

Potton History Society 'Annexe' Community Archive C-19 Update Number 1



Annex to Mill Lane Pavilion completed 2017

The Society has suspended its monthly programmes and its archive meetings. The room at the Mill Lane Pavilion is normally a hive of activity on Monday mornings but will need to remain closed until the C-19 Virus outbreak subsides. We intend to keep members and others in touch with 'at-home' work we are carrying out and also suggest ways in which you can pass the hours in home confinement.



1. Our 2020 Photographic Project

The core of our collection is nearly 200 photograph albums last revised several years ago. We have accumulated a large backlog of photographs which have now been scanned. We also have an increasing number of digital photo files which need sorting and integrating into a Master File if new photographs. Several members have completed the task of creating an 'in-tray' file (around 11,000 items!!) We will be working at home to sift and index this material to match our photographic album system. The table below shows the scale of our task and the scope of our collection

	Album	File	Date(s)	Digital
1	PA1-4	Aerial	1929-1965	195
2	PA5-8	Celebrations	1838-1991	933
3	PA9	Charities	1815-1983	3
4	PA10	Cockayne Hatley	1951-1983	61
5	PA11-21	Commercial		357
6	PA22	Conservation	1989-2001	1
7	PA23	Council Events	1885-2001	24

8	PA24-27	Education	1839-1924	162
9	PA28	Everton	1928	5
10	PA29-31	Families	1900-2008	822
11	PA32-33	Fire	1878-1959	17
12	PA34-35	Footpaths	1988	110
13	PA36	Gamlingay	1894-1954	64
14	PA37	Hassell's Hall	1979-1981	0
15	PA38	Ironstone	1983	0
16	PA39	Land & Property	1754-1917	0
17	PA40	Land Settlement	1934-1989	2
18	PA41	Local Poets	1878-1992	0
19	PA42-47	Manor		95
20	PA48-57	Market Square	1797-1930	695
21	PA58	Miscellaneous	2009	352
22	PA59-60	Politics	1901-1981	11
23	PA61	Public Houses	1898-2006	16
24	PA62-66	Quiz Pictures 1		227
25	PA67-84	Religion	1715-2003	479
26	PA85	Sand Extraction	1976-1993	0
27	PA86-100	Societies	1887-1945	1957
28	PA101-105	Sports	1921-2003	126
29	PA106-133	Streets	1983-1995	643
30	PA134-136	Sutton	1938-2003	27
31	PA137-142	Transport	1857-1997	159
32	PA143-146	War	1906-1939	6
33	PA147	Water	1929-1991	0
34	PA148	Weather	1947-2002	23
35	PA149	Wrestlingworth	1947-1954	0

2722 pages in 191 Albums 14 page ave 2.63GB **7572**

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Slide Boxes 2422
Video 2
18.4GB 10039 files; 336
folders **10039**

Our eventual aim is to create digital album pages to match our 'analogue' collection.
A draft sample below.

Potton Public Houses Digital File Royal Oak early 1950's



'The Royal Oak' at Potton

Picture published in Bedfordshire Magazine Volume 14 No 108 Spring 1974. No date given. Probably early 50's. Potton sign (1951 Festival of Britain) is on 1956 photograph of new Clock House.

Links:- Market Square Albums (Potton Sign); Record Office Public Houses Information

