinity Street, behind Museum (£2 for evening from 6.00pm)

**No charge. Donations invited for Cromwell Museum Refurbishment. Book by Friday 7th June, maximum 40 people.**



## **Afternoon, Tuesday 9th July Pathfinder Museum, RAF Wyton**

RAF Wyton, conveniently close to its Huntingdon HQ, was the main station for the Pathfinders. Air Commodore Bennett, CO of the Group, lived here. Since 1995 a valuable collection of historic material has gradually been assembled. The Museum also houses the JARIC collection of air reconnaissance material formerly at RAF Brampton and the RAF Wyton Timeline, giving an overall history of the station from its origins in 1916 to the present day.



**Meet at 1.00pm at entrance (guardroom). to RAF Wyton. Public (well served by buses) or own transport (visitors car park)**

**YOU MUST SUPPLY NAMES OF ALL GOING AND BRING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION WITH YOU. YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO SEARCHES. NO PHOTOGRAPHY EXCEPT WITHIN THE HERITAGE CENTRE.**

**Cost: £2 (pay on the day)**

**Book by Saturday 22nd June (note early date due to security requirements)**

*A further Almanack with news and short articles is being published to coincide with the Huntingdonshire History Festival in July. Please send material for inclusion in this to Mike Dudley, [miked.3539@gmail.com](mailto:miked.3539@gmail.com) by Friday 14th June.*

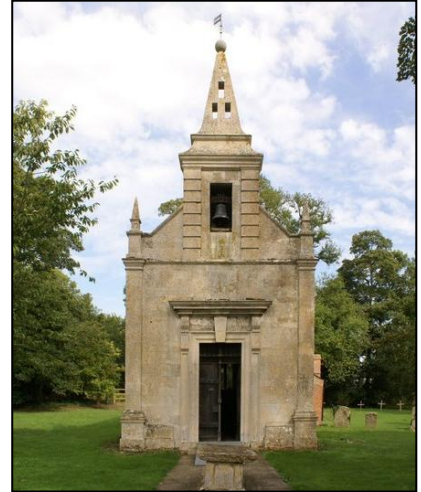
## Afternoon at Little Gidding, Tuesday 13th August

This is one of those Huntingdonshire Essentials and should be familiar to members from articles on Nicholas Ferrar and his family in *Records* by David Ransome. For historical background see the [VCH Hunts., i, 399-406](#). Ferrar's spirit lives on. We shall be given a tour of the house and 'chapel', (in fact a parish church) that together make it a very special place, by members of the community and afterwards there will be tea/coffee and cake.

**Meet at Little Gidding car park, 2.30 p.m. Own Transport. Please tell us if you need a lift and we will do our best to arrange one.**

**Cost: £5.00 (can be paid on the day, but at least email to say you are coming)**

**Book by Monday 5th August.**



## All day coach excursion, Saturday 17th August

### Southwell Minster and Corby Glen parish church (joint with CALH & CHCT)

An opportunity to join in the annual Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust-led excursion to a great church, which benefits from the expert commentary and guidance of Revd Lynne Broughton. Lunchtime opportunity to explore Southwell and visit to Corby Glen church on way back, with tea there.

**Further information and booking form is on a separate leaflet being circulated with this newsletter.**

**Book by Saturday 1st June. Please note early deadline.**



## All day coach excursion, Friday 13th September

### Eye church & Wingfield College & parish church, Suffolk (joint with CALH)

SS. Peter and Paul Eye is one of those astonishing late medieval churches that seems to have everything: one of the finest rood screens in the region, a fan vault in the tower, a wealth of monuments, a sanctuary by Ninian Comper, a recently-restored organ. We shall arrive shortly after their regular Friday service and be able to join for coffee. After looking round we are free to explore the pleasant market town, perhaps mount the castle motte, and find lunch in one of several eateries.

At 1.30 we reassemble for the short trip onward to Wingfield College. The Palladian lines of this private house (cover) conceal a medieval manor, remodelled as a chantry college by Sir John Wingfield in 1362, 'a maze of medieval woodwork',



'every inch of which is intriguing' (*Jenkins*). The visit includes the adjacent parish church, where Sir John is buried, but whose glory is the fabulous tombs of the de la Pole Dukes of Suffolk, and concludes with tea and cake.

**Leave Huntingdon Bus Station 9.30 a.m.; depart Wingfield 4.40, return c. 6.30 p.m. This is a joint excursion with Cambridgeshire Association for Local History. Early booking strongly recommended.**

**Other pick-up points (indicate clearly on form):** Somersham (Dews) 8.55; St Ives (Houghton Road) 9.15; Hartford (Longstaff Way) 9.25; Godmanchester (Bridge Place car park) 9.35; Cambridge (Milton Park & Ride) 10.15.

**Cost £34.00**

**Book by Saturday 31st August. Maximum 40 people.**

## Excursion Notes

Please use the accompanying form and pay in advance by cheque.

Note especially the 'Book By' date. Early booking is helpful. However do telephone if you are able to come at the last minute as outings are seldom over-subscribed.

**Cancellations:** If you cancel before the 'Book By' date your cheque will not be paid in. If you cancel later you may only receive a refund if someone else takes your place.

**Non-member guests** are very welcome. You will receive partial refunds on the coach for guest children, in respect of any lower entrance fees.

The Society undertakes to make arrangements for the excursions but cannot accept liability for any mishap or loss connected with them.

## Goodliff Awards and President's Lecture Huntingdon Town Hall, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday 17th July

The 2019 Goodliff Awards are being presented at the Society's President's Lecture, which this year is taking place during the Huntingdonshire History Festival. Because it is being advertised with other events and we fully expect a full room, admission, even for members, will be by prior booking. For reasons of space here a list of the awards is being circulated separately with the AGM papers.

After presentation of the awards Dr Thurley will give his lecture, *Heritage and Housing*, for which he has provided the following introduction:

*Providing enough houses for people to live in is one of the great issues affecting Huntingdonshire and indeed England today. It is an issue for people looking to buy new homes and settle into this area, but also one for those wanting to protect the distinctiveness of their historic towns and villages. Most new house building is undertaken in disregard of the vernacular traditions of the places in which it is undertaken. Historic settlements all over England are fighting what they regard as inappropriate development on their doorstep. Does it have to be like this? Can heritage and conservation be reconciled with the ambitions the volume housebuilder? I will look at the issues in historical, geographical and economic context and suggest a way forward.*

Please use the accompanying excursions booking form to tell us you are coming, or otherwise let David Smith know by email [info@huntslhs.org.uk](mailto:info@huntslhs.org.uk) or phone 01480-350127 by Sunday 30th June at latest.