



## ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

### MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2010

#### MEMORIAL HALL ELSENHAM

**Those present:** 41 members and guests.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Keith and Pam Merrifield, Robert Clarke, Chris Bush, Lillian and Barrie Adams.

**2. Minutes of Meeting held on 9 June 2010**

These were approved and signed. There were no matters arising.

**3. Elsenham Jam Factory John Hurwitz**

The main event of the evening was a fascinating talk by John Hurwitz on the history of the Jam Factory. It was preceded by a screening of recording of a BBC Look East item on Elsenham from times past. John dealt with the rise and fall of the business under a variety of owners. A number of the audience had worked there and some had brought photos of their time there. Everyone enjoyed the talk immensely. John was presented with a copy of the Look East film at the end of his talk.

**4. Reports to the meeting**

Paul Salvidge told the meeting that we had not been successful in our application for funds to the Heritage lottery Fund. We would think about alternatives. He also mentioned our contribution to the Church's Medieval Day in August, the Chairman's forthcoming talk as well as a lecture in Clavering.

**5. Members Project Work**

Briefly, Avril Braidwood updated the meeting on the work on the war memorial and appealed for more helpers, with success - Davids Henderson and Verlander, the latter showing that you did not have to be Scottish to work on this Project.

Even more briefly, Heather Salvidge updated the meeting on her work on Street Names in Elsenham.

Finally Jean Beeston appealed for any information or material about Broom Farm, especially the fire.

**6. Next Meeting**

**Wednesday 10 November 8pm Memorial Hall**

Guest Speaker Frances Lambert Archaeological Digs.