

FOXTON INFORMATION BOOKLET 2007

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FOXTON PARISH COUNCIL

SHORT HISTORY OF FOXTON

(For two thousand years of history described with feeling see Rowland Parker's 'The Common Stream', Collins 1975 – ISBN 0 00 216113 3) <http://www.foxtoncambis.info/history.htm> .

The history of Foxton goes back to the Early Iron Age, but the original settlement was about 260 yards north of the railway crossing on the Foxton-Barrington road. Remains found in 1920 prove this. A very beautiful chalice of Arretin ware was found in the same area in 1852.

The district was thickly populated in Anglo-Saxon times. For many years there was a great feud between Foxton on the one side of the river and Barrington on the other, for in Saxon times the river divided the two great kingdoms of Anglia and Mercia. In 1327 the parsons of Foxton and Barrington fought it out.

About 1260 the Mortimer family started to hold land in Foxton, and the evidence of this is now to be found in the moated Mortimer's Farm. In 1310 Constantine de Mortimer was granted a charter for a Yearly Fair and later, from 1326, a weekly market was held in the village. Another large estate was where the Burlington Press now stands.

The church (partly dating from the 13th century) has an interesting history. The beautiful silver chalice, with the date 1569 on the lid, was probably presented by Elizabeth I as a "conscience cup" to atone for her father's depredations.

The main London road did not pass through Foxton, but through Fowlmere. The railway almost gave the village a miss too. The Great Northern Company came as far as Shepreth by 1851. A rival company, the Great Eastern, secured the rights, in 1852, to build a railway from Cambridge to Shepreth, but for 14 years the Great Northern ran coaches from Shepreth to Cambridge, the journey taking 40 minutes. The line was electrified in 1988.

In 1086 the Domesday Book gave the population as 237, while at the census of 1951 the figure was 567. Today it is approaching 1200.

The Bury, belonging to the Abbey of Chatteris which, according to the Domesday Book, owned about 640 acres in the village, formed, together with the Church, the centre of the village in the 11th century.

The printing works were established in 1908. This proved a boon to a depressed village. Forty men and women were employed there.

Street lighting was first discussed in 1913 but was not installed until 1954.

The local development plan designates Foxton as a village where only limited small scale development will normally be permitted. In the 1960s and 1970s two new estates were built — Illingworth Way/St Laurence Road and West Hill. In 2001 a development was completed centred on a new village hall and primary school overlooking the Recreation Ground. It also included about 30 residential houses on the newly formed Hardman Road and Edis Way. The Village Hall enjoyed a substantial grant from the Millennium Commission. Within this development was a plan to replace allotments taken for the site of the buildings. This eventually became a reality in 2007 with the first sod turned on May 3.

NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Members of European Parliament:

Located in the Eastern Region, residents are represented by seven MEP:

Christopher Beazley, Conservative, Ware: 01920 463064

Andrew Duff, Liberal Democrat, Cambridge: 01223 566700 www.andrewduffmep.org

Richard Howitt, Labour, Cambridge: 01223 240202 www.richardhowittmep.com

Geoffrey van Orden, Conservative: Chelmsford. 01245 345188

Robert Sturdy, Conservative, Cambridge: 01954 211790 www.robertsturdymep.com

Jeffrey Titford, UK Independence Party, Chelmsford: 01245 266466 www.jeffreytitfordmep.co.uk

Tom Wise, UK Independence Party, Leighton Buzzard: 01525 385900 www.tomwisemep.co.uk

Member of Parliament for South East Cambridgeshire:

Andrew Lansley, Conservative: 01954 211707 www.andrewlansley.co.uk

Cambridgeshire County Council

Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP: 01223 717111

Local Councillor: Mr David McCraith: 01763 248249

South Cambridgeshire District Council

South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambs, CB23 6EA: 08450 450500

Local Councillor: Mrs Deborah Roberts: 01763 208627

Foxton Parish Council

Chairman: Dr Nigel Oakley: 872672

V. Chairman: Dr Colin Grindley: 520703

Members:

Mr David Allars: 871480

Mr Geoffrey Barnes: 871918

Mr Steven Bentinck: 07774 244666

Mr Mark Kennedy: 871141

Dr David McKeown: 521163

Two vacancies for Parish Councillors are available

Clerk to the Council:

Mrs J Burns: 870851

The council normally meets on the first Monday in each month at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Residents are always welcome to attend though cannot contribute to debates. A short period is allowed at all meetings, usually at about 9.30 pm, when residents may ask questions.

Residents who wish to raise matters for the Council's attention should do so in the first instance in writing to the clerk or urgent matters can be dealt with by any Councillor.

