



The Preview

Sunday, 21 March 2010

To all Cambridgeshire Family, Local, and Social History Societies & Groups, Community Archive Local Groups and other likeminded organisations:

Dear Fellow Enthusiasts & Researchers,

Following the overwhelming number of comments and requests from various local groups and societies, the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History will be publishing a brand new Cambridgeshire information gazetteer this summer.

This new opportunity will allow the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History to develop its own comprehensive Gazetteer of the lecture programmes, up to date contact details and aims and objectives of the vast array of flourishing History based organisations in Cambridgeshire, plus all the latest news, information and a range of other new features, with the aim to hopefully expand this in the coming years.

Since its foundation in 1951 CALH has published a regular journal with articles on a wide range of Cambridgeshire topics, people, buildings, and village histories contributed by members and others. In 1992, the name of the journal was changed from the *Bulletin* to the *Review*. The **REVIEW** is published annually in the spring.

What could be more natural for our new look gazetteer, with its look forward to societies future programmes and events, that this complimentary publication to the **Review** should be called the **PREVIEW**.

Above is our new logo for this gazetteer - the crest on the side comes from the county arms and represents the many rivers and manmade waterways in the county and is the corresponding part to the Association's main logo.

THE PREVIEW will be an invaluable new publication for all those interested in Archaeology, Community Archives, Local, Social or Family History or Community Archives. It will also become a great boon to all the hard pressed programme secretaries trying to find a speaker for their group, and it will provide the speakers more exposure and publicity to the societies looking to hire them.

If you would like your society or group to be included for free in the first published version of the **PREVIEW**, please complete the enclosed forms.

If your Group is an Affiliated or Associate member of CALH, your group will automatically be sent by post one free copy of the **PREVIEW**.

For all other non-affiliated societies and groups, they will be able to purchase a copy by post or will be able to obtain a free copy by personal collection from either Cambridgeshire Archives or the Cambridgeshire Collection.

By far the easiest solution for your group, to guarantee receipt of its copy of the **PREVIEW**, is for your group to join the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History as one of our family of affiliated group members. Amazingly in today's tough financial climate, our affiliated group membership still costs just £10 and is one of the cheapest affiliated fees available locally. For our part, we pledge to work extremely hard on your member's behalf, and we would warmly welcome your group to our association and similarly look forward to your help and support.

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Please could you send me all your relevant entries for the first issue of The Preview at the very latest by **Monday 19th July 2010**

Please Note: *With over 100 expected entries, it would be much easier if your entry is sent by e-mail. Please send your entry by e-mail to: a.westwoodbate@btinternet.com However, we most certainly do not want any society or group to miss out on having an entry in the Preview. Therefore, as a final option if email is simply not possible, you can still post a 'hard copy' to the address at the bottom of the page. If you haven't yet received the entry forms electronically, and would like them, please send an email request and they will be sent by return.*

One of the key new items connected with the **PREVIEW** and its associated webpage, is that the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History is attempting to re-introduce after many years absence a Cambridgeshire History based Speakers list. This has had a very well received first year, however, would you please help us to move this forward, by sending the names and addresses and contact details of all the speakers that you have arranged for the 2010 & 2011 lecture season, plus, if you know anyone connected with your society that would like to be included, please get them to contact me, and I will send them the relevant form. The CALH would then contact the speakers to get their permission to be included on such a list. This Speakers list will be made initially available on the CALH website and hopefully in a printed version, this should greatly assist all society programme secretaries.

<http://www.calh.org.uk/preview.htm>

EXTRA COPIES OF THE PREVIEW

The long term success of the **PREVIEW** will require a very strict budgetary control. The more we print basically the cheaper each copy becomes. We are fairly confident that some larger societies will want to provide each of their members with an individual copy of the Preview. This will be additional to their one free copy of the **PREVIEW** as an Affiliated or Associate Society or Group.

Therefore, if your society or group would like to order extra copies for your societies membership, these can be purchased at 'cost price', plus postage and package or they can be collected from a central location (We expect them to work out at around £1 each), obviously the more copies we have printed the cheaper the cost price will be

Please would you indicate on your entry form the amount of extra copies you would like to apply for, so that we have some idea of overall numbers when we approach our printer.

*If you or any of your members would like to purchase an additional copy of the **PREVIEW** directly from **CALH**, you should send 5 x 1st Class Stamps to the CALH Secretary, again at the address below.*

We will always welcome your comments and feedback and hope you will help **CALH** to develop the **PREVIEW** over the coming years. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

With Best Wishes



Andrew Westwood-Bate

Honorary Secretary

Cambridgeshire Association for Local History

N.B. IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO WHOEVER RECEIVES THIS LETTER:

Please if you are not the programme secretary, will you please pass this information on to whoever deals with this at your society and to any other society or group you think might be interested.

To find out more about the Association why not visit our award winning website, where full details of the benefits of membership and all the latest news can be found – <http://www.calh.org.uk/contact.htm>

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