

ELSENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING 14TH SEPTEMBER 2011

MEMORIAL HALL ELSENHAM

Those Present:

Gordon Barker (GB) Chairman	Ray Franklin(RF)	Paul Salvidge(PS)
Chris Bush (CB)	David Verlander	Heather Salvidge(HS)
Tim Snow	Ruth Fulton	Gordon Fulton
Mike Rea	Margaret Rea	Roger Clark
Phyllis Clark	Jill Hunt	Avril Braidwood
Dennis Haslam	Brian Tulley	Janet Tulley
John Farnsworth(G)	Alan Dean(G)	Ian Beeston(G)
Margaret Shaw	Roger Taylor(G)	Greg Howell(G)
Paddy Kesterton(G)	Barrie Adams	Lillian Adams
Alf Wright(G)	Denis Haslam	Barry Samuel(G)
M J Robinson(G)	Teri Williams	Kevin Wood
Shaun Ellind(G)	Peter Johnson(G)	Keith Hunt(G)
Charlie Mitchell	Tony Eatson(G)	Colin Smith
Jeanne Knight(G)	Fred Knight(G)	Chris Bouckley(G)
Heather Barker	Christine Hall	

Apologies:

Eileen Kay	Vic Dowsett	Pam Merrifield
Jean Platt	Keith Merrifield	Robert Clarke
Frances Lambert	Alan Lambert	Valerie Austin
John Morgan	Wendy Morgan	

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present. He introduced and welcomed our guest speaker for the evening, Mr Peter Paye.
2. **Minutes of The Meeting Held on 8th March 2011**
These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - 3.1 16 Members had attended a visit to Thaxted on 7th May guided by Mr Bruce Munroe who is our guest speaker for the September meeting. It promises to be an interesting evening.
4. **Guest Speaker Mr Peter Paye**

Peter Paye gave a detailed account of matters leading to the construction of the Elsenham to Thaxted Light Railway, followed by some 60 slides of the railway during its working life. This was followed by an absorbing question and answer session.

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Mr Paye for a very interesting presentation.

5. **Upcoming Events.**

18 members had expressed interest in attending the EVHS visit to Pedgdon Hall Farm on 16th July.

Recorders of Uttlesford History had arranged a tour of historic Manuden on Sunday 19th June at 2.00pm.

Recorders were also arranging a visit to The National Archives at Kew. A coach would be arranged, a conducted tour would be given and there would be time for private research. Estimated cost £15.

In both cases the Recorders contact is Debbie Lowe
email: lowedeb@hotmail.com or tel: (01799) 542331.

Saffron Walden Museum Society - Monday 13th June 8.00pm at St Mary's Parish Rooms, Museum Street, Saffron Walden, "200 Years of Wedgewood". Guests welcome to attend at £3.

6. **Open Forum**

Members of the committee are looking at the 1841 and the 1911 census records. If any other members are working on census material could they please let us know to avoid duplication of effort.

Roger Clark asked if it would be possible to arrange a visit to the historic buildings of Tye Green.

The Committee will look into this to see what can be arranged.

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7. **St Mary's Fabric Fund**

David Hill invited members to join the St Mary's Church Fabric Fund. There was a modest annual membership fee. He said that it was important to the Fabric Fund to have a substantial membership to back up its work to preserve the village's oldest historic building. David can be contacted on: (01279) 812397 or hillsatelsenham@gmail.com

8. **Dates of The Next Meetings**

Wednesday 14th September – Mr Bruce Munroe – Historic Thaxted

Wednesday 9th November – Professor Anthony Tuck

All on Wednesdays at 8:15 pm

2012 Dates

March 7th 2012

June 10th 2012

Sept. 12th 2012

Nov. 12th 2012

The Meeting closed at 10:20

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