CONTACTS FOR ORGANISATIONS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Please help us to keep these contacts updated.

Use the website feedback form or the email address at the bottom of the website home page to notify any errors or changes.

RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS

The Parish Church of St Laurence

Churchwardens: Barbara Gaskin: 870819; Graham Smith: 870087
Secretary to PCC: Liam Elliott: 475305

Services are announced on the Church Notice Board or in *The Laurentian*.

Sunday School

This is a joint Anglican and Methodist Sunday School. It meets each Sunday, in the Village School, at 9.30am in term time except on the second Sunday in the month, when there is a Family Service.

Contact: Mrs Julie Oakley: 872672

Methodist Church (no longer has its own building in Foxton)

Minister: Revd Ian Smart: 01763 230210
Steward: Roger Pepper: 574327

Services on Sunday: 9.30 a.m. in lounge of the village hall. See *The Laurentian* for details

Baptist Church (Chapel Lane, Harston)

Secretary: Brian Jones: 871037

Services on Sunday: 10.30am and 6.00pm

United Reformed Church (Chapel Lane, Fowlmere).

Minister: Revd Duncan Goldie: 01763 260747

Service on Sunday: 11.00am

Roman Catholic Church (Our Lady of Lourdes, 135 High Street, Sawston)

Parish Priest: administered from Our Lady and English Martyrs [OLEM] in Cambridge. See OLEM website for contact details to get up to date information.

More details from John and Jennifer Tudor: 870352.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Laurentian

Published monthly by the Parish Church, contains news of the church, village activities, council news and village events. Contact Graham Smith, 40 Illingworth Way: 870087.

EDUCATION

Local Education Authority

Cambridgeshire County Council, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP: 717111

Foxton Pre-school

Contact: Pip Deas: 872779

Children of 2½ years and above attend on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays between 09.30 and 1200 hours in the Village Hall.

We have close connections with the Primary School.

Foxton Primary School

Headmistress: Jenny Jones

School Office: Helen Durant: 712447

Children up to 11 years of age

Melbourn Village College

Warden: Mrs. Elaine Stephenson: 01763 223400

Children of 11-16 years.

Adult evening classes:

Community Manager: Val Tookey: 01763 260566

U3A University of the Third age

Melbourn and District U3A meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm, usually in the hall of Melbourn Village College. For more information contact Colin Limming: 01763 260399

TRANSPORT

Foxton is well served by public transport and a web site gives details of timetables for train and three bus services: www.foxton.my100megs.com

HEALTH SERVICE**Local Doctors:**

Drs Allen, Ferrier, Gee and Purr: The Surgery, 11 Church Street, Harston: 870250

Drs Colgate, Easton, Maxim, Richter: Orchard Surgery, New Road, Melbourn

Practice Manager: Vikki George: 01763 260220

Hospital

Addenbrooke's NHS Trust, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2QQ: 245151.

SPORTING ORGANISATIONS**Foxton Bowls Club**

Contact: Joe Cox

The rinks are situated on the Recreation Ground. The club plays regularly in the Cambridge and District and Foxton Mid-week Leagues and new members are always welcome.

Foxton Football Club

Chairman: Colin Grindley: 520703
Secretary: Patricia Chamberlain
Treasurer: Richard Barnes: 872247
The Club plays on the Recreation Ground.

Foxton Tennis Club

Chairman Andrew Hoole: 502568
Secretary Ron Carr: 525143
Subs-Sec Christine McFadzean: 479492
Coach Samy Fennich: 07970 656006

The club is situated on the Recreation Ground, next to the Bowls Club. It has two all weather courts and a clubhouse with toilets, ladies' and gent's changing rooms and a kitchen with disabled access. The club runs regular social events and tournaments and enters men's, ladies' and mixed teams in the Cambridgeshire Summer and Winter Leagues. There are classes for juniors aged 8-13 yrs every Saturday morning during term time.

Foxton Cricket Club

Cricket Manager: Matt Gray: 07813 933473
Treasurer: Ed Carpenter: 872678;

The Club plays on the Recreation Ground on Saturdays and Sundays. We also run two Junior teams.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**Little Foxes Baby & Toddler Group**

Meet every Tuesday morning in the school term. Can be found in Foxton Village Hall from 9.30 am — 11.00 am. Come and meet other mums & carers and children. We welcome everyone mums, dads, grandmas, grandpas, carers. Come and have a chat while your children play. The age range for children is babies to 5 years old.

To find out more, please contact Rebecca Ercole 870928.