PHS Album 062a-09 Public Houses

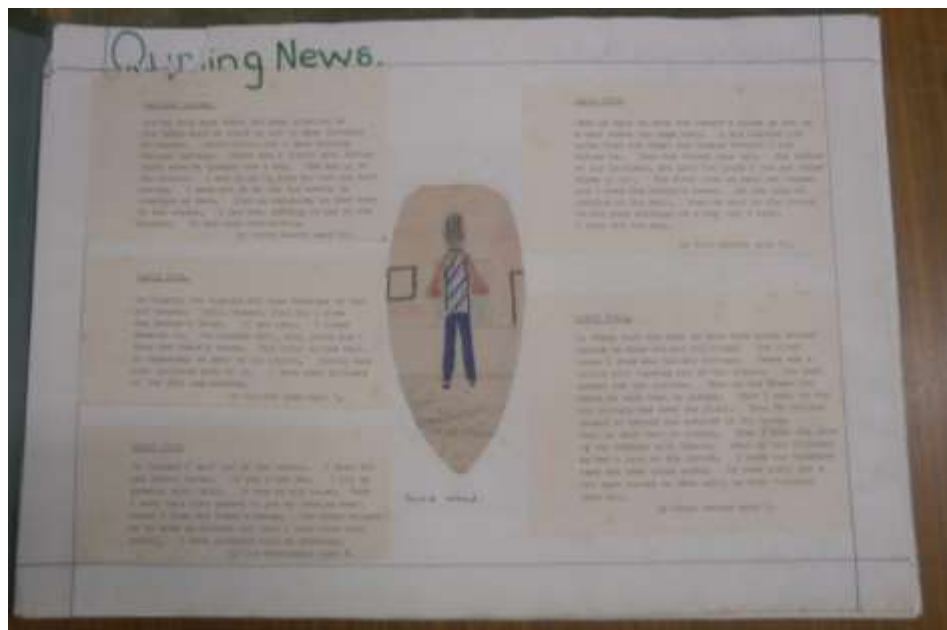
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Can I Help? You can help by checking your own photographs (and videos) to add to the archives once things settle down. We will give some guidance in our next update as to how you can attach information / index your material to slot in with our systems.

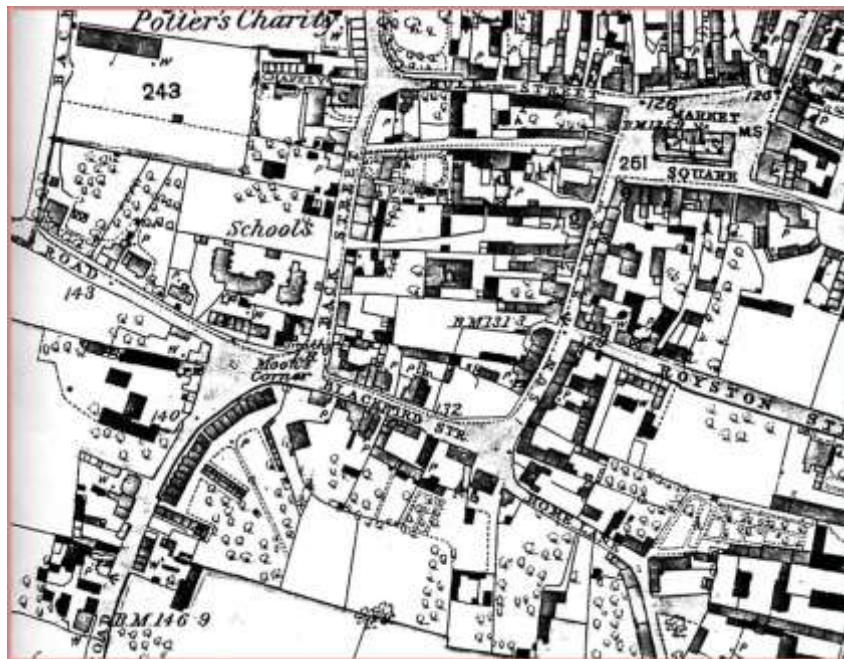
2. Children / Grandchildren

‘Find out about the history of Potton’ seems to be a suggestion to some of our at-home children from their school. Check out our web-site (we hope to update regularly with new material. Our founding Secretary, Patricia Yates, was the teacher at Sutton school and had her pupils do project work on the village in the 1970’s and left in our files some of their work.



3. Two Questions we have been asked in the last week. (Answers next time!)

A. How old is the Moon's Corner building? (1882 OS Map)



B. What are these buildings off Wrestlingworth Road?



Today's life is tomorrow's archive. Involve children (or even yourself) in recording their 2020 environment. Get them (or you) to keep a diary of how events have changed their life in Potton. It will make fascinating reading in 50 or 100 years time. **OUR ARCHIVE RECORDS TODAY AS WELL AS PRESERVING THE PAST.** Some of the most interesting material we have is about people and how they dealt with life.

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