



REDBOURN VILLAGE MUSEUM

Friends of the Museum Newsletter

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The museum garden looking splendid in the Spring

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Events continuing our "Redbourn Through The Centuries" project. This year it's the 18th Century - the 1700's as we are in 2017.

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Redbourn Parish Magazine Special Issue

Here's another page from issue 500 of the Parish Magazine - August 1948

Supplement

HISTORIC REDBOURN

Redbourn, meaning in Early English the Reed Stream, is a village of ancient historical interest situated on the Roman Watling Street. Evidence of Pre-Roman occupation can be seen in the earthworks of a Celtic camp at the Aubreys to the west of the Church. The Manor was given to St. Albans Abbey in the reign of Edward the Confessor by Aethelwine Niger or "le Swart" and Wynfreda, his wife, and remained part of the Abbey's possessions until the Dissolution of the Monasteries. The ancient Manor House was at Redbourn Bury on the St. Albans Road and here, in the reign of Stephen (1135-54), Thurston, Archbishop of York, was entertained and had an interview with Christian, the successor to the Hermit Roger of Markyate, which led to the establishment of a Nunnery at Markyate Cell. In 1178 the remains of St. Amphibalus, who converted St. Alban and was himself subsequently martyred, were discovered at Redbourn. They were ceremoniously removed to St. Albans Abbey, where remains of the shrine can still be seen; and a priory, attached to St. Albans Abbey, was founded in Redbourn near the site of the discovery. No remains of the priory can be seen, but a house known as the Priory on the Watling Street can be said to mark the approximate site.

The village, situated on one of the main routes to the North from London, became a busy centre for travellers, especially with the development of the stage coach. There are many good examples of Georgian architecture in the village, especially on the Watling Street; the large Georgian house at the East end of the Common was built in 1745 and is known as Cumberland House, having been built, it is said, by William, Duke of Cumberland, the victor of Culloden, as a hunting box.

Queen Elizabeth, while Princess, spent a night in the village in 1554, being "guarded all night." Elizabeth was at the time staying at Ashridge near Berkhamsted, had been arrested and was being sent to London on a charge of being implicated in the rebellion of Sir Thomas Wyatt.

Thomas Rudborne, a native of this place, was Chancellor of Oxford in 1420 and afterwards Bishop of St. Davids. He was a skilful mathematician, wrote a Chronicle of England and was a benefactor to Merton College, Oxford.



REDBOURN VILLAGE MUSEUM

Silk Mill House, The Common, Redbourn, Herts. AL3 7NB

Enlightenment, Education, Enterprise

Redbourn and the Nation in the 18th Century

**Continuing the story of
“Redbourn through the Centuries”
Saturday 29th April at 3 pm**

Redbourn Parish Centre

**We warmly invite you to a talk given by
local historian Kate Morris who will introduce us to the 1700s**

Tickets available on the door

£6 (or £5 for Museum Friends) including refreshments

If you would like to reserve a ticket for this event please contact:

Pauline Ridgwell on (01582) 626055 or Pauline-R@ntlworld.com

Further Events For Your Diaries

Sunday 28th May

Pub Quiz at our neighbours The Cricketers in aid of museum funds. Please book your tables of 6 directly with The Cricketers or send in your names to me, John Ridgwell on (01582) 626055 or John-R@ntlworld.com and I will endeavour to make up tables of 6 museum supporters. We need your support for this event.

Sunday 18th June

Redbourn In Steam at the museum. Sandy Ross and his friends will be bringing along their road rollers and traction engines both large and small, and our loyal supporters the St.Albans Model Engineering Society will be bringing along their fascinating models and providing train rides for all ages.

Thursday 22nd June

Museum outing to Gorhambury. Maximum number for this trip is 24 at £8 each. Please contact John or Pauline Ridgwell to reserve your tickets for this guided tour of the **18th Century** house with an opportunity to visit the ruins of Old Gorhambury. We will endeavour to match up people for car sharing as the cost of hiring a coach for this short trip would be prohibitive.

Saturday 16th September

Classic Cars on the Common. Some museum involvement including possibly providing 'overflow' parking for some of the classic cars.

Possibly/Probably Monday 2nd October.

Annual coach outing, this year to the Museum of Docklands incorporating an aerial view of docklands, thriving in the **18th Century**, from the "Emirates Airline" Thames cable car. Further details and booking form in your next newsletter after Mr & Mrs Editor have been to London to check everything out!

Dates to be arranged:

Girl Guide exhibition to celebrate 100 years of the Redbourn Guides.

Village walk of **18th Century** properties in Redbourn

Twigs? - What Twigs?



When opening the museum on a recent weekend I was amazed to find the Occupations Room fireplace and floor were strewn with twigs.


We don't have twigs!

When I went outside and looked up at the chimney I saw a Jackdaw emerging - we have a Jackdaw's nest in our chimney.

As part of the 'damp problem' remedy the chimneys of the building have capped but one of the caps had become dislodged and, as we weren't quick enough in replacing the cap, the Jackdaws have taken full advantage of the situation.

In case of late breeding, we will now have to wait until September to ensure the fledglings have left the nest before the cap can be replaced.

Common Round - December 1970

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Membership Renewals

Those of you for whom I have email contact details will have received their renewal reminders - thank you to everyone who has already, and very promptly renewed. If you receive a paper copy of the newsletter your renewal form should hopefully be enclosed with this issue.

A.G.M.

This was very successful with the formal part of the meeting being completed in double quick time. Our talk by Catherine Newley about the new museum in St.Albans town hall was very informative and was given with great enthusiasm.

Herts. Big Weekend

We had a good number of visitors over this special weekend and received the following email from one of our visitors:

We had a lovely day in Redbourn. The museum is packed full of interesting artifacts and especially good for children with the apothecary drawers containing unknown objects to discover and the dressing up clothes upstairs.

We also enjoyed the walking trail, which we did actually finish and learnt a lot more about your village than if we had just walked around, my husband loved the Nickey line!

We will certainly recommend your museum to others.

Brooke Bond Tea Factory Talks

Mr & Mrs Editor continue to give illustrated talks about the tea factory to local groups and estimate that we have raised around £250 for museum funds so far.

Redbourn Through The Centuries Talk On 29th April

We are very fortunate that local historian and ex-mayor of St.Albans, Kate Morris has agreed to give a talk on the 18th Century, an era which she has extensively researched. See page 3 for full details of this event which should not be missed. We will be having a small raffle at this event where the first prize will be 2 tickets for the Hertfordshire County Show valid for either Saturday 27th May or Sunday 28th May. These have been generously donated by the show organisers who are Business Friends of the museum.

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The Common
Redbourn
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Last admission 4:30pm

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