Womens Institute

Foxton WI meets on the first Tuesday of every month. For further details please contact:
Joan Bland: 872254

Foxton Gardens Association:

All residents are members of the Association. Meetings are held during the winter months. The Annual Produce Show is held in September each year. The Officers of the FGA are:

Chairman: Ross Pow: ross@thepows.co.uk
Secretary Simon Buggiey
Treasurer Jonathan Cairns: cairns16@ntlworld.com

A sub-group of the FGA manages allotments on just over 1 acre in the centre of the village. These are usually all occupied, but information about availability and other Gardens Association matters can be obtained from:

Jon Cairns: cairns16@ntlworld.com

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Bridge Club

The club meets in the Village Hall on the last Friday of the month except in December and in the summer holiday season by arrangement. Play starts at 7.30 pm.

Contact: Peter Grice Tel. 07710056436

Foxton Village Hall

A number of rooms in the Village Hall are available for hire for all sorts of functions e.g. club meetings, classes, adult & children's parties, social and fundraising events. We also hire out cutlery, tables and chairs

For bookings & enquiries contact Tessa Howell: 870665.

The Sports Pavilion is also available for hire. Contact Sally Thake: 562249

Foxton Town Lands Charity

The origins of the Charity can be traced back to 1671 when parcels of land in Cambridgeshire were granted to individuals for charitable purposes. Since the last century, and probably before, Foxton's land, which is situated in Fowlmere Road, was used as allotments, the rent from which was used to provide coal for the "poor and needy of the village". In 1970 the terms of the charity were varied to include a wide range of benefits that can be provided for parishioners who, in the opinion of the trustees, qualify. The land, comprising approx. 6.5 acres, is presently cultivated by a local farmer. It is the rent from this land that finances the charity.

The trustees, who are responsible to the Charity Commissioners, are:

Mr D W Challis: 4 Caxton Lane

Dr N Oakley: Fowlmere Road

Mr D Boreham: 63 High Street

Foxton Recreation Ground Trust

Chairman - Nigel Oakley;

Correspondent - David McKeowen Tel C.521163

STREAM (St Laurence's Trust for Restoration and Maintenance)

Chairman - Nigel Oakley

Correspondent and Treasurer Peter Mansell Tel C. 503131

VILLAGE SERVICES**Refuse Collection**

Collection is made each Friday, except when a Bank Holiday occurs in the week, when collection is on Saturday. Recycling is actively encouraged; the green box should be used for glass, tins and newspaper (separated by placing some in plastic bags); the green wheelie bin should be used for all compostable material; plastic is not collected from the doorstep but there are recycling bins at most supermarket car parks; only non-recyclable waste should be placed in the black wheelie bin.

Collection is alternately green bin and box one week then black bin the following Friday. The bins should be placed near to, but not on, the highway early on the day of collection. The Council's recycling centre at Thriplow is available to residents to dispose of items not taken by the regular collections, eg hardcore, timber, metal, refrigerators, clothing, cardboard.

Mobile Library Service

The County Council's Mobile Library visits the village on alternate Tuesday afternoons. Stops are made at West Hill Road (14.05 to 14.20), Hillfield (14.25 to 14.40), and the Recreation Ground (14.55 to 16.45).

Mobile library are changing from January 2008. The times will be:

West Hill 13.50 to 14.15

Hillfield 14.20 to 14.45

Rec 15.00 to 16.10

Newspaper Delivery

Ian Williams, 11 Champions Close, Fowlmere: 01763 208692

Post Office and Stores

Colin and Barbara Black: 870339

Open	Monday to Friday	8.00 am - 10.00 pm
	Saturday	8.30 am - 10.00 pm
	Sunday	9.00 am - 8.00 pm

Post Office and stores, photocopying/fax, video rental, dry cleaning, shoe repairs, pick-up point for prescriptions.

The White Horse

Foxton's only public house serves authentic Thai food in its restaurant and for take away.

Contact: 871948

The South Cambridgeshire District Council Community Lifeline Service

This enables an emergency telephone call to be made remotely by pressing a personal alarm button which is normally worn around the neck. The range of the alarm button can be up to a maximum of 70 yards from the special alarm telephone. Alarm calls go to a Control Centre, where an operator will, if necessary, contact persons you have named as holding a key and who are willing to be called out to your home.

For further information please see:

<http://www.scambs.gov.uk/housing/councilhousing/shelteredhousing/lifeline.htm>

Contact:

Housing Services Team: 08450 450 051 housing.advice@scambs.gov.uk

Please note: All telephone numbers given in this directory are Cambridge code (01223), unless otherwise stated.