



Cambridgeshire Association for Local History

Day Conference, 6 May 2017

St John the Evangelist Church Hall, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 8RN

Commerce and Industry



Programme

9.50 Registration, welcome and introduction

10.10 Judy Wilson *Matthews of Trinity Street and other leading Cambridge shops*

Matthew's, Heffers, Robert Sayle's, Eaden Lilley's just some of the family firms supplying Cambridge residents and the University in the 19th and 20th centuries with food and drink, books, clothes and household items. A Matthew herself, Judy Wilson became intrigued about what her father's firm might have had in common with other shops. How did family succession work – or what were its challenges? What contributions did their Managing Directors and others make to the local community? Drawing on written accounts, she will introduce some of the men (and the few women) who led these well remembered businesses, and compare their shops. To end, there will be discussion on these issues, drawing on the knowledge and opinions of participants in the Conference.

11.10 *Coffee*

11.40 Alan Pateman *Brewing in Wisbech*

Alan Pateman will present the history of Elgood & Son's North Brink Brewery of Wisbech, one of the oldest small established breweries left in the country. The history of brewing in the UK and development of large scale breweries and the changes in the brewing industry prove that nothing is new: the rise and fall of the brewery groups, some iconic beer brands a thing of the past, lager brands dominating the pubs market. With huge changes in the beer business over the last 20-30 years, there are now more than 1,500 brewing companies in the UK, as small-scale localised production of beers is on the increase. Some of the products of the North Brink Brewery will available to taste.

12.40 *Interval for lunch (must be booked in advance): see details on the next page*

2.00 Duncan Mackay *Mackays of Cambridge*

Duncan Mackay will talk about the history of Mackays, a 104 year old company which was founded by his great grandfather in 1912, just before the start of the First World War. The business has survived two world wars, countless recessions and endless government changes of direction.

It has seen a lot during its history and the traces of this winding path are to be found all over Cambridge. Piecing this history together has depended on a wealth of documents and evidence left behind by those who went before.

3.00 Beth Davis

Bell founding in Cambridgeshire (with special reference to Easton, Hunts)

In 2010 while the tower floor of Easton church was being cleared of broken bricks and tiles a circular scorch mark was uncovered. It was partly excavated revealing a shallow pit edged with tiles. The pit contained fragments of flattened clay, some lumps of dross or flash, and charcoal pieces with greasy black sand; another feature, a small kiln with lead dross fragments was found nearby. These were the remains from bell founding. Easton church still has two 16th century bells by the Newcombe family from Leicestershire who cast 17 bells in Huntingdonshire. This illustrated talk explores itinerant bell making from 1520 to 1560.

4.00 *Tea*

4.30 *Conference closes*

Important information

Lunch: a light lunch will be provided for those booking it in advance only, at a cost of £4.00/head. If you do not wish to take advantage of this offer, you are welcome to bring your own sandwiches and eat them in the Hall. There are several shops (Co-op, Sainsburys, Tesco) and eateries on the Hills Road/Cherry Hinton Road corner, about seven minutes' walk from St John's.

Tea and coffee are included in the Conference booking fee.

Parking at the Hall is very limited and will be restricted to Orange Badge holders only. Please indicate on the Booking Form if you wish a space reserved. There is ample free and unlimited parking in the nearby roads off Hills Road, such as Cavendish Avenue, Hills Avenue and Glebe Road.

Public transport: Stagecoach services Citi 1 and Citi 7 run at frequent intervals from the city centre via the station: the nearest stop (2 minutes' walk) is Blinco Grove.

Please send the completed booking form by Friday 28 April to:

**The Treasurer, CALH
15 Orchard Way
Oakington
Cambridge CB24 3BQ**

The fees for attendance are £10 for members of CALH, £12.50 for members of societies affiliated to CALH and £15 for others.

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Name (s) _____

Address _____

Please note that tickets will not be issued. If you would like a confirmation of your booking, please give your e-mail address or enclose a stamped addressed envelope

E Mail:

Affiliation (tick one or more):

CALH Corporate Society Other

Lunch: a Ploughman's Lunch will be available, but **only if ordered in advance**, at a cost of £4.00 per head. If you wish to avail yourself of this option, please indicate below:

One Lunch

Two Lunches

Parking: please reserve me a parking space. I am an Orange Badge holder; my car registration number is

TOTAL REMITTANCE ENCLOSED:

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